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End of last year or early part of this year he began to receive reports from J. E. Campbell; at first, paid no attention to them but subsequently noticed that predictions in reports came to pass. Was impressed and made several appointments to see Campbell, but they never got together until April 17, 1939.

3213 They met in the Hermitage Hotel, Nashville. A

A day or two before they met, Cooke was in Chattanooga and met an unnamed committee investigator (record reads: Mr. (committee investigator), indicating delation by committee). At the request of investigator, investigator was present at meeting.

Was told source of reports.

Campbell gave Cooke a brief personal history.

Campbell said he was the United States Army Reserve Office.

3213- Campbell told Cooke that a boy who went to C.C.N.Y. and who wanted while in  
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school to kill four or five "Damn Jew Communists" got a job in the Harmony group in New York on Sixth Avenue.

3215 Thirteen envelopes put into the record, 11 from Campbell, marked as "confidential" exhibits.

Says one of reports spoke of transmission of \$50,000 to Trotsky and later he saw a newspaper story quoting Trotsky as having spent that sum in a Chilean election.

Campbell also sent clippings, mostly of Father Coughlin's speeches, with reports.

3216 Thomas interrupts to say that the clippings were not from the Brooklyn Tablet, although Cooke says he thought one did say "Tablet" on it.

3217 Campbell told Cooke that he and Moseley were jointly working on a prophylactic and suggested they might throw some business to Cooke.

Campbell made arrangements for a speech by Mosely in Nashville late in February, Cooke says.

3218 Others present at the meeting were Bascom Jones and Leonard Sisk, chairman of the Americanism committee and past department commander, respectively.

Committee investigator introduced under name of Mr. Roberts.

Cooke says that anti-Semitism is increasing where he comes from.

3219 Cooke didn't go to Moseley's speech and hasn't met him.

Then Dies says;

The Chairman: Well, I may ask you this--I don't want to get on any partisan questions, and if any of you gentlemen think this is partisan, just speak up and say so--but in this whispering campaign, does it seem to be for the purpose of convincing the people that the Jews are running the Democratic Party?

Mr. Cooke. I haven't heard that mentioned.

The Chairman. Does it assume the complexion of partisanship? Is it for the purpose of--or what is your impression of that?

Mr. Cooke. That hadn't occurred to me at all.

The Chairman. You haven't heard anything about that?

Mr. Cooke. No.

The Chairman. What I was trying to ~~get~~ tie up was if there was any scheme--I don't want to get into the question of partisanship.

Mr. Thomas. No; the question was perfectly proper.

3220 Opinions.

3221 Many of the predictions in the reports had to do with military matters.

One of the reports said that "Frank's son, James"(Roosevelt) "was to be sent to England, ostensibly in the interests of the moving-picture concern with which he is connected at the present time, but in reality to contact foreign friends of this organization in New York, and that happened."

(Note: Although there is no testimony or statement so saying, the impression is left that the reports are anti-Semitic and connect Jews with "Subversive" acts. It is interesting that they put the envelopes the reports came in into the record but not the reports themselves.)

Cooke's testimony takes up  $9\frac{1}{2}$  printed pages.