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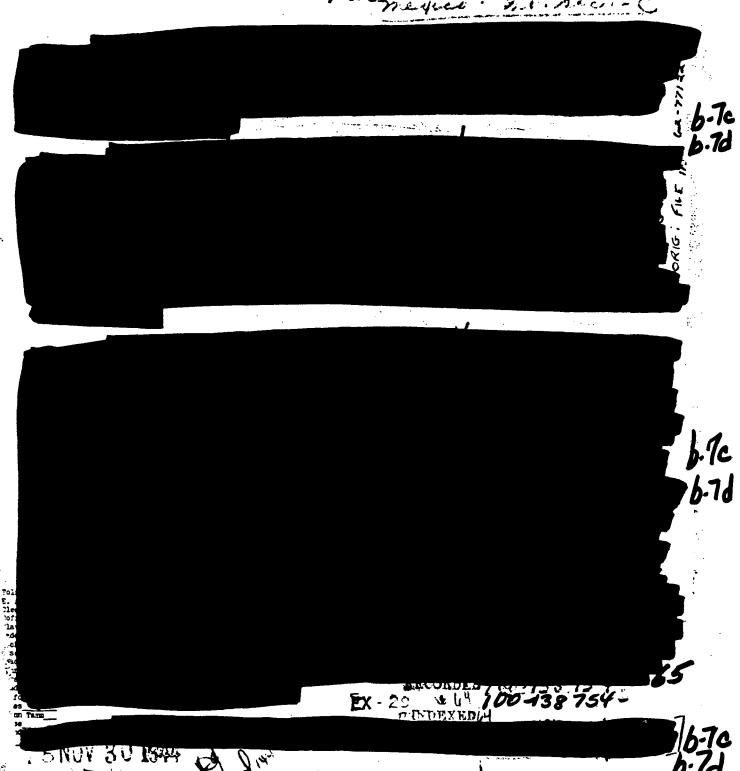
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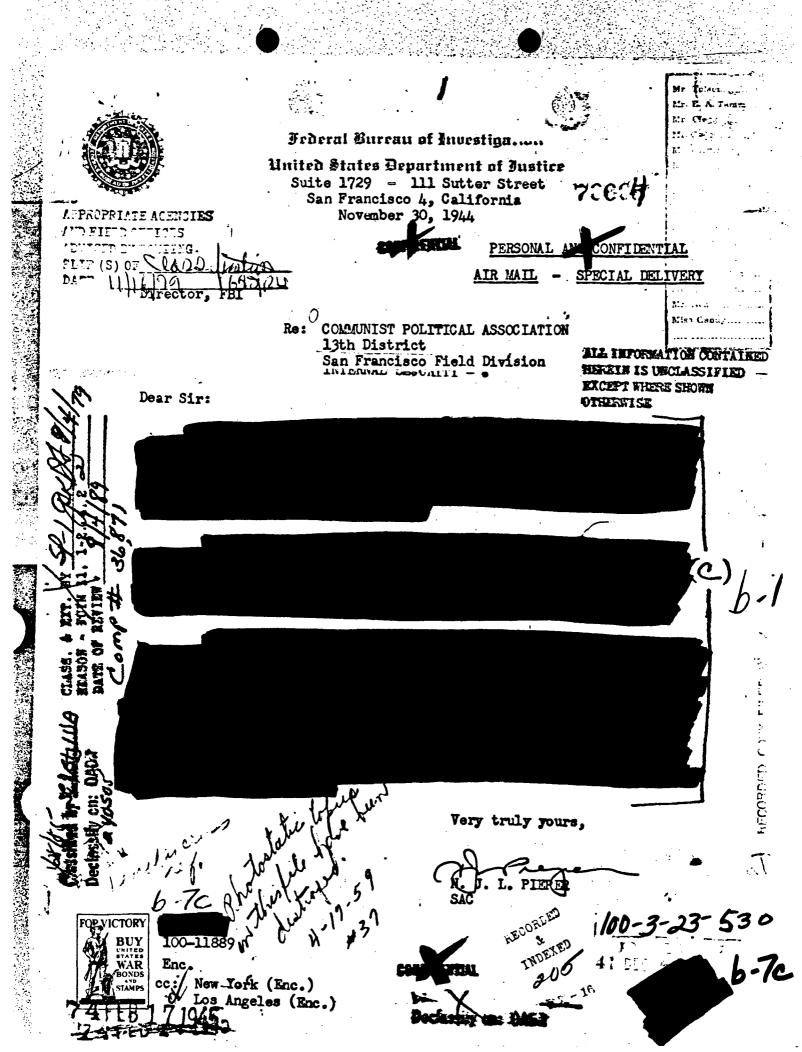
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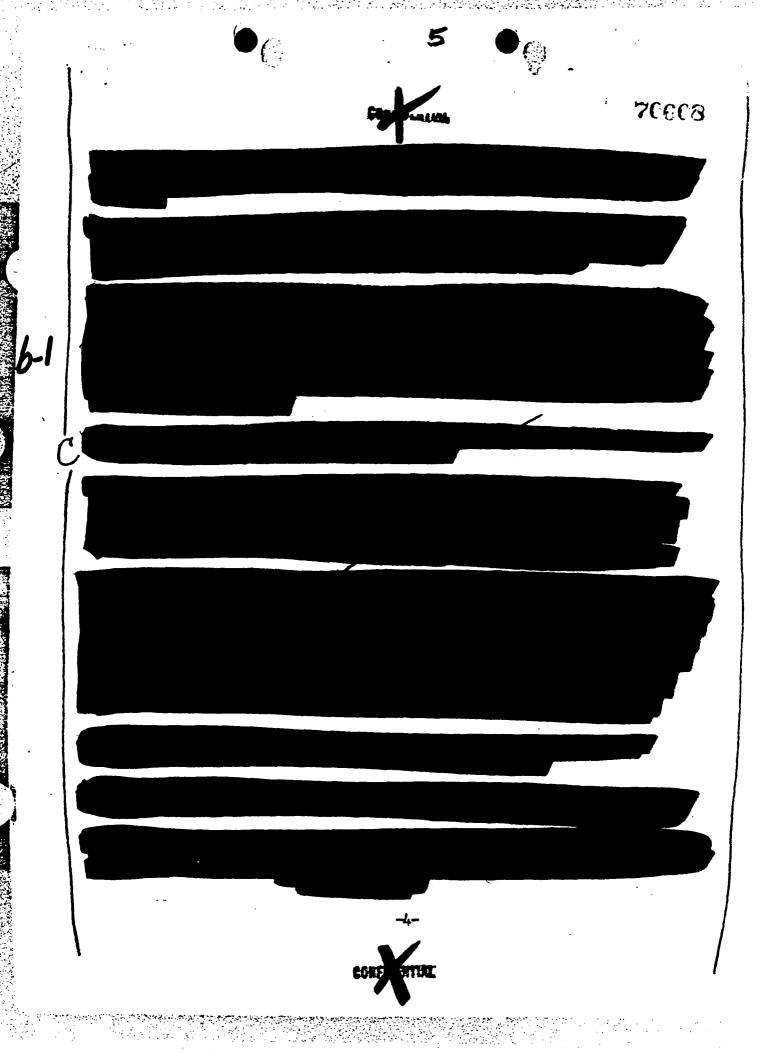
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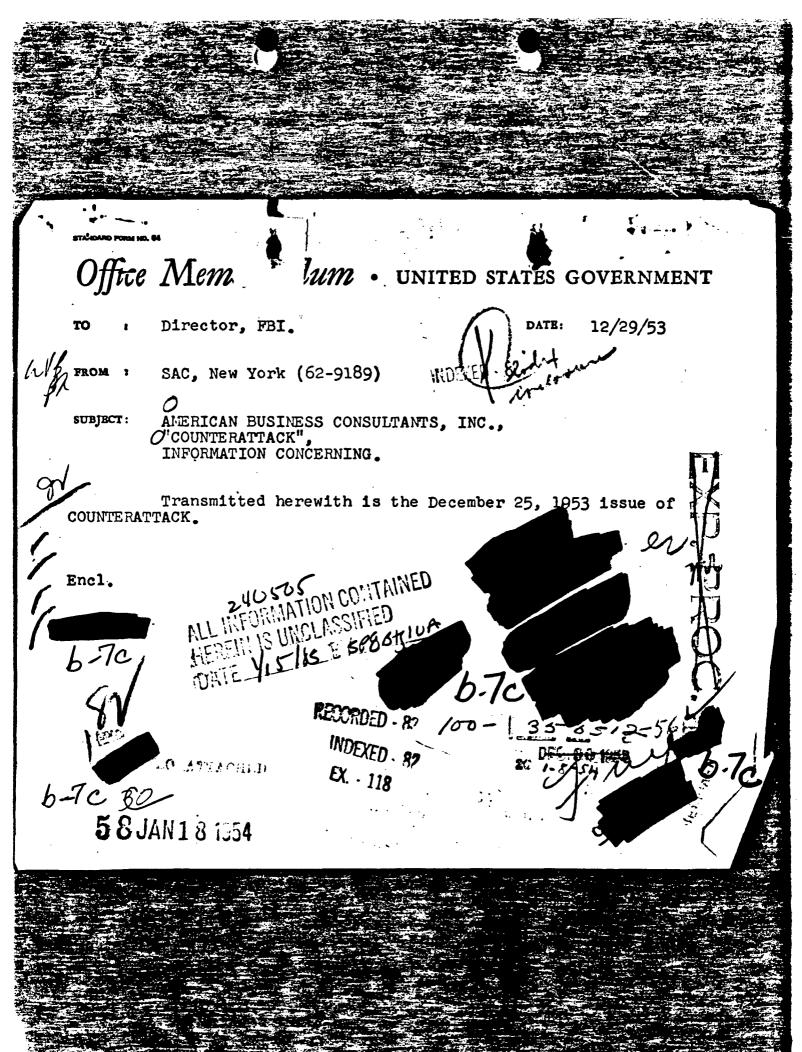
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December 25, 1953 Vol. 7, No. 52

BIG BUSINESS FIRMS IGNORE IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT TEMPO PRODUCTIONS.

The Communist-serving records of two top officials of Tempo Productions, which produces TV commercials, were given by COUNTERATTACK over a year and a half ago (on April 4, 1952). This newsletter also reported at the time that Tempo Productions had done work for some of the biggest TV advertising agencies and sponsors in the nation...and it asked this question:

How many TV viewers would knowingly buy products of firms that are subsidizing Tempo Productions?

That's still a good question...in view of facts cited in the 1952-53 survey of TV film commercials recently released by Ross Reports. This survey reveals that Tempo Productions has profited in the last year from work done for the following business corporations:

AMERICAN CHICLE CO (Chiclets).

CAMPBELL SOUP CO.

CHRYSLER CORP (Plymouth Division) CONTINENTAL OIL CO (Conoco).

BLECTRIC AUTO-LITE CO.

GENERAL FOODS CORP.

HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORP.

IMPERIAL OIL OF CANADA.

PROCTER & GAMBLE (Tide).

SEABROOK FARMS (frozen foods).

STEPHEN E WHITMAN & SON (candy). STANDARD BRANDS INC.

MERICAN HOME FOODS, INC (Geo Washington Instant Coffee).

COLGATE-PALMOLIVE CO (shaving cream, Cashmere soap).

The following U S advertising agencies were the media through which Tempo Productions got the business of these corporations:

BENTON & BOWLES INC.

DANCER-FITZGERALD-SAMPLE INC.

- SHERMAN & MARQUETTE.

McCANN-ERICKSON INC.

NEEDHAM, LOUIS & BRORBY INC.

TED BATES & CO.

WARD WHEELOCK CO, INC.

BROWN & WILLIAMSON TOBACCO CO (Kools).

MUBINGED CO (Quick elastic starch).

S C JOHNSON & SONS (Car Plate wax).

SHULTON, INC (Old Spice products).

PHILIP MORRIS ("Players" cigarettes).

ESS-COLUMBIA, INC (TV receivers).

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GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

CECIL & PRESBREY INC.

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Here are the facts about Tempo Productions that these firms have been ignorant of, whave deemed of little consequence:

WILLIAM FOMERANCE and DAVID HILBERMAN are the owners of the firm.

Their records are as follows:

POMERANCE, a former NLRB examiner, was active in Hollywood from 1941 to 1946. He was a business agent for the Screen Cartoonists Guild and then exec-sec'y of the Screen Writers Guild (when it was Communist-dominated). Before going to Hollywood, he assisted the Communist-controlled American Communications Association in organizing Postal Telegraph employes in the South. The following are some of the Communist fronts he has supported:

eople's Educational Center (CP School on West Coast), American

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Youth for Democracy (actually the Young Communist League), Hollywood Democratic Committee, Hollywood Writers Mobilization, and Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

ROY BREWER, for years a key leader in the fight to oust Communists from the film industry, testified in the 1947 Hollywood hearings that POMER-ANCE was active in forming the Communist-controlled Conference of Studio Unions in 1944, and that he was a leader in creating "chaos and anarchy" in the 1946 studio strike. This strike was staged by the Conference of Studio Unions in its bid to take over the studio unions in the film industry and put them under Moscow's control. It was defeated by the AFL's Int'l Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employes under the leadership of BREWER.

POMERANCE was identified as a Communist Party (CP) member by three witnesses in the 1951 Hollywood hearings. CHARLES KRAMER, who has been identified as a member of one of the espionage cells in Washington, testified that he stayed at POMERANCE's home when he visited Hollywood in 1946. POMERANCE took refuge in the Fifth Amendment when he testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Feb, 1952...to avoid answering the following questions:

Whether or not he was a CP member the day before he testified; whether or not he solicited funds or support for Communist fronts from ACA officials while employed by that union in the Thirties; whether he led the fight against banning Communists from the Los Angeles Central Labor Council in 1944; whether he was a CP member when a member of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, the Screen Writers Guild and the Screen Cartoonists Guild, and an NLRB employe; whether he got his job in the Screen Writers Guild through the Communist faction on the Guild's board; whether he was associated with various Communist fronts, and whether or not he taught at and helped set up the People's Educational Center.

DAVIO HILBERMAN, like POMERANCE, formerly worked in Hollywood. He was a film animator and an executive of United Productions of America, an animated cartoo producing company (COUNTERATTACK, Sept 15, 1950, pp 1 & 2).

WALT DISNEY testified in the 1947 Hollywood Investigation that he believed HILBERMAN was a Communist and the real brains behind the CP-led strike against the Disney Studios in 1938. He also said he checked HILBER-MAN's record and found he had studied at the Moscow Art Theatre.

HILBERMAN was identified as a CP momber in the 1951 film probe by Mrs BERNICE TLEURY, one of the witnesses who identified POMERANCE as a party member. She testified that she attended party meetings at HILBERMAN's home and that, while her husband was in the Army, either POMERANCE or HILBERMAN often drove her to party meetings at other places.

Tempo Productions grosses an estimated \$250,000 or more per year. The firm is doing much better now than it was when COUNTERATTACK first exposed the records of HILBERMAN and POMERANCE in April, 1952.

Big business corporations that have ignored COUNTERATTACK's facts for the past $1\frac{1}{2}$ years are the major source of income for Tempo Productions. These firms are giving substance to LENIN's remark that the capitalist class would supply its own gravediggers.

COUNTERATTACK repeats the question it asked when it first gave the

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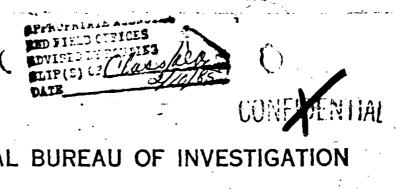
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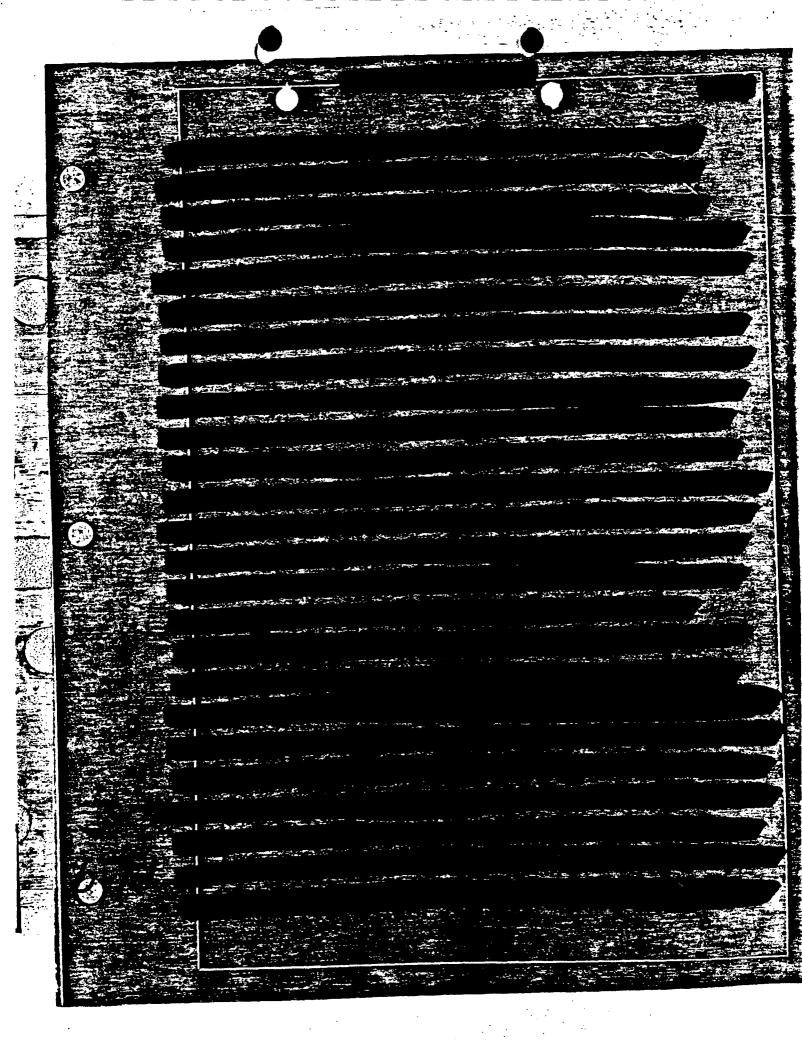
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Speakers of the evening were Major ALPHEUS SMITH, who spoke generally on United States Army training; Lieutenant Colonel EVANS CARLSON, United States Marine Corps, who delivered a report entitled, "Democracy as a factor in military action, and reported in full in the Westwood Hills Press October 8, 1943, page seven; OWEN LATTIMORE, Office of War Information, who delivered quite a long talk on the formation and functions of the OWI; WALTER WHITE, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who delivered a report demanding the end of discrimination against the Negro and minority groups. He was received with great enthusiasm by the audience.

Guests of the evening were as follows:

FRED ALLEN WALT' DISNEY THEODORE DREISER (on stage) LION FEUCHTWANGER (on stage) DR. RUFUS YON KLEINSMID

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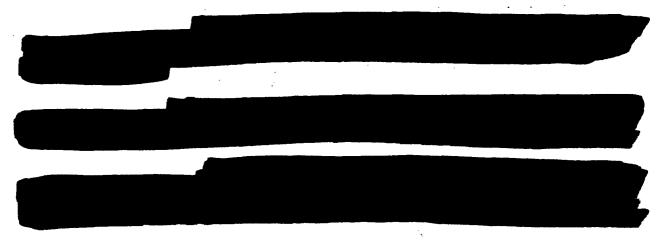
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A flyer issued by the COUNCIL FOR PAN AMERICAN DELOCRACY advertizing the "Night of the Americas" carried in part the following information:

"NIGHT OF THE AMERICAS

New Yorkers have an unprecedented opportunity to see and hear these distinguished artists, leaders and statesmen

VINCENTE LOMBARDO TOLEDANO President of the Confederation of Latin American Workers

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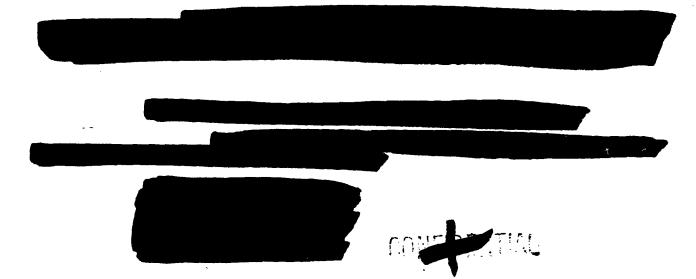
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Dear Sir:

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entitled "Night of the Americas" held at the Hertin Jack Theater on February 14, 1943.

There is also enclosed one copy of a leaflet announcing this meeting and setting forth a partial list of sponsors and guests of honor.

A copy of this report is being incorporated in the investigation presently being conducted concerning the Council for Pan-American Demooracy.

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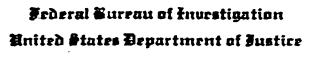
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Los Angeles, California October 13, 1947

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BOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMITTEE

Dear Sir:

ANP:

I am enclosing herewith the schedule of witnesses as arranged by Investigator 4.7C for the above committee.

advises me that he feels this arrangement of witnesses will be more beneficial than to start out with ADOLP MENJOU the first day as had been originally planned by the Committee.

Very truly yours, 171 MAY 15 6991

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George Kurphy

Robert Montgomery.

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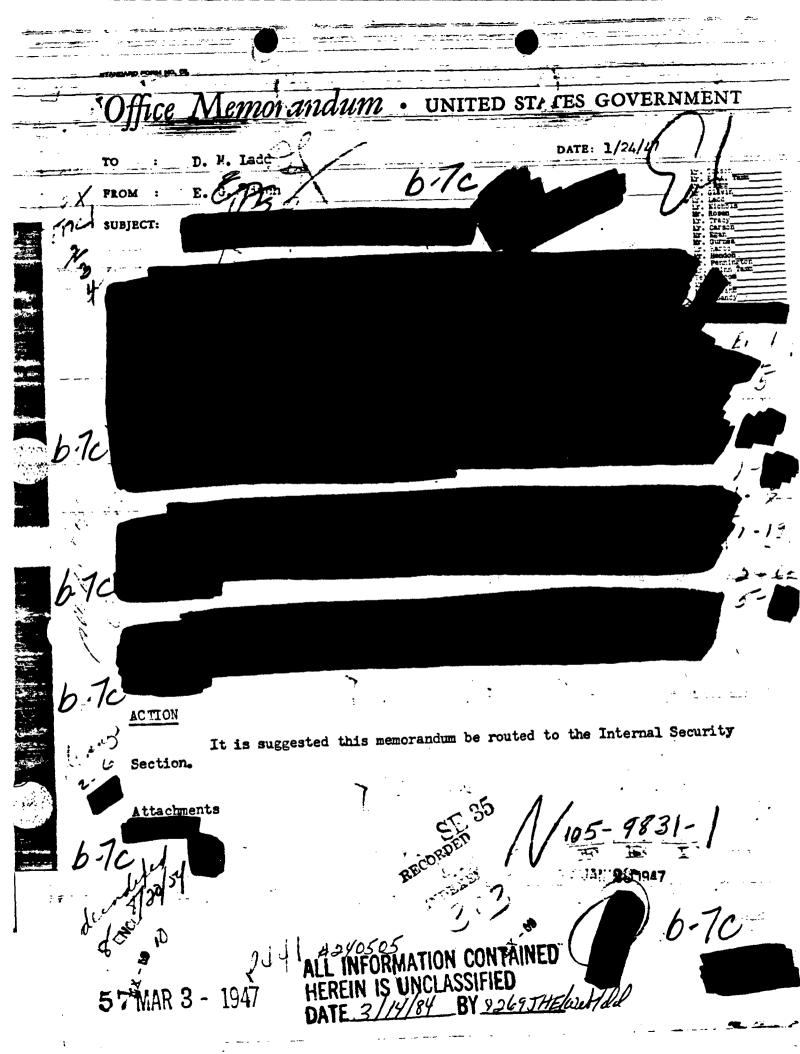
Gary Cooper

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Fred Astaire.

Walter Claney (Mickey Rouse, Snow White, etc.)

Bederal Bureau of Investigation United States Department of Justice

New York 7, New York

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January 28, 1944

Director, FBI

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY U. S. A. DISTRICT #2 NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

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There are transmitted herewith copies of the Communist, Negro and Puerto Rican Trends which were prepared by this office for the Weekly Conference of ONI, GZ and FBI.

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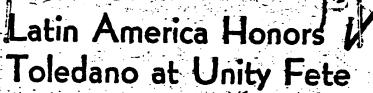
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which will take place on January 27th at Manhattan Center

Sari Sandburg Dakiel Fitmatrick, Paul Bobson, Regrinan Solings, William Towns, Valy Diemer, Nother Gloor and Robert Sinor. St is expected that the hierarchy of the Sommist Party will be present at this meeting.

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Leading artists and statesmen of Latin America including Francisco Castillo Najera, Mexican Ambassador is the U.S.; Rodolfo Michels, Chilean Ambassador to he U. S.; Capitan Colon Eloy Alfaro, Ecuadorian Ambassador to the U. S.; Adrian Recinos, Guatemalan Minister to the U. S.; Rafael da la Colina, Mexican Minister Penipolentiary to the U.S., and Louis Countanilla, Mexican Minister to the Soviet Union, and a distinguished group of American artists including Deems, Taylor, Orson Welles, Gladys warthout, Wall Gisney, Normal Cowin and Print Robeson, will sponsor an unpresented demonstration of inter-American cultural unity on Sunday evening, 14, at the Martin Beck Tiestre. They will henor two visiting Latin American leaders, Vincente Lombardo Toledano, President of the Confederation of

Pablo Neruda Iamous Chilean

The evening, which is being organized in cooperation with the Council for Pan American Democracy will be known as "Night of the Americas."

Toledano who has just returned from a four-months tour of the principal countries of South and Central America where he met with the leading arists, writers, painters and University people, as well as with peasants and workers, will report fully on his trip giving his views on the progress of hemisphere unity.

Combining as it does some of the foremost elements of Latin American art and statesmanship, "Night of the Americas" is regarded as the first important meeting of its kind designed by the nature of its program the cement the ties of cultural unity between this country and Latin America.

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Disney's "Uncle Remus" in Production;

Interracial Guild Formed To Watch Movies, Stage

HOLLYWOOD—The Walt Disney Studios have begun work on the controversial full-length tilm, "Uncle Remus." Studio officials however, have assured some newspaper writers here that the picture will not be degrading to the Negro race, but will be "a monument to the race." They say that Uncle Remus will be por-

trayed as a kindly, philosophical People's Voice, have eccepted po-

Hattie McDaniel will play the role of Temple, who will be portrayed, according to film officials, Houston is chairman of the boar as a wise, philosophical woman, of directors; Leon Hardwick is destined to tongue-lash all offenders back into the paths of good

behavior.

The feature will be revolutionary, in that it will combine "flesh" with cartoon characters. Real life characters, like Uncle Remus (to in played by Jimmy Basquette), the little white boy, to whom Wards Remus tells his stories, Tempie, and others will be played by real actors, while the wolf, the fox and other animals will be cartoon drawings, with real voices talking for them. They are scheduled to speak in Negro dialect.

INTERRACIAL GUILD FORMLD It is believed that the picture has been softened due to the protests of Negroes when it was first announced. Since its first announcement, Keon Hardwick, theatrical editor of the Los Angeles Sentinel, and others on the West Coast set about to create an organization for the purpose of watching the movies and the stage to assure d'gnified treatment of minority group characters.

Recently, they succeeded in erganizing and incorporating the Interracial Film and Radio Guild, which has received the endorsement of many nationally prominen leaders. George H. Schuy-ler of the Pittsburgh Courier and Adam Clayton Powell jr, of the

secretary. Other members of the board include Floyd O. Covingten, Ted LeBerthon, Marshall Penton fr. Clarence R. Johnson, Dan Marshall, Joe Morris, and J. David Orozco. Headquarters are at 3835 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles. Others will soon be added to the board, which includes Chinese, Mexicans, Jews and Neg Harry Levette, ANP correspondent, is publicity director.

sitions on its national advisor committee. Caleb Peterson is ex ecutive field director; Norman

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FILM GROUP WILL FIGHT COMMUNISM

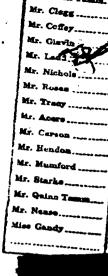
Hollywood, Feb. 5 (A. P.).—
Approximately 200 film writers, producers and directors last night formed the Motion Picture.
Alliance for the Preservation of American Ideals, dedicated, its organizers said, to combating Communism and Fasmism within the industry.

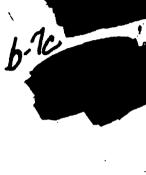
in the industry.

Film Director Sam Wood, election of the president, told reporters that some writers have been injecting into communistic propaganda into their film plays. This, he de-clared, the alliance will fight. The alliance, in a deciaration

of principles, said:
"We find ourselves in sharp revolt against a rising tide of Communism, Fascism and kindred beliefs, that seek by subversive means to undermine and change this way of life; groups that have forfeited their right to exist in this country of ours because they seek to achieve their

change by means other than the vested procedure of the ballot wall Disney, Art Director Ced. Like Cibbons and Director format Tauron were elected vice preadents.





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A Disney Short



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YOU know about Jim Williams' cartoon, Heroes Are Made, Not Born." He meant me.

I am the poor, unfortunate, inkstained wretch who had to invade the chintzy headquarters on Jackson Place of the National League of Women Voters and say: "Ladies, is it frue that you are a bunch of Communists in skirts with the new

The ladies exercised remarkable restraint. Or else they were too startled to start throwing crystal

paper-weights with built-in snowstorms,

"Who," they asked after the first gasp, "Is calling up Communists?"

So I had to tell 'em about Walf Disney, the proprietor of Hollywood's leading cartoon foundry, testifying before the House Un-American Activities Committee on pinkos in Hollywood. He said that when a Communist-inspired strike was called in his Mickey Mouse department, all the Communist front organizations, including the League of Women Voters, put him on their smear list.

"Goodness," the ladies exclaimed. "He must have made a slip of the tongue. He must have meant somebody else's league, or something,"

OH, no, said I, growing braver by the minute. Mr. Disney said he meant what he said in the first place. He seemed a little exasperated. He said look at the stenographer's record. There it was in black and white: the League of Women Voters.

"Well," exclaimed the ladies' spokesman, "shall we go over to his hotel and wring his neck?"

I think she was kidding, but I am not one to foment mayhem. I told her that that was a decision for the League of Women Voters; that Othman was offering no advice.

By Fred Othman

Last I saw of the women voters they were holding a conference to decide what answer to give Mr. Disney, if any. They promised to phone me when they reached their decision. So I guess we'll have to wait a minute for the result.

We might as well use the intermission for a look at the gray-suited, black-mustached Disney under the spotlights of the investigating committee. He came all the way from Hollywood to testify about Communists in his business; in 20 minutes he was ready to return to Donald Duck Boulevard.

That's the name of the street within his studio where Mr. Disney maintains his office. It is around the corner from Mickey Mouse Drive.

LIERE in a series of air-conditioned red brick buildings, with flowers out front and all streets named in similar whimsical fashion, Mr. Disney and 600 helpers turn out a never-ending stream of Technicolog cartoons for distribution all over the world.

"With exception of the Russian countries," Mr Disney said.

"Why not?" asked Robert Stripling, the committee counsel.

"I don't really know," replied Mr. Disney, "but we can't do business with 'em. Some years ago they bought "The Three Little Piga." We sent 'em a bunch of others to look at and they ran 'em off and turned 'em all back to us. I guess they didn't like 'em."

Why "The Three Little Pigs" should fit in with Russian ideology while Messra, Duck and Mouse don't was a question their creator did not attempt to answer. He

Bulletin!! The League of Women Voters just phoned. Said the ladies had pondered the matter and decided it was beneath their dignity. Silence, they decided, would be their answer to Mr. Disney. And if you will excuse me, I'll wipe the cold sweat from my

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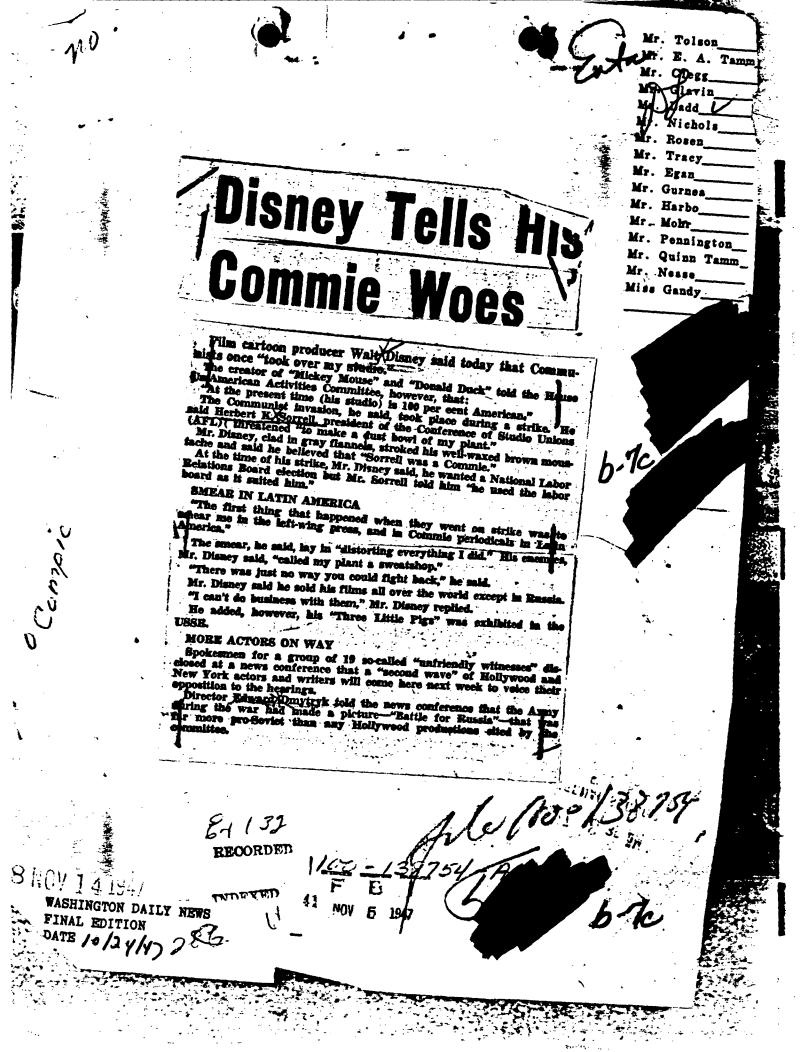
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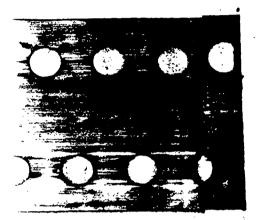
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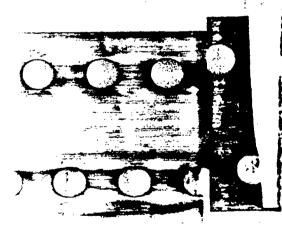
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Disney Says Reds Took Over His Studio in '37,

By JAMES F. DONOVAN
WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (UP).—Movie cartoonist
Walthington, Oct. 24 (UP).—Movie cartoonist
Walthingt told the House Un-American Activities Committee today that Communists took over his studio during a
1937 jurisdictional strike and threatened to make a "dust
bowl" of Mickey Mouse's Hollywood birthplace.
The creator of Mickey, Donald
Duck and scores of other cartoon
characters said he held out
against the Communists and finally cleared them from his studio.
"At the present time," he
said, "It's 180 percest AmeriDianey's testi-

At this morning's session, a witness testified that a top New York agent of the Communist Party was sent to Hollywood in 1536 to direct propaganda activities and disappeared later under mysterious circumstances after he tried to break with the party. Another froming witness was lirs, Lee Rogers, whose daughter, Girgler, is one of Hollywood's top box office attractions.





The documents against charge of Communication.

The documents has promised to unveil a mystery witness. Mon day or Tuesday to put the finge on Hollywood Communista and

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Critics of Film Inquiry Assailed; Disney Denounces 'Communists'

By SAMUEL A. TOWER Special to Test New York TIMES.

ber of the House Committee on munist union leaders. un-American Activities, Represen- As a result of strikes, he stated, tative Richard Ball, Republican he was "smeared" by "Communistof Illinois, today reproved the press front organizations" throughout and the motion-picture industry for the world, among which he listed critical expressions on the activities league of Women Voters, the ies of the committee.

sel of the film industry and "news- Worker. paper columnists and editorialists. The committee also heard Mrs. for influencing the thinking of the Lels Rogers, screen writer and American public with "the effect prinager of the affairs of her

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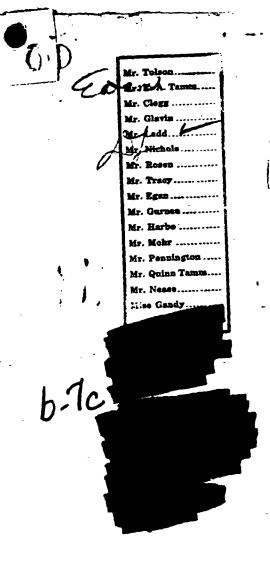
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Peoples World, the magazine The legislator criticized the country PM of New York and The Daily

of depreciating the efforts" of a daughter, Ginger Rogers, actress, committee established by Congress, criticize some film stories for The creator of Mickey Mouse, containing what she classed as

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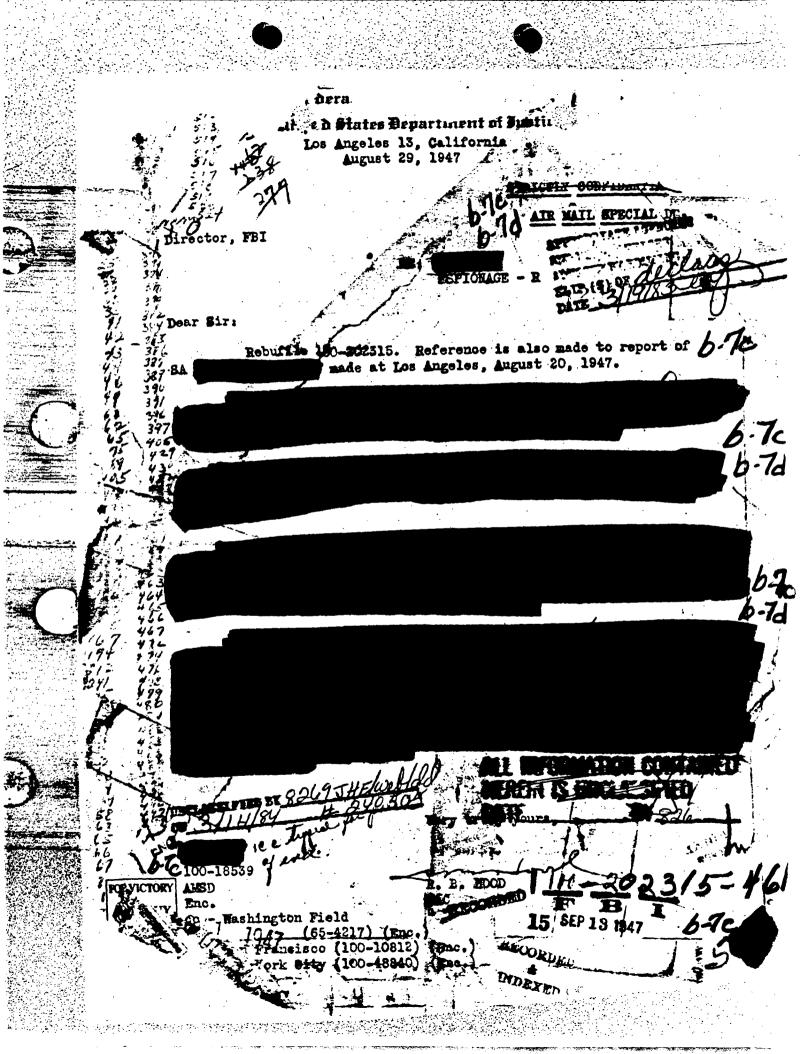
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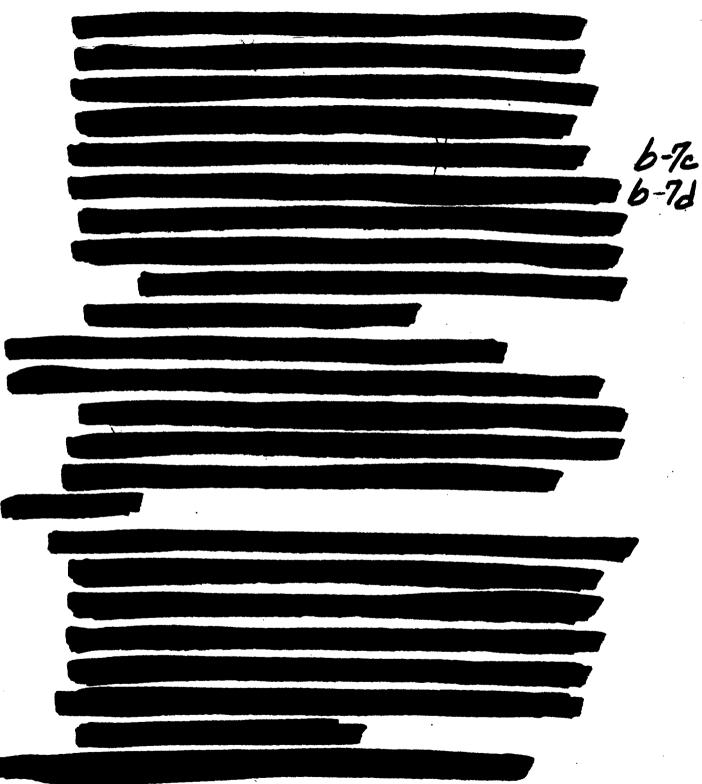
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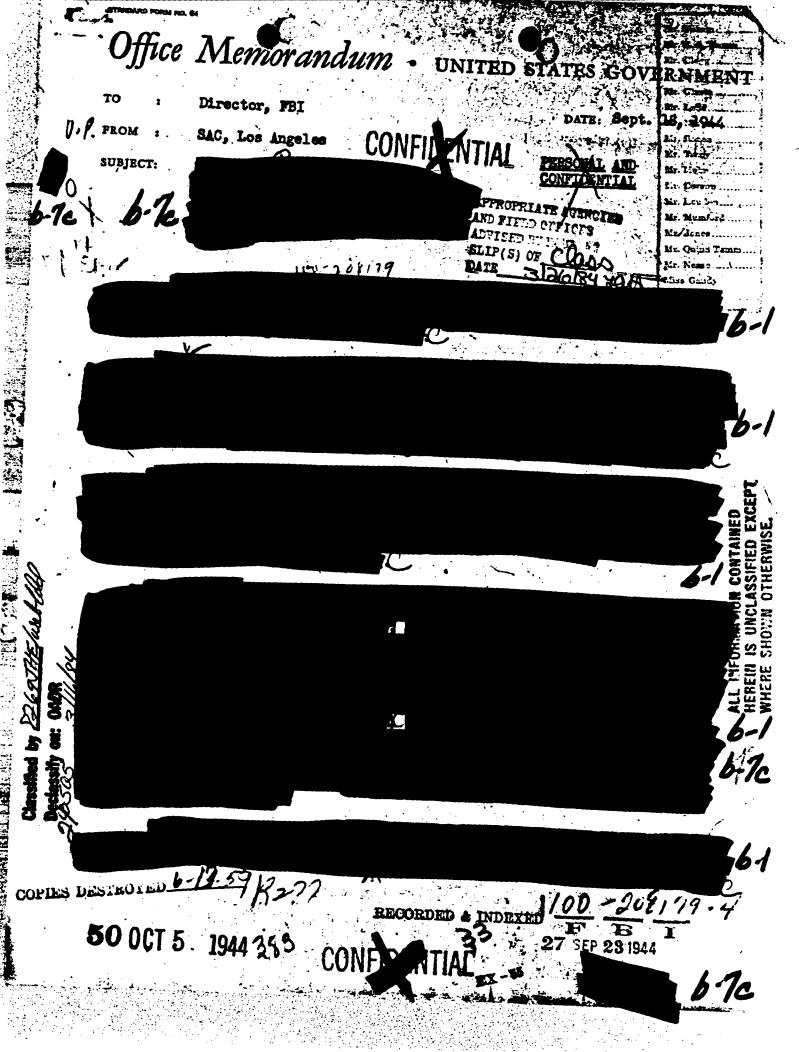
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In the same year, he solicity WALT DISNEY, well known motion picture celebrity, to become a sponsor for the Council for American-Soviet Friendship.

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Movie Albance Charge Communism Exposed

By David Platt

The federal indictment against Charlie Chaplin charged with abridging the civil rights of Joan Barry, has been dismissed. This good news about an outstanding supporter

of the President's policies, coinides with the self-exposure of the dotion Picture Alliance to Preserve American Ideals, which has been trying for weeks to red-bait the

movie industry deserting into Roosevelt for ROOVEZ and Hearst. The Alliance took shape at the height of the witch - hunt against Chaplin. The great artist's victory in the federal courts is



a blow to the morale of the anti-Teheran section of the picture business.

ON THE SCENE

ent me clippings of Edwin Lahey's interesting series on the week's Chicago Daily News. Mr. Lahey went to Hollywood to see for himself whether there was any truth in the Alliance charge the the movie industry was being perverted into an instrument "for the dissemination of communist ideas and beliefs."

He found that the leadership of the Alliance "embraced a few embittered men whose fear and hatred of the reds are as puerlle as those of Representative Dies." In an off-the-record talk with Walt Disney, first vice-president of organization, Lahey learned that the producer of the anti-second front cartoon Victory Through Air Power has not yet recovered from the shock of the cartoonists strike in his plant which he foolishly biames on the Communists.

MADE IN U.S.A. Sam Wood, president of the A Hance, told him he was spayinged that the American Writers Conorganized in Ressia." cooperation of President Sproal and the University of Callifornia and was recognized as a win-the-war and Wendell Willkie. The Screen Writers Guild is red, said the producer of the pro-Franco film cause it supports Roosevelt, no oubt.

Lahey said that James McGuin ness, chairman of the Alliance ex ecutive bommittee and a top execu-Some friends in Chicago have tive at MGM, holds firmly to the belief that "entertainment is the sole purpose of the movies except for educational and documentary Motion Picture Alliance in this pictures labeled as such." The reactionary film Tennessee Johnson was apparently pure entertainment to MGM executive. McGuinness told Lahey that "the Communists built up Thad Stevens as a little God among Negroes and objected the unfavorable characterization of Stevens in Tennessee Johnson The promotion of the film sbandoned," McGuinness added.

CLEAR ENOUGH

Yes, enterisimment as the sole purpose of the screen is fast becoming the last refuge of evil men in the film industry. In the course of his investigations, the Chicago News reporter found that the Alliance charge of communism is Targely the result of crusades by Mr. Mearst and other newspaper producers for turning out propa- page ada pictures." A propagandi Mim, ways Lahey is relenost any Date picture from which a movie audi- Clipped at the Seat of mee might get a favorable reac- Governmen on to the office of the Presiden the United States or which a mpts. to represent the Bovi

cople." Walter Wanger, independent producer at Universal answered to Alliance and Hearst in a recent Actually the Congress had the fall world association. Wanger spoke for the vast majority in the movie industry when he said: "We do not intend to be misled by the conference by Fresident Roosevelt familiar Hitler line by which communism is made the bogey with which to confuse us. We do not intend to allow our military strength For Whom the Bell Tolls. Red be- to be impaired by attempts to separate us from an ally like Russia. This would make us an enemy of Hitler's greatest enemy. . . . We will fight all anti-democratic dangers, but we will not be a party to further disunity on any pretext whatever."

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Lahey contrasts this progressive point of view with that of Rucert Hughes, member of the executive committee of the Alliance, who in his recent radio talks widely reprinted in the Hearst chain, "virtue ally demanded war against the So viet Union and decried our 'sur Sender' to Russia."

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THE MOTION PICTURE ALLIANCE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF AMERICAN IDEALS.

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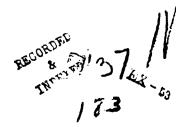
On February 4, 1944, seventy-five persons representing actors, producers, directors, executives and writers met at the Beverly-Wilshire Hotel, Los Angeles, to form the MOTION PICTURE ALLIANCE FOR THE PRESERVA-TION OF AMERICAN IDEALS.

On February 5, 1944, the Los Angeles Times printed an article having the title, "Leaders of Film Industry Form Anti-Red Group". The article states that virtually all the speakers directed their remarks solely at Communism although the statement of principles of the Alliance is to combat "a rising tide of Communism, Fascism and kindred beliefs that seek by subversive means to undermine and change this way of life." The article states that SAM/WOOD, Producer, who was elected President of the organization, in outlining the group's aim in his acceptance speech in referring to the subversive elements stated, "these highly indoctrinated shock units of the totalitarian wrecking crew have shrewdly led the people of the United States to believe that Hollywood is a hot bed of sedition and subversion, and that our industry is a battleground over which Communism is locked in death grips with Fascism." The article states that RUPERT HUGHES declared the organization a timely one and spoke of the trouble subversive elements had caused in the Authors' League after it had functioned smoothly for many years. BORDEN CHASE, writer, told of Communists wrecking a Hod Carriers' Union which he had helped organize when he was a "sand hog" despite his and others' efforts to preserve it. The article quotes him as saying that the subversive element wrecked the organization by dividing members and now the Communists are "taking over the motion picture industry." It was announced that membership in the group is open to anyone in the motion picture industry; however, applicants will be investigated to keep out those with subversive tendencies.

A similar article appeared in the Los Angeles Examiner February 5. 1944, and stated that the Alliance will war on Communists and their sympathizers in the industry. The article stated that the meeting (at the Beverly-Wilshire Hotel) climaxed several weeks of quiet organisation work within the studios. The article further mentioned that the organization was spurred by the recent Writers' Congress, held at the University of California, Los Angeles,



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has ever known; that system which, in the present emergency, has fathered an effort that, more than any other single factor, will make possible the winning of this war.

"As members of the motion picture industry, we must face and accept an especial responsibility. Motion pictures are inescapably one of the world's greatest forces for influencing public thought and opinion, both at home and abroad. In this fact lies solemn obligation. We refuse to permit the effort of Communist, Fascist, and other totalitarian-minded groups to pervert this powerful medium into an instrument for the dissemination of un-American ideas and beliefs. We pledge ourselves to fight, with every means at our organised command, any effort of any group or individual, to divert the loyalty of the screen from the free America that gave it birth. And to dedicate our own work, in the fullest possible measure, to the presentation of the American scene, its standards and its freedoms, its beliefs and its ideals, as we know them and believe in them."

The officers announced are as follows:

President
First Vice-President
Second Vice-President
Third Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
Executive Secretary

SAM WOOD
WALT DISHEY
CEDRIC GIBBONS
NORMAN TAUROG
LOUIS D LIGHTON
CLARENCE BROWN.
GEORGE BRUCE

Members of the Executive Committee were announced as follows:

JAMES K. McGUINNESS, Chairman

BORDEN CHASE
VICTOR FLEMING
ARNOLD GILLESPIR
FRANK GRUBER
BERT KALMAR
HUPERT HUGHES
FRED NIBLO. JR.

CLIFF REID
CASEY ROBINSON
HOWARD EMMETT ROGERS
HARRY RUSKIN
MORRIE RYSKIND
KING VIDOR
ROBERT VOGEL

GEORGE WAGGNER

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Rederal Bureau of Investigation YOIN United States Bepartment of Justice Los Angeles 13, California March 22, 1944 Director, FBI OTICN PICTURE ALLIANCE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF AMERICAN IDEALS INFORMATION CONCERNING Dear Sir: Reference is made to the letter Arected to the Bureau in instant case dated February 9, 1944, as well as to the letter sent to the Bureau on February 28, 1944, in the case entitled CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEGUE. - INTERNAL SECUPITY, C, REGISTRATION ACT", Bureau file number 61-10355. - 354 Both of these letters pertain to the activities of the Motion Picture Alliance for the Preservation of American Ideals, or as it is most popularly known, the MPA. The MPA originally was organized to combat "a rising tide of communism, fascism, and kindred beliefs that seek by subversive means to undermine and change this way of life." Specifically, however, the organization was concerned with combatting communism. T. كهمن ECORDED INDEXEDEX



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March 22, 1944

RE: THE MOTION PICTURE ALLIANCE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF AMERICAN IDEALS INFORMATION CONCERNING



Of additional interest is the article appearing in the February 14, 1944, issue of the Time Magazine wherein the pictures of ROSALIND RUSSELL, acress, and DUDLEY NICHOLS, writer, who are referred to in the article as being leftists, appear with the pictures of WALTADISNEY and SAM WOOD who are dubbed by the article as rightists. This article, a copy of which is being retained in instant file, mentions that the leftists started a battle (against MPA) by announcing a Free World Association dinner starring Vice President HEMPY ALLACE. The article said that the rightist (MPA) quickly formed a club of their own. The article goes on to mention that HEMRY WALLACE, who was late for dinner, was taken by mistake by his motorcycle escort to the Beverly Wilshire Hotel, where the MPA was meeting, and on learning of the mistake hurried him over to the Beverly Hills Hotel where the Free World Association dinner was awaiting WALLACE's presence.



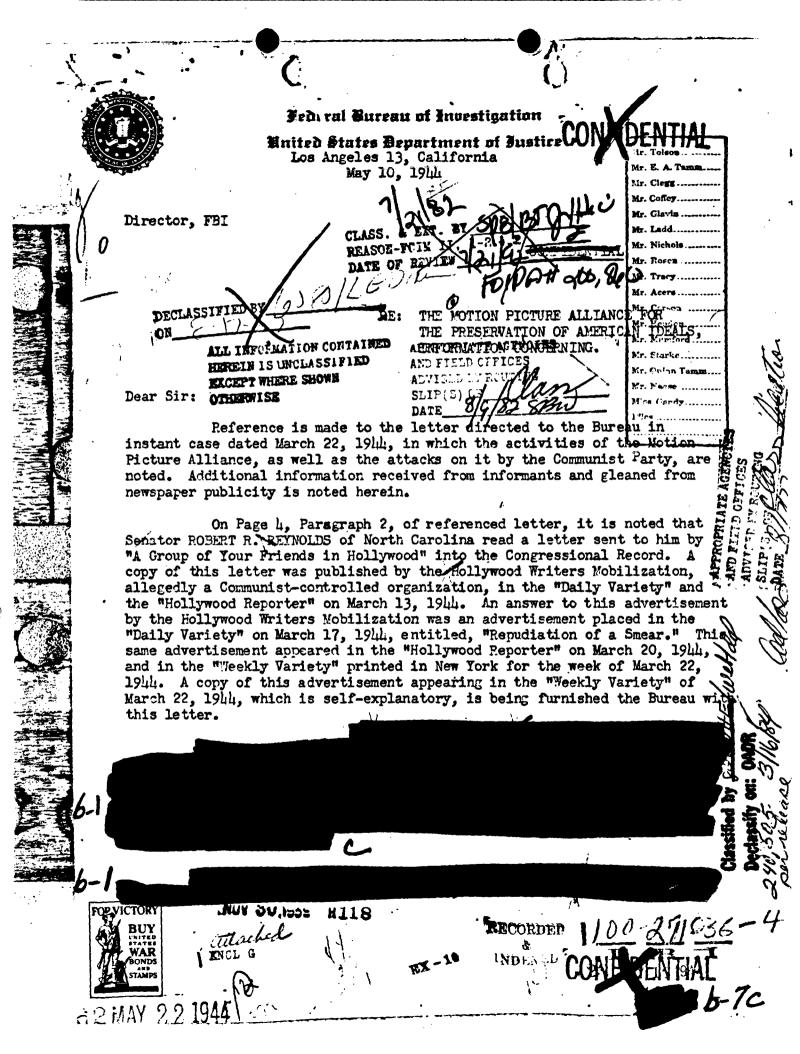


ffice Memorandum UNITED ST. **ERNMENT** to FROM MOTION PICTURE ALLIANCE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF AMERICAN IDEALS; SUBJECT: ÜN Information Concerning The Los Angeles Office has reported that on February 14, 1944, approximptely 75 persons representing actors, producers, directors, executives, and writers met In the Beverly Wilshire Hotel to form the Motion Picture Alliance for the Physervation of American Ideals. The organization is commonly referred to as the APA. The announced purpose was to combat "a rising tide of Communism, Fascian and kindred beliefs that seek by subversive means to undernine and charge our way of life. A number of prominent Hollywood figures are connected with the organization, including Sam Wood, Walt Disney, Cedric Gibbons and Rupert Hughes. The apparent purpose of the organization is to combat Communist infiltration in the motion picture industries. At present there are said to be approximately 225 members of whom about 200 are associated with the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios. The three leading officials are also Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer employees. 17 FUEX- 1711-171131-3 ALL IMPORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE. sified by 8269 JHE/OOK Declassify on: OADR

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"The SWG action followed a resounding slap handed the MPA a week ago when the writers organization refused an MPA offer to discuss the MPA'S purposes. Instead, the Screen Writers commended the action of their executive board in participating in a Hollywood Writers Kobilization advertisement in the trade papers which linked the MPA to arch defeatist Senator REYNOLDS.

"How many of the invited groups will attend is problematical. The Screen Actors Guild may turn it down. Most of the other unions, however, will attend. It is unlikely that representatives of conservative MGE will sit down to battle their own baby.

"WARNERS Should Join

"On the other hand, Warner Brothers--which has led the fight for progressive, democratic pictures-- has everything to gain by supporting the fight of the SWG. WARNERS--at the opposite pole from MGM--spurned the original, highly-ballyhooed MPA banquet a few weeks ago which started the battle.

"That affair was dominated by MGM and Paramount — GARY/COOPER and his wife SANDRA were the only legitimate actors present. The MPA is dominated by SAM WOOD, president; WALT DISNEY, well-known labor baiter, as vice-president, and CEDRIC CIBBONS, NORMAN TAUROG and CLERENCE EROWN as officers. Colonel RUPERT HUGHES, HEARST'S man in Hollywood, is another big shot.

"Democratic Hollywood laid down the gauntlet a few weeks ago when, at the time of the original MPA banquet--most of Hollywood gathered together in the Free World Association with Vice-President HENRY A.

"The Free World Association and a dazzling roster of film names—Dudley Nichols, Thomas Jann, Jimmy Cagner, Orson Welles, John Parfield, Walter Manger, Walter Pidgeon and many other box office stars on the male side; Rita Hayworth, Olivia da Ravilland, Joan Fontaine, Bette Davis, Ingrid Bergman, Rosalind Russell and others in the ladies lineup."

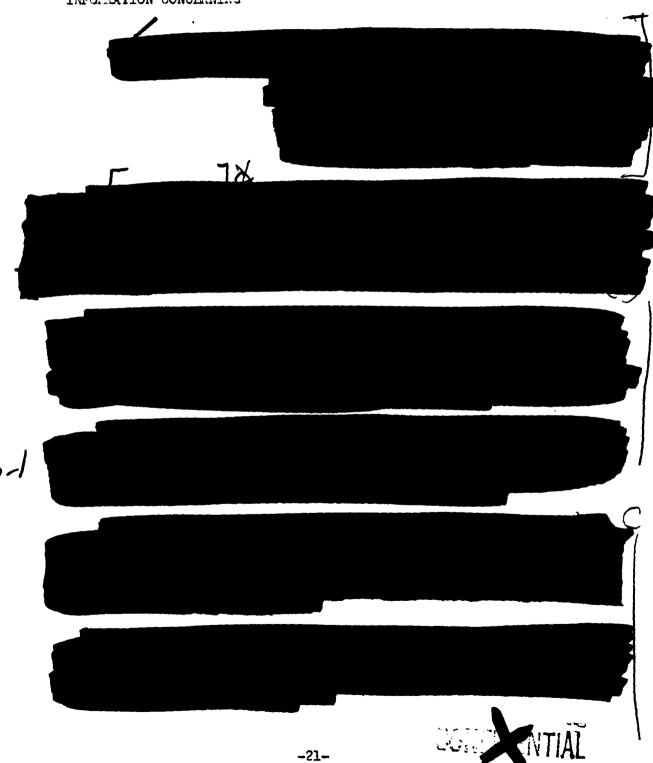
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THE MOTION PICTURE ALLIANCE INFOPMATION CONCERNING RE:



OUR purposes are to uphold the American way of life, on the screen and among screen workers; to educate, not to smear.

We seek to make a rallying place for the vast, silent majority of our fellow workers; to give voice to their unwavering loyalty to democratic forms and so to drown out the highly vocal, lunatic fringe of dissidents; to present to our fellow countrymen the vision of a great American industry united in upholding the American faith.

These are our purposes. We have no others.

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TIME TO NAME NAMES

Last week, March 4th to be exact, The Motion Pieture Alliance (For the Preservation of tives of the decent, patriotic American element of American Ideals) went all the way from Holly- the Motion Picture Industry felt it compulsory to wood to Washington. That's a long skip and organize to combat the 'totalitarian-minded groups' a jump to plant a missive with Senator Robert the picture business and Hollywood.

The Senator accepted the message, went through the usual routine on the Senate floor and slipped it to the clerk for inclusion in the Congressional Record, that drowning-pond of rampant American emotion. And there you will find it as of March 7th, Page A-1220, under the Senator's title of "Our Own First." It's not anything of which either the Alliance or the Senator need be proud.

The Alliance was apparently after publicity which fizzled, the Senator merely tossing it into the hopper without trying to read it to the Senate or even crying "timber." And paper so short, too. The Dailies also passed it by. But "Variety" is going to give it what we think is needed publicity within the trade.

This Alliance letter, which butters up Senator Reynolds beyond ration value, starts out by spifying him as "the Nostradamus of the Twentieth century." Don't bother to look it up. We did. "Nos" was the old French astrologer who could look at the stars and predict a layoff. In other words, trouble.

So if the Alliance has trouble on its mind of one kind or another, let's really go to work and dig some up. Or, if the Alliance is on the level about presenting its case, let's find that out, too. But there's no need to go all the way to Pennsylvania Avenue on the subject. The Alliance doesn't have to go any further than Holly-wood and Vine where the "Variety" Coast office is located.

This invitation is extended due to two paragraphs in the Alliance's letter to Senator Reynolds. One reads:

Because of the flagrant manner in which the Motion Picture industrialists of Hollywood have been coddling Communists and co-operating with so-called intellectual superiors they have helped to import from Europe and Asia, there has been organized in Hollywood the M.P.A.—The Motion Picture Alliance—For the Preservation of American Ideals."

Nuts! Name the Communists. Name the so-called Intellectual superiors. What makes them "so-called intellectuals," and who are the Motion Picture industrialists to whom they are superior?

The second paragraph declares:

"The very fact that such outstanding representa-R. Reynolds (D), of North Carolina, concerning un-American ideas and beliefs' is proof that such groups have and do exist in the industry. Otherwise, men of Rupert Hughes' and Fred Niblo's and Walt Disney's intelligence would not feel it or find it necessary to organize the decent, patriotic element of the industry to combat them for the welfare and safety of the American people."

Not for a minute does "Variety" accept the claim that the very information of the Alliance alone is sufficient proof that subversive groups exist within and are harming the picture business. Hughes, Niblo and Disney. Men of standing and reputation? Vos. But by themselves these men's names are not enough to substantiate accusations such as these.

Let the Alliance name these "totalitarianminded groups" it states are working to the detriment of the picture business in Hollywood. Tomorrow, the next day, or next week the Alliance can have without charge as many "Variety" pages as is needed to name these individuals and groups it maintains are un-American and subversive. And every individual and group that the Alliance names will be offered an equal opportunity to answer whatever charges are made.

'Variety" has two purposes in view. Either to help drive into the open the undesirable element within the picture industry which it is claimed is there, or to put an end to this ambiguous Hollywood name-calling. Nor does "Variety" mind reiterating its opinion that the whole thing has a pro- and anti-Roosevelt foundation.

A few weeks ago the Alliance walked into "Daily Variety's" office, paid for a page ad, and the next morning saw not only its ad but an editorial wishing it well. That is our regret, a boot on a matter of policy. The Alliance can get its money back on that one whenever it wishes. "Variety" (weekly) must also take the rap for the muff along with the 'Daily.'

The Alliance, however, has now seen fit to carry an industry matter outside the trade. It has gone as far as Washington.

Never mind going outside. Come down to Hollywood and Vine.

Lay it on the line, or get off and stay off the line.

Re: MOTION PICTURE ALLIANCE On February 4, 1944, seventy-five persons representing directors, executives, producers, actors, and writers in the motion picture condition met at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel, Los Angeles, and formed the Motilis Picture Alliance for the Preservation of American Ideals. The organization elected such well-known members of the motion picture industry as SAT MOOD, producer, to the presidency; WALT DISNEY, CEDRIC CIBBONS, and NORMAN TAUROG to vice-presidencies; LEWIS D. KLICHTON, CLARENCE BROWN, GEORGE BRUCE, directors and writers, as secretary, treasurer, and executive secretary respectively. An Executive Committee of about fifteen members was elected with JAMES K McGUINNES as chairman. McGUINNES is actually the spearhead of this organization and is an executive producer at M-G-M Studios. Executive Committee contained such well-known names as VICTOR FIEHING, RUPERT MUGHES, FRED TIBLO, JR., and KING WIDOR, among others. In their statement of principles this organization states in part: "In our special field of motion pictures, we resent the growing impression that this industry is made up of, and dominated by, Communists, radicals and crack-pots. We refuse to permit the effort of Communist, Fascist and other totalitarian-minded groups to pervert this powerful medium (motion picture industry) into an instrument for the dissemination of un-American ideas and beliefs." The initial meeting of this organization received a great deal of publicity, both in the motion picture trade journals and the local newspapers, most of which commented upon it very favorably. Of course, the 'People's World,' West Coast Communist organ published at San Francisco, ridiculed the organization and its purpose. The 'People's World' stated in part: "It is that this Alliance is in reality an attempt by defeatist of forces-for whom HEARST speaks--to drive a salient into Hollywood. Its purposes are to clamp down on the production of win-the-war films and to prepare a reactionary Republican attack on President ROCSEVELT.

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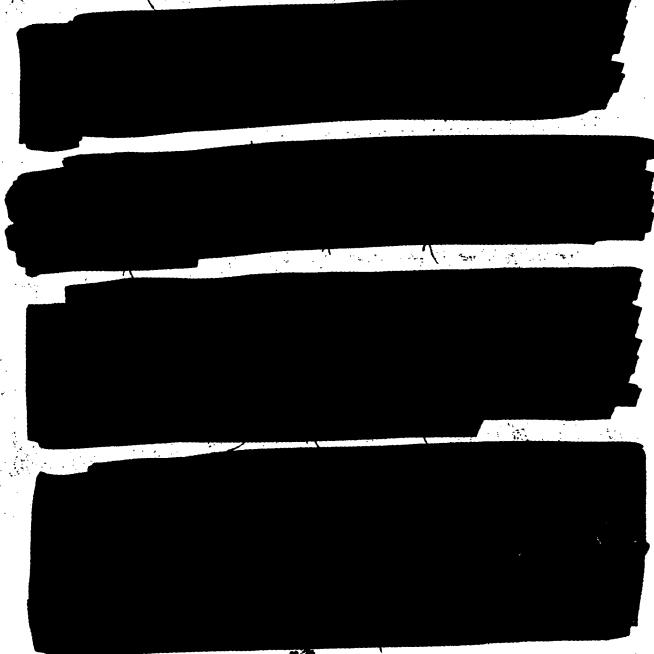
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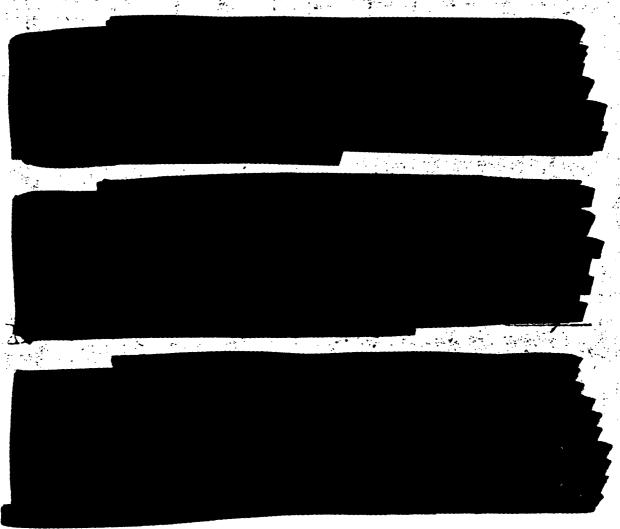
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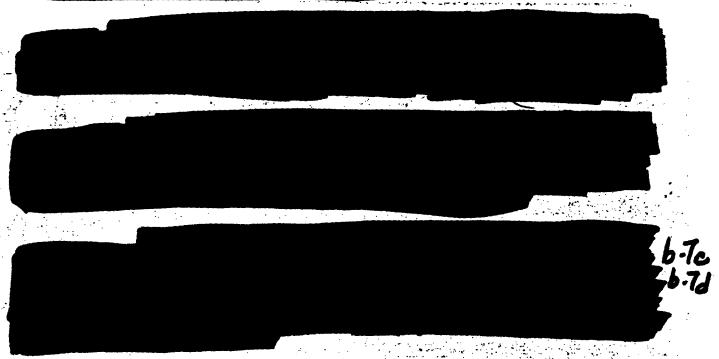
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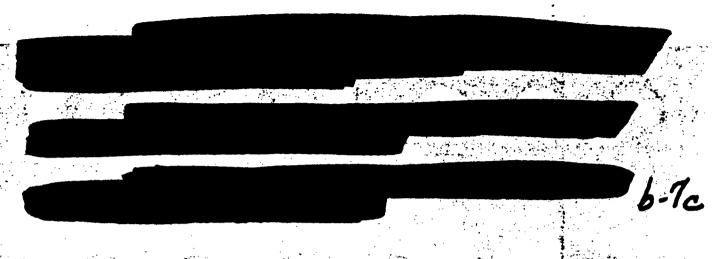


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States to believe that Hollywood is a hotbed of sedition and subversion, and that our industry is a battleground over which Communism is locked in death grips with Fascism.

The article states that RUPERT HUGHES (a well-known writer) declared the organization a timely one and spoke of the trouble subversive elements had caused in the Authors' League after it had functioned smoothly for many years.

BORDEN CHASE, (Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer writer), according to the article, told of Communists wrecking a Hod Carriers Union which he had helped organize and the article quoted him as saying that the subversive element wrecked the organization by dividing members and now the Communists are "taking over the motion picture industry".

It was further announced that membership in the club would be open to anyone within the motion picture industry but that all applicants would be investigated to keep out those with subversive tendencies.

The LPA, which is a volunteer organization (non-profit), published their statement of principles in both the "VARIETY" and the "HOLLYWOOD REPORTER" on February 7, 1944, which are the principal movie trade papers in the Los Angeles area. The statement of principles published is asfollows:

"We believe in, and like, the American way of life; the liberty and freedom which generations before us have fought to create and preserve; the freedom to speak, to think, to live, to worship, to work and to govern ourselves, asindividuals, as free men; the right to succeed or fail as free men, according to the measure of our ability and our strength.

"Believing in these things, we find ourselves in sharp revolt against a rising tide of Communism, Fascism and kindred beliefs, that seek by subversive means to undermine and change this way of life; groups that have forfeited their right to exist in this country of ours, because they seek to achieve their change by means other than the vested procedure of the ballot and to deny the right of the majority opinion of the people to rule.



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growing impression that this industry is made up of, and dominated by, Communists, radicals and crack-pots, we believe that we represent the vast majority of the people who serve this great medium of expression. But unfortunately it has been an unorganized majority. This has been almost inevitable. The very love of freedom, of the rights of the individual, make this great majority reluctant to organize. But now we must, or we shall meanly lose 'the last, best hope on earth.'

MAS Americans, we have no new plan to offer. We want no new plan, we want only to defend against its enemies that which is our priceless heritage; that freedom which has given man, in this country, the fullest life and the richest expression the world has ever known; that system which, in the present emergency, has fathered an effort that, more than any other single factor, will make possible the winning of this war.

*As members of the motion picture industry, we must face and accept an especial responsibility. Motion pictures are inescapably one of the world's greatest forces for influencing public thought and opinion, both at home and abroad. In this fact lies solemn obligation. We refuse to permit theeffort of Communist, Fascist, and other totalitarian-minded groups to pervert this powerful medium into an instrument for the dissemination of un-American ideas and beliefs. We pledge ourselves to. fight, with every means at our organized command, any effort of any group or individual, to divert the loyalty of the screen from the free America that gave it birth. And to dedicate our own work, in the fullest possible measure, to the presentation of the American scene, its standards and its freedoms, its beliefs and its ideals, as we know them and believe in them.

The officers announced are as follows:

President SAM First Vice-President

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WALT DISNEY (President and Producer Disney Studios)

Second Vice-President

CEDRIC GIBBONS (Executive Chief, Art Department, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios)

