

January 16, 1918.

BULLETIN NO. 1

TO ALL CHIEFS OF THE AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE:

For your information and action in cooperation with the Agents in Charge of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice in your district, we enclose herewith a copy of Circular No. 780 of the Attorney General of the United States to all United States Attorneys, Marshals and Special Agents, in the matter of prosecutions under Section 6 of the Conscription Act and Selective Service Regulations in connection therewith.

In order that your action under these instructions may be consistent with the policy and practice of the Bureau of Investigation, you will confer at once with the Agent of the Bureau of Investigation in Charge of your District.

Very truly yours,

Enc.

National Director.

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January 26, 1918.

BULLETIN NO. 2.

TO ALL CHIEFS OF THE AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE:

The Attorney General of the United States under authority conferred upon him by the proclamation of the President of the United States, dated November 16, 1917, made and declared General Rules and Regulations, dated December 31, 1917, for the registration of German alien enemies, and fixed the time of such registration as the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th days inclusive, of February, 1918, from 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. on each of said days.

German alien enemies alone are now required to register. Alien enemies are defined by Statute (U.S. Rev. Stat. 4067), and for the purpose of this registration include all natives, citizens, denizens or subjects of the German Empire, or of the Imperial German Government, being males of the age of fourteen years and upwards, who are within the United States and not actually naturalized as American citizens. (See Regulations Article 1, Par. 1.) Particular definitions of alien enemies are given in the Regulations (Article 11, A).

No way is provided for compelling a German Alien enemy to register. The penalties for his failure to register or to obtain a registration card or to be found without a registration card on his person after the last day fixed for the issuance to him of a registration card, are as set forth in the Regulations (Article 1, Pars. 2 and 3), chiefly liability to arrest and detention as an alien enemy.

The registration is to be carried out in municipalities which had by the Federal census of 1910 a population of 5,000 and over by the police department; in communities having less than 5,000 population according to that census by the local postmasters. The chief of police in each of such cities is the chief registrar for that city, and the postmaster in the largest city in each Federal judicial district is the chief registrar for the registration in such communities of under 5,000 inhabitants, which are termed in the Regulations "nonurban areas."

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Registration will be by affidavit in triplicate, made by the German alien enemy, and signed and sworn to before the registration officer. To each affidavit will be affixed a photograph of the registered person, his fingerprints and his description. One of the original registration affidavits with fingerprints, description and photograph, will ultimately be filed with the Department of Justice; one with the United States Marshal for the judicial district; and one with the Chief registrar of the district or city.

After the registration affidavits are executed provision is made for the issuance of a registration card at a period beginning ten days and ending with fifteen days after the last day for registration in a particular district. During the lapse of time between the filing of the registration affidavit and the date of issuance of the registration card, the registration officers are directed to make investigation of statements made by the registrant, in particular in relation to his present residence and place of employment, and if these are found incorrect no registration card will be issued. The registration officers are directed to forward to the United States Marshall in the several judicial districts all information so obtained in regard to persons required to be registered.

Copies of these General Rules and Regulations are on file with the Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Investigations of the Department of Justice of your district. Please cooperate with the Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Investigations of the United States Department of Justice of your district, in affording all possible assistance to the various Chief Registrars and United States Marshall in locating of German alien enemies and in the investigation of matters connected therewith.

Very truly yours,

AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE,

By

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BULLETIN No. 3

February 6, 1918.

TO ALL CHIEFS OF THE AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE:

The Attorney General of the United States and the Provost Marshal General have requested the American Protective League to co-operate with the Local and District Exemption Boards throughout the United States in locating, and causing to present themselves to the proper authority, delinquents under the Selective Service Regulations, including those classed as deserters.

You will therefore familiarize yourself at once with the enclosed Selective Service Regulations. It will be the duty of the members of the League assigned to this work from time to time to locate and cause to present themselves to the above Boards or to the proper representatives of the Department of Justice: (1) those who fail to fill out and return the Questionnaire; (2) those who fail to obey the order of the Local Boards to report for physical examination; and (3) those who fail to obey the order of the Local Boards or of the State Adjutants General to report for military duty. Lists of these delinquents will be furnished you by the Local Boards, and all information on file at the Boards concerning each delinquent will be available to you.

In the performance of this work your operatives will state that they are acting for the Local Board at the request of the United States Department of Justice and the Provost Marshal General. If their authority is questioned, they will refer to the nearest Agent of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice who has received instructions from A. Bruce Bielaski, Chief of the Bureau of Investigation, to co-operate with you. They will act with discretion and use every precaution to avoid injustice to any individual.

The Provost Marshal General by special bulletin has requested all Governors of States, State Adjutants General, and Local and District Boards throughout the entire country to co-operate with the American Protective League in this work.

When a delinquent is found the operative will instruct him to present himself forthwith to the proper Exemption Board or to the Department of Justice, and will accompany him to such Board or to the Department. If he refuses to go, or if in the opinion of the operative he should be placed under arrest to prevent escape or a failure to appear, the operative will communicate at once with the proper State or Federal officer, reporting the facts with a request for immediate action, so that the arrest may be effected in accordance with law.

For your further guidance the following detailed instructions are given:

(1) DELINQUENTS WHO ARE NOT DESERTERS:

You will first procure from your Local Board forms 1012 P. M. G. O. (blank form shown on page 159 of the Selective Service Regulations), filled out in accordance with Section 130 of the Selective Service Regulations, giving you all necessary information as to each person who has failed to submit a questionnaire or to report for physical examination.

You will then cause the investigations to be promptly made, and will within five days submit to the Local Board in accordance with Section 130 the complete list of delinquents, showing those whom you have been unable to locate and those who have been located and have been delivered to the Local Board or to the Department of Justice. However, after submitting your report to the Board, you should continue efforts to locate and dispose of every delinquent in your territory.

Delinquents who failed to fill out questionnaires, upon being brought before the Local Boards, should be given opportunity to fill out questionnaires; and those who became delinquent by failing to appear for physical examination, should be thereupon examined physically. When any such delinquent has filled out his questionnaire or has been examined physically you need take no further action with respect to him. The Department of Justice usually does not desire to prosecute persons who fail to submit their questionnaires or to report for physical examination unless it clearly appears that the delinquency is willful. If you believe that in a given case the registrant was attempting to evade military service, you should report all of the available facts in the case to the proper representatives of the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

You are informed that under the Selective Service Regulations there is no method provided by which you can ascertain when an individual shown on Form 1012 to be a delinquent becomes a deserter, except by inquiring of the State Adjutant General, unless some arrangement is made by you with the office of the State Adjutant General whereby you will be notified promptly of the names of all persons becoming deserters by the process above described.

(2) DELINQUENTS WHO ARE DESERTERS:

A. While the delinquents referred to in Part I above have violated Section 6 of the Selective Service Act, they are not in the military service and therefore cannot have committed against military law the offense of desertion. The Local Boards report on Form 1013, P. M. G. O. (form shown on page 160, S. S. R.) to the Adjutant General of the State the delinquents defined above in Part I, as provided in Section 133 of the Selective Service Regulations. Upon receipt of these forms, the State Adjutant General will notify delinquents to report to him for instructions by mail, telegraph, or in person at a day and hour named therein, which day and hour shall not be less than ten days from the day of notice. From and after the day and hour named therein, such delinquents are in the military service. If they fail so to report to the State Adjutant General they are deserters, and should be apprehended and taken before nearby Local Boards, preferably their own, in accordance with Section 51 of the Selective Service Regulations.

B. Registrants may become deserters in another manner. Registrants who have submitted questionnaires and have been examined physically sometimes fail to report for military duty when ordered to do so by Local Boards, in accordance with Section 157 of the Selective Service Regulations. From and after the day and hour specified in the orders sent by Local Boards to registrants to report for military duty on Form 1028 (page 177, S. S. R.), the registrants are in the military service. Being in the military service and subject to military law, if they fail to report to the Board at the time specified, or if they thereafter absent themselves from their post of duty, they have committed the offense of desertion, and should be taken before Local Boards in accordance with Sections 140 and 51 of the Selective Service Regu-

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lations, in order that the Board may determine whether the offense was willful and committed with an intent to evade military service.

The Local Boards will report deserters of this kind to you on Form 1012 P. M. G. O. (page 159, S. S. R.). This form is also used, as explained above, for the report of persons who failed to submit questionnaires or to report for physical examination, but a special designation on the card will state whether the registrant is a delinquent or a deserter.

The layman's idea of a deserter is a man who has actually been mustered into the military service, has worn the uniform of either the Army or the Navy, has performed military duty, and has absented himself from his post of duty without leave with the intent permanently to evade military service. While the Government is interested in apprehending this kind of deserter, you should distinguish between this class of deserters and those who by reason of their failure to comply with the Selective Service Law and Regulations have become National Army deserters. Your duty is primarily to locate and cause to present themselves to the proper authority delinquents and deserters under the Selective Service Law.

You will immediately install a filing system, on a 3½" x 5" card, of all delinquents and deserters under the Selective Service Law. These cards should be filed alphabetically under each Local Board.

You will then provide two files or drawers, the first being keyed "Delinquents" and the second "Deserters" as outlined above. It is suggested, because of there being two forms of delinquents, one a person failing to file his questionnaire and the other a person failing to appear for physical examination, that you keep these two classes clearly apart by the use of cards of different color. This same colored card system should be installed in your "Deserter" file or drawer because of the fact that there are two forms of deserters, first, the person who fails to respond to the order of the Adjutant General, and second, the person who fails to appear at his Local Exemption Board for military service.

This record will be installed not only for your convenience, but will become your sole record of cases, except those of willful violation where in your opinion prosecution should be considered. These latter cases should be written up in detail, with a full statement of the facts, and turned over to the Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Investigation, who, in turn, will place them in the hands of the District Attorney. This index file will also be a permanent record in your office which will be the basis for reports which we will ask of you from time to time.

While it is possible that the operatives would be entitled legally to collect the reward of Fifty Dollars for each deserter apprehended and delivered to the proper authorities, it is not regarded as desirable, in view of our patriotic enlistment in the service of our Government, that our operatives collect such rewards. This view is further supported by the fact that in most instances, the information leading to the apprehension of the deserter comes by reason of membership in the League. You will, therefore, advise your members that they shall on no account either claim or collect such reward or profit by any arrangement whereby some person not connected with this organization shall collect it.

Very truly yours

AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE

Charles Daniel Fry

National Director

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BULLETIN NO. 4.

February 21, 1918.

TO ALL CHIEFS OF THE AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE:

Within the past week you have received Bulletin No. 3 issued from National Headquarters signed by the writer, in which the Attorney General of the United States and the Provost Marshal General requested the American Protective League to cooperate with the local and district exemption boards throughout the United States in locating and causing to present themselves to the proper authorities delinquents under the Selective Service Regulations, including those classed as deserters.

Included in the same envelope was a bulletin addressed to all Special Agents, Special Employees and Local Officers under date of February 6th, signed by A. Bruce Bielaski, Chief of the Bureau of Investigation; also a communication under date of February 7th directed to the Governors (of all States) signed by E. H. Crowder, Provost Marshal General. The Provost Marshal General's bulletin states: "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 invaluable aid will be rendered by those patriotic citizens during this emergency."

The Governors, Adjutants General, or Army Officers in charge of the Selective Draft System in each State may desire to communicate directly with the local chiefs of the American Protective League in cases of emergency with the request that they make investigations of special cases independent of the Exemption Boards. For that reason it is necessary that the official in charge have your address and a complete outline of the territory covered by your division.

The National Directors have therefore announced the following plan: You will communicate immediately with _____, who is in complete charge of the Selective Draft System in your State, giving him your mailing address. Will you also please advise him with regard to how much of the surrounding territory you will undertake to cover with your organization in the specific matter to which this communication refers? Please consider carefully your means of transportation, etcetera, and include in your statement as wide a territory as possible. This definition of territory is, of course, only temporary and applies only to the matter of enforcement of the Selective Service Regulations.

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You will accept requests from the officer named above as being authorized by this office, and will in each instance render all possible assistance to bring about the results desired by him. You will please turn over two carbon copies of the complete information in each investigation to your nearest Department of Justice Agent, informing the above named Selective Service official of your action and giving him the original copy.

Your immediate attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated by the Provost General, the official in charge of the enforcement of the Selective Service Regulations in your State, and by the National Directors.

Yours very truly,

AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE

National Director

(Form to be followed in addressing the above named officer)

AT THE REQUEST OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL AND UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE, I GIVE YOU HEREWITH THE NAME AND ADDRESS, AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE TERRITORY WHICH I AM HELPING TO CARE FOR WITH THIS DIVISION.

John Smith
526 Main Street
Kansas City, Mo.

List of towns, or
description of territory.

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Mar. 18, 1918.

BULLETIN NO. 5.

TO ALL CHIEFS OF THE AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE:

At the request of the War Department, the American Protective League has undertaken to procure for that Department for immediate use for Intelligence purposes, photographs, drawings and descriptions of bridges, buildings, towns and localities now occupied by the German forces in France, Belgium and Luxembourg and likewise in that portion of Germany lying West of a line running North and South through Hamburg. The entire organization of the League throughout the country will be employed in this work in order that a large result may be obtained.

You will proceed at once to solicit through your organization, and in such other ways as commend themselves to you, all of the above material, including picture postals, photographs, half-tone reproductions, and other illustrative matter.

The following methods will be found effective:

1. Wide publicity through the local press to the fact that the War Department has requested the American Protective League to procure the above material from citizens throughout the country. The newspapers may invite citizens to make diligent search for such material, and to deliver it in person or by mail to a designated individual or office in your community, which may or may not be the local headquarters of the League.
2. Your leading newspapers will have in their library files or "morgue" a considerable amount of the material above described. They will doubtless be willing to give you originals or copies of these as a patriotic contribution. This will likewise be true of lecture bureaus, art dealers, art schools, commercial art establishments, and municipal libraries.
3. In order to avoid the disclosure of the personnel of your local organization, you may organize a special committee of citizens for the purpose; and you may enlist the services of Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, and other organizations. The work should be done, however, in the name of the American Protective League, under your direction as Chief, as the organization directly responsible for it.

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4. The active assistance of residents of your community who have resided or traveled in the countries indicated may be enlisted. They in turn may procure such material from acquaintances residing elsewhere.

A large quantity of material is desired and may be shipped without sorting or without any attempt to avoid duplication. Many copies of the same object may be desirable in special instances.

It will not be practicable to return the material to the contributors. It will be a gift to the Government.

This is a service which the American Protective League is peculiarly qualified to render in view of its wide-spread organization, but the total of the service will depend upon the diligence with which each local branch does its part.

All material should be shipped by you in convenient installments as received by parcel post or express to COLONEL A. B. COXE, 1330 F St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Please copy the contents of this bulletin and place a copy in the hands of each member of your organization and of each local newspaper.

Respectfully,

NATIONAL DIRECTORS,
AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE

BY

Captain, U. S. N. A.

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BULLETIN NO. 6

TO ALL CHIEFS OF THE AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE:

With the growth of the National Organization the necessity for establishing rules of practice to be followed by all Branches has become increasingly apparent. Many complications have arisen which would have been entirely avoided by the existence and observance of such rules, and much delay in correspondence has been suffered by Local Branches through the same cause.

The National Directors have therefore established the following rules:

1. No Local Chief shall write directly to any Department or Bureau of the Government, other than to the Special Agent of the Bureau of Investigation of his district, upon any matter connected with the work of the League. Every communication to such Department or Bureau upon League stationery or signed by the Local Chief shall be sent to these Headquarters for transmittal by us to the proper Department or Bureau. Every communication of such character will be given prompt attention and immediate acknowledgment.

2. Every report returned by you to National Headquarters, particularly upon an Army or Red Cross investigation, shall be signed by the investigator in his own name with his number, and shall be countersigned by the Chief of the Local Branch, the initials "A.P.L." with the name of the City and State appearing below the name of the Chief.

3. All reports on cases sent to National Headquarters to be transmitted to other offices shall be sent in duplicate or (triplicate if the case requires) in order that a sufficient number of copies may be on hand to be transmitted to other branches. In cases where additional information from other cities is required by you to complete your files, the above method will greatly expedite the return of such information.

4. Local Chiefs must carefully follow all letters of instruction from the National Headquarters. If this be done standard methods of operation will be promptly established throughout the Organization.

Respectfully,

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AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE
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June 24, 1918.

TO ALL CHIEFS OF THE AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE:

You are informed that all individuals desiring to enter the zone of military operations abroad for any service including Red Cross, Y.M.C.A., Knights of Columbus and civilian employment must be approved by the War Department in advance of sailing. The reason for this regulation is that all such persons upon reaching the zone of military operations come under the direct control of the military authorities. The American Protective League is making certain investigations for the War Department in this connection.

The following rules will be strictly observed by all officers and members of the League.

1. No Chief shall hereafter undertake any investigation of the character and loyalty of any applicant for foreign service in connection with the Red Cross, Y.M.C.A., Knights of Columbus, or other organization at the direct request of any National or local officer of such organizations.

2. The request for all investigations of such character shall be issued to the local chiefs by the National Directors of the American Protective League at Washington; and all reports upon such investigations shall be made to the National Directors at Washington in accordance with present methods of communication.

3. No Chief, officer or member of a local branch shall admit or deny the fact that any investigation of such character is being or has at any time been, conducted by his division. All investigations will hereafter be made under cover for the War Department and all inquiries with reference thereto, however urgent or insistent, shall be referred to the War Department at Washington. It is not to be known by the officials of any of the organizations that the American Protective League is the agency conducting the investigation. All investigations will be absolutely impersonal so far as the record is concerned and so far as responsibility for the approval or disapproval of the application for passport is involved.

In this manner the work of the League can be carried on without embarrassment, and with justice to the country and to the individual.

NATIONAL DIRECTORS
AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE.

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Form 222.

BULLETIN NO. 9.

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TO ALL CHIEFS OF THE AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE:

The Provost Marshal General has sent to the Draft Executives in all States a general letter referring to the valuable assistance which the American Protective League is giving in apprehending delinquents and deserters and in investigating other matters connected with the draft. The letter states that in order that the League may do its work efficiently it is necessary that the members be advised of the various amendments to and the interpretations of the Selective Service Law and Regulations; and the Provost Marshal General requests the Draft Executives to place the names of all Chiefs of the American Protective League in their respective States upon their mailing list and to forward to such Chiefs copies of all general instructions, interpretations and amendments of the Selective Service Law and Regulations except those which are regarded by the Draft Executives as confidential or obviously unnecessary in connection with the work of the League.

In furtherance of this plan we are today forwarding to all Draft Executives the names of our Local Chiefs in their respective States, and we will from time to time make corrections of these lists.

It is absolutely necessary that the local Chiefs and members of the League be fully informed upon the details of the administration of the Selective Service Law and Regulations. Changes in the law and in its interpretation constantly change the status of many individuals, and definite information on the part of League members is a prerequisite for competent service. Members assigned to this work must be as well informed on such matters as are members of the local draft boards with whom they are in frequent contact.

You will therefore study with care all of the instructions, interpretations and amendments of the Selective Service Law and Regulations sent to you day by day by the Draft Executive of your State, and will exhibit the same for like study to all members of your organization assigned to this work. Wherever feasible copies should be made for their use.

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FORM 233.

BULLETIN NO. 10.

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June 12, 1918.

TO ALL CHIEFS OF THE AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE:

You were advised in Bulletin No. 7 of the installation of a Division of the American Protective League in the Military Intelligence Branch of the War Department at Washington, which Division is in charge of all investigations referred to the League by the War Department in general army matters and in matters involving Red Cross, Y.M.C.A., Knights of Columbus, civilian employees, and other individuals who are applicants for passports.

You were likewise advised of the special arrangement whereby all such telegrams in War Department matters would be sent as War Department telegrams, signed "R.H. Van Deman", and paid for by the War Department.

You are now advised that Colonel R. H. Van Deman has been ordered to France, and that Lieutenant Colonel M. Churchill, F.A., N.A., has been designated Chief of the Military Intelligence Branch as the successor to Colonel Van Deman.

Hereafter all telegrams of the above character will be signed "M. Churchill" instead of "R.H. Van Deman."

All telegrams, day letters, or night letters in reply to the above telegrams should be sent by you Government rate collect, provided the following directions are strictly observed.

1. All such messages must be addressed to "Military Intelligence Branch, Washington." This address must be used in all cases.

2. The telegrams must be endorsed "Official Business Government rate collect."

3. Your telegrams will in all cases be signed "American Protective League" and you will not sign your individual name. It is desirable that the identity of the individual sender of all telegrams remain unknown.

You will understand that this arrangement has to do only with the War Department telegrams, and that in no case can the frank be used for other purposes. All mail communications or wires relating to other subjects must be addressed to National Headquarters, 1537 Eye St., N. W., Washington, D. C., as heretofore.

This letter will be your authority for sending the foregoing messages collect, Government rate; and you will exhibit it to your local telegraph office for such purpose. Be careful to follow instructions closely in all cases.

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AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE

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BULLETIN NUMBER 11.

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June 21, 1918.

TO ALL CHIEFS OF THE AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE:

We have lately been in conference with officials of the United States Shipping Board looking to a plan of cooperation whereby information gathered by our Local Divisions in connection both with ship building and with the operation, sale and transfer of ships will be made available to the Shipping Board; and whereby on request we shall make investigations of similar matters.

In part performance of this undertaking on our part you are instructed as follows:

1. You will promptly report in the manner below set forth any information you may obtain regarding irregularities in connection with the following subjects: (a) charter of vessels; (b) sale of vessels not involving change of registry; (c) sale of vessels involving transfer to foreign flags; (d) all transfers to foreign flags; (e) all applications for sale or transfer of registry planned or submitted to the United States Shipping Board; (f) any alleged improper influence brought to bear in connection with such sales or transfers; (g) all acts of disloyalty or expressions of disloyal sentiments attributed to the men or officers engaged in the operation of ships under American registry; (h) all other facts tending to prove wrong doing in connection with the operation, sale or transfer of ships.

2. Such reports will be made by you in the usual form and delivered to your local agent of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice. Two copies of each report will be forwarded by you to National Headquarters, 1537 Eye Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. One of these copies will be delivered by us to the Chief Intelligence Officer of the U. S. Shipping Board; and the other copy will be retained in our master file.

3. In order to render efficient service in this important branch of Government work, you will proceed at once to develop your organization to the fullest extent throughout all ship yards, harbors and water fronts, and in all marine brokerage, insurance and other agencies.

Respectfully,

NATIONAL DIRECTORS
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July 12, 1918.

BULLETIN NO. 12.

TO ALL CHIEFS OF THE AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE:

Supplementing Bulletin No. 11 of June 21, 1918 you are advised that the National Directors have undertaken to give to the United States Shipping Board the fullest possible information upon the following subjects:

(a) All naturalized citizens of German, Austrian, Hungarian, Bulgarian, or Turkish birth who are employed on American ships.

(b) All naturalized citizens of German, Austrian, Hungarian, Bulgarian, or Turkish birth who have any position that has to do with shipping or through which information could be obtained in regard to the employment or movement of ships.

The United States Shipping Board informs us that this information will be of great service and you will therefore make every effort through your organization to identify these individuals.

The reports will be made by you in the usual form and delivered to your local agent of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice. Two copies of each report will be forwarded by you to National Headquarters, 1537 Eye Street N. W., Washington, D. C. One of these copies will be delivered by us to the Chief Intelligence Officer of the U. S. Shipping Board; and the other copy will be retained in our master file.

Respectfully,

NATIONAL DIRECTORS
AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE.

BULLETIN NO. 15.

July 18, 1918.

TO ALL CHIEFS OF THE AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE:

The National Directors are in receipt from day to day of numerous personal calls and communications from officers and members of the League asking advice or assistance in connection with private matters. These requests cover a very wide range, and include requests for information regarding commissions in various branches of the service; for the status of applications for passports; for letters of recommendation; for advice as to war work; and a great variety of other matters.

It would be a real pleasure for the National Directors, and for every member of the organization at National Headquarters, to continue to give personal attention to these requests and to afford the callers and writers the benefit of every assistance in our power. We are gratified to know that we have been able to render real aid in many instances in the past. But these calls upon us have now so increased in volume that it is physically impossible for the members of the organization at National Headquarters to give attention to them. The staff in Washington is not large and every member is taxed to the utmost to dispose of the important business of the League. Under these circumstances the National Directors are reluctantly forced to announce the rule that hereafter no requests of this character can be complied with. In order that justice may be done to all our members, and no special favors granted to any, the enforcement of the rule will be general and no exceptions will be made under any circumstances.

We trust that all members will appreciate the necessity for this ruling, and will realize that our failure to interview these callers and to reply to these communications is not indicative of any want of courtesy or cordiality on our part or on the part of any member of the organization at National Headquarters.

NATIONAL DIRECTORS
AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE.

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

BULLETIN NO. 12.

American Protective League

Organized with the Approval and Operating under the Direction of
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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
1537 EYE STREET N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 18, 1918.

TO ALL CHIEFS OF THE AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE:

From time to time articles have appeared in the public press in different parts of the country containing references to the American Protective League and its work. Various local newspapers have likewise printed news items and editorials in connection with local happenings containing like references. The National Directors deem it of great importance that they be kept in close touch with any publicity accorded the League throughout the country. You are therefore directed to forward to this office any notice of any kind which may appear in your local press containing reference to the American Protective League or to its activities.

While the officers and members of the League work under cover in the field, it is entirely proper that every community be advised of the existence of the League and of the fact that a local branch of the League is established and in active operation. Under no circumstances however, should any detail of methods of operation be published.

Any local Chief may also, in his discretion, give publicity to the fact that he occupies such a position. It is believed, however, that in most districts it is desirable that every member of the organization, including the Chief, work under cover.

NATIONAL DIRECTORS
AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE.

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BULLETIN NO. 15.

American Protective League

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 18, 1918.

TO ALL CHIEFS OF THE AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE:

The National Directors are advised that certain local branches have enrolled women as members of the American Protective League and have issued to them full credentials as such. After giving full consideration to the question of policy involved, and interviewing many officers and members of the League from different parts of the country, the National Directors have adopted the rule that the membership of the League will be hereafter confined to male citizens of the United States of legal age; and that women shall not be eligible for membership.

In making this ruling the National Directors are mindful of the fact that many women are exceptionally qualified for service in the League. It is a matter of regret that such women must be barred from active membership, but the decision has been controlled by certain broad considerations of policy.

NATIONAL DIRECTORS
AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE.

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BULLETIN NO. 16,
LOYALTY INVESTIGATIONS.

American Protective League

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

August 16, 1918.

TO ALL CHIEFS OF THE AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE:

The National Directors deeply appreciate the great work which the local divisions are doing in army investigations and in those having to do with applicants for foreign service in connection with the Y.M.C.A., Red Cross and other organizations. The War Department and the other organizations have repeatedly expressed their gratitude for the service. We realize that these cases are many times burdensome to the local divisions and lack the interest and excitement which attends the investigation of disloyalties and alien enemy activities. The members of the League must realize however that the work is of supreme importance, and that while a single case may seem unimportant in itself yet the aggregate of all the cases throughout the country is so large and its importance so great that it will rank as one of the greatest pieces of war work done by any organization in the country.

The greatest part of this work has been performed by the local divisions quickly and effectively. In a considerable number of local divisions however the work has been allowed to lag so that reports have been delayed and have been incomplete and unsatisfactory. In various cases the War Department has felt obliged to call our attention to the deficiencies in these reports.

The National Directors are therefore compelled to direct you to strictly observe the following rules:

1. The investigations and reports must be made promptly.
2. The questionnaire form must be followed so that detailed information is contained in the report. The names of the persons interviewed must be given and their individual opinions of the applicant must be separately set forth.
3. Even though the local chief or the investigator may be personally acquainted with the person under investigation, it is nevertheless necessary that other persons be interviewed and the opinions of such persons incorporated in the report. The statement of the investigator alone is not deemed sufficient by the War Department.
4. It is deemed necessary by the War Department to have the favorable opinions of at least three informants to affirmatively establish an individual's loyalty, integrity and moral character.

NATIONAL DIRECTORS
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BULLETIN #17.
American Protective League

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

September 4, 1918.

Chief, Local Division,
American Protective League.

Dear Sir:

In re: War Department Character and Loyalty Reports.

In order to eliminate unnecessary correspondence -- especially letters asking for additional reports -- and to correct some misunderstanding of instructions in former bulletins, your attention is called to the following:

1. Form and contents of reports:

You are to interview only the references or individuals whose addresses are within your city or territory, and such other persons within that territory as you decide may be able to give you information enabling you to make a complete and detailed report on the party under investigation. The Departments of the Government for whom we are making investigations want unbiased reports. Applicants for positions or commissions usually give their closest friends as references; therefore, in order to get an unbiased report, it is advisable that you interview not only their references given, but others who know the subject under investigation in social or business life. It is suggested that in all cases two or three persons be interviewed who are given as references, and also an equal number be interviewed who have not been given as references.

In many cases questionnaires or reports have been returned showing that the information therein contained was based solely upon the Chief's or investigator's personal knowledge of the subject under investigation. The War Department has called our attention to this particular point, and we are directed by the Department to advise all of our Chiefs that the reports made in this way are not sufficient. It is necessary that references and other parties be interviewed, as herein directed.

The War Department requires that three or more persons must be interviewed.

In making Reports the names of the parties interviewed must be given in answer to interrogative "11" of the questionnaire, and also in answer to interrogative "12"; also in addition, in answering interrogative "12", the substance of the information obtained from each person interviewed must be given under their respective names.

2. Reports by wire.

In many cases, when preliminary reports have been made by wire, detailed

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reports by mail have not followed. These subsequent detailed reports are absolutely necessary. In every case we must have on file and furnish to the Department of the Government for whom the investigation is made a report in writing signed by the party making the investigation. You must therefore see that detailed reports are so furnished, regardless of whether or not a telegram has been sent.

There seems to have been some misunderstanding on the part of certain Chiefs as to what class of reports should be made by wire with details to follow by mail. Wire reports should be sent only in cases where the small red "wire slip" is enclosed marked "Special Attention"; and in other cases where special request is made by Military Intelligence by wire or otherwise for telegraphic report. In wiring on War Department Investigations, use the following form:

"Military Intelligence Division,
Washington, D. C."

(Insert name of subject.) "Yes"; or, "No"; or, "Doubtful."

(SIGN) American Protective League.

3. Addressing Mail.

Some Chiefs have addressed a portion of their correspondence to "Military Intelligence Branch" or "General M. Churchill," and occasionally to the "Department of Justice." No mail should be addressed by any Chief or member of the League to any Department or Bureau of the Government (see Bulletin No.6) Address all mail to the AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE, 1537 EYE STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D. C. Other addresses cause confusion and delay, and all mail must come to us for file numbers and distribution to the proper parties.

Respectfully,

NATIONAL DIRECTORS
AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 12, 1918.

BULLETIN NO. 18.

TO ALL CHIEFS OF THE AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE:

We are sending you herewith an extract from the revised Selective Service Regulations in which is discussed the rules which will govern the classification of individuals engaged in industries, occupations, or employments, including agriculture, which are deemed essential employments under the Selective Service Act.

Please read this extract with care so that you may be properly advised should it become necessary for your Division to investigate claims for deferred classification under these rules.

An explanatory bulletin discussing the application of these rules to officers of the League will be issued shortly.

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL DIRECTORS,
AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE.

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FORM 1

BADGE RECORD

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:

1. Name in full
2. Place of birth Age.....
3. Residence Address
4. Business Address
5. City, State.....
6. Business Phone, Residence Phone
7. With what firm or corporation
- Present position
- Nature of Business
- Business experience and history
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8. Use, if any, of intoxicating liquors

9. Experience, if any, in military, police or governmental service, State or National
10. With what clubs or organizations are you affiliated?
11. Are you married?
12. What foreign languages do you speak or understand?....
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13. Do you understand that you will receive no compensation or expense allowances for services rendered?.....
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.

Signed

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OATH

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 Govern-
ment 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 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.

THIS CARD MUST NOT BE USED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE THAN A BADGE RECORD

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

BULLETIN NO. 24

PRESENT NEED FOR ACTIVE SERVICE

American Protective League

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IN REPLYING
PLEASE REFER TO

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

November 23, 1918.

TO ALL CHIEFS OF THE AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE:

We enclose herewith a fac-simile copy of a letter from the Hon. T.W. Gregory, Attorney General of the United States, to the National Directors of the American Protective League bearing date November 21, 1918. This letter is a convincing statement of the present need for active and energetic service by the League. Following the recent letter from A. Bruce Bielaski, Chief of the Bureau of Investigation, it will afford a complete answer to the question asked by many members of the League as to whether or not there is further need for service and sacrifice on their part.

Please see that each of the members of your division receives a copy of the Attorney General's letter.

Respectfully,

NATIONAL DIRECTORS
AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE

NATIONAL DIRECTORS
A. M. BRIGGS, CHAIRMAN
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BULLETIN NO. 25

DELIVERY OF BADGES.

American Protective League

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

November 23, 1918.

TO ALL CHIEFS OF THE AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE:

National Headquarters is now making full distribution of all badges previously ordered and is prepared to make prompt delivery of all additional badges ordered for officers and members of the League.

The delays in delivery by the manufacturer are at an end and shipments are now coming forward to us with regularity. It is necessary, however, in order that plans for the future may be consummated, that all local Chiefs determine at once how many badges they will require for their membership and forward the orders, with proper remittance, to National Headquarters.

The National Directors are authorized to state that members will be permitted to retain their badges permanently as souvenirs of their service in the Great War; and we trust that they will be highly prized by the members and their families in years to come.

In order that prompt delivery may be made, we must ask for your order at once and that you carefully comply with the instructions contained in the printed Badge Bulletin dated August 15th, 1918. Supply of Badge Record Cards and Membership Rolls will be mailed upon request. Please specify number needed.

If your Division wishes no further deliveries, you will please advise us to that effect.

Respectfully,

NATIONAL DIRECTORS
AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE

BULLETIN No. 26-A.

December 19, 1918

DISSOLUTION OF THE AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE

American Protective League

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

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

December 19, 1918.

TO ALL CHIEFS OF THE AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE :

By authority of the Attorney General of the United States, the National Directors present herewith the plan for the dissolution of the American Protective League on February 1st, 1919.

The American Protective League was organized to serve the Government of the United States in the emergency of the great war. Through the Department of Justice it has been privileged to render service of great value to the Government in the investigation and report of enemy activities and disloyalties in all sections; in aiding all local and district draft boards in the enforcement of the Selective Service Law and the apprehension of delinquents and deserters; in co-operating with the Military Intelligence Division of the General Staff in the gathering of information of military importance and the investigation of the character and loyalty of applicants for army commissions, for passports and for civilian service overseas; and in making investigations of various kinds for other Departments, boards and agencies of the Government. Its work has been essentially war work.

With the cessation of hostilities the service of the League was by no means concluded. A large number of investigations were still pending. It was necessary that these investigations be completed in order that the Government might determine whether or not prosecutions should be instituted against the individuals charged with infractions or evasions of the war statutes. Furthermore, as the war statutes remained in full force, the necessity for certain investigations under these statutes immediately arose.

With the disposal of these matters, however, the need for the service of the American Protective League as a war agency is at an end. Decision must therefore be made whether or not the League shall be continued as an auxiliary to the Department of Justice for the purpose of investigating and reporting upon infractions and evasions of laws of the United States other than those contained in the war statutes, or whether the League shall be dissolved. In determining this question the National Directors have conferred repeatedly and at length with the officials of the Department of Justice and the conclusion has now been reached that the League should be dissolved. Several considerations have impelled this decision.

It is recognized that important service might still be rendered by the organization in many ways. Alien enemy applicants for naturalization should be investigated; fraudulent allotments should be uncovered; delinquents and deserters not yet apprehended should be brought to justice; individuals and organizations advocating the overthrow of government and the destruction of social order by force should be reported. Other opportunities for service are at hand. But this work can and should be done by existing Departments of the Government. The aggregate of the work would be inconsiderable as compared with the enormous volume of work carried on by the League during the months of the war, and would not alone justify the maintenance of a great citizen organization in aid of the Government. Nor would the work of the League be likely to prove as efficient as in time of war. During that period no sacrifice of time or effort was too great for the members. Men of the highest business and professional ability made their work for the League their first consideration without regard to personal sacrifice. Their first desire was to help win the war. Now that the war has been gloriously won, they feel that their present duty is to take their place in the constructive work of peace. The result has been, and will be in increasing degree, to deprive the League in large part of its most responsible and stable officers and members. For similar reasons the problem of finance will soon become acute, and local divisions will become embarrassed or will cease to operate for lack of financial support.

Important as are the above considerations, there are deeper reasons for the dissolution of the League. The members have been trained and have rendered their service as investigators. They have acted under the direction of a Department of the Government and under their oath of office have reported infractions of the laws of the country without fear or favor wherever they were found. The warrant for their inquiry

into the interests and activities of their fellow citizens was the existence of the national emergency. But the war is ended and the country will soon be at peace, confronted only by those enemies internal and external who wage their war in time of peace. In such time there is no place for organized citizen espionage. It is contrary to the spirit of democracy. It is dangerous in its tendencies and so might well be disastrous in its results. So far as the American Protective League is concerned, many of its members would quite naturally turn themselves to combating those radical movements which they consider hostile to the best interests of their country. Certain of these movements involve political doctrines, some of which are undoubtedly violative of our law, but others of which infringe no law. Other radical movements involve disputes between labor and capital and the members of the League in certain sections would find themselves arrayed upon one side or the other of controversies of this character.

The Department of Justice pursues its course free from political controversy or industrial dispute. Its officials serve only the Government and so are able to hold themselves aloof. But the officers and members of the League are active in every industry, trade and profession. As citizens they should, and do, take part in the affairs of their respective States and of the nation. They could not, if they would, separate themselves from active participation in such affairs. Under these circumstances it would be inevitable that through individual activities local divisions would be drawn into political and industrial controversy and would find themselves in the position of combating that which they might consider political heresy or industrial menace, but which would nevertheless be lawful agitation which the Department of Justice could not well oppose.

Under these circumstances the usefulness of the League as an auxiliary of the Department of Justice would quickly become impaired and would sooner or later come to an end.

The National Directors deeply appreciate the spirit which has prompted many officers and members to express the hope that the League be continued as a patriotic body in the future. They realize that these expressions are born of a fine desire to serve the country in peace as well as in war. But after the dissolution of the League its members as citizens of the United States will continue to render the best of service to the country. Their experience and training will splendidly equip them for that service, and in the years to come as individual citizens of their respective communities they will not only afford stability in times of agitation or unrest, but they will exert a powerful force in opposition to dangerous movements and tendencies wherever they may arise. The service of the League will not end; the League will not die. Though formally dissolved, it will remain a potent force.

These are the considerations which in the main have prompted the decision.

We enclose herewith the prescribed plan which must be diligently followed by all local chiefs in order that the League may be dissolved in regular order, in a manner worthy of its history and accomplishment.

Respectfully,

NATIONAL DIRECTORS
AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE.

BULLETIN No. 26-B.**PLAN OF DISSOLUTION***December 19, 1918.***TO ALL CHIEFS OF THE AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE:**

The American Protective League will be formally dissolved on February 1st, 1919, by pronouncement of the Attorney General of the United States and of the National Directors. From and after that date the League will cease to exist.

In execution of the plan of dissolution you will carefully observe the following instructions:

1. All pending investigations must be diligently pursued and final report made prior to the date of dissolution. All pending matters of every description must likewise be disposed of by that date.

2. From and after December 31st, 1918, no new investigations or other work shall be undertaken by the local divisions, either by reference from the Department of Justice or from any other department or agency of the Government. All information and complaints coming to any local division after December 31st, 1918, and prior to dissolution, shall be immediately referred to the Special Agent of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice within whose jurisdiction such local division lies.

3. On February 1st, 1919, all matters pending and undisposed of, with all papers, documents and other records relating to the same, shall be turned over by each local division to the proper Department Agent, and a receipt taken therefor from such Agent.

4. Upon the same date all of the books, records, files, papers, documents, indices, enrollment cards and all other papers relating to membership and organization, and all matter in any way connected with or relating to the work of each local division, including the original files of investigations carried on and reports made, and the original exhibits connected therewith, shall be delivered by each Local Chief to such Department Agent and detailed receipt taken therefor in duplicate. One copy of such receipt shall be retained by the Local Chief, and the duplicate shall be forwarded to National Headquarters at Washington.

5. On February 1st, 1919, each Local Chief shall notify all officers and members of his division of the formal dissolution of the League and of the cancellation of all credentials. From and after such date all credentials of officers and members of the League shall be void. Members will be permitted to retain their credentials as mementos of their service, but shall be notified that any subsequent use or display of the same under any claim of authority, either as a representative of the American Protective League or otherwise, will be wholly unwarranted and will subject the individual concerned to the penalties of the law.

6. Every Local Chief shall likewise inform his officers and members that the obligation to treat as absolutely confidential all information acquired by them for the Government in the service of the League will continue unbroken after dissolution; that it will of course remain the duty of all members as loyal citizens to uphold the Government and report all information of interest to the Government to the proper officer; but that their authority to investigate will be at an end.

7. All outstanding financial obligations shall be satisfied by each local division on or before the date of dissolution. It is imperative that the League shall not be discredited by unpaid obligations. While no liability attaches to National Headquarters for any obligation of local divisions or individual members, it is the concern of the National Directors that the record of the League shall be clean throughout the country. Any failure on the part of a local division to care for its financial obligations will be a blemish upon the record of the service of the organization.

Any surplus funds remaining in the hands of local divisions at the date of dissolution should be returned to the donors if equitable distribution can be made, or should be disposed of in some other manner acceptable to the contributors.

It is of the greatest importance that each local division complete its work in a thorough and efficient manner, so that the record made by its officers will do them credit and will at no time in the future cause embarrassment to them or to the League. Pending investigations must be concluded so that the Government may receive full information.

The National Directors are proud to say that the work of the local divisions of the League has been performed in such manner as to call forth expressions of cordial thanks and approval from many of the Departments of the Government. The National Directors have reason to believe that at the time of the dissolution of the League the thanks of the Government of the United States will be expressed in definite terms.

Respectfully,

NATIONAL DIRECTORS,
AMERICAN PROTECTIVE LEAGUE.

American Protective League

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