

By letter dated 10-14-41 the U.S. State Department sent the Bureau a list of names of persons connected with foreign language organizations in this country. The State Department requested that a check of FBI files be made to determine if there was any derogatory information concerning them as it was believed the people listed were persons to whom the Government could turn for assistance in matters touching the organizations. One name on the list was Morris L. Ernst (Austria), a lawyer; member of Legion of American Unity, 103 Park Ave., N.Y.C.

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Under date of 7-13-42, in answer to the State Department request in above reference, the Bureau forwarded to the State Department by letter a Memorandum containing information available in FBI files on whom information had not previously been furnished. One of these persons was Morris L. Ernst. The summary of information on Ernst contained information regarding him from 1924 to 1940.

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The Los Angeles Field Office advised that the Better America Federation of L.A. prepared a chart dated 9-30-30 entitled "The Ties That Bind." The object of the chart was to show graphically the manner in which 21 radical subversive pacifist, defeatist, socialistic and internationalistic societies in the U.S. were interlocked for the purpose of accomplishing their common object, contrary to the best interests of the US. Among the organizations on the chart was the American Civil Liberties Union (subject of 100-7057).

Among the members of the various organizations on the chart was "Morris L. Ernst - Attorney for Liberal Organizations; Director, The Cooperative Laundry of New York, 1922-23." Ernst was listed as a member of the League for Industrial Democracy; Mooney-Billings Committee; The People's Lobby; League for Independent Political Action; Favoring Recognition of Soviet Government of Russia.

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