

THE LIBERTY LOBBY SCORED IN REPORT

B'nai B'rith Unit Warns of
Right-Wing Dictatorship

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PALM BEACH, Jan. 24—The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith today accused Liberty Lobby, the Washington-based extreme right organization, of raising funds to finance a "right-wing military dictatorship" in the nation.

The league characterized the Liberty Lobby as a "rightist political pressure group" that raised large sums of money for national election campaigns in 1968 and 1970. The league said the lobby's current plan was "to seek out friends who can be counted on in the top ranks of the military services."

Benjamin R. Epstein, national director of the league, which is holding its annual meeting here, made public a report on the Liberty Lobby. It said that the lobby's plans were made clear at a recent meeting at the Barclay Hotel in New York City by Robert M. Bartell, the lobby's special projects coordinator.

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Mr. Epstein said that the New York meeting was one of 14 such meetings held throughout the nation.

The New York meeting, Mr. Epstein said, was attended by "50 persons of apparent affluence." He would not reveal how his agency had learned the details of the meeting and would not divulge the names of those who attended.

The Anti-Defamation League's report said that at the meeting Mr. Bartell had contended that a right-wing military dictatorship was necessary to save the nation from "take-over" by

Communists and radical left elements.

Mr. Bartell, the report said, titled the Liberty Lobby project "Operation Survival" and contended that the nation's armed forces were "in danger of a Communist-controlled dictatorship." He said that the conservative movement had failed and that the far right must take action for America's survival, according to the Anti-Defamation League.

Arnold Forster, general counsel for the Anti-Defamation League, who directed the investigation, said that Mr. Bartell had called upon his audience to help raise \$400,000 a year to be earmarked for the following:

¶Secret efforts to mobilize

and utilize "forces and persons of influence," \$300,000.

¶An "emergency communications system" for a nationwide "patriotic" broadcast network involving "ham" radio operators, \$80,000. Liberty Lobby publications, according to the league's study, are now engaged in requesting "ham operators" to register with the organization.

¶An internal security pro-

gram for the Liberty Lobby, \$30,000.

Mr. Forster said the money was to be in addition to the almost \$1-million a year raised by Liberty Lobby through a variety of appeals that go to 22,000 members of its national board of policy and 240,000 subscribers to its monthly magazine, Liberty Letter.

The league said that the Liberty Lobby was founded in 1961 by William A. Carto, a "known anti-Semite" who had been "associated with anti-Semitism since he first appeared on the far right scene in the 1950's as an official of Liberty and Property, a small San Francisco-based extremist operation that published Right, a newsletter featuring anti-Semitic articles and news of anti-Jewish hate groups around the country."