

The annual report of the National Organization of the American Civil Liberties Union for 1939-1940 listed Ernst as a member of the Board of Directors.

Also included was a biography of the Board of Directors of the American Civil Liberties Union for the year 1940, including a biography for Ernst.

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In a newspaper article (unnamed) dated 2-6-40 it was noted that Roger Baldwin (subject of 100-49565) was reelected director of the ACLU and Morris L. Ernst as General Counsel.

Dun and Bradstreet, NYC, (protect identity) advised that as of 1-18-40 Ernst was General Counsel of the ACLU.

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This reference is a report dated 3-7-40 regarding the European Situation, Coupled with the Political Situation in the US which was received by an unidentified source from a confidential Russian source which enjoyed the explicit confidence of higher-ups in the Soviet regime. The report brought out that "red baiting" was at its height "as in the old Mitchell Palmer days." This point was illustrated by saying the ACLU was then "a life and death struggle within its own ranks. "Such men as Jerome Frank, head of the S.E.C., and Morris Ernst are now leading the 'red baiting' drive merely to protect their own skins." The resignation of Dr. Harry F. Ward, after his appearance before the Dies Committee, was an example of how far Frank and Ernst were pushing "red baiting". Since the ACLU decided to oust Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, one of its leaders, Roger Baldwin, ACLU leader, would have to side with either the Frank-Ernst faction, or the old ACLU leaders. Frank and Ernst used to pride themselves on their acquaintance with "Earl." "Earl" was Earl Browder.

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