

Roll Notes

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Section 1

Nov 1940-May 1941

Roll 1, 0001-0174

Internal Security re: America First Committee

Post card: Principles of the America First Committee

Allegations of members activities against the selective draft
and ties to the radical pacifist monthly "*Equality*."

News article from:

Los Angeles Herald Express (Feb 1941)

"John Wheeler Flays FDR Lease, Lend Bill"

Objectives of the America First Committee and listing of
its officers

Pamphlets:

A Platform to which every American can Subscribe

Our Foreign Policy by Gen. Robert E. Wood

News article from:

The Herald Statesman (Mar 1941)

"Cites Nazi Support of 'America First'"

The Congressional Record (Nov 1940)

Pamphlet:

Is this Our War? by Clay Judson

Section 2

Apr 1941-Jul 1941

Roll 1, 0176-0410

Article:

News Letter (published Apr 1941)

"No War" Mothers Lured into Anti-Democrats Camp

Investigation of the America First Committee

"A Letter to Americans" by Charles A. Lindbergh

Internal Security re: America First Committee

News articles from:

Pasadena Independent (Jun 1941)

“Mass Meeting Boos President”

Birmingham News (Jun 1941)

“Lindbergh and Others May be Brought Here by
Committee Branch”

Section 3

Aug-Sep 1941

Roll 1, 0412-0654

Internal Security re: America First Committee

Pamphlet:

President Roosevelt said:

“Your boys are not going to be sent into any foreign wars.” (Boston, Oct 1940)

Allegations of pro-Fascist group’s involvement with the
America First Committee

America First Committee, propaganda among soldiers

Jay F. Tiffany letter: Keep America Out of War

America First Committee, disaffection among troops

Involvement of Charles Lindbergh with the America First
Committee and the formation of the “Copperheads”

Pamphlets:

“Can Hitler Cripple America’s Economy?”

“War, what is it?”

“Uncle Sam, a Fellow Traveler?”

America First Committee, Italian Fascist Infiltration

Memo documents the beginning of the America First
Committee

News articles from:

San Francisco Bee (Sep 1941)

“Group Score Shooting Edict of Roosevelt”

“Capper Holds U.S. Must Back Roosevelt Act”

Columnist Westbrook Pegler:

Fair Enough, Labor Day is Mockery (Sep 1941)

Investigation of a membership drive launched by the
America First Committee

Section 4

Sep-Nov 1941

Roll 1, 0658-0836

Internal Security, America First Committee

Articles of Incorporation, filed Jan 1941

Stated purpose and Board of Directors

Meeting held at Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles,
Oct 1941

News article from:

Charleston Gazette (Oct 1941)

“Lindbergh Fears Loss of Liberties”

Pamphlet: “War in the Mails”

News articles from:

The Washington Post (Oct 1941)

“Denial of Right to Vote Feared by Lindbergh”

Norristown Town Herald (Sep 1941)

“War is England’s, She Asked for It”

Allegations of anti-Semitism against Charles Lindbergh

Section 5

Nov-Dec 1941

Roll 1, 0838-END

Internal Security, America First Committee

Fight for Freedom Committee formed in opposition to

America First Committee
Allegations of anti-Semitism are hurting the America First
Committee
Pamphlet: "Neutrality or War"
Copies of America First Committee mailing (Oct 25, 1941)
"The Crisis is Here"
Report No. 1: Subversive Activities in America First
Committee in California

Section 6

Dec 1941-Mar 1942 **Roll 2, 0001-0218**
Internal Security, America First Committee
Report on America First Committee meetings attended by
Charles Lindbergh
Excerpts from a Charles Lindbergh speech (delivered
Dec 19, 1941)
Allegations of anti-Semitism against the America First
Committee
Reports on the formation of an America First underground
organization
Extract from "Merry-Go-Round" (Jan 28, 1942
by Drew Pearson & Robert S. Allen
Pamphlets:
"To the Jewish People of America"
"Dangers Without & Within"
Reports of the America First Committee "shutting down"

Section 7

Apr-May 1942 **Roll 2, 0220-0402**
Internal Security, America First Committee

Reports that the America First Committee has disbanded
News article from:

The Washington Post (Mar 1941)

“Produce Now or be Slaves, Nelson Says”

Investigation at Norfolk reflects the America First Committee unsuccessful in affecting an organization

Investigation into activities of prominent people once members of the America First Committee

Pamphlet:

“America and the War” by Robert M. Hutchins

Reprints of America First Committee literature

“Our Foreign Policy” by Gen. Robert E. Wood

Section 8

May 1942

Roll 2, 0404-0642

Internal Security, America First Committee

Investigation into groups characterized as “Isolationists” and alleged ties to the America First Committee

Reports reveal America First Committee has disbanded since the nation’s involvement in the war

Reprints of America First Committee literature:

“I Hate War” by Franklin D. Roosevelt

“Why America Cannot be Invaded” by

Col. Robert R. McCormick

“The Immediate Relation of the United States to this War” an address by Herbert Hoover

“Our Foreign Policy” by Gen. Robert E. Wood

Allegations of Fascist groups and Nazi sympathizers involved in America First Committee

Investigation into alleged “underground activities” of
former America First Committee members

Section 9

May-Aug 1942

Roll 2, 0644-0892

Internal Security, America First Committee

America First Committee disbanded as an active organization
upon entrance of the United States into the war

Investigations into the “Americans for Peace” group as an
anti-American organization

Investigation into the activities of Dr. Paul Cotton and his
“Peace Group”

Allegations that “Americans for Peace” is an alias for the
America First Committee

Investigation into America First Committee and connections
to other subversive groups

Records of the Indianapolis America First Committee after
they had disbanded

Section 10

Jun 1942-May 1943

Roll 2, 0894-1091

Internal Security, America First Committee

Investigations that America First Committee has totally
disbanded

Excerpt from a speech by Charles Lindbergh (Aug 1941)

NYC Chapter of America First Committee filed petition in
NY Supreme Court for legal dissolution

Reports indicate America First Committee no longer active

Section 11

May 1943-Aug 1944

Roll 2, 1093-1112

Internal Security, America First Committee

No indication subject organization has remained active

Sections 12-14 are not available

Section 15

May 1945-Jul 1956

Roll 2, 1114-END

Informant information, America First Committee

Requests to the bureau for information regarding America
First Committee

Reprint of America First Committee pamphlet:

“Franklin Delano Roosevelt and 80% of the American
People are Against the War”

Advertisement for

“The Golden Archer” a satirical novel of 1975

Enclosure Behind File

c.1941

Roll 3, 0001-0459

Collection of America First Committee literature

includes:

“Is FDR a War-Waging Fanatic or a Shrewd War-Using
Politician?” (Jun 5, 1941)

“Wings Over Nome” (Jul 1941)

“The British Invasion of America” (1941)

“The Truth about England and the New Europe” (1940)

“Must We Fight for our Foreign Trade”

“Mr. President!” a radio address by Archbishop Francis
J. L. Beckman (Jun 1941)

“Our Foreign Policy” by Gen. Robert E. Wood

“Can Hitler Invade America?”

“Can Hitler Cripple America’s Economy?”

News articles include:

Publicity, Wichita, Kansas (Nov 1941):

“Roosevelt Can be Sued for Kearny Dead”

The Nashville Tennessean (Oct 1941):

“Tabernacle Speaker Says New Deal Rule Worse than Nazis”

“Author Labels Administration Communistic”

The Chicago Leader (Sep 1941)

“Peace Meeting Opens Saturday”

Enclosure Behind File

c.1938

Roll 3, 0461-0469

Communist Party of the U.S.A. Membership Card

Sub-A, Section 1

1940-1941

Roll 3, 0471-0527

Newspaper articles include:

N.Y. Daily (Dec 1940):

“Willard Quits America First”

Washington Times (Feb 1941):

“Mrs. Taft’s Group Flays Lend-Lease”

Chicago Daily Tribune (Feb 1941):

“America First Girds for Final War Bill Fight”

Chicago Daily News (Feb 1941):

“Pro-Nazi Group Rallies to Aid of Isolationists”

N.Y. Herald Tribune (Apr 1941):

“Lindbergh Says Allies Lost War Before It Began”

Washington Post (Apr 1941):

“Nazis Hail Lindbergh as Real American”

Sub-A, Section 2

May 1941

Roll 3, 0529-0640

Newspaper articles include:

Chicago Daily News (May 1941)

“Hits Half-Truth by Wheeler as ‘Smear’ to U.S.”

Washington Times-Herald (May 1941)

“War May End Our Liberties Clark Warns”

The Chicago American (May 1941)

“Can Defend U.S. Here, but Not Abroad: Lindy”

Chicago Daily News (May 1941)

“Bund Rallies Appeasers for America First”

Chicago Daily Tribune (May 1941)

“1,500 A Day Join America First Drive in State”

“Citizens Send Mass Appeal Against War Today to
President”

Sub-A, Section 3

Jun-Aug 1941

Roll 3, 0642-0782

Newspaper articles include:

Chicago Daily Tribune (Jun 1941)

“America First Tells of Gains in Members since
Fireside Chat”

San Francisco Examiner (Jun 1941)

“America First Group Denied Use of School”

Chicago Daily News (Jun 1941)

“A Coincidence? Lindy and Hitler Use Same Idea”

“ ‘Bold Patriot’ Has Big Idea: Lindbergh for President”

The Daily Worker (Jul 1941)

“Negro Papers Lambast Lindbergh as ‘Subversive’ ”

New York Herald-Tribune (Aug 1941)

“Lindbergh Says U.S. Nears War by ‘Subterfuge’ ”

Sub-A, Section 4

Sep-Oct 1941

Roll 3, 0784-0898

Newspaper articles include:

The Chicago American (Sep 1941)

“Wheeler Calls for War on Poverty”

Washington Star (Sep 1941)

“Jewish Groups Denounce Lindbergh Iowa Speech”

Chicago Daily News (Sep 1941)

“America First and Lindbergh Win Bund Praise”

Washington Star (Oct 1941)

“Roosevelt Creating Fear of Conquest Meeting is Told”

Washington Times-Herald (Oct 1941)

“America First Assails Refusal of Radio Time”

Sub-A, Section 5

Nov 1941-Oct 1954

Roll 3, 0900-END

Newspaper articles include:

The Washington-Post

“Quit Iceland, Demand of America First” (Nov 1941)

“Dies Scans America First Roll for Nazis” (Dec 1941)

Times Herald (Dec 1941)

“America First to be Dissolved”

Sunday Worker (Jan 1942)

“Although Dissolved, America First Works Against
War Effort”

The Daily Worker (Feb 1944)

“Pro-Fascists to ‘Invade’ Phila.”