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# All Haberman Mail Pried Into: No Personal Writings Sacred from Snooping Eyes of Bourbon Agents

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*The Call publishes today the fourth installment of the amazing exposure of espionage practiced upon the lives and letters of American citizens by the Democratic national regime.*

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The more thoroughly the “Radical Check List” of the Wilson administration at Washington is examined, the more glaringly appears the fact that Bourbon Democrats and their agents are as ignorant as they are vicious in misusing the power of which they are temporarily in possession to further the cause of reaction.

Today we print some more extracts from the combination joke book and spy guide called the “Radical Check List.”

**Charles G. Garfinkel;** 890 Fox St., NYC; 11090, to Rich, in Africa, on letterhead of “State of New York, Assembly Chamber, Albany,” on Socialist conditions.

*Garfinkle committed the unforgivable offense of being elected as an assemblyman of the State of New York on the Socialist ticket. He had occasion to write a letter to one Rich, who is a Socialist in South Africa, and, moreover, he had the impudence to tell Rich about Socialist conditions in the United States, and so the spy section put down the fact on their list, with the damning charge that he wrote on a “letterhead of the State of New York Assembly Chamber.” We do not know any better use to which to put such a letterhead than this.*

*The true history of the New York State Assembly would reveal many sinister communications written on such letterheads; but, then, these have been written by those who are used by our political and industrial rulers to betray the interests of the people. Communications of this kind are sacred and doubtless “privileged” in the eyes of some of the espionage agents.*

**People's Council of America;** 138 West 13th St., NYC; Cooperates with the Socialists, the Women's Internationale for the Maintenance of Civil Liberties, the Civil Liberties Bureau, the League for Amnesty of Political Prisoners, the Workers' Defense Union, the Irish Progressives, etc.; it advocates civil and political liberties, freedom of IWW prisoners, self-determination, non-intervention in Russia, disarmament, no military conscription, etc.; on the Executive Committee: Morris Hillquit, James Maurer, Jacob Panken, James Bagley, Joseph Cannon, Daniel Kiefer, Louis P. Lochner (of Rand School), D.J. Meserole; on General Committee: Max Eastman (of *Liberator*), Judah L. Magnes (Sec. of Rand School), R.F. Pettigrew, Seymour Stedman, Frank Stephens; on Advisory Committee: Mrs. J.S. Cram, Fannie Witherspoon, M.E. Fitzgerald (of San Francisco Workers' Defense qv.), E.C. Flynn; Secretaries: Scott Nearing (qv. of Rand School), Louis P. Lochner (qv. of Rand School), Elizabeth Freeman, Frank Stephens; this organization is evidently controlled by the Rand School, qv.

*It is certainly logical that the agents of this administration should be opposed to any institution which bears such a dangerous name as "The People's Council," for if the people really had a chance to counsel together, no Bourbon Democrat could hold office in this country.*

*Again the omnipotent and omnipresent Rand School is in evidence, according to these wise agents. Judah L. Magnes, as an example, has absolutely no connection with the Rand School, except that it sells books by this gifted scholar, the same as it sells *The New Freedom*.<sup>1</sup>*

*As a matter of record, the majority of the persons named in the above illuminating description from the "Radical Check List" are not connected with the Rand School, though, of course, we should be glad to compliment them if we could state the reverse.*

*In the last line is about as inclusive a lying statement as was ever printed. Every intelligent reporter on every New York paper, from a "cub" reporter to a headliner, who has had anything to do with the news during the last three years knows that this statement is untrue.*

**Tremont Older;** writes for Rand School, qv.

*This is undoubtedly intended for Fremont Older, now editor of the San Francisco Call, and former editor of the San Francisco Bulletin, in which paper he exposed the murderous conspiracy of organized capitalism*

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<sup>1</sup> Woodrow Wilson, *The New Freedom: A Call for the Emancipation of the Generous Energies of a People*. New York: Doubleday, Page & Co., 1913.

*against Mooney and his co-defendants. Neither "Tremont Older" nor Fremont Older ever wrote anything for the Rand School. There is an International News Service, with an office in the People's House, and on one of its sheets, we believe, there once appeared an article from Fremont Older. This seems to be as near the truth as these espionage agents can get in most cases.*

**Department of Labor Research;** is of Rand School, qv.

*Here, at least, is a correct statement. The Bureau does really work in connection with the Rand School, and is actively supported by it. Why was it placed on the "Radical Check List"? There's a reason. It publishes the American Labor Year Book, full of valuable information to the workers, which can be used most efficiently in their struggle to secure better conditions. In this book isn't found the "dope" so much desired by the "smoothers down" in our political fabric. It is a real weapon to be used in the struggle for industrial freedom, and how the political agents of capitalism do hate any institution that tells the truth to the workers!*

### **Democracy Safeguarded by Peeping into Letters.**

**Charles Erwin;** managing editor, *New York Call*; from Haberman, 25403.

These spies evidently complimented the editor of the *New York Call* by opening his mail, and thereby hangs a very interesting tale. Our readers will notice that the letter which these violators of the Constitution of the United States "snooped into," judging from this statement in the Check List, was from one Robert Haberman.

Haberman is a young man of 36, who was very active in many liberal movements in the United States before going to Mexico. He went into the army during the Spanish-American War, below the age of enlistment. He knows something about militarism from practical experience.

He became very much interested in the Cooperative movement and went to Yucatan, Mexico, as an expert on cooperation. He has established stores all over that state in conjunction with the Yucatan government. Even the spies continually opening his mail could find nothing against his character, as the report printed below shows. After summing up Haberman's activity, all the espionage agents could do was to write the insulting statement: "It remains to be seen what influence his connection with the notorious Rand School (qv.) would

have on his activities in Yucatan.” The statement of Haberman’s career taken from the “Radical Check List” shows him to have been a voluminous letter writer and to have kept very busy those spying on his mail. Mrs. Haberman, formerly a teacher in the high school, was subjected to the ignominy of a raid by espionage agents, and letters of the most intimate character, written to her years before, were read and pawed over by these members of the American Third Section.

We publish the full contents of the “Check List” on Haberman, as it is such a complete exhibit of the depts to which the present administration has fallen by allowing itself to take the first step in violating the traditions of free speech, free press, and the inviolability of the private mail of citizens.

**Robert Haberman;** P.O. Boxes 358, 434, and Calle 53, No. 533, Merida, Yucatan, Mex.; and American, and apparently active pro-American; radical Socialist; head of the cooperative stores of Yucatan, a protegé of General Salvador Alvarado; is with the Liga de Resistencia, connected with the state government, has friends and relatives in America, with whom he corresponds. M. Birch testified in his favor in Washington; 29128; deals principally with Ellis O. Jones of New York, in merchandise (groceries) for the Cooperativa Peninsular. There is only one thing against him, CC DR 108610, stating that he was involved in a plot to ship arms to India, the case in which Agnes Smedley was involved; letters 22106-24177 from his wife in New York state that Agnes Smedley was only an acquaintance; MID note (111993) (29128) states files do not concur with CC DR accusation. R. Haberman was born in Jassy, Romanis, 1883; (4479); left United States in December 1917 and wife followed. Comments, 25343 to J.A. Haberman, NYC; and 25432 to Glushanok, qv.; 29128, 29550 to Tri-State Labor Review, Okaland Cal., on Alvarado and the Cooperative Stores, giving laws, etc.; his brother, Herman, is at 1430 Second Avenue, NYC, with office in Nassau Street; 559993, 49900, 22447 to Jacob Hillquit, concerning Glushanok; 29128 states that Socialists of Yucatan have been pro-Wilson; 55993, Manuel Carpio speaks very highly of Haberman; anti-Zapata, 5988; to Ellis O. Jones, 124819; to Scott Perk, 127389; to J.H. Haberman, 1025 Boston Road, NYC, 125617, requesting accounts for Cooperativa Peninsular; to Ernest Balsch, 102233, states the Germans have threatened him for putting up pro-Ally posters; other patriotic work, 80220, 44855; to S. Haberman, 56 East 156th Street, NYC, 94680, request to for-

ward mail from Romania; to his wife, Thornburg Haberman, at 112 40th Street, Corona, LI, NY, a request for *Labor Year Book, Liberator*, and states that government of Yucatan is extremely pro-Ally (see Alvarado), and encloses distinctly pro-Ally article; to *NY Call* on social conditions in Yucatan, 25403; to *NY Call* on the convention of Partido Social; on cooperative stores, etc., to Alex Trachtenberg, qv., 20641, announcing a Normal School for Socialism in Yucatan, requesting propaganda; writes for *Voz de la Revolución* and for *Tierra*; asked his wife to get money from Louis Lochner for article he had sent Rand School; in 26345 ordered 50,000 buttons for Partido Social and Ligas de Resistencia partisans; this man seems of greatest potential importance in Yucatan, for good or for evil, because, although a radical, he is an American, apparently patriotic, and enterprising, and a “live wire,” and it remains to be seen what influence his connection with the notorious Rand School, qv., would have on his activities in Yucatan.

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*Tomorrow we will publish further details of the activities of the “snooping” brigade.*

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