

The "Congressional Record" of 5-26-52 contained remarks of Senator Joseph McCarthy regarding the Americans for Democratic Action (ADA). McCarthy stated the ADA in its publication "ADA World" published an attack upon J. Edgar Hoover which article was inserted in the "Record."

The article stated Hoover's personal attorney, Morris Ernst, of NYC, was one of the founders of the National Lawyers Guild. Ernst was sympathetic to, if not a member of, the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, declared a subversive organization by the US Attorney General. Ernst was an exemplary citizen in many respects although given to sporadic enthusiasm for certain left wing organizations and the writing of books defending dissemination of alleged lascivious literature.

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This reference is a memo from Mr. Jones to Mr. Nichols dated 10-6-52 in which it was brought out that Morris Ernst and Edward Murrow had previously desired to produce a TV feature on the FBI when "we" desired to cooperate. Ernst had asked if there was not some inconsistency in "our" turning him down and giving "Gangbusters" material. Ernst was told that of course he would be given the same information though that would have been inadequate for the type show he and Murrow had in mind. Ernst had stated he might want to talk with the Bureau again about this matter some day.

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This reference is a memo from Mr. Nichols to Mr. Tolson dated 9-18-52 in which he stated he talked with Morris Ernst that day and briefed him on the suggestion of the Commission on Organized Crime in setting up a Federal agency. Ernst was also briefed on the Police Council and State Department of Justice Act drafted by Maurice Ploscowe. Ernst suggested if he could get copies of reports containing the model laws, with a brief analysis, he "would try to smoke Ploscowe and others out."

(Director's notation).

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