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admiration and respect for the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and its operation under Director HOOVER's leadership, and has defended the Bureau against its critics in certain instances.

Mr. ERNST has been associated with the activities of the American Civil Liberties Union for many years.

In an article appearing on page 77 of the August, 1954 issue of "Political Affairs," Communist Party monthly theoretical organ," ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, member of the National Committee of the CP-USA, in a review of a book by a former Secretary of the American Civil Liberties Union, states:

".....She describes how the ACLU capitulated to the DIES (Representative MARTIN DIES of Texas) Committee. Their counsel MORRIS ERNST and ARTHUR GARFIELD HAYS secretly visited him in Washington to assure him that the ACLU was not a 'Communist agency.' Then came a Pearl Harbor-like attack on Dr. HARRY WARD, by MORRIS ERNST and NORMAN THOMAS who demanded he be ousted as Chairman because of his chairmanship of the American League for Peace and Democracy, which they called a 'Communist front organization'."

In a conversation between Assistant United States Attorney THOMAS A. BOLAN, Southern District of New York, and MORRIS L. ERNST, on May 4, 1955, in regard to HARVEY MATUSOW and others, a memorandum concerning which was made available to this office by Assistant United States Attorney BOLAN on May 6, 1955, ERNST stated he had been counsel for "The Nation" for approximately 20 years.

In 1935, Mr. ERNST was an applicant for a Departmental Position (see New York report of SA C. F. LANMAN dated 2/4/35 entitled "MORRIS ERNST, Departmental Applicant.") In this investigation ERNST was rated highly by prominent persons for personal character and reputation. However, one interviewee considered his "views to be somewhat radical," whereas, another interviewee stated, "he is inclined toward a too liberal policy."

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