

Author's Criticism Of Social Security Brings FBI Probe

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DANBURY, Conn., Aug. 9.—A postcard on which Mrs. Rose Winter Lane, novelist and mother of two sons in the armed services, expressed dissatisfaction with social security laws and attributed them to German origin, caused the FBI to investigate, it was learned today, and brought from her a pamphlet entitled, "What Is This—the Gestapo?"

While the FBI declined to reveal the source of its information, a further complication was introduced by the fact that Mrs. Lane's signature on the card had been misinterpreted as "C. G. Lang."

The card had been addressed to Samuel Grafton, New York newspaper columnist, and was mailed last spring in comment on a radio address Mr. Grafton had made praising social security. Mr. Grafton in New York said today he had never received it.

Shortly afterward a State policeman interrogated her about the card, Mrs. Lane said, and, as a result of the incident, she wrote a pamphlet, just distributed by the National Economic Council Inc., of New York which, among other things, demanded to know: "Who is obstructing the delivery of American mail?"

Today Richard Simons, chief of the New Haven office of the FBI, said the investigation had been undertaken "after receipt of information of such a nature that it left us no choice but to inquire into the identity of Mrs. C. G. Lang." When no Lang could be found in the Danbury directory at the given address it was decided to look further into the matter, he said.

Mrs. Lane, whose published works include "The Making of Herbert Hoover," said her chief quarrel was with social security. "Social security is National Socialism," she declared at her home here today.

"No one could hate the Germans more than I do. I have two boys in the service, one of whom I believe to be in a concentration camp."