

Dear Mr. [redacted]: May 8, 1944

The seven years' work described in the enclosed booklet, **NEEDED NOW -- CAPACITY FOR LEADERSHIP, COURAGE TO LEAD**, has been so useful and its continuance is, in our judgment, so important, that we have volunteered to help see to it that it can be carried further.

You, we all, who hold positions of trust for stockholders, workers, consumers, must realize that, as trustees for these various groups, it is our responsibility to share the financial burden with the tens of thousands of individuals, in all walks of life, giving support in small amounts.

Will you, using the enclosed purchase order for yourself or your firm, send check for \$10, \$25, \$100, \$250 or more, making check payable to **Committee for Constitutional Government, Inc.** And - or - if you have already given support for this year enlist others to distribute the committee's non-partisan, educational literature.

Sincerely yours,

*Lambert*  
Lambert Pharmaceutical Co. E. F. Hutton  
*P. B. Drusser*  
P. B. Drusser, Frank Gannett, Attorney-at-Law The Gannett Newspapers  
*E. C. Schlotter*  
Thermoid Company  
*Charles R. Hook*  
American Rolling Mill Co. W. A. Sheaffer Inc.

**AUDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT ON NATIONAL ACTIVITIES TO CONTRIBUTORS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1943**

**RECEIPTS**

Contributions and Literature Sales:	Number of Contributions	Average Contribution	Percentage of Total	Amount Received
\$10. or less	10,974	\$ 4.28	20%	\$ 46,973.59
\$11. to \$25.	1,790	22.71	17%	40,640.17
\$26. to \$50.	589	47.52	11%	27,987.26
\$51. to \$100.	474	97.01	19%	45,973.88
\$101. to \$500.	217	250.05	22%	54,261.65
Over \$500.	22	1,181.81	11%	26,000.00
	14,066	\$ 17.19		\$ 241,836.55
Contributions Pledged by 366 Contributors				19,267.50
Book Sales, for individuals, schools, etc.				51,063.37
Miscellaneous Receipts				3,124.82
<b>Total Income</b>				<b>\$ 315,292.24</b>

A dozen organizations throughout the country, ranging from "business" (as shown above left) to "civic," "patriotic," "farm" and so on, are offshoots of Frank Gannett's high-powered super-reactionary Committee for Constitutional Government. One such group is busy bombarding businessmen in the nation for contributions and to purchase the vitriolic anti-Roosevelt literature published by Gannett's committee, as revealed in the confidential letter reproduced above.

Upper right is a certified accountant's report on the income of the Committee for Constitutional Government for 1943. As can be seen from the figures, the heaviest contributors were in the \$100 and up brackets—mostly wealthy Roosevelt haters. A close working organization with Gannett's group is Joseph Kamp's Constitutional Educational League—an outright anti-Semitic set-up which operates with Gannett's blessings. It was Kamp's outfit which started the recent whispering campaign in the Midwest about the existence of an alleged Jewish Gestapo operating with the backing of the Roosevelt administration.

# Who Paid for Gannett's 82,000,000 Hate-FDR Tracts?

By JOHN MELDON

Republican publisher Frank Gannett's Committee for Constitutional Government faces contempt charges for refusing to tell the House Campaign Expenditures Committee who some of the big-wigs are who kicked in with \$100 and up to finance the committee's disruptive activities.

Pro - Dewey newspapers have been suspiciously silent on Gannett's defiance of the House Campaign Expenditures Committee, though Gannett is one of the GOP big-shots. These same newspapers have not ceased their unprincipled attacks upon PAC and its \$1 contribution drive. Yet all PAC's records and financial accounts are open for public inspection.

Gannett has declared his committee has not engaged in anything that could even be remotely construed as politically partisan.

## U. S. to Prosecute Gannett Group

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—Speaker Sam Rayburn today certified to a U. S. District Attorney a Congressional contempt action against Edward A. Rumely, executive secretary of the Committee for Constitutional Government.

The House Committee on Campaign Expenditures earlier today founded a detailed contempt citation to Rayburn after Rumely and other officers of Frank Gannett's anti-Roosevelt group had flatly refused to turn over a list of contributors who had given \$100 or more.

A subpoena was issued today to force Joseph Kamp, head of the Constitutional League, Inc., to turn over a list of contributors to his group. Kamp is notorious for his anti-Semitic and fascist tie-ups. At the same time Gerald L. K. Smith, leader of the America First Party, was summoned for questioning before the House Committee next Tuesday.

### ONE YEAR'S FUNDS

Last year alone, the Committee for Constitutional Government (the brain child, incidentally, of fascist-minded Joe Kamp, a close working colleague of Gannett's) received \$315,292 from its contributors, composed mainly of Roosevelt-hating opponents of the Allied war effort. But what makes Gannett so coy about giving the names of those contributors who kicked in with more than \$100 can be seen in the auditor's account of the committee's 1943 income. Of the \$315,292 received in 1943, \$145,501 came from well-heeled contributors. Of that amount, a wealthy 22 alone gave \$26,000.

Gannett's committee has been conducting anti-Roosevelt propaganda on a terrific scale since it was founded in 1937. It was originally financed by Gannett himself. This admission is made in a booklet published by the committee titled, "Needed Now—Capacity for Leadership, Courage to Lead." Page 7 of that booklet, which has been sold in the hundreds of thousands, states: "To finance the Committee's first operations, Mr. Gannett advanced a considerable sum before any cash came from the public."

To date, the committee has deluged the nation with 82,000,000 pieces of literature—booklets, pamphlets, reprints of vicious Hearstian editorials and articles, letters and 760,000 books. More than 350,000 telegrams have flowed out of its headquarters at 205 E. 42nd St., N. Y. C. All of the above mentioned material has been aimed at smearing the Roosevelt Administration,

undermining public morale in Allied unity.

Gannett must be compelled to name his financial backers. Trade unions and people's organizations owe it to the nation and the war effort to back up the House Committee in demanding a showdown with Frank Gannett.