

Sen. Coudert And \$50,000

INVESTIGATE MILO F. McDONALD, MURPHY — ANTI-SEMITIC AND FASCIST TEACHERS

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Governor Lehman, with apparent misgivings, has signed a bill allotting an additional \$50,000 to the Rapp-Coudert Committee. He has publicly stated that he hopes the Committee makes good use of the money and investigates Nazi and Fascist activities. Now, \$50,000 is not much money as "Committee hand-outs" go — a real live Committee up around the Ten Eyck Hotel in Albany can dispose of that over night. But \$50,000 would equip a Flying Fortress, Governor — and in our humble opinion we need a positive Fascist exploration via the air rather than by Star Chamber proceedings.

Under present emergency — \$50,000 would buy a lot of War Bonds — and if the Coudert Committee runs true to form — that dough is pure waste.

In view of the a fait accompli situation — we have a few ideas how the Coudert Committee can spend the money. Here they are:

In May of 1941, Max F. Wolff, then Grand Master of the I.O.B.A. in cooperation with the American Jewish Congress filed a lengthy and well documented report with the Board of Education concerning Anti-Semitic activities in the New York City school system.

We quote from the files of the Jewish Review:

"The American Jewish Congress made known today that it has asked the Board of Education of New York City to take immediate action to eliminate from the school system anti-semitic activities which are reflected in the spread of racial propaganda in the schools, clashes among students, destruction of school property and the persecution of Jewish teachers."

"It asked specific and immediate action in connection with a situation which has arisen in the Gompers Vocational High School located in the Borough of the Bronx. There an official of the school, Mr. Timothy F. Murphy, who occupies the multiple positions of Dean, Librarian, Chairman of the Academic Department and Administrator of the National Youth Administration, has constantly promoted anti-Semitism in the class room, persecuted teachers endeavoring to teach tolerance and used students to spy on teachers. Efforts of members of the faculty of the school to secure action by the administration of the Gompers Vocational High School and the Board of Education had met without success over the period of a year."

"In bringing the matter to the attention of the Board of Education the American Jewish Congress had in mind much larger implications and considerable evidence in its possession indicating that the school systems are being used in all the boroughs of New York for the spread of racial and anti-Semitic propaganda."

"On May 9th the American Jewish Congress brought the matter to the attention of the Board of Education through a communication which was signed by Mr. Carl Sherman, Chairman of the Administrative Committee of the American Jewish Congress, and Mr. Max F. Wolff, Chairman of the Council of Organizations of the organization. This communication which was sent to James Marshall as President of the Board of Education and all the members of the Board, has not received any acknowledgment as yet."

The last phrase is significant. To date no real action has ever been taken by the Coudert Committee! That should be item No. 1 on the new agenda to spend part of the \$50,000.

In our issue of June 12, 1941, we issued a list of a few names that the Coudert Committee missed up on.

Among them was that of Milo F. McDonald.

Again we refer to our files. The issue of December 4, 1941 gave a long history of Milo McDonald and his editorship of the "Signpost."

We linked the "Signpost" to the Christian Front, The Tablet, Social Justice and the America First Committee. Milo F. McDonald is a high school principal.

How about using some of the \$50,000 on McDonald, on Timothy Murphy of Gompers High, who was kicked upstairs with a raise? How about some of the rumors current about anti-Semitism at Brooklyn Polytechnic?

We have a lot more vital leads. Anytime the Coudert Committee wants to ask our help — we'll be ready.