

Gilbert, Dudley Pierrepont, testimony of;  
May 22, 1939, morning session, vol. 5, pp. 3285 ff.

3285 Dies makes a "few preliminary remarks" saying that unresponsive answers, names not material or not directly involved, will be stricken from the record.

3286 re-hash.

3287 Letter from Gilbert to Campbell dated May 5 (reveals that their committee had 40 members who are not named). Identifies fifth, sixth and seventh paragraphs of letter from Gilbert to Campbell.

3288 Mr. Whitley. Reading from this letter, Mr. Gilbert, the fourth paragraph on page 5, you say: "Brown helping Northrup, Inc., Aircraft Workers Union. Information on these men would gain members for us, he says, among aircraft workers."

Mr. Gilbert. That was in the very first when we were still trying to run an organization. Brown was the man alleged to be a member of the Los Angeles police department, who later dropped out of sight in that we broke off negotiations with him. I do not know whether that is his real name or not, but that is the name we knew him under by correspondence.

(Note: Probably the commas around "Ind." should be deleted because it is probably a reference to an independent union rather than to Indiana.)

Planned State organizations.

3289 Wanted membership of 3,000,000.

Identifies letter of 10/1/37 from Gilbert to Campbell re charter.

Identifies undated letter to Campbell referring to "40 men that we were sending the information out through for propaganda purposes." Also, Whitley reads incomplete reference to "The A. N. (sic) chief accomplishments in 1938 so far."

3290 From letter: "Also we fought Panay war scare and through Pat got Coughlin to talk against it on the radio."

Identifies "Pat" as the editor of the Brooklyn Tablet.

Hasn't met Coughlin.

There may have been other instances such as the above.

Insists that the American Nationalists, Inc., are not active, though 40 men are active outside of the organization.

3291 Says he is and always was opposed to both Naziism and Fascism.

In letter of 8/19/37 from Gilbert to Campbell, he says he wants all of North America under the U. S. Flag.

3292 Distantly related, through marriage, to Frederick W. von Meister, vice-president of Osilad Corp., and American Zeppelin Transport, Inc. Whitley reads from Congressional Record (5/16/38--Congressman Celler) re F. W. and F. Willy von Meister, his Nazi connections and reference to other Nazis in the U. S.

3293 Letter shows contact with a Mrs. Uzell (first name not asked for) whom Gilbert said "claimed to be somewhat connected with Army Intelligence". Letter quotes her as saying all of Jewish papers of preceding week carried stories of George Deatherage's convention and the names of those who were there.

Mrs. Uzell's husband has an amusement park supply business on 42nd Street where Gilbert met people who seemed to him "were connected to some foreign government or another".

3294 "Dineen" whom Campbell met with Inspector Kerr (or Bakir) wrote "unpleasant" articles on Fritz Kuhn and the Bund.

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3295 From letter--John Snow "building nation-wide chain of Republican clubs for 1940 with the aid of the Crusaders." Alleges several LaGuardia men, including Jews and Deputy Police Commissioner McDonald were helping him--information from

that Franco movement is not Fascist, that Whitley doesn't "know" his "Spanish history very well".

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3304 Questioned on this--military force--with many protestations from Dies that he doesn't mean to be "discourteous" or to "third degree" until Gilbert says military force would be resorted to only to put down a "Red revolution". His is only "educational" activity.

Campbell circulated this letter to his list.

Whitley again asks the question as to who the "enemy" is and Gilbert replies, "The Red revolutionists." He adds that what he has said is only in the event "enemy" used violence.

3305 More talk about what Gilbert meant.

"No. 3" in letter is "direct action plan" of "enemy" and that would advance date.

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3306 Mason then interrupts for two questions:

Mr. Mason. May I ask a question now? A while ago, according to the testimony, you had made an attempt through Father Coughlin to head off getting into war because of the Panay incident.

Mr. Gilbert. Yes, sir.

Mr. Mason. Was that attempt to head off war because of the Panay incident an attempt to delay or head off this No. 3 plan that you talk about?

Mr. Gilbert. Yes, sir; certainly was.

Not asked question re use of military force and replies only when radicals, when troops are in foreign lands at war, will "create a Russian revolution back of the line as they did to the Russian army."

Whitley replies, "I see; and then under those circumstances, you were advocating military force?" Gilbert says, "Yes, sir; under the American flag, under the American Government, not against it."

Met Felix McWhirter through Campbell. McWhirter told Gilbert he was a "Reserve office of the United States Navy and also an intelligence officer of the United States Navy in the Midwest section."

McWhirter just a friend. Doesn't think he was on list.

3307 When Gilbert says, "It was only just if we found something that would affect those matters which naval intelligence should know that we should give them over to Felix McWhirter and as he was a naval man we thought he was the best man to have," Whitley reads from earlier testimony in which Gilbert had said, "Some of the men we worked with.....were of the opinion that where copies in the past had given information of a certain type they had not received cooperation when it got to Washington, and in some cases reports had been lost." Only question by Whitley is if McWhirter was "some of the men worked with".

(Note: But see testimony of Felix McWhirter denying intelligence connections.)

Whitley shows Gilbert letter of 10/30/37 to Campbell for identification. Letter says "Hope F will do his part and not put things off again". Gilbert says F is McWhirter.

3308 Mr. Mason. May I suggest that counsel read the full letter so that we may have the full context.  
Mr. Whitley. Some of these use a lot of names.  
Mr. Mason. All right.

Whitley shows Gilbert for identification letter of 10/7/37 to Campbell. It contains information for "Mc."

3309 Also for identification letter of 10/5 (no year), Gilbert to Campbell. Gilbert told Campbell to get information to McWhirter (from p.6).  
Re-hash re George Rice.

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3311 More re-hash.

3312 Letter of 4/16/39, Gilbert to Campbell, from Atlantic City.

(Note: Although he had previously testified he couldn't find Rice and didn't know where he was and wouldn't be able to help the committee locate him, Gilbert here says he "had written him the number of" a telephone booth in Childs' Restaurant where Rice could call

him. No questions are asked about this obvious discrepancy and possible opportunity to locate Rice.)

- 3313 Whitley shows that the fleet was moved to the Pacific the day before Gilbert's informants "prediction".
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3316 More on above.
- 3317 Identifies letter of 4/5/39 to Campbell re "Frank's son James" going to "England with a special message from his father to our London friends on plan 3," etc. Also shows as "proof" Washington papers of the 8th saying James had left for England on motion-picture business.
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3319 Talks about two days above. Gilbert doesn't read Daily Worker. Report deals with the May-day committee which Whitley says is listed in the report in the same order in which the names appeared in the Daily Worker 3 days before. Gilbert says this wouldn't discredit his informant.
- 3320 More "predictions" re "No. 3" in the same report "proven" by Herald Tribune of 5/9.
- 3321 Forty people on list "prominent"; Dies says they have from Campbell's files a list of 200 persons.
- 3322 Denies sending out "scurrilous" stuff re R. D. and wife.
- 3323 Claims to be a Democrat. Dies refers to circulation of stuff among 40 men as "whispering campaign".
- 3324 Thomas becomes interested in Snow's connections with the Republicans.

3325 Gilbert says he had been told by Dies "not to see the president" and had in turn asked the committee not to.

3326 More "predictions" in same report and proof from papers cited. Whitley says Campbell struck out "proof" citations from papers and circulated reports as predictions. Gilbert says this o.k.

End of morning session.