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Walter Steele--National Republic.

The following information was given me tonight by Fraser Gardner:

1938 was a bad year for Walter Steele and the National Republic. Steele conceived the idea of publicizing his magazine through the Dies committee and having in the past been friendly with Dies, arranged to testify. Steele got letters for several salesmen whom he hired from Dies. These salesmen went to various chambers of commerce throughout the country and through lists obtained from the chambers solicited block subscriptions to the magazine. In return for large sums of money, schoolteachers and others were for a year or more sent the magazine.

E. Irving Fulton, research director of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, Conn. Ave. & H St., NW, Washington, D.C., opposed any assistance to Steele by the U. S. Chamber.

One "Snook" is the "anti" man for the U. S. Chamber and he also is in charge of whatever investigation is conducted and advice given regarding "subversive" activities.

Fulton is alleged to frown upon such things.

Steele also got money sent to him by persons ordering his pamphlets from the Dies committee and from Dies' office to which money was sent by those desiring the pamphlets. Steele had his testimony reprinted by the Government Printing Office as a pamphlet.