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A NEWSPAPER that can not be INTIMIDATED

THE TRIBUNE'S PLATFORM FOR 1936

Turn the Rascals Out.

THE TRIBUNE PROGRAM

PLATFORM FOR AMERICA

1. Restore a constitutional form of government in Rhode Island.
2. Repeal the tyranny laws.
3. Cut taxes in half.
4. Free the railroads from red tape.
5. Adopt an American Foreign Policy.
6. Give Aviation a square deal.
7. Establish an American Trans-Atlantic Air Service.

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AMERICANS WITH A PRICE ON THEIR HEADS.

Senator Black's Gestapo (Hitler secret police) is by no means the only Washington organization of espionage and inquisition prowling in the private affairs of American citizens, but it is at present, the most active one engaged in bulldozing American citizens in the hope that it can make them afraid to exercise their political rights.

In one hand the New Deal carries the money bag and in the other a club. The voter may take his choice. If he is found busy in the works of the New Deal he will be rewarded. If he is found busy opposing them he will be clubbed and dragged before the inquisitors. Mr. Black has been made the head of this Gestapo of terror agents as chairman of the senate of lobbyist committees, and he, fortunately for the citizens threatened, has put his intentions down in paper in such specific terms that nobody in the country can misunderstand what he is trying to do. He was so sure of himself that he didn't need a smoke screen but didn't think it was worth the trouble. Things already have gone so far in the tracks of Hitler that Black could take the direct instead of the oblique method of attack on the citizens he intends to coerce.

In the resolution by which he obtained investigating authority he named particular organizations whose activities were to be examined. He named the Crusaders, the Sentinels of the Republic, the American Federation of Investors, the New York State Economic Council, the American Liberty League, the American Taxpayers' League, the American Federation of Utility Investors, the American Federation of Labor, the American Legion, the Old Age Revolving Pensioners Ltd. (Townsend), or other organizations which have maintained lobbies in Washington. He selected the societies of American citizens who are making political sentiment against the New Deal, the National Association of Manufacturers, the American Federation of Labor, the American Legion, the Old Age Revolving Pensioners Ltd. (Townsend), or other organizations which have maintained lobbies in Washington. He selected the societies of American citizens who are making political sentiment against the New Deal, the National Association of Manufacturers, the American Federation of Labor, the American Legion, the Old Age Revolving Pensioners Ltd. (Townsend), or other organizations which have maintained lobbies in Washington.

Black, having publicly proscribed and published the men and women he was after, sent out an impudent questionnaire, followed by his agents. The victim is told to stand and give information regarding his private affairs which government has no right to demand. He is told to understand that it will be better for him if he makes his statements under oath, and then he receives a visit from the agents who themselves demand the citizen's private papers, his accounts, and his files. Resistance based upon unquestionable privileges and immunities is met by the threat that if full satisfaction is not given the citizen will be taken to Washington and subjected to the inquisition by senators who have extended their prerogatives to cover the most outrageous abuse.

America is again back to the tyranny of the nation act, and the people may not be able to comprehend that government would dare do such a thing to them. It is the boldest defiance of American principles the country ever experienced. Government has never dared threaten thousands of American people with punishment for their normal political activities before in the republic's history. It may be a good thing to have this matter well understood in time to put an end to it in the next election. Deliver the American people from what would happen if this Hitlerian government got four more years of life.

From the Chicago Tribune of Feb. 17, 1936

BLACK THREATENS A CURB ON COURTS

Suit to Block Lobby Committee's Seizure of Documents Is Called 'Malicious.'

RAYBURN INQUIRY PRESSED

Crew Lavick Officials Admit Fight on Measure—Say Records Were Destroyed.

Special to The New York Times.
WASHINGTON, March 5.—Federal courts were "warned" today by Senator Black against enjoining delivery of documents.

which the country is entitled to know.

Senator Black named The Chicago Tribune as a paper which has editorially falsified the facts and has sought to distort the terms of the resolution under which the committee provides for the investigation of lobbyists, propagandists and so-called patriotic societies supported by the tax dodgers and racketeers. "The truth," the Alabama Senator exclaimed, "does not disturb some people who prate loudly about their piety and their loftiness of character."

From the New York Times of March 6, 1936

THE NIGHT RIDERS

AN OLD SOUTHERN CUSTOM



From the Chicago Tribune of March 7, 1936

Publication of the truth is objectionable to those in power.

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THE SENATE BLACK SHIRTS.

Technically Senator Hugo L. Black of the senate lobby committee was not on all fours with Ananias when in accusing The Tribune of falsification he said senate resolutions 165 and 194 did not specifically mention the political opponents of Mr. Roosevelt. These resolutions of the senate or purport to authorize the activities of the senators who to intimidate the critics and opponents of the New Deal have torn their way through the article of the bill of rights which says that the right of the people to be secure in their persons, papers, and effects from unreasonable search and seizure shall not be violated. The Black Shirts are violating the right as it never has been violated before.

Technically Mr. Black's statement regarding the resolution was accurate. The organizations the senators are after were specifically named not in the resolutions but in the questionnaire he sent out under the authority of the resolutions. If the senator wishes the public to believe that his lobby committee has not specifically announced the victims of its disapproving intent is to deceive. The essential point is whether the senate for political reasons is attacking certain organizations known to be opposing the reelection of Mr. Roosevelt. The answer is Yes. The proof is in the questionnaire of which question No. 2 is as follows:

"Please give an itemized statement of all sums contributed since Jan. 1, 1934, to the Crusaders, the American Liberty League, Sentinels of the Republic, New York State Economic Council, American Federation of Utility Investors, Inc., American Taxpayers' League, and all other organizations of like or similar character, or to any person or organization for the benefit of any of the aforementioned organizations. In giving this statement please show each amount contributed, the date of each such contribution, and the purpose for which made in each instance."

There are a number of "pleases" scattered through the questionnaire, the glove over the iron fist. The tone is peremptory, an acknowledgment is requested, and it is asked that the answers be given under oath. The resolutions are general, the use of their authority specific. The senators called their shots. They said they were after such and such men, all of them against Mr. Roosevelt. Among lobbies and political organizations not mentioned was the Ku Klux Klan. Why doesn't Mr. Black include that organization? Probably because it elected him in Alabama and he knows too much about it.

Mr. Black and his associates selected and named the persons to be attacked with intent to intimidate. The questionnaire, although insistent and charged with malevolence, was only the beginning. The seizure of telegrams by committee subpoena and through the Federal Communications Commission followed—a wholesale raid on private effects and papers, outrageously unreasonable search and seizure, violating constitutional rights.

Mr. Black's utterances are in keeping with his acts. In his assault on the floor of the senate upon Mr. Roosevelt's political opponents he was angry enough to say that if he had any idea a federal judge would issue an injunction against the senate to prevent unreasonable search and seizure of a citizen's papers he would long ago have introduced a bill to take that jurisdiction away from the court.

When a man in the position of United States senator so far loses his head as to say that he would stop the courts from enforcing the bill of rights he has served warning on the entire country that every protection of American citizenship is in danger of being destroyed in this administration of Roosevelt. What more impressive demonstration of Roosevelt? The bill of rights is the guaranty to the people of this country that they cannot be visited by Brown Shirts, that they cannot be secretly arrested and thrown into jail or herded into concentration camps, that they cannot be persecuted by government officials. In other words, so long as the bill of rights stands they can't be fed castor oil or have their teeth knocked down their throats by a dictator's ruffians. We know how countries in which these things are happening now.

Senator Black's committee has already committed outrages which before Roosevelt would have been impossible. The sock 'em senators are continuing to commit these outrages. They have no respect for the constitutional immunities and no respect for the citizens and they have released numbers of federal agents to interfere with men in their homes and offices, to carry away their effects, and to put them under threat of the most serious injuries, all to keep them from publicly opposing the policies of men who seek to ruin them.

Senator Black speaks of efforts to defeat legislation as if it had become treason in the United States to object to any bill, even if it proposed to destroy the savings, the investments, and the property of people who have worked and saved under the laws of the United States to provide for themselves and guard against the future. Senator Black and his associates in the United States who have a stake in what happens to the country is a scoundrel and a villain who should be disfranchised. Such a person has no right to raise his voice against a bill in congress or to seek the protection of the courts when evil minded legislators and administrations try to ruin him.

These dictatorial autocrats have so blown themselves up with the authority they have seized and misused that they do not care if they convict themselves out of their own mouths. They have set up a government which does not want to recognize the rights of the citizen or the jurisdiction of the courts. They have increased their own powers without any regard for the limitations put upon them by the Supreme Court they pretended checks by the Supreme Court they pretended defiance to carry out their own will. The people of the United States tolerate much more of this than they have a shred of their independence left. They have been commanded to be servile and obey.

These autocrats can be brought to book. They haven't yet locked the doors of the courts and they haven't yet been able to call off the elections and extinguish the franchise. The people have time to realize that the New Deal is an exhibition of lawless power, speeding up its machinery every day. It thinks it has only one more river to cross, the election in November, and then it will be on high ground and securely fortified. No one needs to listen to the opponents of the New Deal for a description of purposes. Listen to Mr. Black. No courts. No interference with legislation.

No, the political opponents of the New Deal were not specified in the authorizing resolutions. They were named in the questionnaire with which Mr. Black's committee went after their victims. What does Mr. Black make of that distinction? Neither do we.

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