

Department of Justice,
Bureau of Investigation,
Washington.

March 22, 1917.

TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS AND LOCAL OFFICERS,
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

This note will introduce you to Mr. A. M. Briggs, of Chicago, Illinois, who, with the approval of the Department, is organizing confidentially a volunteer committee or organization of citizens for the purpose of co-operating with the Department in securing information of activities of agents of foreign governments or persons unfriendly to this Government, for the protection of public property, etc.

It will be the aim of such organization to supply to you information and to assist you in securing information as to any matters which you may present to it, and it is planned that some one in the organization will be designated to deal with the agent in charge of this service in each city.

Mr. Briggs understands fully that this arrangement must be kept as confidential as practicable and that great care must be taken that nothing is done by it to unnecessarily alarm aliens in this country or cause them any apprehension as to the fair manner in which they will be treated and that no arrests should be caused except after consultation with the Federal authorities.

Please assist Mr. Briggs in any way practicable and arrange to take advantage of the assistance and co-operation which he may offer through his organization.

Very truly yours,

(signed) A. Bruce Bielaski,

Chief.

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Department of Justice,
Bureau of Investigation,
Washington.

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 16, 1917.

Mr. A. M. BRIGGS,
Chairman of National Directors,
American Protective League,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Briggs:

I have recently been checking up with much interest the activities of the American Protective League, and have taken occasion in my annual report to Congress, which will probably be given to the press about December 10th, to commend in very high terms the tremendously important services rendered to the Department of Justice by the League and the patriotic motives which have inspired these services.

While the work of the League was of great importance prior to our entering the war, it became of vastly greater importance after that step had been taken. Thousands of complaints were received by my Bureau of Investigation of disloyalty, enemy activities, etc., which required the utmost resources of the Government to meet. I have known as many as one thousand letters relating to matters of this character to reach my department in a single day.

As it became increasingly apparent that the United States would be drawn into the war, this department encouraged the organization of several bodies of volunteer citizens for the purpose of keeping in touch with the situations developing in the various sections of the country.

The American Protective League has become by far the largest and best organized of these bodies and has constituted a most valuable auxiliary to the Bureau of Investigation. Its membership appears to have been carefully safeguarded, and includes many of the leading citizens of our country. The assistance and information furnished by it in connection with the registration and violations of the draft law have alone fully justified its existence. It has been of the greatest possible aid in thousands of cases in the principal cities of the United States, and I understand that it has local organizations in over fourteen hundred towns and cities. While its members are not officers or agents of the Government, do not possess governmental authority, and do not attempt to exercise it, it has kept in close touch with Government officials, and without its help they would have found it impossible to have satisfactorily performed many public duties. The fact that it is self-supporting and has been carried on without expense to the Government makes me specially grateful for the assistance rendered.

It gives me pleasure to write this letter in order that the organization may know of my appreciation of its efforts.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) T. W. GREGORY,
Attorney General.

*Extract from the Annual Report of the Attorney
General of the United States to the Senate and
House of Representatives, dated December 4, 1917*

"As the work increased and the probability that this country would be drawn into the war became more certain, the department encouraged the organization of various local volunteer citizens' committees for the purpose of being on the lookout for disloyal or enemy activities and the presentation of such matters to the proper officials. These volunteer associations have rendered very great assistance. One of them in particular, which is nation-wide in scope and which is known as The American Protective League, has proven to be invaluable, and constitutes a most important auxiliary and reserve force for the Bureau of Investigation. Its membership, which is carefully guarded, includes leading men in various localities who have volunteered their services for the purpose of being on the lookout for and reporting to this department information of value to the Government, and for the further purpose of endeavoring to secure information regarding any matters about which it may be requested to make inquiry. This organization has been of the greatest possible aid in thousands of cases in the principal cities of the United States. Its members are not officers or agents of the department and do not attempt to take any decisive action in any matter, except through the regular officers of the department. Its work has been performed in a thoroughly commendable manner with a minimum of friction and complaint and from motives of the highest patriotism. It is a self-supporting organization, and it would be difficult to exaggerate the value of its services to the Bureau of Investigation."

T. W. Gregory
Attorney General

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
CHIEF, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
AND REFER TO INITIALS.

Department of Justice,
Bureau of Investigation,
Washington.

February 6, 1918.

TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS, SPECIAL EMPLOYEES, AND LOCAL OFFICERS:

The Attorney General and the Provost Marshal General have requested the American Protective League to cooperate with the Local and District Exemption Boards in locating and causing to present themselves to the proper authority delinquents under the Selective Service Act, including those classed as deserters.

You will give the members of the American Protective League your full cooperation and in instances where their authority may be questioned you will explain that they are acting at the request of the Attorney General and of the Provost Marshal General.

Attached hereto is a bulletin from the National Headquarters of the American Protective League which has been approved by the Department of Justice and the Provost Marshal General, which bulletin has been mailed to all Chiefs of the American Protective League.

In certain states the American Protective League has not yet become as widely organized as it will in the near future. You are requested to cooperate with the National Headquarters of the League in its efforts to organize branches of the League in every city, town and village, and especially in places at which a Local Board is situated.

Where this arrangement has not already been made, in the cities at which several special agents are stationed, the special agent in charge is directed to assign one agent especially to conscription matters. It will be the duty of this agent to supervise the work of the members of the League who are assigned to boards in his territory.

Very truly yours,



Chief

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL
WASHINGTON

February 7, 1918.

FROM: Provost Marshal General.

TO: The Governor of (all States)

SUBJECT: Cooperation of American Protective League.

1. At the request of the Provost Marshal General and the Attorney General, the American Protective League has agreed to cooperate with Local Boards and all persons assisting in the administration of the Selective Service Law, in apprehending delinquents and deserters, and also in collecting information and assisting Local Boards generally in this phase of their work. This League, as you no doubt know, is a well-organized volunteer association of citizens, and enrolled with it are a large number of leading men in various communities. This organization is already most extensive in its scope, but it is hoped and expected that it will be even more so when it and Local Boards mutually avail themselves of the opportunity of cooperating with the view of keeping violations and evasions of the Selective Service Law and the Selective Service Regulations to a minimum. While its members are not officers or agents of the Government, do not possess governmental authority, and do not attempt to exercise it, still in their activities and investigations they keep in close touch with representatives of the Department of Justice and may be used to a great advantage to the Selective Draft System.

2. This letter is for the purpose of calling to your attention the offer of the American Protective League, in order that Local Boards especially may avail themselves of the services of members of this League in the different localities. Every Local Board is to have at least one of the agents of this League attached to it, and, in the larger cities, it is expected that several will be attached to each Local Board, the number depending upon the registrants under the jurisdiction of the Board. Will you please urge each Local Board in your State to utilize the services of the members of this organization to the fullest extent. If this is done, there is no doubt that the results will be highly satisfactory and that an invaluable aid will be rendered by these patriotic citizens during this emergency. The work of these men is in no way intended, nor should it be allowed, to restrict the activities of police au-

thorities in any community, but rather to assist the latter. The importance of prompt investigation and disposition of cases of delinquency and desertion cannot be over-emphasized. This being true, it is reasonable to expect that this addition to the forces, which are striving to administer the Selective Service Law and the Regulations equitably and effectively, will result in speedily bringing to justice persons who fail to comply with the Selective Service Law.

3. Instructions in regard to reimbursement of expenses incurred in apprehending or attempting to apprehend delinquents or deserters will be published shortly in the form of a General Order of the War Department.

E. H. CROWDER,
Provost Marshal General.

By


Major, Adjutant General.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 13, 1918.

CIRCULAR No. 810.

To all United States Attorneys, Marshals and Special Agents.

Inquiries have come to the Department from a number of sources requesting instructions regarding the recruiting of the Polish contingent of the French Army. Poles in the United States are at present being recruited for this Army under an arrangement between the French Military Authorities and this Government. In order that you may be apprised of the situation, you are advised that the recruiting authorities have agreed to enlist no men subject to call to the American Army. The men whom they take fall into the following classes:

- 1 - Those not subject to draft under the Selective Service Act.
- 2 - Poles subject to draft who are alien enemies and therefore in class 5 of the draft.
- 3 - Russian Poles who have taken out no naturalization papers and are aliens in class 5.

No objection is being offered by the War Department to the enlistment of these men.

Russian Poles who have taken out first papers in this country and Poles fully naturalized in this country, if between the ages of 21 and 31 years, are subject to draft and it is agreed by the French Authorities that men in this class

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will not be recruited.

It is necessary to inform the local draft boards of the departure of recruits to serve in the Polish Army if they have registered, even though they are in class 5 of the draft. For this purpose arrangements have been made so that recruiting agents will give to the War Department at Washington, a list of all recruits who are registered under the draft and that Department will advise the respective draft boards.

In view of the attitude of the War Department, you are instructed to facilitate the work of the French recruiting agents where possible. Their task is a difficult one and their effectiveness would be very much hampered if it were noised about among possible recruits that in joining the Polish Army such recruits would be violating the United States statutes or the Draft Act.

If any inquiries are made of you, you are authorized to give the information contained in this Circular and make it known with the qualifications above set forth that enlistment is perfectly proper.

Respectfully,

T. W. GREGORY,

Attorney General.

NATIONAL DIRECTORS
A. M. BRIGGS, CHAIRMAN
CHARLES DANIEL FREY
VICTOR ELTING

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 1918.
1537 EYE STREET N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

FROM: Office of the Provost Marshal General.
TO: Draft Executives in All States.
SUBJECT: American Protective League.

1. The American Protective League is furnishing the draft organizations in the respective states valuable assistance in apprehending delinquents and deserters and in investigating on request other matters connected with the draft. In order that they may do their work more efficiently, it is necessary that they be advised of the amendments to an interpretation of the Selective Service Law and Regulations. It is, therefore, requested that you place on your mailing list the names of the respective chiefs of the American Protective League in your State, which will be designated in a communication sent to you direct by the National Directors of the American Protective League, 1537 I St., N. W., Washington, D. C. Corrections of this list will be made by the National Headquarters of the American Protective League from time to time.

2. Please forward to the designated chiefs of the American Protective League copies of all general instructions, interpretations and amendments of the Selective Service Law and Regulations, except those which are regarded by you as confidential or obviously unnecessary in their work.

E. H. CROWDER;
Provost Marshal General.

BY

C. A. Hope,
Captain, National Army,
Acting Chief, Administrative
Division.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
1537 EYE STREET N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 18, 1918.

Dear Sir:

For the purpose of compiling important statistics please forward the following information to National Headquarters by return mail if possible.

- (1) The approximate population of the city, town or village in which your headquarters are located.
- (2) The name and approximate population of each city, town or village within your jurisdiction, so far as it has been defined, in which the American Protective League is actually established, under some subordinate branch or representative under you.

Approximate figures only need be given, but it is very important that you make an immediate return to this inquiry.

~~Very truly~~
NATIONAL DIRECTORS
AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE.

NATIONAL DIRECTORS
WASHINGTON D. C.

A. M. BRIGGS, CHAIRMAN
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KENTUCKY HEADQUARTERS
605 FIRST AND CITY NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
PHONE 1063

LEXINGTON, KY. August 5th, 1918.

STATE OF KENTUCKY
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR

INSPECTOR
RICHARD C. STOLL
ASSISTANT INSPECTOR
WM. H. TOWNSEND

Dear Sir:

The National Headquarters of the American Protective League have advised me as follows:

"This office has been informed that the local exemption boards are having difficulties with deserters, and men failing to report for entrainment, and the local boards have requested this office to assist in rounding up these men who are deserting from camp, and we would ask that you kindly communicate with the Division Chiefs under your jurisdiction, asking them to communicate with the local boards in their respective districts and tender their services."

I would appreciate it if you would immediately get in touch with the local exemption boards in your respective districts and tender to them your services.

Yours very truly,

RICHARD C. STOLL,
Inspector.

NATIONAL DIRECTORS

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
1537 EYE STREET N.W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 15, 1918.

Dear Sir:

The National Directors are pleased to announce that distribution of the new badges of the American Protective League will begin within a short time. The contract for the manufacture of the badges has been awarded and they will be distributed throughout the League as fast as they are received from the manufacturer.

Deliveries to local divisions will be made in the order of receipt by National Headquarters of the requisitions from local branches; that is to say, if your requisition is the first to reach National Headquarters your division will be first equipped with the new badges. All requisitions must be sent by mail, and the rules below prescribed must be carefully followed.

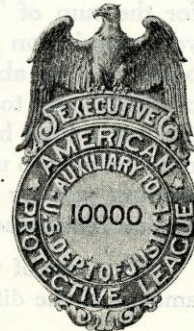
The original American Protective League badge was not satisfactory because it failed to disclose the true relation of the League with the Department of Justice, and because of the use of the words "Secret Service." These words implied a connection with the United States Secret Service under the Department of the Treasury. The new badge states specifically that we are "Auxiliary to the Department of Justice."

The badge now being issued is of new design, smaller in size than the old one. It is of rolled gold, tumbled, and presents as fine an appearance as the badge of a Special Agent of the Department of Justice. The badges will be numbered consecutively and the rank of the member will appear upon the face. A miniature reproduction of the badge is shown below.

Upon receipt of this letter please comply with the following instructions:

(1) Fill out and forward to National Headquarters on the cards provided for the purpose, one of which is enclosed, full information concerning each member of your organization to whom a badge will be issued. These cards may be procured by you in sufficient quantity from your State Inspector or from National Headquarters.

It is required that the original enrollment card in your files, including the oath and notarial seal, be completely copied in each instance; but the member need not again personally subscribe to the enrollment card and oath if he has already done so. If your enrollment cards differ in any respect from the form of the enclosed card, you will nevertheless completely fill out cards in accordance with the enclosed form. No card must be forwarded to National Headquarters until the member whose name appears upon it has been duly enrolled and actually subscribed and sworn in as a member of your organization.



(2) Prepare and send with the above cards a list in duplicate of the members of your organization, shown by the cards, to whom the badges are to be issued. These lists must give the name and rank of each member. You will prepare these lists according to the enclosed form. A separate sheet must be prepared for each rank of Chief, Assistant Chief and the other classes there indicated. No titles or ranks other than those specified will be recognized under any circumstances. The duplicate list will be returned to you at the time of the delivery of the badges to you, and will show opposite the name of each member the number of the badge assigned to him by National Headquarters.

These cards and lists will form the basis of a complete and accurate file record to be kept at National Headquarters of the number of each badge issued and of the name of the member of the American Protective League receiving such badge. They will also be the foundation of the master file to be established and maintained in Washington showing the complete active membership of the League with full information as to each member.

The necessity for this has been increasingly apparent during the past few months. We are in receipt of frequent requests from the Department of Justice, War Department, Navy Department and other branches of Government service for information regarding alleged members of the American Protective League, and it is necessary that our complete enrollment throughout the country be a matter of accurate record here.

No member of the League will be permitted to wear an American Protective League badge other than that issued to him from National Headquarters; and no badge shall be worn except by the man to whom it was originally issued or reissued. Under no circumstances shall you at any time permit one member to transfer his badge to another. Every badge surrendered by a member shall be returned to National Headquarters to be reissued upon proper requisition.

All badges will be issued to officers and members of the League upon the express condition that they are to be surrendered upon the holder's ceasing to be a member of the League for any reason, either by resignation or removal. In the event of the death of a member, prompt advice must be given National Headquarters so that proper entry can be made, but the badge of such member may be retained by his family if they so desire, upon the express condition that it will not be sold, transferred or worn by any person. In the event of the removal of any member from one local branch to another, his badge must be returned to National Headquarters and reissued to him, without cost, under his new local division.

The new badges will be issued to members of the American Protective League for the sum of Three Dollars each. You are required to send us your check with your requisition for badges in sufficient amount to cover the total number of badges at the above rate. In order to finance the purchase of so large a number of badges and to avoid the expense and trouble of opening separate accounts with the many local branches, we have adopted the fixed rule that the amount specified must be paid to us at the time of the requisition. Under no circumstances will the amount paid by any individual upon delivery of a badge to him be returned to him, and no reimbursement will be made to any individual upon surrender of his badge.

The cost of the badges to National Headquarters is less than the above sum. The amount of the difference will be used for the general expenses of National Headquar-

ters and will provide a portion of the amount needed for such purposes. Other methods of financing will be announced.

You are hereby directed to confine the allotment of badges to those members who are active investigators enrolled in your Bureau of Investigation, who can be absolutely relied upon to make proper use of them. For the present, members of your Bureau of Information will carry credential cards only. Under no circumstances shall you issue the new badges to these members. This rule is absolutely necessary to avoid the confusion which has arisen in the past. The National Directors have now under consideration a metal disc of appropriate size and excellent finish and design, to be issued to members of the Bureau of Information properly identifying the bearer as a member of the American Protective League. We believe that these discs will meet with great favor.

The issuance of the new badges will afford all local Chiefs the opportunity of substantially improving the personnel of their organizations by the elimination of indifferent and inefficient members and by the stimulation of others to greater interest and efficiency. The National Directors are impressed with the fact, already well known to you, that the value of the American Protective League throughout the country depends upon the thoroughness of its organization and the individual spirit and character of its members. In the early days of the League many men were doubtless enrolled as investigators who have not proven diligent and efficient workers. These members must be transferred to the Information Division of your organization or eliminated. We have assured the Attorney General of the United States that this action will be taken and we desire your earnest co-operation to accomplish this result.

Respectfully,

NATIONAL DIRECTORS
AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE

NATIONAL DIRECTORS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

A. M. BRIGGS, CHAIRMAN
CHARLES DANIEL FREY
VICTOR ELTING

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KENTUCKY HEADQUARTERS

605 FIRST AND CITY NATIONAL BANK BUILDING

PHONE 1063

LEXINGTON, KY. August 23, 1918

STATE OF KENTUCKY
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR

INSPECTOR
RICHARD C. STOLL
ASSISTANT INSPECTOR
WM. H. TOWNSEND

TO ALL CHIEFS,
AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE
IN KENTUCKY.

SIR:

Let me impress upon you the necessity of a thorough organization of the American Protective League in your County. From letters received, it would appear that some of you do not think that such an organization is necessary. However, after a conference with several of the Special Agents of the Department of Justice, I am convinced that an organization consisting of men scattered throughout the different parts of the county is absolutely necessary for the proper conduct of our work.

Of course, some of you have perfected this organization, and some of you have written to me telling me the names of those who comprise the organization. If you have not thoroughly organized your county, will you be so good as to do so, and if you have not advised me the names of all the members of your organization, please let me know at once so that I can keep my records straight. I will be glad to send you such oath and credential cards as you may require.

I know you will pardon this printed letter, and my printed signature, out as this letter will go to almost eighty counties, you can understand why I have been compelled to have the letter printed.

Will you please answer this at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

RICHARD C. STOLL,
Inspector for Kentucky.

S/T

Please do not forget to make me your semi-monthly reports.



Office of the Attorney General,
Washington, D. C.

(COPY OF LETTER FROM
ATTORNEY GENERAL THOMAS W. GREGORY WRITTEN
IN RESPONSE TO AN INQUIRY FROM A MEMBER OF
THE AMERICAN BANKERS' ASSOCIATION CONCERNING
THE WORK OF THE AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE.)

O. P. Adams, Esq.,
Shoreham Hotel,
Washington, D. C.

September 4th, 1918.

Sir:-

In response to your verbal inquiry at the Department as to the value of the work of the American Protective League, I am very glad of this opportunity to say to you that there is no single agency that has been of greater aid to the Department of Justice in searching out dangerous aliens, assisting in the enforcement of the selective service regulations, and generally helping the department and through it other departments and branches of the government than has this organization in the tremendously increased work brought about by the war.

In its more than seventeen months of service the American Protective League has demonstrated the wisdom of the principles along which it is organized, its efficiency as an auxiliary to the Department, and the absolute necessity for its existence.

I have the deepest appreciation of the work done by the League and am glad to commend it to you unreservedly.

Respectfully,

Attorney General.

NATIONAL DIRECTORS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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PHONE 1063

LEXINGTON, KY. September 11th, 1918

STATE OF KENTUCKY
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR

INSPECTOR
RICHARD C. STONE

ASSISTANT INSPECTOR
WM. H. TOWNSEND

Mr. Joe L. Price,
Benton, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

I was so glad to get your letter telling me that you will act as Chief of the American Protective League for your county. I hereby appoint you Chief of the A. P. L. for Marshall County, subject to the approval of Washington, and Washington will approve.

The American Protective League is organized with the approval of and works under the direction of the Bureau of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice. Along with your appointment you will receive a book from Washington, together with some other data, telling you of the plan of organization which has been provided. You will also receive certain other instructions from Washington. The plan of organization provided in the book may not apply to a county the size of yours, but if not, you can, of course organize the county as you think it should be done.

The American Protective League is in reality a part of the Secret Service of the United States, and your branch of the League will from time to time conduct any investigations which may be referred to you by the Department of Justice. You will also be called on by the War Department to make reports on various persons, for no officer, trained nurse, Y.M.C.A. man or other person can go abroad, and no passport will be issued to anyone unless there has been an investigation of such person. These investigations should be made at once so that the person investigated may not suffer by the delay.

It will also be the duty of the League in your county to report to the Department of Justice all deserters, all cases of false registrations and draft and the failure of persons in the draft age to register.

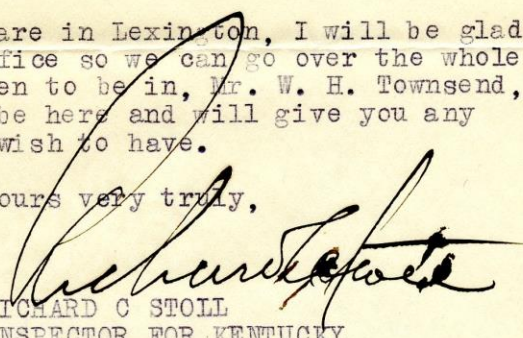
You have a right to select as many persons as you desire to help you. Your title is Chief. It might be well for you to select a man under you for each Magisterial District in your county, and perhaps men in the precinct. This is merely a suggestion, however, for the responsibility of

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the League in your county is on you. You can appoint whom you please and remove whom you please without question. If you will advise me how many men you have appointed in your county, I will send you the oath and credential cards for them. Of course, you know there is no politics in this organization, and no money in it for anybody; we even have to pay for our paper and stamps. However, those of us who cannot fight can do our part in this way.

Sometime when you are in Lexington, I will be glad if you will come to my office so we can go over the whole matter. If I do not happen to be in, Mr. W. H. Townsend, Assistant Inspector will be here and will give you any information that you may wish to have.

Yours very truly,


RICHARD C STOLL
INSPECTOR FOR KENTUCKY

S/T

NATIONAL DIRECTORS
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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
1537 EYE STREET N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 16th September 1918.

Joe L. Price, Esq.,
Benton,
Kentucky.

Dear Sir:-

We are in receipt of advice from the State Inspector for your State, in which we are informed of your willingness to organize as Chief, the local branch of the American Protective League. For the present your jurisdiction will include Marshall County, Kentucky.

Under separate cover, we are sending you certain printed matter, among which is a copy of the handbook of the American Protective League, by which you will be guided in the organization and operation of your Division. If you will notify us how many members you enroll, we will supply you with this pamphlet so that each member recruited by you may have one.

In accordance with the plan as set forth on page 12 of the handbook, Mr. Richard C. Stoll, 605 First & City Natl. Bank Bldg., Lexington, Ky., by virtue of his appointment as Inspector, is in charge of Divisional Headquarters for your State. You will please report to him without delay and be prepared to co-operate with him in every way. All records and information in your possession will be available to him upon request.

In matters of investigation, each local organization of the League will work under the direction of the Government Agent in charge of the nearest office of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice and, as Chief of your local Division, you will make all such reports personally, by telephone, telegraph or mail to Mr. L.O. Thompson, Box 355, Lexington, Ky., who is your nearest Special Agent of the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice. It is important that you get in touch with him at once and establish cordial relations to the end that there may be the fullest measure of co-operation between his office and yours.

We have advised the above Government Agent and your State Inspector of your appointment.

We enclose an enrollment card which you will please execute before a Notary Public and return to this office for our files. In addition, we enclose a credential card for your use as Chief, which you will retain. After you have determined the number of members you will enroll, please notify your State Inspector who will forward you a sufficient supply of both the oath and credential cards.

It is important that you proceed with the work of organizing your Division as rapidly as is consistent with thorough and efficient organization.

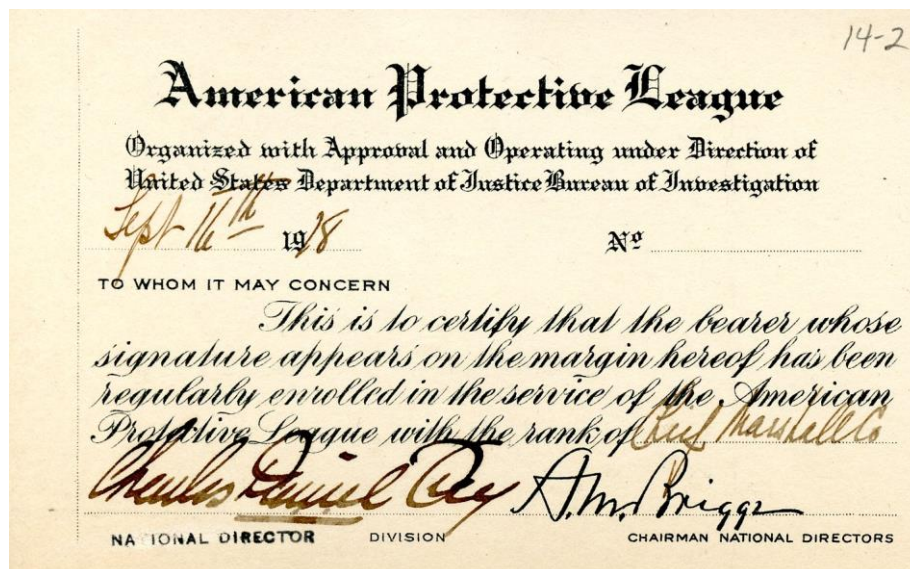
Kindly address all communications to

"THE AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE"

Very truly yours,

A. M. Briggs
Chairman, National Directors.

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I, _____, a member of the American Protective League, organized with the approval and operating under the direction of the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Investigation, do hereby solemnly swear:

That I am a citizen of the United States of America; and that I will uphold and defend the Constitution and Laws of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and will bear true faith and allegiance to the same at all times and in all places as a true and loyal citizen thereof.

That I will give due time and diligent attention to such service as I shall undertake to render; and that I will execute promptly and to the best of my ability the commands of my superiors in connection therewith.

That I will in all respects observe the rules and regulations, present and future, of this organization; and that I will promptly report to my superiors any and all violations thereof, and all information of every kind and character and from whatever source derived, tending to prove hostile or disloyal acts or intentions on the part of any person whatsoever and all other information of any kind of interest or value to the Government.

That I will not, except in the necessary performance of my duty, exhibit my credentials or disclose my membership in this organization; and that I will not disclose to any person other than a duly authorized Government official or officer of this organization, facts and information coming to my knowledge in connection with its work.

That the statement on the opposite side hereof, by me subscribed, is true and correct.

That I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge my duties, without reward to myself, as a volunteer for the defense and preservation of the United States of America.

So help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this....day of....., 19....

.....
Notary Public.

FORM 1

Application for Enrollment as a Volunteer in the

Commission No. **American Protective League** ☐ Captain ☐ Lieutenant ☐ Operative

**Organized with the Approval and Operating under the Direction of the
United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Investigation**

A. M. BRIGGS, Chairman National Directors,
AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE,
Washington, D. C. , 1918

Dear Sir:—I beg to make application for enrollment as a Volunteer in the American Protective League, City or Division of....., and for the purpose of such enrollment make the following statement:

<p>1. Name in full</p> <p>2. Place of birth Age.....</p> <p>3. Residence Address</p> <p>4. Business Address</p> <p>5. City, State.....</p> <p>6. Business Phone, Residence Phone</p> <p>7. With what firm or corporation</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Present position</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Nature of Business</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Business experience and history</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>9. Experience, if any, in military, police or governmental service, State or National</p> <p>.....</p> <p>10. With what clubs or organizations are you affiliated?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>11. Are you married?</p> <p>12. What foreign languages do you speak or understand?....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>13. Do you understand that you will receive no compensation or expense allowances for services rendered?.....</p> <p>14. I agree to surrender my credentials at any time upon request of the Chief. I will notify my Chief of any change of business or residence address.</p>
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8. Use, if any, of intoxicating liquors.....

Signed

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
CHIEF, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
AND REFER TO INITIALS
J. E. H.

Department of Justice,
Bureau of Investigation,
Washington.

September 20, 1918.

To All Special Agents, Employees and Local Officers:

Charles F. Heinze, a German alien enemy, formerly residing at 855 South Seventeenth Street, Newark, N. J., has disappeared. It was reported, August 15, that he had deserted his wife and that he was believed to have gone to the Catskill Mountains in New York in company with Mrs. Andrew Leech, 844 South Eighteenth Street, Newark, N. J. The Department is informed that Mrs. Leech took her marriage certificate with her and also her husband's classification card in the draft. This would indicate that the parties are living together under the name of Leech.



Heinze's description in his alien enemy registration card is as follows: Age, thirty-one; height, 5 feet 6 inches; weight, one hundred and forty pounds; forehead, high; nose, straight; mouth, normal; chin, round with slight cleft in center; hair, blonde; face, large; distinctive marks, none.

Please attempt to locate Heinze, and immediately take him into custody should he be found in your district. Upon doing so, kindly notify the Department by wire.

Very truly yours,

A. Bruce Bielaski
Chief.

CHIEF, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Washington, D. C.

SIR: I hereby acknowledge the receipt of circular letter dated September 20, 1918.

(Sig.)

Copy of Letter from

Frank A. Vanderlip, President of the National City Bank of New York City; Geo. M. Reynolds, President of the Continental and Commercial National Bank of Chicago; Festus J. Wade, President of the Mercantile Trust Company of St. Louis; Stoddard Jess, Prest. of the First National Bank of Los Angeles.

September 23, 1918.

To American Bankers,

Dear Sirs:

Hon. T. W. Gregory, Attorney General of the United States, says that the American Protective League is an absolute necessity as an auxiliary of the Department of Justice.

In the National Interest, therefore, we recommend for your consideration, the attached correspondence.

Unlike other volunteer organizations, such as the Red Cross, Knights of Columbus, Y.M.C.A., etc., the nature of the work of the League precludes a public appeal for funds. We hope, therefore, that this appeal to the bankers of America will meet with a prompt response.

Yours very truly,

Frank A. Vanderlip
Geo M. Reynolds
~~Stoddard Jess~~
Festus J. Wade
Stoddard Jess

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(City)..... November....., 1918

MILTON E. AILES,
TREASURER, AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE,
RIGGS NATIONAL BANK,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Sir:

In accordance with letter addressed to the Bankers of America, we enclose herewith ^{check}_{draft} for \$.....,
as a contribution to the general fund for National Headquarters, American Protective League.

Yours respectfully,

(Name).....

(Address).....

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NATIONAL DIRECTORS
A. M. BRIGGS, CHAIRMAN
CHARLES DANIEL FREY
VICTOR ELTING

American Protective League

Organized with the Approval and Operating under the Direction of
the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Investigation

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
1537 EYE STREET N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 24, 1918

Joe L. Price, Esq.,
Benton, Ky.

Dear Sir:--

We are enclosing herewith copy of our booklet entitled
"Counter - Espionage Laws."

We supply these booklets free of charge and request that
you requisition this office for a sufficient number to place one
in the hands of each of your members.

Yours very truly,
NATIONAL DIRECTORS
AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE,

JB

By

S. J. Doherty
BNT

**Department of Justice,
Bureau of Investigation,
Washington.**

OCTOBER 30, 1918.

To All Special Agents, Special Employees, and Local Officers of the Bureau of Investigation:

NICHOLAS TRITZ, a paroled German alien enemy, lately employed by the Tinius Olsen Testing Machine Co., 500 North Twelfth Street, Philadelphia, has disappeared. Mr. Tritz has worked at various times as an elevator man and orderly, as an operator of a drill press, as a riveter in a boiler shop, as a machinist helper and unskilled laborer, as a waiter, and as a helper in a paint factory.



Mr. Tritz is described as follows: Age, 21; height, 5 feet 6½ inches; weight, 145 pounds; forehead, low and narrow; eyes, brown; nose, straight; mouth, small; chin, small and round; hair, light brown; lips, thin; complexion, sallow; face, oval; distinctive marks, oblong scar three-quarters of an inch long over left eye.

This alien enemy came to the United States August 5, 1914, on the S. S. *Prinz Oskar*. He was one of the crew. He received a German common school education and later shipped as a seaman in the German merchant marine. He is inclined to be quick-tempered. It is not unlikely that he may be implicated in saloon brawls. Every effort should be made to locate him, and he should be taken into custody when located and the Department advised by wire immediately.

Very truly yours,

A. Bruce Bielaski
Chief.

CHIEF, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Washington, D. C.

SIR: I hereby acknowledge receipt of your circular letter dated October 30, 1918.

(Signed)-----

Department of Justice,

Bureau of Investigation,

Washington.

October 30, 1918.

TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS, EMPLOYEES AND LOCAL OFFICERS:

Ernest Hansen, a German alien male, registered by the Police authorities in San Francisco, California, February 5, 1918, has changed his place of residence without obtaining the required permission, and his present whereabouts is unknown.

He is 32 years of age, 5 feet 7 1/4 inches in height, 167 pounds in weight, has a high forehead, blue eyes, straight nose, medium mouth, round chin, brown hair, light complexion and oval face. His arms are tattooed and he has a scar on forehead. He gave his address as 378 Third Street, San Francisco, California, which is found to be a hotel in the poor section of the city.

He received permission to move from San Francisco, California, to Vallejo, California, but failed to report to the Police authorities there. He arrived in the United States, January, 1906, at Nogales, Mexico.

Will you, therefore, please take all possible steps to locate this alien enemy and to arrest him summarily and detain him pending further orders from this Department, which should be notified by wire immediately.

Very truly yours,

A. B. BIELASKI

Chief.

Chief, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

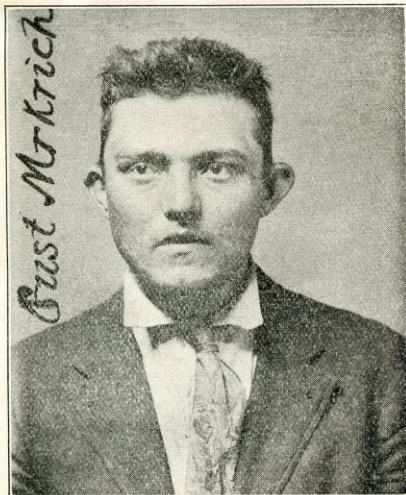
I hereby acknowledge receipt of circular letter dated October 30, 1918.

Department of Justice,
Bureau of Investigation,
Washington.

OCTOBER 30, 1918.

To All Special Agents, Special Employees, and Local Officers of the Bureau of Investigation:

GUST MRKRICH, an Austrian alien enemy released from the Allegheny County jail for the purpose of completing his parole, has disappeared. He had been working for about two years for the American Bridge Co., at Ambridge, Pa., but at the time of his arrest was looking for a job as a coal miner. Mrkrich is a stubborn man of low mentality. He can not speak or understand English. He is a native of Croatia.



Mr. Mrkrich is described as follows: Age, 20; height, 5 feet 4 inches; complexion, sallow; eyes, brown; hair, brown.

He is not a particularly dangerous character, but every effort should be made to locate him, and he should be taken into custody when located and the Department advised by wire immediately.

Very truly yours,

A. Bruce Bielaski
Chief.

CHIEF, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Washington, D. C.

SIR: I hereby acknowledge receipt of your circular letter dated October 30, 1918.

(Signed) _____

NATIONAL DIRECTORS
A. M. BRIGGS, CHAIRMAN
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VICTOR ELTING

American Protective League

Organized with the Approval and Operating under the Direction of
the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Investigation

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
1719 H STREET N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 31, 1918.

To the Bankers of America,
Gentlemen:

The American Protective League was organized in March, 1917, with the approval of the Attorney General of the United States. It operates under the general direction of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, through a Board of Directors at National Headquarters at Washington. It is a strictly volunteer organization, wholly non-partisan in character, with a membership of approximately two hundred and fifty thousand men carefully selected, duly sworn in and distributed throughout the United States until every city of any substantial size is, and every county is or soon will be fully organized.

The League has now reached a point where, to effectively meet the demands made upon it by the Department of Justice and through it by the other important Departments of the Government and to carry out large plans for greater service, substantial funds must be provided for use at National Headquarters. The fixed charges at the present time include the rental of a three story building and a large and constantly increasing payroll for clerical help necessary for the handling of the large volume of work, the cost of printing and distributing to the local Divisions throughout the entire United States necessary publications, bulletins and other printed matter, and the expense incident to the establishment and maintenance at Washington of master files, and to other important activities. The National Directors receive no salaries or other compensation from the League.

The National Headquarters up to this time have been financed by individual contributions and certain advancements. Each local branch is self-supporting and its necessary expenditures are met by local contributions from members and others who realize the importance of the work. National Headquarters does not feel justified, however, in attempting to place upon the local branches the additional burden of raising the large sum required for its necessities.

The American Protective League is rendering the country a valuable service. The Attorney General of the United States says that the League is a necessity. Bankers of America are therefore urged to contribute to its support at this time. No other solicitation is now being made.

You are requested to raise, in any manner you see fit, the sum of \$50.00 toward this general fund. Please make your check payable to Treasurer, American Protective League, and forward to the Treasurer, Milton E. Ailes, Vice-President of the Riggs National Bank, Washington, D. C. Mr. Ailes will also act as Chairman of a Finance Committee which will audit all expenditures made from this fund.

Yours very truly,

NATIONAL DIRECTORS
AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE

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**Department of Justice,
Bureau of Investigation,
Washington.**

NOVEMBER 1, 1918.

To All Special Agents, Special Employees, and Local Officers of the Bureau of Investigation:

ALFRED HEINE, a German alien enemy arrested in Philadelphia, Pa., on April 30, 1918, was released on parole on June 28, 1918, to go to work on the farm of William Dignam, at South Langhorne, Pa. About the 1st of October he left his place of employment and has not been heard of since.

Heine came to the United States in 1906 and entered through the port of Boston. He worked on the Boston Lightship No. 54 for 18 months. He then shipped on the S. S. *City of Macon* of the Ocean Steamship Co. For the past seven years he has lived at 613 North Fifth Street, Philadelphia. He followed the sea until October, 1917, when he went to work for a painter named Fugalli at Haverford College. He was arrested at Abbington, Pa., on charge of larceny and put into jail at Norristown, but was not indicted and was released on December 13, 1917. Finding it difficult to secure employment, he changed his name to Bertram Larson, claimed to be a Dane, and obtained work as a pile driver at Hog Island.

Heine is described as a man of 32 years; height, 5 feet 7 inches; weight, 150 pounds; forehead, medium; eyes, blue; nose, straight; mouth, small; chin, round; hair, brown; complexion, ruddy; face, oval. Two photographs appear herewith.



Please attempt to locate this man and immediately take him into custody should he be found. Upon doing so, kindly notify the Department by wire.

Yours very truly,

A. Bruce Bielaski

Chief.

CHIEF, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Washington, D. C.

SIR: I hereby acknowledge the receipt of circular letter dated November 1, 1918.

(Signed)_____

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**Department of Justice,
Bureau of Investigation,
Washington.**

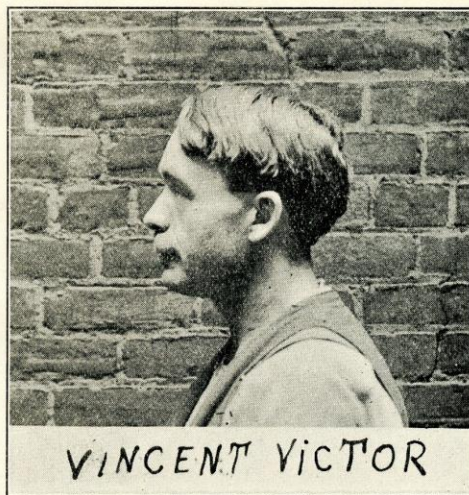
NOVEMBER 1, 1918.

To All Special Agents, Special Employees, and Local Officers of the Bureau of Investigation:

VINCENT VICTOR, or VINCENT VICTOR SAUDIE, a German alien enemy, arrested in Altoona, Pa., was released on September 27 in order to complete his parole application, and has not reported to the United States Attorney.

He has lived in and about Pittsburgh since February, 1918. His occupation is that of a baker.

Victor is described as being a man of 36 years; height, 5 feet 10 inches; complexion, medium; eyes, blue; hair, brown. Two photographs appear herewith.



Please attempt to locate this man, and immediately take him into custody should he be found. Upon doing so, kindly notify the Department by wire.

Yours very truly,

A. Bruce Bielaski
Chief.

CHIEF, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Washington, D. C.

SIR: I hereby acknowledge the receipt of circular letter dated November 1, 1918.

(Signed) _____

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Department of Justice,
Bureau of Investigation,
Washington.

November 2, 1918.

TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS AND EMPLOYES:

You are advised that the President, on October 16, 1918, approved an Act "To exclude and expel from the United States aliens who are members of the anarchistic and similar classes," as follows:

That aliens who are anarchistic* aliens who believe in or advocate the overthrow by force or violence of the Government of the United States or of all forms of law; aliens who disbelieve in or are opposed to all organized government; aliens who advocate or teach the assassination of public officials; aliens who advocate or teach the unlawful destruction of property; aliens who are members of or affiliated with any organization that entertains a belief in, teaches, or advocates the overthrow by force or violence of the Government of the United States or of all forms of law, or that entertains or teaches disbelief in or opposition to all organized government, or that advocates the duty, necessity, or propriety of the unlawful assaulting or killing of any officer or officers, either of specific individuals or of officers generally, of the Government of the United States or of any other organized Government, because of his or their official character, or that advocates or teaches the unlawful destruction of property shall be excluded from admission into the United States.

Sec. 2. That any alien who, at any time after entering the United States, is found to have been at the time of entry, or to have become thereafter, a member of any one of the classes of aliens enumerated in section one of this Act, shall, upon the warrant of the Secretary of Labor,

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be taken into custody and deported in the manner provided in the Immigration Act of February fifth, nineteen hundred and seventeen. The provisions of this section shall be applicable to the classes of aliens mentioned in this Act irrespective of the time of their entry into the United States.

Sec. 3. That any alien who shall, after he has been excluded and deported or arrested and deported in pursuance of the provisions of this Act, thereafter return to or enter the United States or attempt to return to or to enter the United States shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment for a term of not more than five years; and shall, upon the termination of such imprisonment, be taken into custody, upon the warrant of the Secretary of Labor, and deported in the manner provided in the immigration Act of February fifth, nineteen hundred and seventeen.

The enforcement of this Act is vested in the Department of Labor. You should furnish to the Immigration Inspector in your vicinity copies of reports which contain information of value to the Labor Department concerning the aliens affected by the Act.

Very truly yours,

A. B. BIELASKI,

Chief.

Chief, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of your circular letter of October 31, 1918, in reference to the Act "To exclude and expel from the United States aliens who are members of the anarchistic and similar classes."

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Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
Washington

NOVEMBER 4, 1918.

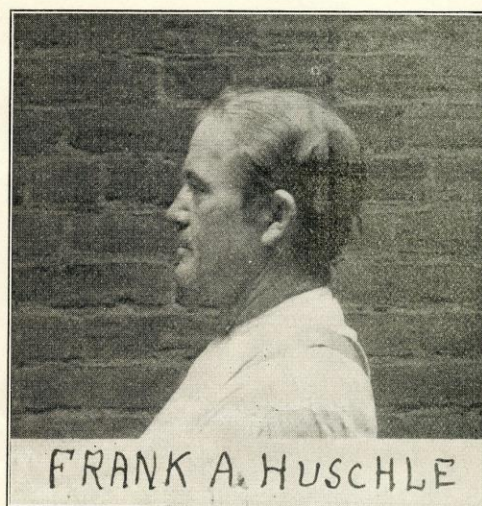
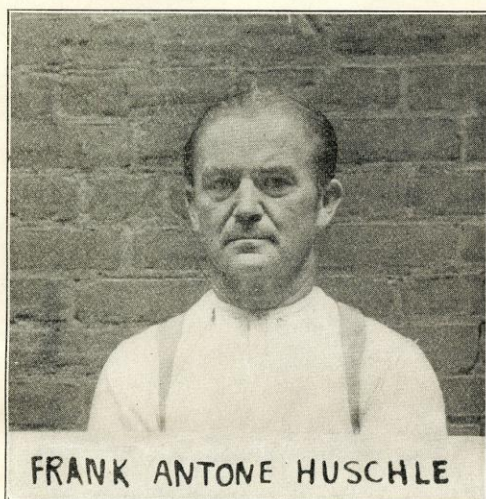
To All Special Agents, Special Employees, and Local Officers of the Bureau of Investigation:

FRANK ANTONE HUSCHLE, a German alien enemy, arrested in Altoona, Pa., was released on parole in Pittsburgh on September 7, 1918, in order to complete his parole application. He has not reported to the United States Attorney since his release.

Huschle came to the United States in February, 1893, and landed at Philadelphia. He has lived in and about Pittsburgh and his occupation is that of a waiter.

He is described as being a man 46 years of age; height, 5 feet 5 inches; complexion, fair; eyes, blue; hair, brown.

Two photographs appear herewith.



Please attempt to locate this man, and immediately take him into custody should he be found. Upon doing so, kindly notify the Department by wire.

Yours very truly,

A. Bruce Bielaski
Chief.

CHIEF, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Washington, D. C.

SIR: I hereby acknowledge the receipt of circular letter dated November 4, 1918.

(Signed) _____

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Bureau of Investigation

November 9, 1918

TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS, EMPLOYEES AND LOCAL OFFICERS:

Carl Fred Bihly, a German alien, male, who was registered by the Police authorities in St. Louis, Missouri, February 7th, 1918, and was granted permission to move to Davenport, Ohio, has failed to report to the Chief of Police of Davenport, and his present whereabouts is unknown.

He is 55 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches in height, 135 pounds in weight, has a medium high forehead, blue eyes, medium nose, regular mouth, prominent chin, dark chestnut hair, regular face, and had a mustache at the time of his registration.

He gave as his address 218 South Fourth Street, St. Louis, Missouri, which is found to be a boarding house. He arrived in the United States March 22nd, 1883, at the port of New York, on ship "Waldersee". He is unmarried.

Will you, therefore, please take all possible steps to locate this alien enemy, arrest him summarily and detain him pending further orders from the Department, which should be notified by wire immediately.

Very truly yours,

A. B. BIELASKI

Chief.

Chief, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of circular letter dated November 9, 1918.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Bureau of Investigation.

November 9, 1918.

TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS, EMPLOYEES AND LOCAL OFFICERS:

John Gerhard Hofacker, a German alien male, who was registered by the United States Postmaster at Wetumka, Oklahoma, on the 13th day of February, 1918, has changed his place of residence without obtaining the necessary permission, and his present whereabouts is unknown.

He is 54 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches in height, 216 pounds in weight, has a medium forehead, brown eyes, medium nose, medium mouth, short chin, brown hair, fair complexion and oval face. At the time of his registration he wore a mustache and glasses. He gave as his address Wetumka, Oklahoma.

He arrived in the United States February 21st, 1903, at the port of New York, on the ship "Vaderland". He is unmarried.

Will you, therefore, please take all possible steps to locate this alien enemy, arrest him summarily and detain him pending further orders from this Department, which should be notified by wire immediately.

Very truly yours,

A. B. BIELASKI

Chief.

Chief, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of circular letter dated
November 9, 1918.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C.

November 9, 1918.

TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS, EMPLOYEES AND LOCAL OFFICERS:

George Jaehnigan, a German alien male, who failed to register with the Police authorities in Jacksonville, Florida, has left his place of residence and his present whereabouts is unknown.

He is 32 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches in height, 133 pounds in weight, has a medium forehead, brown eyes, straight nose, round chin and a medium face. He has scars from burns on both shins.

He has resided in the United States since February 14th, 1906. He was employed for a number of years as a cook in the German Club, Tampa, Florida.

Will you, therefore, take all possible steps to locate this alien enemy, arrest him summarily and detain him pending further orders from this Department, which should be notified by wire immediately.

Respectfully,

A. B. BIELASKI

Chief.

Chief, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I hereby acknowledge receipt of circular letter dated November 9, 1918.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

(Bureau of Investigation)

November 9, 1918.

TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS, EMPLOYEES AND LOCAL OFFICERS:

Frank Schonke, a German alien male, registered by the Police authorities in New Orleans, Louisiana, February 6, 1918, has changed his place of residence, and his present whereabouts is unknown.

He is 33 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches in height, 175 pounds in weight, has a high forehead, blue eyes, straight nose, regular mouth, round chin, blonde hair, fair complexion and oval face, has a cut scar 5 inches in length on left arm. He gave as his address 542 St. Peters Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, which is found to be a rooming house.

He arrived in the United States May 2, 1910, at the port Townsend, on the ship "Tauke". He is unmarried.

Will you, therefore, take all possible steps to locate this alien enemy and to arrest him summarily and detain him pending further orders from the Department, which should be notified by wire immediately.

Very truly yours,

A. B. BIELASKI

Chief.

Chief, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of circular letter dated November 9, 1918.

NATIONAL DIRECTORS
A. M. BRIGGS, CHAIRMAN
CHARLES DANIEL FREY
VICTOR ELTING

American Protective League

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the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Investigation

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
1537 EYE STREET N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Chief, Local Division,
American Protective League.

Dear Sir:

NOV 11 1918

The enclosed letter from the War Department over General M. Churchill's signature, requesting that an immediate careful investigation be made of the enclosed matter, is of the utmost importance.

A detailed statement of all facts and circumstances affecting this person's character and loyalty, and all family, social and business influences to which this individual has been subjected, is desired. The information on the enclosed papers is furnished by the War Department to aid you in making your investigation. It is imperative that this investigation be made and your report be returned within ten days, if possible. If it is impossible to make the full report in that time, send us a progress report with a full or further report later. The facts obtained in your investigation should be set forth on the regular form of questionnaire enclosed and should be made in duplicate, signed by the investigator and countersigned by the Chief and returned to this office with the original papers and letter from the War Department addressed to us. If, after making your final report, further facts should develop or information come to your knowledge, not covered by the questionnaire a typewritten statement of such facts should be furnished in duplicate.

You will exercise care to avoid disclosing to the individual, even indirectly, the fact that an investigation is being made. Such disclosure may not only be embarrassing to the individual but may result in positive injury because of the resulting unjust suspicion.

Please address your replies to this request and all other mail regarding War Department investigations to: National Headquarters, American Protective League, 1537 Eye Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., attention Captain Charles Daniel Frey. No mail should be addressed to the Military Intelligence Branch or to General M. Churchill, as all mail so addressed comes back to the League and results in confusion in the filing systems both in the War Department and in the League.

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL DIRECTORS
AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE,
Charles Daniel Frey,
Captain, U. S. A.,

BY



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Military Intelligence Division.
In replying refer to

Spec. File M.I.11-B.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

NOV 2 1918

CONFIDENTIAL

The National Directors,
American Protective League,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The person indicated on attached sheet has applied for special overseas service in connection with the Army. Before the application is accepted, it is desired that this person's loyalty be positively established. Your organization can be of great service in assisting us to determine this question. The Department of Justice has been consulted and agrees it is for the best interest of the service that this matter be handled by us directly with your organization. It is requested that this investigation be conducted with all possible expedition.

We beg to thank you and the members of your League in advance for service rendered.

Sincerely yours,

M. Churchill,
Brigadier General, General Staff,
Director of Military Intelligence.

By:

J. S. Moore

J. S. Moore,
Captain, U. S. Army.

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Referred to _____

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 14, 1918.

CIRCULAR NO. 915

TO ALL UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS:

On November 11, 1918, by order of the Secretary of War, the Provost Marshal General advised all draft executives in all states that all induction calls should be cancelled, and that all registrants released from induction should revert to the status existing at the time of the issuing of the original induction order, including the resumption of their order and serial number. Furthermore, all registrants released from such induction are liable for immediate call in the usual manner at any time. This cancellation of induction orders does not operate to relieve from the consequences of his acts any registrant who has heretofore become a delinquent or deserter. Such delinquents or deserters should be sent to mobilization camps as heretofore, after the proper procedure has been taken by the Local Boards under Section 140 of the Selective Service Regulations.

As there is no present need of increasing the military or naval forces of the United States, instructions heretofore issued, which permitted the immediate induction into military service of men prosecuted for failure to register, are hereby revoked, nor are non-registrants to be permitted voluntary induction into military

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service without prosecution.

Hereafter and until further advised wherever and whenever a person of registration age is apprehended for failure to register, and is found not to have registered, or facts reported to you show that anyone required to do so has failed to register, a vigorous prosecution should be instituted, and upon a plea of guilty or conviction, you should request the court to impose the maximum jail sentence provided by the Selective Service Act.

Your attention is directed to my former instructions concerning draft delinquents and deserters who have escaped to foreign countries to evade military service. Whenever the facts found warrant a prosecution for violation of Sections 5 or 6 of the Selective Service Act, the matter should be presented to the Grand Jury as soon as practicable, so that if an indictment is returned, the defendant may be properly prosecuted upon his return to this country.

The equitable administration of the Selective Service Act requires that these instructions be given careful and conscientious attention.

Respectfully,

T. W. GREGORY

Attorney General.

Department of Justice,
Bureau of Investigation,
Washington.

November 18, 1918.

TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS, EMPLOYES AND LOCAL OFFICERS:

Arthur Hendess, a German alien male, who was registered by the City Clerk at Prescott, Arizona, February 16, 1918, failed to call for his registration card, and his present whereabouts is unknown.

He is 30 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches in height, 139 pounds in weight, has a low forehead, blue eyes, large nose, small mouth, large chin, light hair, light complexion and a thin face. The first joint of thumb on left hand missing. He gave as his address Mayer, Arizona. From 1917 to 1918 he resided in Mayer, Arizona, where his occupation was as machinist.

He arrived in the United States November 21st, 1908, at the port of New York, on the ship "Furnesia". He is unmarried.

Will you, therefore, take all possible steps to locate this alien enemy, arrest him summarily and detain him pending further orders from this Department, which should be notified by wire immediately.

Very truly yours,

A. B. BIELASKI

Chief.

Chief, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I hereby acknowledge receipt of circular letter dated November 18, 1918.

Department of Justice,

Bureau of Investigation,

Washington.

November 18, 1918.

TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS, EMPLOYEES AND LOCAL OFFICERS:

George Lenzner, a German alien male, registered by the City Clerk at Prescott, Arizona, February 7th, 1918, failed to call for his registration card, and his present whereabouts is unknown.

He is 30 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches in height, 146 pounds in weight, has a high forehead, blue eyes, small nose, small mouth, large chin, light hair, light complexion, has a round and full face. He has a scar under left ear. At the time of his registration he gave as his address Prescott, Arizona, in care of R. B. Westervelt.

He arrived in the United States November 21st, 1912, on the ship "Patricia", at the port of New York. He is unmarried. He was arrested for evading the draft.

Will you, therefore, take all possible steps to locate this alien enemy, arrest him summarily and detain him pending further orders from the Department, which should be notified by wire immediately.

Very truly yours,

A. B. BIELASKI

Chief.

Chief, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I hereby acknowledge receipt of circular letter dated November 18, 1918.

CHIEF

BULLETIN NO. 23

DIVISION

SUMMARIZED REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF LOCAL DIVISIONS

American Protective League

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
1719 H STREET N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 20, 1918.

TO ALL CHIEFS OF THE
AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE:

The National Directors wish to give immediate attention to the compilation of complete records of the work of the American Protective League since its foundation. It is probable that a book will be produced descriptive of the work of the League throughout the country, setting forth under proper subdivisions the manifold activities of our members. For so comprehensive a work not only will definite figures be necessary, but narrative as well; and the report of each local division is absolutely required in order that the sum total of our service and experience may be recorded.

The National Directors therefore request you to return promptly the following:

I. A complete statement of the number of investigations made by your division under the heads enumerated on the following pages covering the entire period from organization to this date.

II. A brief statement in narrative form of the most interesting investigations made and experiences had by the officers and members of your division.

It is not necessary that all of these investigations should have resulted in the detection of a willful violation of the country's war code, or that the principal figures should have been arrested, tried and sent to prison or to an internment camp. In a population so mixed as ours, it was inevitable that thousands of complaints should have been made against innocent persons. It was the business of the League to clear up these unjust accusations no less than to run down active enemy agents or treasonable Americans.

We wish also to record investigations which were noteworthy because of the intelligence shown in their conduct, quite apart from the final result attained. Even the humorous or the broadly comic incident will not be amiss. No history of the League would accurately depict its activities or the men to whom the success of its service is due unless bright threads of humor and human sympathy run through the substantial fabric of its achievements during America's great war.

In brief, we wish to be able to present in permanent, interesting and comprehensive form, the story of the American Protective League. That story, like a cable, is made up of many minor and individual strands. We want the stirring and striking stories of work, finished or unfinished, which make the record of the League.

These reports will be confidential until proper release is given.

We realize that the preparation of this report will involve considerable labor on the part of the local divisions, but local chiefs will be compensated, we feel sure, by the inclusion of the facts reported by them in a permanent record of the service of the American Protective League to the country during the great war. By this record each member of the League will be informed of the entire work of the organization and will become acquainted with the most interesting experiences of all other members. A bond of interest will be established which will long survive the formal dissolution of the organization.

If your division has at any time been under the direction of officers other than yourself, please secure their co-operation in the preparation of the data here requested. We are enclosing duplicate copy which you may retain in your files.

Respectfully,

NATIONAL DIRECTORS,
AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE.

Department of Justice Cases.

- (1) *Alien enemy activities.*
 - a. Male
 - b. Female
(Registration, detention, parole and internment.)
- (2) *Citizen disloyalties and sedition.*
(Espionage Act)
- (3) *Treason*
- (4) *Sabotage, bombs, dynamite, defective manufacture of war material*
- (5) *Anti-military activity, interference with draft, etc.*
- (6) *Propaganda.*
 - a. Word of mouth
 - b. Printed matter and publications
- (7) *Radical organizations.*
I.W.W., People's Council, League of Humanity, and all other radical organizations, including pacifist and radical "socialist"
- (8) *Bribery, graft, theft, and embezzlement*
- (9) *Miscellaneous. Including—*
Naturalization
Jury panel
Impersonation of U. S. or foreign officers
And all other investigations

War Department Cases.

- (1) *Counter-espionage for military intelligence*
- (2) *Selective service regulations.*
 - a. Under local and district boards
(All individual investigations of delinquents and deserters and of those charged with any violation of selective-service regulations.)
 - b. In slacker raids
 - c. Of local and district board members
 - d. Work or fight order
- (3) *Character and loyalty.*
 - a. Civilian applicants for oversea service
 - b. Applicants for commissions
- (4) *Training camp activities.*
(Under Sections 12 and 13 of Selective Service Law. Regulations, p. 355.)
 - a. Liquor
 - b. Vice and prostitution
- (5) *Camp desertions and absences without leave*
- (6) *Collection of foreign maps and photographs for Military Intelligence Bureau.*
Pieces of matter

Navy Department.

(1) *Counter-espionage for Naval Intelligence.*
Including—

Wireless

Lights

Other signalling to sub-
marines, etc.

(2) *Collection of binoculars, tele-
scopes, sextants, etc.*

Department of State.

Visé of passport

Miscellaneous

Treasury Department.

War Risk Insurance Allot-
ments, allowances,
frauds, etc.

Miscellaneous

Food Administration.

Hoarding

Destruction

Waste

Profiteering

United States Shipping Board.

Under Nat. Headquarters
Bulletins Nos. 11 and
12

Character and loyalty

Miscellaneous

Fuel Administration.

Hoarding

Destruction

Waste

Profiteering

Alien Property Custodian.

Miscellaneous

Miscellaneous.

(Here set forth other activities in local, State, and
National matters.)

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 21, 1918.

CIRCULAR NO. 917.

TO ALL UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS, UNITED STATES MARSHALS
AND SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE:

Under authority granted by the Department of State, the Polish National Committee is issuing to certain residents in the United States who are technically alien enemies but who are of Polish nationality, certificates in substantially the following form:

"By virtue of authority conferred on the Polish National Committee at Paris, (recognized by the United States Government on November 10, 1917) by the Department of State of the United States Government, this is to certify that

.....
(name)
Residing at.....
(Give residence)
Formerly a resident of, and claimed as a subject by.....

is of Polish nationality, and as such, is entitled to the consideration of public authorities which the Government of the United States has agreed to extend to Poles to whom these certificates are issued.

(Signed) Ignace Jan Paderewski.

Authorized representative in the
United States
of the
Polish National Committee at Paris."

While the possession of such a certificate does not relieve

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an alien enemy from the duty of full compliance with the President's Regulations concerning alien enemies, it does indicate that he is vouched for by a responsible organization which has the sanction of the United States Government. Consequently, you should accord special courtesy and consideration to such persons when they apply for permits which are required by the Regulations governing alien enemies.

Respectfully,

T. W. Gregory, .

Attorney General.

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Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C.

November 21, 1918.

National Directors,
American Protective League,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I feel it my duty at the present juncture to call upon the officers and members of the American Protective League throughout the country to carry on steadfastly for the present their effective aid and co-operation with the Department of Justice.

The sudden termination of hostilities has reacted strongly upon the public and there is everywhere evident a desire on the part of patriotic citizens, heretofore intent upon winning the war, to withdraw immediately from war work. Such a course, if generally followed, would involve serious consequences.

Your organization has performed a great task, both in active and passive service. The number of investigations participated in by you, many of which have resulted in the uncovering of serious enemy activities and disloyalties, and the apprehension and prosecution of the individuals concerned, the large number of draft evaders detected, and your many other activities, have been an important factor in winning the war. A service of equal value has been the passive but powerful influence exerted by your organization upon alien enemies and disloyal persons. The knowledge upon

their part that everywhere about them were the eyes and ears of a great organization auxiliary to the Government raised a fear in their hearts as to the consequences of hostile action, and became a powerful deterrent of enemy and disloyal activities.

I sincerely trust that in view of these grave considerations, your members will be aroused to the need of carrying on your work for the immediate future with the fullest degree of efficiency. I earnestly ask your continued aid and co-operation.

Respectfully,
W. H. Lugo

Attorney General.

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November 22", 1918.

American Protective League,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed I herewith return you application and blanks of
H. Lafayette McNeill of Paducah, R.F.D. 2.

Mr. McNeill resides in Macracken county about forty miles
from here and I can not, without considerable difficulty, obtain
information sufficient to fill the blanks as required.

I would suggest that the matter be referred to the Chief
at Paducah, Ky.

Will say, however, I am personally acquainted with Mr.
McNeill and am positive he is 100% American.

Very truly yours,

Chief Marshall, Boone County, Ky.

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Department of Justice,

Bureau of Investigation,

November 26, 1918.

Washington.

TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS, EMPLOYEES AND LOCAL OFFICERS:

George Erb, who registered as a German alien male with the Police Authorities of Monico, Wisconsin, on February 13, 1918, failed to call for his registration card, and also failed to supply the Registration Officer with the required photograph. His present whereabouts are now unknown to the Department.

Erb is a man 66 years of age; 5 feet, 5 inches in height; 140 pounds in weight; high and narrow forehead; blue eyes; Roman nose; wide mouth; round chin; gray hair, florid complexion and a broad and full face. He is unmarried. His occupation has been that of a laborer.

Will you, therefore, please take all possible steps to locate this alien enemy and to arrest him summarily and detain him pending further orders from the Department, which should be notified by wire immediately.

Very truly yours,

A. B. BIELASKI

Chief.

Chief, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of circular letter dated November 26, 1918.

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Department of Justice,
Bureau of Investigation,
Washington.

November 26, 1918.

TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS, EMPLOYEES AND LOCAL OFFICERS:

Herman Bremer, who registered as a German alien with the Police Authorities of Los Angeles, Cal., on February 6th, 1918, has disappeared from that city.

Bremer is a man 32 years of age, 5' 6 1/2" in height, 136 pounds in weight, medium forehead, blue eyes, long nose, small mouth, pointed chin, brown hair, light complexion, and a scar on his right wrist. Bremer gave as his address #227 S. Main Street, Los Angeles, Cal. Investigation, however, discloses that he is not known at that address.

Will you, therefore, please take all possible steps to locate this alien enemy and to arrest him summarily and detain him pending further orders from the Department, which should be notified by wire immediately.

Very truly yours,

A. B. BIELASKI

Chief.

Chief, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of circular letter dated November 26, 1918.

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WAR COLLEGE DIVISION

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

December 5, 1918.

National Directors of the American Protective League,
1719 H Street,
Washington, D. C.

Attention Captain Charles Daniel Frey.

Dear Sirs:

In the compilation of the pictorial history and record of the war, it is the desire of the Historical Branch, War Plans Division, General Staff, to include a comprehensive series of photographs illustrative of the personnel and activities of the American Protective League. It is the intention to publish some of the photographs in the proposed pictorial history of the war.

Among the photographs particularly desired are interesting snapshots of the principal heads of your organization, a group picture showing the staff in Washington, preferably taken on the steps of the building occupied; interesting snapshot portraits of some of the members of the American Protective League who have accomplished some conspicuously good work, pictures of some of the more important enemy aliens who have been arrested as the result of your activities, and any other pictures which, in your judgment, will constitute an adequate record of the work in which the American Protective League has been engaged during the war.

In view of the possible curtailment of the activities of the American Protective League as a result of the armistice, and of the increasing difficulty in obtaining photographs of this nature at a later date, it is suggested that immediate steps be taken to obtain the photographs desired.

Sincerely,

Kendall Baunig

Major, U. S. A.
O.I.C. Pictorial Section,
Historical Branch, W.P.D., General Staff.

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NATIONAL DIRECTORS
A. M. BRIGGS, CHAIRMAN
CHARLES DANIEL FREY
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American Protective League

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
1719 H STREET N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 10, 1918.

Dear Sir:

The National Directors are in receipt of a communication from the Historical Branch, War Plans Division of the General Staff, a copy of which we enclose herewith.

We wish your contribution to this collection, and at the same time we will be glad to receive duplicate copies for our own historical records. Please forward to us as soon as possible duplicate copies of your own photograph and of such other pictures as you are able to procure which will meet the demands of the Historical Branch.

You will be careful to endorse upon the back of each photograph the full name, place of residence and rank of the subject. Unmounted prints are preferred.

Respectfully,

NATIONAL DIRECTORS
AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE

NATIONAL DIRECTORS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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KENTUCKY HEADQUARTERS

605 FIRST AND CITY NATIONAL BANK BUILDING

PHONE 1063

LEXINGTON, KY.

December 12, 1918.

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STATE OF KENTUCKY
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR

INSPECTOR
RICHARD C. STOLL
ASSISTANT INSPECTOR
WM. H. TOWNSEND

TO ALL CHIEFS OF THE AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE IN AMERICA:—

By Bolsheviki in this letter I mean all elements who might undertake to overthrow our Form of Government, either by inflammatory speeches or by rioting and lawlessness.

The Bolsheviki have, since the beginning of the Great War, become an important factor in the many questions that will have to be solved by our Government in the immediate future. Already they have taken control of Russia, and if the newspapers are correct—and I presume they are—Russia has been reduced to a state of anarchy, and in some communities to starvation. They have shown themselves potent in Roumania, and in many other countries in Europe.

I am fearful that they will try to gain a foothold in our country. Already, according to the newspapers, there has been held in New York a large meeting where the Doctrines of the Bolsheviki were advocated.

At a meeting in Chicago Victor Berger, who is under indictment for violating the Espionage Law, and who was recently elected to Congress by the Socialist Party in Milwaukee, is reputed to have said, among other things: "I am in no way opposed to our Flag," glancing at the Stars and Stripes, "but the International Flag," meaning the red flag, "is the bigger of the two." I am simply citing these instances to remind you that an effort is being made to spread such doctrines here.

Kentucky is and has always been a conservative State, and I do not think that such doctrines can obtain much headway here, yet it is of the utmost importance that we should be on the alert and be kept advised as to any attempt to spread any such doctrine in our own State.

There seems also to be an effort made by some German propagandists to create sympathy in this community for Germany, and to create a sentiment favoring the modifying the terms of the Armistice granted by General Foch, and to modify the Peace Terms which will be granted to the Central Powers.

I will be glad if you will advise me *at once* as to the following matters:

1. Is there any Bolsheviki sentiment in your community, and is any effort being made to spread such doctrine?
2. Has there been any propaganda circulated in your county having for its object the modification of the terms of armistice, or of the peace terms which may be granted to Germany and her Allies?

I would also be glad if you would keep me advised from time to time hereafter as to the matters contained in this letter, and as to any other things which you might hear relating thereto. It is important that I should hear from all counties in the State at once, and that I should continue to hear from time to time, for it is only by comparing the reports from the different counties in the State that an organized plan may be detected.

Trusting that I may hear from you at once, believe me to be,

Yours very truly,

RICHARD C. STOLL,
Inspector for Kentucky.

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CHARLES DANIEL FREY
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IN REPLYING
PLEASE REFER TO

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
1719 H STREET N. W.,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

FINAL NOTICE REGARDING BADGES.

In view of the early dissolution of the League as announced in Bulletin 25 A, it becomes necessary to now arrange to complete the distribution of Badges.

That provision may be made to secure an ample supply of the Badges and make prompt deliveries you are requested to notify all members of your organization that orders for Badges will be received until January 20th only. Such orders should be forwarded to National Headquarters as soon as possible.

The National Directors feel that in years to come possession of one of these Badges will be valued as proof of active participation in the work of the great war and that members not now procuring them will be regretful when this last opportunity has passed. The Department of Justice has recently ruled that these Badges may be retained by members in good standing.

For your convenience, a copy of Badge Bulletin (Aug. 15, 1918) is enclosed herewith. If you have not already done so, you will give every officer and member of your organization the opportunity of procuring a Badge.

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AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE

December 20, 1918.

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VICTOR ELTING

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
1537 EYE STREET N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Chief, Local Division,
American Protective League.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed letter from the War Department over General M. Churchill's signature, requesting that an immediate careful investigation be made of the enclosed matter, is of the utmost importance.

A detailed statement of all facts and circumstances affecting this person's character and loyalty, and all family, social and business influences to which this individual has been subjected, is desired. The information on the enclosed papers is furnished by the War Department to aid you in making your investigation. It is imperative that this investigation be made and your report be returned within ten days, if possible. If it is impossible to make the full report in that time, send us a progress report with a full or further report later. The facts obtained in your investigation should be set forth on the regular form of questionnaire enclosed and should be made in duplicate, signed by the investigator and countersigned by the Chief and returned to this office with the original papers and letter from the War Department addressed to us. If, after making your final report, further facts should develop or information come to your knowledge, not covered by the questionnaire a typewritten statement of such facts should be furnished in duplicate.

You will exercise care to avoid disclosing to the individual, even indirectly, the fact that an investigation is being made. Such disclosure may not only be embarrassing to the individual, but may result in positive injury because of the resulting unjust suspicion.

Please address your replies to this request and all other mail regarding War Department Investigations to National Headquarters, American Protective League, 1537 Eye Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., attention Captain Charles Daniel Frey. No mail should be addressed to the Military Intelligence Branch or to General M. Churchill, as all mail so addressed comes back to the League and results in confusion in the filing systems both in the War Department and in the League.

Very truly yours,
NATIONAL DIRECTORS,
AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE

Charles Daniel Frey,
Captain, U.S.A.,

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TO ALL CHIEFS OF THE AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE:

In the development of the work of the League throughout the country the necessity for standardizing the form of letterheads and other printed matter in use by local divisions has become apparent. Prior to this time only certain of our forms have been standardized in form.

You will, therefore, adopt as soon as possible the exact form of letterhead shown below, employing the same style and arrangement of type as there shown. The name of your local division must be shown in the place, style and size of type of the enclosed copy, with no additional features other than the street number or name of building, telephone or post office box.

NATIONAL DIRECTORS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

A. M. BRIGGS, CHAIRMAN
CHARLES DANIEL FREY
VICTOR ELTING

LOCAL OFFICERS

CHIEF

NAME OF CHIEF

ASSISTANT CHIEF

NAME OF ASST. CHIEF

American Protective League

Organized with the Approval and Operating under the Direction of
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NAME OF DIVISION HERE

OFFICE ADDRESS

NAME OF CITY

The Department of Justice has approved this letterhead, and it is essential that you instruct your printer to use the same size and style of type, and that the two lines "Organized with the Approval and Operating under the Direction of the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Investigation" appear exactly as they do on the sample letterhead.

If your present letterhead or other literature shows the words "Secret Service" or "Secret Service Division" it will be necessary for you to immediately discontinue the use of those words, as the Department of Justice has requested that the words be eliminated by the League.

If your stationery does not show the words "Secret Service" or "Secret Service Division" it will not be necessary to use the new form until you have used up your present supply.

ENVELOPES—You will discontinue, when your present supply is exhausted, the use of the words American Protective League on your envelopes and prepare them as follows:

POST OFFICE BOX
CITY AND STATE

OR

ROOM NUMBER AND STREET ADDRESS
CITY AND STATE

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL DIRECTORS
AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE

By

Charles Daniel Frey

NATIONAL DIRECTORS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

A. M. BRIGGS, CHAIRMAN
CHARLES DANIEL FREY
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KENTUCKY HEADQUARTERS

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LEXINGTON, KY.

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STATE OF KENTUCKY
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR

INSPECTOR
RICHARD C. STOLL
ASSISTANT INSPECTOR
WM. H. TOWNSEND

Dear Sir:

The need for active and energetic work on behalf of each member of the American Protective League is becoming greater and greater every day. As you will notice from the letters you will receive from Washington, great responsibility has been placed on each member of the League, and as time goes on these responsibilities become greater.

We are all anxious that the efficiency of the League in Kentucky should be second to none and we can make it so. You were selected Chief of your county because of your ability to do the work of the League and as we all will do our duty our efficiency will be A 1.

In order that I may keep in touch with the League in each county will you please let me know

- (a) Generally what your branch has done up to this time;
- (b) The name of all captains and operatives now in the League in your county and advise me immediately of the resignation of any man and of the names of all new appointees when and as made.
- (c) You will please report to me on the first and fifteenth day of each month what your branch has done since the last report.

I am asking each county chief to do as I am asking you to do and I know you will comply with my request.

If at any time I can be of any service to you, please do not hesitate to call on me and I will do my best, for I will devote all of my time to this work.

Many of your family and friends are in the army or navy. Those of us who cannot go must do our duty at home. Our country needs all of us at this time, and we are all glad to do our part to aid our country when it needs us. Our responsibility is great, but I know we are equal to it. Every

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member of the American Protective League must work without praise in the papers, but we need no praise - the consciousness that we are doing our duty is our reward, and no greater reward can come to any man.

I will be glad to hear from you and let me say to you again that I am always at your disposal and I will help you as I know you will help me to do the work of the League as you and I know it should be done.

I will acknowledge your reports with a postal card upon which is written "Thank you" and nothing else, but I will answer all of your letters that seek any information or advice. I must adopt this course, because, as you know, there are 120 counties in Kentucky and we will eventually have a branch of the League in each county.

Hoping to hear from you, I am

Yours very truly,

RICHARD C STOLL
INSPECTOR FOR KENTUCKY

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