

Handbook for Fifth Column Now on Sale in Yorkville

Pelley Booklet Tells How To Act When FBI Calls

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A booklet which virtually is a guide for fifth columnists in dodging detection by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was found on sale yesterday at a Yorkville newsstand, ~~handy to local Nazis.~~

Titled *Your Sacred Rights!*, the booklet is anti-British, ~~anti-Administration~~ and anti-Semitic. It is published by the Fellowship Press of Indianapolis, headed by William Dudley Pelley, the pro-Nazi publisher now under Federal charges of sedition in another publication.

I tried to buy the booklet in a newsstand next door to 208 E. 86th St., but the proprietor said he had no more.

When I sent in a man with a decided German accent, he bought one for 15 cents without the slightest question. The booklet states that additional copies are available at \$10 a hundred.

No author's name is given, but a good part of the booklet seems to have been written by someone with a smattering of legal knowledge. The Bill of Rights and applicable instances are quoted generously.

The booklet announces its contents as, *What You Should Know About Your Constitutional Liberties, War or Not*. But it might have been titled *How to Act and What to Say When an FBI Agent Asks You Embarrassing Questions*.

There is even a hypothetical visit from an FBI agent, carefully described, with replies suggested.

There is special advice for persons who may be questioned regarding their reading matter.

The booklet counsels that if an FBI agent "comes to check up on you in regard to what periodicals (seditious?—Ed.) you may be reading that castigate Mr. Roosevelt, you should tell him—as politely as possible—that what you read is really none of his business, and if he—or his Washington employers—care to make an issue of it, you are ready to confront him in court with a copy of the Constitution . . .

"Do not be alarmed . . .

"What his superiors have done is send him to scare you . . ."

The fact that an FBI agent calls on a person to ask questions brings this conclusion from the text of the booklet:

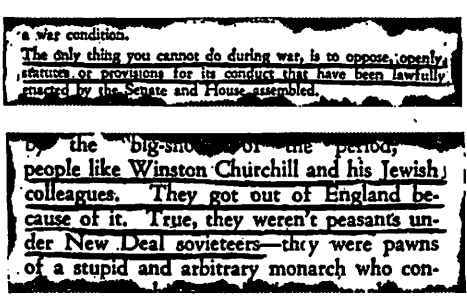
"The young man before you—who has flashed the exquisite signature of J. Edgar Hoover before you—is the one who is breaking the law!" (Italics the booklet's).

The conclusion carries this counsel:

"No—don't quiver and shake before the G-man just because he comes inquiring about your reading matter.

"Give him this booklet for some reading matter of his own."

Heeding that last instruction, PM turned the booklet over to the FBI.



Extracts from the Pelley booklet.