

Re Deatherage's refusal to give size or strength of Knights of the White Camelia, or to name his associates;

This extract is from Vol. 5, pp.3472-3473, testimony of afternoon of May 23, 1939.

Mr. Whitley. How many chapters do you have, Mr. Deatherage?

Mr. Deatherage. When I took my oath of office as commander of this organization there is one thing I promised on the value of my life never to reveal, and that is the number of members we had, the number of posts, and the members, and I am sorry I can't answer, and if that is in contempt of court and I have to go to jail, I am quite content.

Mr. Whitley. I am not asking you to identify any members, but as to the number of chapters or the number of members I don't see where that would hurt anyone.

Mr. Deatherage. It may not, but that is my oath and I am going to stay with it.....that oath is the same as a Klansman's oath

Re Deatherage's "plan".

Testimony of Henry D. Allen, vol. 6, pp. 4009 ff. (8/22/39, p.m.)
Whitley shows Allen an "elaborate" chart which he says was prepared by Deatherage. The chart was not offered for the record as an exhibit nor is it reproduced in the record. Some of the divisions on the chart, reading from the top down, are :
"National Leader", "Chief of Staff", "Staff Headquarters" and
"Two adjutants to take charge" (top section of chart); under
"propaganda" are "civic education", "youth movement", "corps area

leaders"; other sections include religious and women's groups and "Geneological bureau"

Allen is questioned about the plan, although it was not his, but Deatherage, whose plan it was and to whom Whitley attributed authorship, was not questioned on it. Most important, it is not wither in the record or printed and hence, to all intents and purposes, secret and unexposed.