

LNPL Bares Dies Ace Prober as Anti-Catholic, Jew-Baiter

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 WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 25.
 —Labor's Non-Partisan League told the Dies committee today that Edward F. Sullivan, its ace investigator, is "an incarnate subversion, a walking attack upon the fundamentals of our American institutions."
 The League backed up this withering denunciation with documentary evidence proving that Sullivan had spread anti-Semitic propaganda against President Roosevelt and high government officials, that he was closely associated with James True, notorious anti-Semite, that he engaged in anti-Catholic activities, and that he was a labor spy.
 These were but a few of the charges, all substantiated with affidavits and documents, which Eli L. Oliver, Executive Vice-President of the Non-Partisan

League, submitted to Chairman Martin L. Dies of the witch-hunting committee.
 Oliver demanded "if the Dies Committee is really interested in unearthing subversive activities," that "it should closely examine Mr. Sullivan because it is apparent that he is entirely familiar with them as a participant not a mere observer."
 The League also thoroughly exposed one of the main witnesses produced by Sullivan, Alvin J. Halpern, a deserter from the Abraham Lincoln brigade.
PICKED JEWELRY
 Evidence submitted to the Dies Committee showed that Halpern pleaded guilty to charge of stealing jewelry from a woman in Washington and that he was convicted and sentenced to serve from one to two years, but was released on probation

Oliver insisted that "the Dies Committee cannot proceed further upon the basis of any of the reports, recommendations or other suggestions of Mr. Sullivan."
 The major charges made against Sullivan follow: Were that he had:
 1. "Brought to Washington, and as committee investigator, has sponsored a witness whose credibility is open to the gravest question, by virtue of the fact that this witness had pleaded guilty, and has since been sentenced to prison, on the charge of stealing jewelry from a Washington woman.
 2. "Attempted to bribe a labor representative to make false statements relative to the National Maritime Union.
 3. "Offered, for money, to sell to labor representatives information which would discredit em-

ployer representatives in a labor dispute—when Sullivan was, presumably, representing some employer interest himself.
 4. "Circulated absolutely false stories during a Stafford Springs, Conn., strike, reflecting upon the character and conduct of Mr. Leonard Green, organizer for the United Textile Workers.
RAILWAY AUDIT AGENT
 5. "Acted as espionage agent for the Railway Audit and Inspection Bureau, notoriously engaged in the lowest and most unethical forms of labor spying.
 6. "Intervened in a labor dispute in a Boston Court, attempting to weaken the defense of the labor representatives by a direct appeal to counsel for the union.
 7. "Engaged in anti-Catholic propaganda and activities, although originally brought up as a Roman Catholic.

8. "Engaged in a particularly vicious manner not only in anti-Semitic propaganda, but in anti-Jewish activities which were in the last degree subversive of every principle of religious toleration.
 9. "Associated himself with Mr. James True and others, in a continued campaign of malicious attacks upon officials of the United States government, including the President of the United States, members of the Supreme Court, and Cabinet officials, with incitements to violence of the most dangerous description."
 With this thorough expose of Sullivan and his stooge, Halpern, most of the sensational charges made before the Dies Committee were discredited as was the committee itself for having permitted

this disreputable character to serve as its chief investigator.
HOLLYWOOD TALES
 Halpern's testimony had been chiefly responsible for a demand made by the committee to the Department of Justice that it investigate recruiting for the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.
 Sullivan had thrown wild charges around about "Communist activities" in Hollywood, about Harry Bridges, and about Labor Department officials working together with Bridges.
 Another Dies Committee witness, Walter Steele, had previously been exposed as a Silver Shirt. Sullivan's anti-Semitic activities were among the most sensational revealed by the League. Sullivan shared an office in

Washington with James True, the notorious anti-Semite who operated under a variety of names including "America First, Inc.," and "Mr. True and Associates."
 One of the publications issued by True together with Sullivan was called Industrial Control reports, and was active in spreading slanders about the President in the 1936 campaign.
FDR "JEWISH AGENT"
 A choice quotation from this publication of Sullivan's follows: "In Kentucky, we understand, large number of people refuse to believe that Roosevelt is a traitor controlled by international Jews; but the truth is making headway."
 Another report issued during the election period stated:

"Before the election, millions more will know that the Roosevelt administration has been completely controlled by the International Jewish movement for world domination."
 "We shall definitely settle the (Jewish) problem by the simple elimination process. If you Americans continue to be freemen, you will be forced to do likewise." Still another report declared.
 Among anti-Semitic publications with which Sullivan was associated were "America First" and "The White Knight."
 Copies of these publications were submitted to the Dies Committee.
 The League also presented quotations from Sullivan's anti-

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Semitic speeches that he made before a fascist conference in Asheville, N. C., in 1936. Connected with Sullivan in this conference was Rev. Gerald B. Winrod, Kansas Nazi recently defeated in the senatorial primaries.

Other evidence submitted by the League showed that Sullivan was as anti-Catholic as he was anti-Semitic.

Affidavits were produced showing that although brought up as a Roman Catholic, Sullivan quit the Catholic church in 1934 and connected himself with the Polish Church. He then became associated with the Ukrainian Nationalist movement and with anti-Catholic activities.

Oliver submitted an affidavit from a Polish priest to back up his charges of anti-Catholic activities.

One of the most fantastic stories in the lengthy document prepared by the League is that of Halpern, the crook who testified against his buddies in Spain.

POLICE RECORD CITED

"Investigation of the police records of the City of Washington discloses that Halpern was under indictment on a charge of Grand larceny at the time Sullivan made contact with him," Oliver said.

"Further, Halpern pleaded guilty to the charge before he appeared on the witness stand in Washington. The day of his second appearance before the committee was the day upon which Halpern was sentenced to a

term of one to two years for the crime to which he had pleaded guilty. The fact that Halpern was under arrest was well known to Federal officials in Boston, and if Sullivan had made—or did make—any inquiry whatever he must have ascertained the fact."

Further facts concerning Halpern submitted to the Dies Committee follow:

"Alvin I. Halpern, identified as the Halpern who appeared before the Dies committee, has a criminal record and is now on probation.

"Records of the Washington police department show arrest of Halpern, who is 37, in Boston on January 30, 1936, on a charge

of non-support of his wife. Disposition of the case is not shown on records here.

"Halpern was arrested again in Brookline, Mass., on July 9, 1938, as a fugitive on a warrant sworn out by Edna Schwartz, 5102 Illinois Ave., Washington, D. C. The warrant charged grand larceny, alleging he stole \$180 in jewelry from Edna Schwartz.

"Returned to Washington in custody of a deputy marshal, Halpern was arraigned August 5 and pleaded guilty. He had been indicted by the Grand Jury here July 18. On August 19, this year, Halpern was sentenced to serve from one to two years but was released on probation."

