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Dear Al W.,

I hope Allan has given you the message I asked him to deliver, explaining and apologizing for my failure to answer your letter sooner. It has been a physical impossibility

It was my hope that I'd be able to sit down and think for a while of stories that you might be able to use. While I haven't been able to do any deep thinking or much checking around, I have since speaking to you jotted down a few things which follow. When I get a better idea of what you have in mind maybe I'll be able to be more helpful.

Some time about ago, about September of last year, I sold CLICK a story on "The Coming European Revolution" which they paid for but have never used. I suppose the same text couldn't be used, but some of it might be, in a different form. There were some pictures I got at that time, most of which hadn't been used before, that I thought pretty good. The pictures could be used without such a story, with a text dealing with the nasty things the Nazis are doing, what we're fighting against, how they are fighting the Nazis, what has happened since the free-world Victory campaign started. There were some good, unfaked pictures taken by the Norwegian Underground, showing the pirating of Norway's food, how the V symbols were used in a manner making eradication impossible, mass funerals for fallen RAF men, flowers throughout the winter on their graves. There were also some samples of the literature of the Manifesto of Freedom of the Polish Underground, which held a real convention with representatives of 2,000 groups without detection by the Gestapo. By this time some of this may have appeared without my knowledge. In any event, I'm confident that I can obtain what I haven't pictures of now.

If you are interested in the unAmerican activities of the Dies committee, I have followed their work carefully (writing a book) and can supply you with quite a bit. I consider them a real menace today and can show how they are making them selves an ever-growing danger to this country. I can document antisemitism, plagiarism, pro-fascist negligence and things like that.

There may be a story for you in the current grand-juries on sedition and pro-Nazi activity, though the Life piece may have taken the edge off for picture magazines. I have some samples of some of the publications being investigated that have never been used and believe I can obtain additional samples. Some of them are very cute.

Nazis in Congress- not members of a Nazi party but Members who have loaned themselves to the Nazi propaganda machine (not the franking stuff, but by the inclusion of Nazi and native fascist stuff in the Congressional Record). ~~XXX~~ I have or can get samples on Thorckelson, ex-member from Montana, Sen. Vandenberg, Reps. Hoffman, Woodruff, and possible others, like Day, Reynolds, Holman, etc.

I think I have some Pelley stuff that hasn't been used, including a spy report anti-semitic in nature, locating all the arms and ammunition in Hollywood, in the movie studios.

Edward James Smythe has written some letters of which I have copies as yet unused anywhere. One or two of these may yet send him to jail. Also, and also unused, he was protected by the Dies committee, which got his files and suppressed them. Also, a couple of handbills of Smythe's, annotated by other native nazis. In this connection, I believe it possible to do a story showing that the Christian Front could have been exposed by Dies before it grew into that form had it not been for his "angelicence". I have bills to the committee for testimony it took on the forerunners of this gang in 1938, but never used.

There is a new paper, unexposed, printing in Chicago in the German language, running seditious stuff about Lend-Lease for America. I haven't seen it but know where I can obtain copies, I think.

I have a couple of Nazi maps which show that Hitler in his course of conquest followed a plan laid down by earlier German imperialists. His path follows the path of German colonization over a period of decades. Also a map taken from a German soldier in the Army of occupation in Czechoslovakia showing the sequence of conquest. I have never seen this map used, but Bob Rogers thought he had seen it used someplace, he couldn't remember where. Allan was quite interested in them.

I think a good story could be done on Alien Enemies, showing first that some of this group are materially helping the war effort and on the other hand that the indicted or convicted spies of this war have been for the most part not aliens but native or naturalized citizens.

There's a new angle on capital-labor relations that I don't believe has been told, and that's the effort of unions to get contract for medium and small sized businesses. Some of them have send delegations here, others have opened offices here for the purpose of helping the boss out, etc. Unity.

There's a new type of house-building (I hope to build one for myself) that's cheaper, faster, more permanent, etc. that hasn't been written of so far as I know. It's a kind of one-piece reinforced concrete and plastic affair (not the balloons) using a minimum of priority materials and incorporating quite a few innovations. This kind of construction may get a shot in the arm from the war and housing shortage. It is not refabricated or demountable. Workers can have swimming pools on the roof, things like that, and own their land and a four room kitchen and baths and garage house, ready to move into, for less than \$4,000.00, which is cheap.

Also sort of housing- the government is putting up office buildings in 18 days. I think it would be possible to do a pretty fair picture story on this if you are interested.

The Farm Security Administration has done a smash-bang housing job with the trailers it rushes all around the country for the temporary use of defense or rather war workers. I haven't no recollection of seeing such a picture story.

Another story I was working on for CLICK is a picture story on what we're fighting for. I can get all the pictures still. They never got them because the whole thing came to end before I was finished.

There are many picture possibilities at the Farm Security Administration. Just recently Green and Murrain have petitioned Congress for a restoration of the FSA appropriation cuts.

The government is prosecuting peonage and slavery cases in the South, that is, the D.C. is, and that might make a story.

In spite of the recent and current publicity on cartel and patents deals with the Nazis, I think there will still be story possibilities, but I think this might wait until we meet (remember, you said you might be down soon?).

Also, there also have been some Soviet photographs that I know were taken that I have never seen used here that you might be able to get. Actually, I can not get them for you, but you should be able to get them from Sovfoto in N.Y. Guerilla warfare is what I have particularly in mind. It may or may not appeal to you, but I believe Soviet writers could be gotten to send you a few pieces. I notice that some of them are writing for the papers, or at least have appeared in the papers here.

None of this justifies Allan's praise, but maybe we'll be able to work something out.

Of course, there's a lot of government stuff kicking around, almost anything you want that isn't a secret. There may be one or two other things that I've forgotten, too.

Yours

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