

CERTAIN CONCRETE ACCOMPLISHMENTS
OF
FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY, INC.

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1. Friends of Democracy has collected the anti-democratic propaganda and publicized the activities of some 800 subversive organizations using Nazi, Fascist or Communist techniques against American Constitutional Government.

2. By direct contact with Father Charles Coughlin whose Social Justice Club planned a monster parade and demonstration in New York for Saturday August 19, 1939, Friends of Democracy secured Coughlin's disavowal of support and connection with the project. This withdrawal of Coughlin's support handicapped the Christian Mobilizers and the other organizations of the Christian Front so drastically that their plans to challenge opposing organizations, risking riot and bloodshed, were called off at the last moment.

a. Friends of Democracy prepared a pamphlet entitled "Father Coughlin: Self-Condemed" which was sent to 15,000 Catholic leaders throughout the country. As a result of the effectiveness of this documented pamphlet and other efforts, Father Coughlin will not be on the radio during the 1940-41 season.

3. Friends of Democracy brought to the attention of the State Department the Nazi connections of Father Charles Coughlin, Paul Winter, James True and others and has protested their failure to register as agents of the Nationalist Socialist government, thus violating the Act of June 8, 1939.

4. The activities and leadership of Friends of Democracy were a major factor in the defeat of Rev. Gerald B. Winrod, the so-called "Jayhawk Nazi", who was campaigning for the Republican nomination for United States Senator from Kansas two years ago.

a. In the 1940 primaries, Friends of Democracy carried on effectively against all pro-Nazi candidates. Our organization was a major factor in the defeat of two Coughlinite candidates in Michigan for the United States Senate and for Congress.

b. Our staff prepared a pamphlet, "The Case Against Joseph E. McWilliams" which was sent to every enrolled Republican in the 18th Congressional District of New York. McWilliams brought suit against Friends of Democracy, asking an injunction against further circulation of the pamphlet and \$20,000 damages. He credited this pamphlet with having resulted in his defeat and ending his political career. The injunction was denied by the New York Supreme Court.

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5. Friends of Democracy has printed more than a score of leaflets for popular mass distribution and more than two million of these leaflets have been distributed throughout the country. Some of these leaflets, notably the one entitled "The Bulwark of Democracy," have been widely issued by such organizations as the Community Chest, Churches and Labor Unions.

6. Friends of Democracy has secured the cooperation of more than 1,200 people in 500 cities, towns and villages from Coast to Coast in the distribution of its leaflets and pamphlets.

7. Friends of Democracy has placed speakers before approximately 1,000 audiences from Coast to Coast and through these speakers has presented a forthright exposure of anti-democratic propaganda and has made a plea for revival of faith in the democratic way of life.

8. Friends of Democracy has aided more than 100 students and teachers in special research studies of Fascist, Nazi and Communist propaganda and given direction and guidance to many teachers in setting up classes in the study of democracy.

a. Friends of Democracy has made its files available to numerous groups and organizations. It has furnished much information concerning anti-democratic propaganda to daily newspapers and magazines.

9. On two occasions, Friends of Democracy has prevented the merger of anti-democratic organizations, one seeking incorporation under the name of the National American Patriots Association.

10. Friends of Democracy has developed a special and effective technique for exposing Fascist and anti-Semitic propagandists and for attacking them at their chief points of vulnerability.

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