

F. B. I. Head Brands Anti-American Bodies As Ingrates

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D. A. R. Hears Hoover
Attack Agitators
Who Would 'Save' U. S.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, today charged that moves to discredit his organization as an "Ogpu, a Gestapo or a national police" emanate directly or indirectly from anti-American bodies who "would disrupt the entire United States."

Mr. Hoover said that last week "orders emanating from the Communist party of America demanded national and concerted action against the F. B. I."

In an address before the 49th Continental Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Constitution Hall, Mr. Hoover declared that any one charging the F. B. I. with practices of "inhuman uncivilized and un-American" organizations "purveys a malignant falsehood."

"By oral and printed attacks," the F. B. I. head warned the delegates, "numerous thinly camouflaged organizations of questionable background and endeavor have sought to wash away our national foundation in an ink-stream of vilification. It seems inconceivable that in a land dedicated to freedom * * * there should be so many despicable ingrates."

"Many of them come from countries where political murderers have stained their hands with the blood of thousands, where every decent thing in life has been ravaged, where every man is expected to spy upon his neighbor and betray his best friend, and where the underlying fundamental principle of govern-

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ment seems that of harassing humanity and defying God."

The more than 3,500 delegates greeted Mr. Hoover with enthusiastic cheers and hand-clapping as he took his place on the speaker's platform.

Still a Good Outfit.

"All I can say," Mr. Hoover asserted vigorously, "is that if the F. B. I. was a good organization when fiends like Bruno Richard Hauptmann, John Dillinger, Alvin Karpis and hundreds of other blood-crazed gangsters roamed America, then it is still good today when personalities like Earl Browder, Fritz Kuhn and other representatives of un-American organizations, no matter under what name they masquerade, seek to lead you by lies, smoke-

screens and innuendos into teach-
erous trails."

Mr. Hoover's address was broadcast over a Nation-wide network of the National Broadcasting Co.

"The representative of gangster governments finds a fertile field for his recruits in the underworld," Mr. Hoover explained, pointing to a connection between the "professional destructionists and the professional criminal." Decrying the presence in this country of "international pirates masquerading as self-appointed saviors," Mr. Hoover added:

"Why don't these perverted busy-bodies go back and save the countries which espouse their views?"

Pointing to the recent union of "allegedly opposing factions" in European politics, Mr. Hoover said: "These newly allied destructionists stand for the complete overthrow of all American institutions."

Agitators Among Share-Croppers.

Of the propaganda of these "destructionists," Mr. Hoover declared:

"To these scoundrels the sanctity of the American home is meaningless. They dream of the day when every American school shall become their own training ground. They are under instructions to permeate our Army and Navy with proponents of revolution. Agitators have worked among farmers, particularly share-croppers, painting rosy pictures of the day when skies shall be red with the flames of destruction, and that which has belonged to others shall change hands—simply for the taking."

Mr. Hoover asked the delegates to remember that "since the Federal Bureau of Investigation is in the first line of national defense against the saboteur, the espionage agent and the revolutionist, it also is among the first to bear the brunt of attack."

"You have noticed that I have not designated all of our ism enemies by name," Mr. Hoover pointed out. "There is a good reason: It is a part of present-day strategy among these different assailants of liberty to claim all good things for themselves and all bad things for the organization down the street, thus creating confusion while they attack our institutions."

Enemies of Civil Rights.

Mr. Hoover admonished the delegates to look into the background and study the "so-called panaceas" of the "miserable type of destructionists who seek to be our self-appointed savior."

He said they would find "ruthlessness, the destruction of civil rights, destruction of happiness, destruction of freedom and the destruction of life, often in such great numbers that they beggar statistics. From a land of starvation, hatred, envy, greed, brutality and mass murder they come fawning to us with their lethal drugs."

The delegates earlier, by rising vote, expressed formal approval of a resolution now before Congress which would prohibit recognition on election ballots of any political party advocating the overthrow of the United States Government by force.

Would Bar Communists.

Discussing the D. A. R. resolution, presented by Miss Emeline A. Street, chairman of the Resolutions Com-

Rockefeller Fountain Shut Off Because Of Nesting Birds

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, April 18.—The fountain at the Rockefeller Center statue of Prometheus was not turned on today because two sets of birds were nesting there.

Workmen found the nests and Nelson Rockefeller, president of the Center, ordered that they were not to be disturbed until the eggs hatched, which will not be until some time in May.

mittee, Miss Janet Richards, charter member of the D. A. R., declared from the speaker's platform:

"We should do all in our power to avoid the shame and disgrace of including the names of Communists on our election tickets."

Another resolution, passed unanimously by the delegates, commended the achievements of the Dies committee and expressed approval of congressional action continuing this investigation of un-American activities.

Other resolutions called for the discontinuance of the present retirement and pension program of the D. A. R. and asked that the Board of Managers formulate a new plan to be submitted before the Congress next year; and provided for payments totaling 32 cents per capita in the D. A. R. national membership to defray expenses of five important committees.

Slight Election Change.

The Congress voted to amend its by-laws providing first, second and third vice presidents general to ascend in order to the general presidency should the occasion demand during a given term of office. Herefore the entire Board of Managers would be required to select a successor.

The delegates also decided to elect honorary presidents general by a two-thirds ballot instead of a rising vote as has been customary.

The F. B. I. was praised for its "effective work" by Mrs. Imogen B. Emery in her report as chairman of the Committee on National Defense Through Patriotic Education. Mrs. Emery preceded Mr. Hoover on the program.

"The war clouds of Europe which at this moment seem to threaten civilization," Mrs. Emery said, "have brought to us here in the United States a realization of the meaning of citizenship, the meaning of life under our republican form of government, as nothing has touched us in two decades."

Probe Organizations, She Urges.

Declaring that Americans must defend themselves "against peace propaganda as gainst war propaganda," Mrs. Emery warned the Daughters to investigate thoroughly "every organization you are tempted to join."

She also warned of the threats of "this so-called new order of totalitarian governments such as Hitler and Stalin are mercilessly ruling."

Picturesquely costumed children were featured in a "Living History Lesson," presented by Miss Eleanor Greenwood, chairman of the Committee on Junior American Citizens. Other reports made during the morning included those of Mrs. Joseph E. Pryor, chairman of the Insignia Committee; Mrs. Le Roy Montgomery, Motion Picture Committee; Mrs. Frank W. Baker, Committee on the Filing and Lending Bureau, and Mrs. Charles Blackwell Keesee, Committee on Correct Use of the Flag.

The afternoon was to be turned over to the junior members of the society and to students and teachers from the D. A. R. approved schools.

Tonight will be dedicated to celebration of the Pan-American Union anniversary. Dr. L. S. Rowe will respond to the greeting to the Pan-American Union given by Mrs. Henry M. Robert, jr., D. A. R. president general. Assistant Secretary of State Henry F. Grady will share the speakers' spotlight with Senor Dr.



F. B. I. AND D. A. R. HEADS MEET—When J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, went to Constitution Hall today to address the Daughters of the American Revolution, he was greeted by Mrs. Henry M. Robert, jr., president general of the D. A. R.
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Hector David Castro, Minister of El Salvador and vice chairman of the Governing Board of the Pan-American Union.

The delegates will adjourn tomorrow after a business session in the morning and the impressive ceremonies incident to the installation of the newly elected officers. Mrs. Roosevelt will receive the Daughters at the White House in the afternoon and the annual banquet will be held at the Mayflower Hotel in the evening.

Regents Describe Activities.

The State regents paraded down the aisles of Constitution Hall last night behind the flags of the 48 States and the District of Columbia. The colorful procession was followed by the annual reports of the regents, in which they described the chapter activities during the year. The reports generally told of anniversary projects throughout the country and increases in chapter memberships. The United States Army Band, under the baton of Capt. Thomas F. Darcy, jr., furnished music for the assemblage.

The opinion that the leaders of the United States are getting a greater case of the "jitters" over foreign propaganda circulating in the country than the average citizen was expressed before the delegates assembled in Constitution Hall yesterday afternoon.

Fulton Oursler, editor and novelist, said that America as a whole has achieved a "tolerance for the poison of propaganda that amounts almost to immunity."

"I have never been afraid of the people," he said, "but I sometimes have been timid of their leaders."

Allies Called Shrewd Propagandists.

Declaring that this country is the target for the propaganda of nine-tenths of the world, Mr. Oursler said that the allies, particularly, "are adopting the shrewdest kind of propaganda ever employed."

"All nations seem to have dropped barefaced lying as a policy," he stated. "Instead, they are sticking to the facts, but only to the facts they want to use."

Mr. Oursler drew a parallel to administrative conditions now and in 1917. He cited an address of President Roosevelt in which the Chief Executive "denounced as fake and phoney the apprehensions of those who fear that American soldiers may yet be sent again to France."

The speaker then told of a conversation between President Wilson and a mutual friend in which the World War President was quoted as reassuring his guest that "as a gesture we might send a few thousand troops to parade and hearten the allied peoples, but you can depend on it, the United States will send no expeditionary forces to France."

"How, then," Mr. Oursler asked, "can President Roosevelt or any one else know? Prophecy is a practice

best left to the astrologers at Coney Island."

Of domestic propaganda, Mr. Oursler charged "trickery" in the motion picture industry, "where directors and writers conspire together to slip into dialogue and action Communist propaganda."

He criticized the Institute of Propaganda Analysis which, he said, apparently had not got around to investigating this and other propaganda sources, including the Congress of Industrial Organizations, consumers' unions decrying "the American way of production and distribution," and textbook writers seeking "to corrupt the outlook of our young people."

Mr. Oursler warned the delegates of the widespread activities of foreign undercover agents in the United States, particularly Nazi representatives.

"Der Feuhrer's agents are busy in our midst," he declared. "I have no doubt at least one of them has a copy of this address right now."

He charged that as a direct or indirect result of Germany's international propaganda machine, there are in the United States alone 800 societies formed for the purpose of "fomenting anti-Semitism."

Mr. Oursler referred to the investigation of un-American activities and the "overwhelming majorities" of the citizens who made it clear they wanted the investigation continued.

Determined to "Clean House."

"All the radical propaganda in the country," he said, "all the sneers, jeers and smears could not divert them from their determination to clean house."

Mr. Oursler said that though this Nation is "sympathetic toward various countries in their wars," propaganda has not yet succeeded in making any substantial group of American citizens "believe that we should get into this war."