

Deatherage, George E.;
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3481 Dudley Pierpont Gilbert connections:

Vague recollection of meeting about 1935.

Thinks he may have gotten some material from Gilbert under name of Curtis.

3482 American Nationalist material referred to ~~not~~ American Nationalists, Inc.,
which is Gilbert's organization.

Went to Newport, Rhode Island, in fall of 1935 or summer of 1936 to get funds,
with James E. Campbell.

Finances: Had \$25,000 of own and was getting \$10,000 a year from Carbide and
Carbon Chemicals Corporation as engineer.

3483 Some anonymous contributions.

Builds posts of 200 men and collects unspecified dues. Has income from "members
at large" who don't want to be identified with the movement publicly.

(Note: Not asked who they are, how numerous they are, how much he gets
from them, etc.)

Gave Campbell \$1,000 to \$1,500. Thinks \$750 of this went to Lt. John E. Kelly,
of the Reserve Officers.

3484 While in Newport, Howland Spencer, who sold the estate opposite Hyde Park to
Father Divine, was interested.

Got \$200 from Spencer and "possibly \$75 or \$80 one time we got at New York".

Had dinner on a yacht with Spencer and Frazer Jelke, who he described as the
oleomargarine king.

3485 Abruptly Dies asks "What did young Astor think about it; was he pretty inter-
ested in it?" This is the first mention of Astor. Deatherage replied, "I have
a hazy recollection of him getting a cussing from Mike Ahern because he said he

was going to take his yacht and go out in the Atlantic and let it blow over." Prior to this, Deatherage had mentioned only the names of Howland Spencer and Frazer Jelke, although he said he conferred with a number of people. He is not asked who else was there.

Thus does the Newport line of questioning end.

Has conferred with:

Ex-Senator Hatfield of West Virginia, his cousin, and "a power in Republican politics" in West Virginia.

James True (last night); Major McGuire, his secretary.

(Note: No questions asked about him.)

3486 Walter Hallinan, of Republican National Committee in Charleston, West Virginia. Hallinan was asked to help support the magazine, White Knight, (previously known as Pioneer Herald); but, although he "expressed agreement on program", he "ran out".

Deatherage says he exchanged copies of publication with Germany and Italy as well as American groups.

3487 Says Johannes Klapproth "who was in charge of the American section (presumably the of World Service)" was a member of the Knights of/White Camellia. Klapproth helped Deatherage in "getting out literature and editing material and things of that sort". When Klapproth went to Germany, Deatherage wrote a few letters to help him get into the American section.

Deatherage associated with organizations in India, China, Siberia, and "even inside of Russia".

3488 Not asked what their names are, etc.

Reference to a Saturday Evening post article, presumably by Deatherage.

Talk about International World Congress at Erfurt, Germany.

3488- Deatherage says, "just the moment you build up a big organization they have
3489 got to have Mr. Dies and his committee on top of them, wanting to find out this and that, or the F.B.I., who are out now with their political police checking up on the subscribers, the men who are getting literature, and intimidating them."

The Chairman. That was in Mr. Pelley's publication as I read it this morning.

3489 Mr. Deatherage. They have been to see me and my subscribers, too.

The Chairman. They are going around to find out who your subscribers are?

Mr. Deatherage. They have already got their names through the post office, and they are going to the subscribers and they go along to an individual, and his activity might be limited to being a subscriber to a magazine or newspaper, and they put the pressure on him.

Then Dies goes back to the German-American stuff and asks a leading question to show that Deatherage uses it for "factual information".

(Note: Either the FBI or Dies or both had list of all or part of Deatherage's people. No names in record up to this point.)

Deatherage says he gets "the most sympathetic response from working people". Says he is a student of Hitler's history, naziism and fascism.

3490 Dies tells Deatherage about Hitler and "his greatest appeal among the workers".

Deatherage denies he is anti-Semitic and says he would "advocate use of force" only "if there is a breakdown of constitutional law and order and we have a
3491 civil disorder started by the leftist side, we want to be in a position to use force to save our own homes."

Deatherage says he knows the other side is getting ready but is not asked for proof or reasons for this belief.

Says he is a believer in "constitutional law and order" and "there never has

been a peaceful social revolution."

3492 Says he has a letter from a West Coast group in his files (which it seems the Dies committee has), telling him of a meeting in Chicago in January 1938 of various right-wing groups. He didn't go. Letter from National Liberty Party, Clark's group. Moseley wasn't there, he says.

One of the groups was the National Gentile Association which which Whitley identifies Shea.

Dies says Shea "claims to have an international league" and Deatherage replies, "I have read that in the Post."

(Note: Is this the name of the National Gentile Association/? No questions are asked about it.)

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Meeting for promotion of national organization.

3493 Deatherage attended such a meeting in Cincinnati which "turned out to be a branch of the anti-Nazis, a whole bunch got stung on that one." This is in answer to the question why he didn't go to the Chicago meeting.

He says of anti-Nazis, "all enemies of ours". Then:

The Chairman. Were you at the Asheville meeting--do you remember when they had the general meeting at Asheville to try to get together?

Mr. Deatherage. If you refer to the meeting of the Christian Kaymen?

The Chairman. Yes; at Asheville, N. C.

Mr. Deatherage. No; I wasn't there; I was supposed to be a speaker, but when I found out what was going on---

The Chairman (interposing). What was going on?

(The answer to this and a series of subsequent questions were stricken from the record as hearsay.)

(Note: This is the first such case I have read in the record)

Deatherage's article, "Will America be Jewry's Waterloo?" sent out by World Service.

3494 Deatherage says, "The only thing I ever published or wrote for publication in Germany was a speech to be presented before the International World Congress at Erfurt."

Whitley reads from a letter of 12/14/38 from Deatherage to Campbell in response to those read into the record on the preceding day.

3495 Expected "crisis" within a year--similar to Spain.

3496 Doesn't approve Major Pease who, he says, had been over in Germany and England and was in Florida with one Blanchard putting out a "very violent sheet" called "Nation Arise", in Miami and "that was the gang that was in the anti-Jew riot that was down there recently, in which 19 men were hurt."

3497 Whitley asks if the name of the Organization is "White Front, and Deatherage thinks it is.

Then there is this sudden change in the course of the testimony:

The Chairman. Let me clear up one point there. The other day some excerpt from one of your letters got into the press, though it wasn't admitted in evidence, which mentioned Mr. John Frey, of the American Federation of Labor. In order to clarify that, while it wasn't in the evidence, you never had any contact with Mr. Frey in any respect, did you?

Mr. Deatherage. None whatever, personally.

The Chairman. Mr. Frey never indicated--as a matter of fact, you know it to be a fact that he has no sympathy with any racial prejudice at all?

Mr. Deatherage. Well, neither have I.

The Chairman. Well, I say you never had any communication or contact with him or anything else, and when you mentioned in your letter to Mr. Campbell the names of some people that you thought might be interested in this, it was just your supposition?

Mr. Deatherage. If you will give me a moment, I will tell you how

that happened.

Naturally in the preliminary plans to build a national organization, to combat communism, the suggestion was made to me that I prepare a list of people who would sit in conference and would prepare the framework of an organization and establish its policy, and in that I included leading men from varying walks of life, Mr. Frey of the labor union, Mr. Tabor, because of the farmers---

The Chairman (interposing). But you had no authority from them to mention their names, you had never taken the matter up with them to find out if they were sympathetic to any such movement?

Mr. Deatherage. No, and I never mentioned the names publicly, and only privately in that one letter.

The Chairman. Which got out to the press.

Mr. Deatherage. If it did, it came from this committee.

The Chairman. I want to read from a letter dated May 22, 1939, which I received from Mr. Frey:

The letter denies previous knowledge of Deatherage ^{avows} and/opposition to anti-Semitism and anti-Catholicism.

The Chairman. Any other gentleman, whose name was mentioned in connection with that--which wasn't a part of our record unless the reporter made a mistake and put that in the record--any other gentleman whose name was mentioned in connection with that will be accorded an opportunity to explain his attitude. We don't want someone smeared through some mention in any correspondence.

Mr. Deatherage. Well, I wish to state right there, that I have never given any interview to the press or published through word or deed any of those names except in a private letter to Mr. Campbell.

Several references to Gwiner of the Klan, without question.

Mr. Whitley (continuing): "I feel sure that if these men, many of whom you and I know, were appraised of the situation, they would resign their commissions and enlist with us for this American-Jewish war, for that is all that is--a war fought with money and propaganda instead of rifles."

(Note: No questions. The only discussion is whether or not on the preceding day Deatherage objected to a description of his activities as "propaganda". He here says, "It is propoganda.")

Whitley comes back to the "American-Jewish war" stuff and Deatherage says he needs two days to explain it. Says he has "two tons of it (documents) in boxes".

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~~3493~~ Agrees to make it available to committee examination.

Dempsey says, "This committee is not going to smear people by having their names appear."

Then Deatherage says:

I might add that I am of a very studious nature and I have tried to be exact. I think I am in touch with sources of information all over the United States where I can get you anything you want. If I don't actually have certain photostats, I can get them, or know where to get them, but the whole object, the whole thing against that in the past, to me, has been the fact that nickels and dimes from working men and myself are the only money we have ever had.

(Note: Where are the results of any such investigation in the record? I have not seen them.)

The Chairman. What is the difference in the way in which they work and the way in which your organization and similar organizations to yours work?

Mr. Deatherage. Well--

The Chairman. You keep your membership lists secret, you say that you are under oath that you can't divulge them--the Communists join under

fictitious names and they have no lists--so in that respect you are similar?

3504 Dies continues to try and show similarity between communist party's and Deatherage's activity.

3504- Then, without any introduction and without following any leads by Deatherage,
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Dies says:

The Chairman. Well, the Communists have always advocated the overthrow of the Government by force and violence, haven't they?

Mr. Deatherage. Yes.

3505 The Chairman. Hasn't the application of force and the achievement of their objectives, been one of their time-honored or ancient beliefs?

Mr. Deatherage. Yes, sir.

Then Deatherage says his force will be applied in self-defense only.

When questioned by Dempsey about his earlier statement (3504) that before a man can get a WPA job he must be certified by the Workers Alliance, Deatherage insists this is true throughout the United States in a majority of cases.

Dies asks, "Is that based on definite evidence that you have got?" Deatherage replies in the affirmative but is asked neither for his proof nor for a description of it. Then:

The Chairman. Do you consider the Workers Alliance as controlled by the Communist Party?

Mr. Deatherage. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. You think that it is a front for the Communist Party?

Mr. Deatherage. Yes.

The Chairman. Have you got any evidence to show that?

Mr. Deatherage. It depends on what you call evidence. Certainly Benjamin is a member of the Communist Party; he is a leader; he admits it

before this committee. All the actions of Dave Lasser are indicative of the same thing.

Deatherage repeats he has evidence and when Dies asks if he is willing to give it to the committee, Deatherage says he is.

3506 However, he isn't asked for it.

Dies asks if the American League for Peace and Democracy is a "front" organization and Deatherage says "Yes; we have plenty on that."

He isn't asked to present it.

3506 -Voorhis philosophizes with Deatherage.

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Then: The Chairman. Well, Mr. Deatherage, you made a very careful study of communistic activities in this country over the past 5 years?

Mr. Deatherage. Well, I have a fairly decent knowledge of it, I think. I think there are other men who know more about it than I do. I have made enough study of it that I know what the objectives are.

The Chairman. Do you think that directly and indirectly they have many people lined up with them?

Mr. Deatherage. Well, they have a fairly large membership; I think you have gone into that in your testimony here, but that isn't the danger in this country. The danger here is from the liberal, the fellow who calls himself a liberal.

The Chairman. What do you mean?

Mr. Deatherage. The fellow traveler. For every Communist there are about 25 or 30 fellows more or less sympathetic with him,.....

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(Note: Continually Deatherage is allowed without questions to say "as in Spain" in talking of his "leftist" outbreak that will make the "rightists" fight back, as he puts it.)

Dies says, re Spain, "There was a long background of propaganda behind that."

Deatherage says, "I don't like the word 'democracy' so much because the Communists use it so much."

No questions.

3509 Dies makes these interesting observations (he is so interested in them that he doesn't question Deatherage about the tendency to violence among his followers):

The Chairman. Don't you think that the man who is promoting one brand of hatred is just as bad as the man who is promoting another? What is the difference between picking out a business group, let us say, and condemning them, saying that they are all pirates, bloodsuckers, they are no good-- what is the difference between doing that and picking out a religious group and saying that they are no good? Isn't the same principle involved in both cases?

Mr. Deatherage. Absolutely, in that illustration.

The Chairman. If a man is going to be tolerate, he has got to be tolerant with respect to all groups?

Mr. Deatherage. That is right.

The Chairman. And isn't it true that we have in this country to a large extent men tolerant in one direction but very intolerant in another?

Mr. Deatherage. Well, here is the reason for that, and it is recognized by Communists as well as ourselves.

In the first place, take the 2,000,000 men in the United States Army during the war. Their I.Q. was around 12 to 14--14 years of age. Those are facts. Now, those men have no understanding of things by reason, they act by emotion.

Now, I can get up in my post, I have got 200 men, and I can take any concrete example or piece of legislation or anything else, and I can talk to them until I am deaf. All right, now they can listen to me for an hour,

they don't get that, and then they break up, they go downstairs and each one of them will maybe get four or five beers, and then all they want is trouble, they want action, they want to break somebody's windows or shoot somebody, and especially that bunch of wild mountaineers. The biggest trouble is to keep them under blankets.

You see what I mean, they can't reason, and they can't reason because they don't have the intelligence to reason and be tolerant.

The Chairman. Well, of course that gets back to the very point that I am saying, that there would be no such thing as tolerance in this country unless it is applied impartially with respect to every group, isn't that right?

Mr. Deatherage. Yes.

The Chairman. What is the difference, if you pick out a race, no matter what the race is, the German race, the Italian race, or the Jewish, and condemn them; start out with a big anti-Italian or anti-German campaign--aren't you violating the very basic principles upon which the Republic is established?

Mr. Deatherage. That is right.

The Chairman. And don't you think further, if you step in the other direction, the Communist direction and radical direction, and say that you are going to condemn, say, all the business people in the country, they are all scoundrels, aren't you guilty of the same amount of intolerance?

Mr. Deatherage. Absolutely.

Then Dies says, "This is what happened in Russia, Germany and Italy."

3510 More of Dies' opinions with continual emphasis on the "anti-business" stuff.

After 8 such pages, about 5,000 words, they come back to the letter.

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Mr. Whitley (continuing): "You will note from the General's speech, a copy of which was sent you, that the plan is to do this job peacefully, and by force if that becomes necessary."

The job being to set up this Nation-wide organization?

Mr. Deatherage. Yes; whose purpose is the retention of the ideals upon which the Republic was founded.

Whitley's interpretation is not only uncalled for, but inaccurate. The reference is obviously to "the American-Jewish war", referred to on page 3502.

Here Dies interrupts to say that "democratic Government rests upon ... the protection of the fundamental rights of each individual ... regardless of his race or religion or economic condition." He repeats this twice and Deatherage makes an exception to his agreement. He points out that the "Asiatic exclusion law" which Dies says "is a matter of immigration. We have a right to keep out people altogether if we want to" and then goes back to his thrice-repeated thesis.

Then: Mr. Deatherage. That is right, except I am bigoted enough to believe in white supremacy in the South.

The Chairman. With that exception you agree with the statement?

Mr. Deatherage. Yes.

3511- Then Dies gets Deatherage to admit that each man "ought to be judged by his own
3512 conduct" and "regardless of whether he is a Jew or a Gentile".

After this thousand-word interruption, they again return to the letter.

Whitley reads the last quote again and Deatherage replies: "You ask General Moseley what he meant. He said that publicly in a speech. He is going to testify, and I would rather he would say himself."

The next quote from the letter refers to a speech General Moseley is to make in New York "on the same platform with Father Coughlin" which Deatherage says did not happen. For reasons, he refers them to Moseley.

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In the next passage from the letter, Deatherage tells Campbell to be thinking of leaders. He says this was because some of the so-called "patriotic" groups were "violently on the racial prejudice side which I knew he (Moseley) didn't agree with."

No questions!

Then: Mr. Whitley (Continuing). Mr. Deatherage: "I am sure that he will not select them until we have a chance to put the old G-2 on them."

That means to check up on them, investigate them?

Mr. Deatherage. Intelligence; yes.

(Note: Here again Whitley interprets for the witness. In view of the fact that "G-2" refers to the Army Intelligence and not to investigation generally, this presumption provided the witness with a tailor-made excuse if the plan was, as is suggested in Campbell's testimony, to actually use the G-2 section.)

Then Dies again develops a sudden desire to protect persons:

Mr. Whitley (continuing): "Right after the first of the year it is intention to call a small conference, say about 25, in some place as Chicago, quietly, and discuss the matter of what we are going to do about this thing."

Now, you say "right after the first of the year." This letter was written in December 1938. Was this Chicago plan that you suggested here anything to do with the conference which was actually held in Chicago the early part of 1939?

Mr. Deatherage. Absolutely not; that conference that I suggested was to take leaders from agriculture, from the labor unions, from all classes of life, to make up their program.

Mr. Whitley (continuing): "These will not be the organization leaders, but leaders of the main groups throughout the Nation--Father Coughlin, _____, _____, _____ of the _____, _____, of the _____, as well as other veteran leaders, _____ of the _____, _____ of the _____"

_____ (names and connections omitted at the direction of the chairman)--
in all, men who are heads of large groups on our side of the fence. Out
of that will come only a program--the rest we will do on the basis of what
the general thinks can be done at the moment. Then he will get the temper
of these men."

3514 Then Whitley asks a question with a statement, the suggested Chicago conference
was just coincidentally at the same time. On this page again, Whitley refers
to Campbell's reports as "the music scores", even though in this case Deatherage
in the letter refers to them as "G-2" reports.

Mr. Whitley (continuing): "About your G2 reports." Are you referring
to the music scores?

Mr. Deatherage. That is right.

(Note: There is no question here about the obvious possibility which
is accented by the connections of all these persons with the Army and
Reserves that these G-2 reports might actually have been g-2 reports.)

3514- Then Deatherage attacks Dies for "attempting the old smear" which, amazingly
3515 enough, Dies doesn't deny. Deatherage says he had written the committee 8 or
10 times since June 14, 1938, without a reply and also "sent in evidence". He
criticizes Dies for prejudging right-wing groups as "rackets" without calling
them "in their own defense" and Dies' reply is that Deatherage also condemns
them. Then:

The Chairman. If you condemn them, now you are objecting that we
condemn them, and you are criticizing us for condemning them, people you
have condemned, many of them.

Mr. Deatherage. I condemn you, Mr. Dies, because you didn't give
them an opportunity to defend themselves. When you charge a man with a
thing publicly, the first thing is to give him an opportunity to get on
the stand and say it is true or it isn't.

The Chairman. They are all going to have ample opportunity to appear here.

Mr. Deatherage. I hope they are.

The Chairman. You see we run into a situation, for instance, such as this. We wired General Moseley promptly. We didn't bring his name in. The correspondence brought his name into the picture. We wired him promptly to come here and testify if he desired to be heard in order to accord him an opportunity to answer this.

3516 Deatherage indicates that he has his files with him.

In letter Major "G", identified as Major Griffith, a Reserve officer, is reported to have cautioned Moseley against the afore-mentioned Kelly.

3517 Then: Mr. Whitley: (Continuing): "Regarding your questions. It is true that Hull's wife is Jewish and that she has a family connection with Kuhn - Loeb. I have her record at home.

"I do not know anything much of Landon's connections, except in a general way--that he and the Jews combined to lick Winrod, and that he is out. M has no use for him."

You are referring to the campaign out there in which Winrod was defeated, in Kansas?

Mr. Deatherage. That is right.

Mr. Whitley (continuing): "Don't know anything about White intimately, except that he is a pal of the Jews and is thoroughly wrong. Winrod can tell us in detail about both of them.

"I believe, as you do, that it will take military action to get this gang out, and the organization must be built around a propaganda organization now that can in a few hours be turned into a militant fighting force. That's the idea of the boss also--but must be kept on the Q. T."

By the "boss" you mean General Moseley?

Mr. Deatherage. That is right.

Mr. Whitley. In other words, you would build up this Nation-wide propaganda machine that can be turned overnight into a military organization if necessary?

Mr. Deatherage. That is right.

(Note: No further questions.)

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Mr. Whitley (continuing): "As far as the program is concerned, that is something else. We do not need fascism or nazi-ism, that is true; but to my mind we will have fascism--call it what you may--for there can be no solution to this except a disciplined force under central leadership and an economic program that will put these millions back to work and keep them there."

So you are saying that while we can't have fascism or nazi-ism as such, in effect we have got to have the same thing, central control, to handle this situation?

Mr. Deatherage. Yes; extreme nationalism.

Mr. Whitley. Extreme nationalism?

Mr. Deatherage. Yes.

Mr. Whitley. In other words, you prefer to call it that instead of putting the label of nazi-ism or fascism on it, but in effect it is the same type of an operation?

Mr. Deatherage. Well, when I say "fascism" or "nazi-ism", I don't refer to it in the colloquial way as the press does, branding every crack-pot schemer in the world as a Fascist or a Nazi, but it is a corporate state--for instance, it is more or less the guild system, as advocated by the Catholic action.

The Chairman. You are in favor of that, are you?

Mr. Deatherage. I am in favor of that as an antidote, as a last resort, between that and communism.

The Chairman. How does that read?

Mr. Whitley (reading): "As far as the program is concerned, that is something else. We do not need fascism or nazi-ism, that is true--but to my mind we will have fascism, call it what you may---"

The Chairman. In other words, you are saying there that in your opinion we are going to have fascism in the United States?

3518 Mr. Deatherage. I say you don't need it, but in my opinion that is what you are going to come to, not because you want it but because you can't help it.

Whereupon Dies says that Deatherage and Gilbert turned out pamphlets in which they either predict or sympathize with fascism and he wants to know "what is the tie-up between the mental attitude of this thing". The ensuing discussion, none of which is factual, is generously supplied with "international Jewry" references, especially as being hooked up with the Communist movement by virtue of "financing and leadership" and takes up 3 pages. And so they pass from the letter quoted on page 3517.

3518- Dies says, "So what is to be gained by assuming that here is a minority over here
3519 and that you can go out by superior numbers and forcibly suppress them? All the other people are losing their liberty at the same time; they haven't gained anything. The same oppressive laws apply to them....."

3520 Dies asks Deatherage why he believes that eventually there will be fascism and this follows:

Mr. Deatherage. Because I believe that the present administration is communistically inclined, and is heading in that direction.

The Chairman. That is just an opinion of yours....etc.

3521 Whitley says, "I won't read the rest of this letter, there are a few more pages, but I think we have covered the principal portions of it, Mr. Deatherage.

"I want to ask you about the American Nationalist Confederation, when was that formed, or organized, and by whom?"

Deatherage says he organized the American Nationalist Confederation "last year", that it is a "letterhead" organization, that he is president, that its headquarters are in St. Albans, and that it is "for the purpose of establishing a liaison between different other organizations in the United States which might have the same objectives."

3522 Deatherage says not many of the organizations became interested, that Pelley's and Christians' didn't, that none came in "officially", that he did, however, "establish that liaison between" 35 or 40, who worked together.

3523 Asked to name these organizations, Deatherage says:

Mr. Deatherage. Well, there was the Militant Christian Patriots in Los Angeles, and the American Women Against Communism, and Pelley was more or less sympathetic, but there was no direct affiliation.

The Chairman. But you corresponded and exchanged information.

Mr. Deatherage. Yes.

He also names Winrod. Then:

The Chairman. Who else besides Winrod?

Mr. Deatherage. I would have to get the list, but I can get it for you and put it in the record.

The Chairman. You will give us the list of the 35 or 40?

Mr. Deatherage. Yes, sir; I will put it in the record.

(Note: this list does not appear in or appended to Deatherage's testimony, nor does it appear at the end of the volume.)

3523- Then:
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Mr. Whitley. I have a list here I am going to read of various individuals and organizations and get you to state, as I read them, whether you were in contact with them in connection with this American Nationalist Confederation?

These others who Deatherage says were "in contact" with the American Nationalist Confederation are:

Charles B. Hudson, of America in Danger.

James True.

F. W. Clark, of the National Liberty Party.

E. N. Sanctuary.

Robert E. Edmondson.

American-Ranger.

Henry Allen.

Constitutional Crusaders of America.

3525 Mrs. Jewett, of California (who works with the Militant Christian Patriots) and who has had contact with a number of these organizations and has had contact with Moseley.)

Donald Shea, of the National Gentile League.

Mrs. Fry, of the National Free Press.

3524 Those with whom he says no contact:

Major Pease, of the White Front.

Nationalist Press Association.

German-American National Alliance.

Hal Walton, of the Committee of Witnesses.

"Stuart (X)" (sic)

Anna Bogenholm Sloane.

The official emblem of the American Nationalist Confederation is the Swastika.

3526 Selected and put on literature to direct all criticisms at him, Deatherage says.

Whitley reads from bulletin put out by Deatherage under date of 4/23/38 in which fascism is defined.

Fascism is defined as a patriotic revolt (such as of the White Russians) against Jewocracy (alias democracy) and a return of statesmanship. Fascist (or patriotic) rule insists upon the duty of cooperation.

Deatherage says this definition comes from the dictionary and is not questioned about this.

Page 3 of the bulletin gives the "platform of the American Nationalist Confederation--a Fascist party". Deatherage says he put many things in the platform to cover everything in the expectation that those not agreed to by a majority could be deleted.

(Note: Platform not put in.)

3527 Deatherage says that the part of the platform advocating "confiscation of the illegal hoarding of the international bankers for the payment of the national debt" (also said of international bankers that "the Jews are in a majority") was put in "to be shot at".

Maximum number of copies of bulletin placed at 500.

Most of literature he now circulates which he doesn't get out himself comes from within the United States.

3528 Most of his contact with World Service through Johannes Klapproth.

3529 Went to German Embassy twice. Saw Baron Von Killinger, Consul in San Francisco, for about 15 minutes "last year" for information on Toller.

3530- Saw Baron Von Gienow, director of public relations, at the Embassy in Wash-
3531 ington, D. C., "three months ago" to find out how the Nazis raised money in Germany.

3532 Quotes Baron Von Gienow as saying there is now in the United States ten times more anti-Judaism than in Germany before Hitler's rise to power.

3533 Says that Von Gienow said the Bund "had considered him a lot of trouble".
Von Gienow went to Johns Hopkins and lived in the U. S. for years.

3534 Deatherage doesn't know if Pelley or any of the others have been to the German Embassy.

3535 Deatherage says his vice-commanders are employed and do local work (calls them a "council"). He is not asked for their names.

He gets Bombay Press Service from India from which he gets information. He says they have "contacts inside the Soviet Union". "I lived 3 years in India myself; I speak Hindustani, so I got in contact with that outfit."

Has had correspondence with a Tokyo "anti-Communist" organization in the past 3 ~~years~~ or 4 months. They sent in a subscription to him and he turned it over to James True who was to send his industrial control reports.

He has also received mail from France, Belgium, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Great Britain, Canada and "stuff that is printed clandestinely in Soviet Russia and South Africa".

3536 Got "key to mystery" from Canada. He had letters from Beamish in Southern Rhodesia.

Asked about extent of his correspondence, he says he gets mail from every State and ~~the following~~

"Every time somebody smears me, like in Life or Ken, or Mr. Metcalfe gives me a ride, or I am called before the Dies committee, that is the best publicity I can get, and then my mail just buries me."

3537 Otherwise he receives about 25 to 40 letters and pieces of literature daily.
Says of James True, "He is a pal; He is a honey, that boy."

3538 Dies asks, re True, "Did he or someone have a publication called the Kike Killer, do you recall that?" Deatherage tells him that it is weapon, patented, and in "ladies' and gentlemen's sizes".

(Note: When E. L. Oliver, of Labor's Non-Partisan League, sent Dies a memorandum of Edward F. Sullivan's activities in August 1938, he attached photostatic copies of the patent papers on the kike killer.)

3539 Puts out lots of Pelley's stuff--"oh, boy; stacks of it"--but not "Seven Minutes in Heaven;" is a friend of Pelley's.

Has had correspondence with Mrs. Lois d'Lafayette Washburn, of Chicago, National Secretary of the National Gentile League.

3540 Has a copy of "The Key", published by the "Irish-American Patriots", headed by Ray Healey, who used to have a little newspaper in New York titled "Irish Storm Trooper" which has this motto: "Irishmen of America United, You have Nothing to Lose But Your Jewish Chains of Bondage."

3541 95 percent of his mail is "very favorable".

Says Saturday Evening Post article, presumably by Stanley High, misquotes him. Says High on Board of Friends of Democracy, which he describes as "left-wing" organization.

Deatherage says he sent men to Kansas City, where Birkhead operates, and found that Birkhead's men were, he alleges, members of the Communist Party.

(Note: This smear is accepted without question.)

3542 Deatherage tells Voorhis he can supply documentary proof of the connection of international bankers with Communists.

(Note: He is not asked to produce it and his statement stands.)

Says most of the leaders of the Associated Farmers are former officers of the American army.

When Voorhis and Deatherage start to talk about the Associated Farmers, Dies says it is getting late and stops it.

(Note: The hearings adjourned at 1:50 p.m. subject to call.)

Deatherage says he sent the committee a chart--(see also testimony of Henry D. Allen)--a blueprint "of all the organizations".

3543 Deatherage says he will need 30 days to prepare his stuff.

Adjournment because Moseley can't be there "this week".

Total extent of Deatherage's testimony, 88 pages.