

On 3-17-47 Ira Koehne, a Washington, D.C. attorney, advised the WFO that he'd read an article in the Washington "Times Herald" in which article the FBI charged that the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee was "Red." Koehne said O. John Rogge (subject of 62-54144) represented the Committee and he was a "Red." Koehne then quoted from page 14 of the "5th Column in Washington", published in June, 1940, as follows:

"O. John Rogge, Assistant Attorney General, in charge of curbing un-American propaganda and subversive activity made such a good speech at a Civil Liberties Union Council, sponsored by some 14 Red front organizations last October, that Morris Ernst, of the American Civil Liberties Union, declared to the gathering of assembled Reds and communists, 'As long as we have John Rogge in the Department of Justice in Washington, we are safe.'"

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This reference is a memo to the Director from Mr. Tamm dated 6-20-40 in which he advised that Mr. Stern of Morris Ernst's office, NYC, called to advise that Ernst was interested in getting a group of people he knows in Switzerland over to America. Stern was advised that all matters pertaining to granting of visas and documentation of aliens were under the jurisdiction of the State Department and the FBI could do nothing to expedite such matters.

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SI 94-8-173-98 (Additional
(20) information.)

This reference is a memo to the Director from Mr. Tamm dated 6-22-40 containing as an enclosure, a blind, undated memo dealing with the background of "PM" (subject of 94-8-1003) newspaper, members of its staff, its policies, etc. The information was prepared by one of the larger wire services for certain key members of its staff. According to the memo, Ralph Ingersoll, publisher of "PM" and others were present at a meeting at Lillian Hellman's, one of the financial backers of the paper, to hear V. J. Jerome, inside CP commissar, give a talk on what to read and how to understand it, "(check this with Morris Ernst and Richard Rovere)." (No further details)

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