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Newspaper accounts pertaining to the case of Francis Parker Yockey:

San Francisco Chronicle, Thursday, June 9, 1960:

MYSTERY MAN SEIZED WITH 3 PASSPORTS

A 47-year-old man of many names was held here yesterday in a passport fraud case that apparently baffled even the FBI and the State Department.

Pure chance brought his arrest. His suitcase had gone astray and airline employees seeking to identify it found it contained three different passports--all with the same photograph.

He was booked as Francis Parker Yockey, a cum laude law graduate of Notre Dame, and held here while Federal officials sought to have an exceptionally high bail of \$50,000 set. "There are lots of unanswered questions, and we want to be sure he'll be around to answer them," one official said.

He had already made one violent attempt to escape when first being questioned at the home of an unidentified friend in Oakland, FBI agents reported.

The case of the straying suitcase began on Sunday when Yockey arrived in Oakland to visit his friend--unnamed because FBI agents believe he was not involved in any fraud.

Yockey discovered one bag was missing from his luggage, and telephoned the airline. Airline employees in Fort Worth, Texas, meanwhile, had found the missing bag and opened it to identify it.

Inside were three passports. One, issued to Edward Max Price in Salinas in 1954 had been altered later to read "Edward Max Briceman," FBI agents and State Department officials said. They refused to reveal the names on the ~~the~~ other two passports; but all three bore Yockey's own photograph, they said.

The airline notified the FBI, which sent agents to return the bag to Yockey on Monday at the Oakland address of his friend. Yockey tried to flee, FBI agent Edward Cunningham said at yesterday's bail hearing before U.S. Commissioner Joseph Karesh.

FBI agent Robert Leonard tried to restrain Yockey, Cunningham said, but Yockey eluded him--and slammed a door violently on Leonard's restraining hand, gashing it so badly many stitches were required to close the cut. Yockey fled from the house, but agents recaptured him in the street outside.

Held on a temporary charge of failing to have registered for the draft, Yockey was transferred to custody in San Francisco yesterday on a passport fraud charge filed by State Department agents.

FBI agents said Yockey claims to be a writer, but won't give any address. When agents first sought to question him Monday, they said, he gave his name as Richard Hatch.

Yockey interrupted yesterday's bail hearing time--once to shout that FBI testimony was a lie, and again to insist that "I know my rights" because he was a graduate of Notre Dame Law School in 1941. The FBI later confirmed this.

Commissioner Karesh said he would continue the bail hearing at 10 a. m. today. At one point in yesterday's proceedings he made it clear he was as puzzled as anyone else by the unusual case.

"I don't know what you may have in your minds," he cautioned the government agents, "but to justify this kind of bail, you're going to have to make a case--on the record."

Assistant U. S. Attorney William P. Clancy Jr. had explained that the high bail was necessary "because of the unusual circumstances of this case." (His office later told reporters that the staff had been instructed "by Washington" not to discuss the case further.)

State Department officials here said that the passport bearing the name "Briceman" ~~showed~~ showed its holder had traveled extensively in England, Germany and Belgium.

At the time of his arrest, Yockey had \$2300 in cash in his pockets and was also carrying press credentials from a German magazine, they said--credentials bearing his own picture but still another alias.

Richard Auerbach, special agent in charge of the FBI here, said last night:

"You think it's a mystifying case? Well, we just wish we knew more about it, too."

San Francisco Chronicle, Friday, June 10, 1960:

INSANITY PLEA IN PASSPORT CASE HINTED

Francis Parker Yockey, the man of many names held here on Federal charges, may have been operating an illegal passport factory, a Federal prosecutor said yesterday.

Yockey's own attorney, Carl Hoppe, insisted at first that the only problem was that his client was insane--but he later withdrew the suggestion pending further private conversations.

Assistant U. S. Attorney William P. Clancy Jr. told newsmen yesterday that Yockey had used at least 15 aliases during "what appears to be a systematic and well-planned operation in passports; the purpose of which we do not know."

Yockey's trouble began Sunday--accidentally. He arrived in Oakland to visit a friend and found that a bag was missing from his luggage. Yockey phoned the airline.

Meanwhile, the suitcase turned up in Fort Worth, and an airline official opened it to identify the owner. Inside were three passports. Though each bore a different name, Yockey's photo was on all three.

The FBI arrested him in Oakland after he had injured an agent in an attempt to escape. Yockey, 47, was identified by fingerprints on his service record.

State Department officials here said yesterday that Yockey had been a War Department employee in Europe in 1946, and other sources reported he was

active at that time in the Nuernberg war crimes trials in Germany but was fired.

A friend and former classmate of Yockey told The Chronicle last night that Yockey had been a "a pro-Nazi" while attending Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., in 1937-38.

Georgetown University confirmed that Yockey had attended its School of Foreign Service as a member of the class of 1939 but had withdrawn before completing the course. His hometown at that time was listed as Roxana, Ill.

He was known to have practiced law in Illinois at one time and to have served as an assistant district attorney in Detroit.

Yockey, glowering and silent, appeared before U. S. Commissioner Joseph Karesh at 10:30 a.m. yesterday, ostensibly to plead for a reduction in the \$50,000 bail demanded by the Government.

With him was Attorney Hoppe--a specialist in patent and copyright law.

"I'd like to have Mr. Yockey examined by a psychiatrist to determine whether he is sane," Hoppe told Commissioner Karesh.

Yockey erupted in a sibilant, resounding whisper: "That's a dirty trick!"

Then he spoke clearly: "I'm sorry--I'd like to dismiss the attorney. This comes as a complete surprise to me."

Karesh allowed a 20-minute recess so Hoppe could confer further with his client. As Yockey and the attorney left for their conference, Yockey again muttered "It's a dirty trick," and spat on the floor.

Attorney J. W. Ehrlich, present with Hoppe and Hoppe's associate Victor Iobe, told reporters "I talked to Mr. Yockey at Mr. Hoppe's request, but I'm not associated with the defense."

After the private conference between Yockey and his attorneys Hoppe and Victor Iobe, Hoppe asked Karesh to continue the hearing--ostensibly called to determine whether \$50,000 bail was too high--to 10:30 a.m. today.

"I'm now pressing my motion to reduce bail, and I'm not now pressing my motion for an examination by an alienist," Hoppe explained. "I want to confer further with Mr. Yockey."

Karesh asked Yockey if he agreed that Hoppe should continue to represent him, and Yockey nodded. Karesh thereupon continued the hearing until this morning.

San Francisco Chronicle, Saturday, June 11, 1960:

#### PASSPORT FRAUD MYSTERY UNFOLDS; FASCIST LINKS

A long background involving activity with extreme right-wing political groups in the United States and Europe began to emerge yesterday in the case of the mysterious Francis Parker Yockey.

He appeared briefly before United States Commissioner Joseph Karesh at 10:30 a.m. and had his hearing set over until 10:30 a.m. Monday.

Yockey's service record shows he was born in 1917 in Michigan. He graduated cum laude from Notre Dame and attended a number of U. S. universities. He was honorably discharged from the Army in 1943 with a medical disability. The discharge carried the notation "dementia praecox, paranoid type."

Stanley Jacobs of the Anti-Defamation League here said their files showed Yockey had appeared with Gerald L. K. Smith, head of the Christian National Party, in St. Louis in 1950.



He said he is the author of "Imperium," a book published in London which Yockey described as "a master thesis of Fascist strategy based on three principles: anti-Americanism, a neutral Germany, avoidance of anti-Russian activity."

Columnist Drew Pearson wrote of him in 1954. He identified him as one of three known U. S. agents for Rudolph Aschenauer, a neo-Nazi of Frankfurt, Germany. He said Yockey wrote under the name of Ulick Varange.

Yockey is known to have used the aliases of Francis Downey, Frenz Yockey, Franz Downey, Frank Healy and Frank Downey.

U. S. Assistant Attorney W. P. Clancy Jr. said he could be charge with making false statements to obtain a passport and with assault on a Federal officer.

Yockey was arrested by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Monday at the home of Alex Scharf, former director of education for the Temple Beth Abraham in Oakland.

Scharf was not available to explain why Yockey should be in his home. His guest was picked up after his luggage had gone astray and wound up in an airport in Fort Worth, Texas.

Employees opened the luggage and found three passports--one American, one Canadian and one British--seven birth certificates and a set of German press credentials.

When arrested Yockey tried to escape. He slammed a door on the hand of FBI agent Robert Leonard. It required 20 ~~stitches~~ stitches to sew up the wound.

Since then he has been held in lieu of \$50,000 bail while authorities attempted to discover the pattern of his life and the reason he was carrying

\$2300 in cash and \$850 in traveler's checks with him.

"We are interested in where he gets his money," Clancy said. "We know he has been associated with some anti-Semitic groups and that he is engaged in a systematic and well-planned operation in passports."

In his appearance before Karesh, Yockey was stiff and angry.

"This is practically assault and battery," he told Karesh. He braced himself and folded his hands as the Commissioner talked with his lawyer, Carl Hoppe, about a continuance pending the arrival of his sister.

She is Mrs. William D. Coyne, wife of a Navy commander of Bethesda, Md.

Hoppe said he needed time to discuss the entire situation with Mrs. Coyne and he asked if she could visit Yockey, 47, in jail today.

"You want an order for Saturday for your boy?" asked Karesh.

"I beg your pardon," Yockey snapped. "I'm no boy."

"Young man, then?" purred Karesh.

"No, no young man either," said Yockey.

"Then, defendant," said Karesh. "I think we can agree on that. I'll see you Monday."

San Francisco Chronicle, Monday, June 13, 1960:

#### PASSPORT BAIL PLEA DUE TODAY

Francis P. Yockey, the man of mystery and passports, is scheduled to appear before U. S. Commissioner Joseph Karesh today to plead for lesser bail.



Yockey, accused of fraud in traveling in Western Europe on spurious passports, has been held in lieu of \$50,000 bail since his arrest last week.

Here to help him was a sister, Mrs. William Coyne, wife of a Navy commander, from Bethesda, Md.

The 43-year-old lawyer was picked up in Oakland at the ~~ap~~ apartment of Alex B. Scharf, until recently principal of the Jewish school at Temple Beth Abraham.

Scharf, in his early 30s, disappeared after Yockey was arrested. It developed that Yockey, given a medical discharge from the Army in 1943 for "dementia praecox, paranoid type," had engaged in pro-Nazi, anti-Semitic activities.

San Francisco Chronicle, Tuesday, June 14, 1960:

#### BAIL PLEA DELAYED

#### PASSPORT SUSPECT CALLED 'TOP FASCIST'

Francis Parker Yockey, mysterious collector of spurious passports, was described here yesterday as a "significant Fascist with international connections."

Yockey, 43, held under \$50,000 bail for passport fraud, was so classified by Stanley Jacobs, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League.

He was one of the several unofficial observers yesterday at Yockey's stormy hearing before U. S. Commissioner Joseph Karesh.

Jacobs said Yockey is considered "as important a world figure in fascism as we now know."

Assistant U. S. Attorney William P. Clancy Jr. said the Yockey case will be given to the Federal Grand Jury later this month.

In the meantime, Clancy said, the Government will file a request tomorrow that the U. S. District Court order a psychiatric examination for Yockey.

Karesh may join in the motion, basing his request on Yockey's behavior in hearings before him.

Yockey's lawyer, Carl Hoppe, came into court yesterday, prepared to ask a reduction in bail. Action, however, was postponed until this morning to enable a new lawyer to enter the tangled case.

Hoppe, a patent attorney, said he wished to withdraw in favor of a lawyer with criminal experience.

Present during yesterday's hearing was Emmet F. Hagerty, who may represent Yockey during future hearings.

Yockey, whose name has been closely linked with numerous neo-Nazi organizations, and whose many passports under assumed names suggested international intrigue, was arrested last week on a charge of passport fraud after his suitcase went astray in Fort Worth, Texas. The suitcase was found to contain three false passports, all carrying Yockey's picture but phony names.

Yockey complained during yesterday's proceedings that he had been refused permission to see his two sisters, Alice Sparlock, hospital X-ray technician in Gilroy, and Mrs. William Coyne of Bethesda, Md.

The Commissioner recessed court for 40 minutes to allow Yockey to confer with his sisters in the Marshal's office.

Yockey was asked during the recess whether he had traveled extensively in Russia in 1957, and the questioning reporter was dismissed with the order: "Get out of here, you filthy swine."

San Francisco Chronicle, Wednesday, June 15, 1960:

'JAILBREAK PLOT' TOLD IN PASSPORT CASE

A bold jailbreak plot engineered by Francis P. Yockey, the passport mystery man, was revealed yesterday, along with alleged threats of suicide.

Yockey, a 43-year-old ex-lawyer from Detroit, had appeared before U. S. Commissioner Joseph Karesh to plead for a reduction in his \$50,000 bail on a passport-fraud charge.

Toward the end of that proceeding, which was intersession, Assistant U. S. Attorney William P. Clancy Jr. mentioned, with dramatic casualness, the purported escape plot and the suicide threats.

Arguing against bail reduction, he said: "There's an extreme risk of flight . . . a grave risk of injury to himself and others."

The escape plan, Clancy said, was relayed to him by the FBI. It went, he said, like this:

Yockey on Monday approached two other Federal prisoners being held at the county jail. He offered to post \$1000 bail for one who is awaiting sentence.

This man would then get a car and guns. When the Federal prisoners were marched into the U. S. Marshal's van in Dunbar alley behind the Hall of Justice, the second accomplice would start a ~~hand~~ brawl.

The man with the guns would then move in, slip a gun to Yockey, and all three would escape in the car parked nearby.

The plan went awry, Clancey said, when the bail posting fell through and one of the prisoners tipped off the FBI.

Yockey spoke up: "Not a word of truth in that."

Karsh turned to Emmet F. Hagerty, who replaced Carl Hoppe as Yockey's attorney. "If such a thing is true, I'm sure you'll agree the bail set ~~ix~~ is not excessive."

"I agree," said Hagerty, "if it's true."

"We've good reason to believe so," said Clancey.

Hagerty said it might prove otherwise if the other prisoners were produced for cross-questioning, and Clancey said he might disclose their identify today.

Jail superintendent Frank Smith later disclosed the other two prisoners were Philip Galati, 21, of Brooklyn, awaiting sentence on a check charge and held in lieu of \$1000 bail, and Jack Fambrough, 27, of 619 39th street, Oakland, who has pleaded guilty to the \$5944 robbery of an Oakland Army Terminal PX service station where he worked.

Fambrough was to have been sentenced by Judge Sweigert yesterday but the case was postponed until today.

Midway in the bail discussion the case abruptly moved into Federal Judge William T. Sweigert's court where Clancey requested a psychiatric examination for Yockey, saying he was "unable to comprehend the situation" and thus could not assist in his defense.

Yockey, familiar with Nazi and Fascist elements in this country and Europe, stood before the court with arms folded across his chest, while Hagerty objected to a mental examination.

"This man has an intellect equal of any in this courtroom, with all deference to Your Honor," Hagerty said. "He is a member of the bar in Illinois

and Michigan, a graduate of Notre Dame, Georgetown, Michigan, an ~~author~~ author of books; was a Deputy District Attorney of Detroit and a prosecutor at the Nuernberg trials. That doesn't mean he is incompetent to assist in his defense."

Glancey countered: "He was discharged from the army in 1943 as a dementia praecox--paranoid type, and his conduct before the U. S. Commissioner has been bizarre."

He then related reports that Yockey had twice threatened suicide--once in the Oakland jail after his arrest and again in the jail here. Yockey promptly denied that, then tossed in a little ~~sens~~ sensation of his own. He said that Alex Scharf, in whose Oakland apartment he was arrested and who has since disappeared, had been taken into custody by the FBI.

"He was arrested in my presence," Yockey said.

The FBI promptly denied that.

Judge Sweigert said he would rule at 11 a.m. today on whether to direct that Yockey be given a psychiatric test, and Karesh held up the bail matter until after that.

San Francisco Chronicle, Thursday, June 16, 1960:

#### MENTAL EXAM ORDERED IN S. F. PASSPORT MYSTERY

Francis P. Yockey, 43, passport mystery man, was ordered held for psychiatric examination yesterday by Federal Judge William T. Sweigert.

The order was made on Government motion, and over the strenuous objections of Yockey, himself an attorney, and his lawyer, Emmet F. Hagerty.

Judge Sweigert said he would receive the psychiatric reports on July 11 and a motion to reduce Yockey's \$50,000 bail was withdrawn until that date.

Yockey was arrested in Oakland last week after a piece of his luggage that went astray was found to contain three passports bearing false names and spurious identification documents. He is known to have been closely identified with Nazis and Fascists in this country and Europe.

U. S. Commissioner Joseph Karesh, before whom Yockey has appeared in several stormy hearings, was called yesterday by Assistant U. S. Attorney William F. Clancey Jr.

Karesh testified that he had closely observed Yockey and described his actions as "the most unusual of any accused person who has ever appeared before me."

With permission of the court, Yockey undertook to cross examine Karesh. He accused the Commissioner of being prejudiced because he had read Yockey was "anti-Jewish."

Judge Sweigert halted Yockey in mid-sentence. "That will be enough of that," he snapped.

Two FBI agents Edward M. Cunningham and Keith G. Teeter, submitted affidavits that Yockey had received a psychiatric discharge from the Army in 1943.

One affidavit said Army records show that Yockey suffered marked delusions of persecutions, had ideas of grandeur and was given a disability discharge "due to dementia praecox, paranoid type, cause undetermined."

Another affidavit said Yockey told two unnamed cell mates in the County Jail he intended to commit suicide by sharpening a comb into a lethal weapon.

Tuesday it was revealed in a hearing before Karesh that Yockey had allegedly



attempted to engineer a daring escape from the County Jail. One of the prisoners whom he solicited to aid in the getaway plan, transmitted the information to the FBI.

Yockey, in a passionate statement to the court, charged that the Government was depriving him of his defense by subjecting him to psychiatric examination. He said that use of his Army medical record violated his rights.

San Francisco Chronicle, Saturday, June 18, 1960:

#### PASSPORT DEFENDANT

#### MYSTERY MAN YOCKEY KILLS SELF IN S. F. JAIL CELL

by Tom Mathews

Neo-Nazi Francis P. Yockey took a leaf from the notebook of Hermann Goering, Hitler's air marshal, and poisoned himself in jail yesterday.

He left behind him a furious set of Federal officials and a note defying anyone to find out who supplied him with the cyanide he used to end his life.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, the State Department and the United States Attorney's office were left holding a top-secret file on Yockey and no Yockey to prosecute.

The file arrived last Wednesday. One official said it was "loaded with dynamite."

Yockey, 43, was arrested June 6 for investigation of passport fraud. FBI agents caught up with him when he checked on a suitcase that had gone astray during a plane flight.

The suitcase contained three false passports, German press credentials and seven birth certificates.

Agents found him in the apartment of Alex Scharf, 465 Bellevue avenue, Oakland. Scharf, a former teacher at the Temple Beth Abraham school, immediately disappeared.

He has been subpoenaed by the Federal Grand Jury but so far has not turned up.

A warrant for arrest of Scharf was issued late yesterday afternoon. Bail was set at \$5000.

The mysterious aspect of the case was compounded by Yockey's behavior and by the insistence of authorities that he be held in the surprisingly high bail of \$50,000.

Yockey began talking of suicide the day he was arrested. He made one elaborate escape attempt. In his court appearances his grandiose manner and contempt for proceedings led to an order for a psychiatric examination.

The U. S. Assistant Attorney William P. Clancey would say of Yockey only that he seemed to be dealing in passports and that current information showed him to have traveled extensively in Europe.

Stanley Jacobs of the Anti-Defamation League was more specific. He said Yockey was associated with the top figures in extreme right-wing and anti-Semitic movements.

Yockey is known to have been closely connected with the resurgent Nazi movement in West Germany.

Somehow he obtained the poison crystals he used Thursday night. Just as

Goering, the No. 2 Nazi, did at Nuernberg hours before he was to be hanged in 1945. Yockey used potassium cyanide.

No one knows how he got it. He played checkers with his fellow inmate, Adam Nieman, a mapmaker of 1703 Arcadia street, until lights were turned out in their County Jail cell at 9 p.m.

Nieman, then held on charges of grand theft which were dismissed yesterday, said ~~Yockey~~ Yockey gave signs of what was in his mind during the evening.

"He told me he was the No. 1 leader of some sort of organization," Nieman said. "He said he had knowledge of people he loved and he thought he'd be forced to reveal it.

"The night before he discussed killing himself with heavy weights on his throat. The last remark he made to me was, 'You'll sleep all night, of course.'

"After lights were out he kept looking over the ledge of the bunk at me. I got quite concerned but finally I fell asleep."

Apparently that was what Yockey had been waiting for. He took his capsule. His body was found at 7:25 a.m., rigid on the bed, hands folded across his chest. He still had his boots on.

Tucked into the folds of a blanket he used for a pillow was the following note:

"I shall write no messages which I know will never be delivered--only this, which will be:

"You will never discover who helped me, for he is to be found in your own multitudinous ranks, at least outwardly."

Jail Superintendent Frank Smith at first reported Yockey had died of natural causes. Closer examination showed the inside of his mouth and throat were seared as one might expect from swallowing cyanide.

The news brought Sheriff Matt Carberry bustling to the jail:

"We heard he was planning suicide or escape last Tuesday," he said.

"We moved him from an upper tier to cell 20 on the ground floor where he could be watched constantly by the guard on duty.

"I'm satisfied that sufficient precautions were taken."

Sheriff Carberry's satisfaction was not shared by Clancey, James B. Cavanaugh, special agent for the security division of the State Department, or a handful of agents of the FBI who had been working on the case.

Grim-faced, they all showed up at the jail and tried to find out how their man had cheated justice and deprived them of possible information.

The investigation itself was taken up by the Homicide Bureau of the Police Department, and by Carberry.

In Yockey's personal effects left with the jailer a second note was found. It was addressed to Keith G. Teeter, an FBI agent. It read:

"My dear Mr. Teeter:

"I ask you as a favor, in the name of humanity, which we share, to notify my sister of this, or her husband: Lieutenant Commander or Mrs. William D. Coyne, Bethesda, Md.

"I thank you.

Francis Yockey."

Mrs. Coyne viewed the body in the Coroner's office with Emmet F. Hagerty, Yockey's attorney.

Yockey's epitaph was provided by an acquaintance and admirer, Willis Carto, secretary of the Congress of Freedom here and founder of the San Francisco

Conservative Republican Headquarters set up during the GOP convention here in 1956. Carto visited Yockey in jail June 10.

"Although I do not agree with all his ideas, I feel he was an authentic, creative genius. I feel that those individuals who are responsible for driving him to his death should feel a great sense of guilt.

"The world has lost a great man whose ideas will be remembered until Western Civilization is exterminated," Carto said.

San Francisco Chronicle, Saturday, June 18, 1960:

#### SISTER CALLS SUICIDE TRAGIC

#### PHILOSOPHER, NOT PRO-NAZI, SHE SAYS

By George Draper

The suicide of Francis Parker Yockey, mystery man with many passports, was described as "a tragedy" yesterday by one of his sisters.

"All that talent, all that brilliance is now gone," sighed Mrs. William P. Coyne, of Bethesda, Md., wife of a U. S. Navy commander.

Mrs. Coyne, a handsome blonde with pale blue eyes, said Yockey spent his adult life scrutinizing the world from the exalted station of a true philosopher.

"No," she said, "he wasn't anti-Semitic, he wasn't anti-Zionist. No, he wasn't pro-Nazi. He never idolized Hitler. In fact he thought Hitler made one mistake after another."

Likewise, Mrs. Coyne said, Yockey was neither pro-Russian nor anti-Russian.

"He merely felt that Russia had a role to play in world history," she said.

Mrs. Coyne proudly recited the titles of six books written by Yockey, all of which were privately published in London and one of which has been called "a blueprint of Fascist strategy."

"No publisher in the United States would touch them," she said.

Mrs. Coyne, interviewed in the office of Attorney Emmet Hagerty, said she had been close to her brother when they grew up in Chicago but that in the last 10 years she had seldom heard from him.

"He would telephone me once in a while but never say where he was. I think it was because he was in some kind of trouble with the FBI," she said.

Mrs. Coyne said she received a telephone call from Yockey early last week informing her that "I'm in the Oakland jail."

The sister immediately flew here from Maryland to help him.

She said she talked to him in jail about the United States passport he obtained in Salinas in 1954 under the name of Edward Max Price.

(This same passport was found among Yockey's belongings, bearing Yockey's photograph, with the name changed to Edward Max Briceman.)

"He couldn't have changed that name on the passport. That requires special technique," she said.

Yockey told her, she said, that he still carried the passport because the State Department had turned him down seven times when he applied for a new passport.

Why did Yockey also carry Canadian and British passports with his photograph but different names?

"Maybe he thought three passports were better than one?" Mrs. Coyne replied.



The sister said she had no idea how Yockey had earned his living in recent years or where he had been living.

"My sister and I gave him some money to have a book published, but that was quite a few years ago," she said.

Finally, Mrs. Coyne was asked why she thought Yockey committed suicide.

"Has it been established that it was a suicide?" she replied.

Reminded that Yockey penned a suicide note before he died, she added:

"Oh, that's right. He did. Probably he felt he wasn't going to have a fair trial."

She hesitated a moment and added:

"Predicated upon what happened, he was completely justified in feeling that way."

San Francisco Chronicle, Sunday, June 19, 1960:

#### VICTIM OF NAZIS LINKED TO YOCKEY

by George Draper

Alex B. Scharf, tattooed survivor of the Auschwitz concentration camp in World War II, was being sought for questioning yesterday about the mysterious activities of neo-Fascist Francis P. Yockey.

Yockey, 43, killed himself with potassium cyanide in County Jail No. 1 early Friday while being held on passport fraud charges.

He was arrested in Scharf's Oakland apartment two weeks ago with three fake passports and seven birth certificates.

Immediately following Yockey's arrest, Scharf, 31, abandoned his job as principal of Temple Beth Abraham school and disappeared.

Both Government officials and Jewish leaders were puzzled by the association between Scharf and Yockey.

Seymour Fromer, director of Jewish Education in Oakland, said Scharf wears the German tattoo on his arm that proves he was a prisoner at Auschwitz, where more than two million Jews were cremated by Hitler.

"I am sure Scharf believed in Israel and Zionism," said Fromer.

Stanley S. Jacobs, chief of the Anti-Defamation League, here declared:

"I am loath to believe Scharf was engaged in Neo-Fascist activities with Yockey."

Yockey is known to have been anti-Zionist, if not anti-Semitic, and in liaison with various extreme right-wing leaders, including former followers of Hitler.

Yockey's former wife, Alice Yockey of San Antonio, Tex., told this reporter that Yockey thought reports of Jewish genocide in World War II were exaggerated.

Investigators hope to question Scharf about his original explanation for having Yockey in his Oakland apartment.

After Yockey's arrest, Scharf is said to have told agents he met Yockey for the first time a few days earlier at the gambling tables in Reno.

At that time, he said, he invited Yockey, a stranger, to come to Oakland and stay at his apartment.

Assistant United States Attorney W. P. Clancy said yesterday, however, that Scharf had known Yockey for nearly a year.

In 1959, Clancy said, Yockey applied for an Irish passport.

Either Yockey's application or an attached affidavit, said Clancy, bears the name of Alex B. Scharf and his former address at 2401 Sacramento street.

Scharf was born in Czechoslovakia in 1928 and, after World War II, lived in Paraguay and Argentina.

He studied at Columbia University and at the Jewish Teachers Institute in New York and then he returned to Paraguay as a teacher.

Scharf came to San Francisco in late 1958 looking for a job teaching Hebrew and was employed by the Bureau of Jewish Education.

In June, 1959, he was assigned to Temple Beth Abraham in Oakland as educational director.

Shortly before Scharf disappeared two weeks ago he was notified that his contract at the temple would not be renewed.

Yockey has been leading a life of mystery for the past 10 years.

His sister, Mrs. William P. Coyne, of Bethesda, Md., said she has no knowledge of where he has been or what he has been doing.

She said mail for Yockey has been delivered to her home over the years but she has been forced to throw it away, not knowing his whereabouts.

Mrs. Coyne's husband is a commander in the Navy.

Yockey's difficulties arose when he lost a suitcase while flying to San Francisco aboard an American Airlines plane.

The suitcase was subsequently found in Fort Worth, Texas. Airline officials opened it to verify its ownership and found a United States, a British and a Canadian passport -- each with Yockey's photograph and each bearing a different name. The FBI was notified.

San Francisco Chronicle, Monday, June 20, 1960:

# PUZZLING TRAIL OF YOCKEY'S 'FRIEND'

by Denne Petitchler

Federal authorities yesterday sought to solve the riddle of what linked Nazi concentration camp victim Alex B. Scharf to neo-Fascist Francis P. Yockey.

But even Scharf's closest friends, including the pretty, dark-haired girl he once asked to marry him, were unable to explain the strange relationship.

Yockey, Fascist philosopher and writer and associate of former Hitler followers, committed suicide in the County Jail here early Friday while being held on a passport fraud charge.

Scharf, 31-year-old former principal of Temple Beth Abraham school in Oakland and victim of Nazi brutality at Auschwitz concentration camp in World War II, has disappeared.

It was in Scharf's Oakland apartment that FBI agents found Yockey two weeks ago. Scharf since dropped from sight and is now being sought by Federal authorities for questioning.

"I know he didn't have any money," said Mrs. Ezra Cohen-Sitt, of 115 Beulah street, San Francisco.

Mrs. Sitt met her husband Ezra, while dating Scharf last year. Sitt was Scharf's roommate and a teacher at Temple Beth Abraham school. Scharf had once asked Mrs. Sitt to marry him. He served as an usher at her wedding in January, and remained a friend.

"Alex was not the kind of person you could get close to," she said. "He was very sad and very serious, and even though he was likable he was always distant."

She said Scharf was intelligent and sensitive, with a deep feeling for Orthodox Jewry, and a man who kept himself remote as a result of long years of fear under brutal Nazi treatment in Europe.

"His meeting with Yockey must have come from something out of Europe years ago," she said. "He was a boy of 18 and he wandered for many years after the war."

Scharf led a modest bachelor schoolteacher's life in Oakland, she said.

He ~~xx~~ frequently dated one girl who was employed at a Reno gambling casino, she said.

Scharf never mentioned Yockey to any of his acquaintances here, Mrs. Stitt (sic) said.

Assistant United States Attorney W. F. Clancey said Scharf's battered 1956 yellow and black Mercury sedan has not been found, but that the California Highway Patrol has been alerted.

San Francisco Chronicle, Tuesday, June 21, 1960:

#### YOCKEY'S 'FRIEND' MAY BE ON ISRAEL-BOUND SHIP

by Denne Petittclerc

Alex B. Scharf, still sought as a key witness in the puzzling case of neo-Fascist Francis P. Yockey, may be aboard a ship en route to Israel, The Chronicle learned yesterday.

Federal authorities here said they were checking the possibility that Scharf may have boarded a ship in New York last week, or that he is still waiting in New York to leave the country.

Yockey was arrested in Scharf's apartment on June 8, was questioned by Federal officers and then vanished. Authorities are still puzzled about what bond could have existed between a Nazi philosopher like Yockey and Scharf, a one-time principal of Oakland's Temple Beth Abraham school and an inmate of German concentration camps in World War II.

Yockey, 43, killed himself with potassium cyanide in his County Jail No. 1 cell early last Friday while being held on passport violation charges.

The first possible clue to Scharf's whereabouts came yesterday in checking a former San Jose court reporter described as Scharf's closest friend.

The reporter, William Slomovich, 35, left his job in San Jose about three months ago, worked until last month in Los Angeles, and then left for New York.

The Chronicle learned that Slomovich's name appeared on the passenger list of the Atlantic, an American Export Lines ship, which sailed from New York last Thursday bound for Haifa, Israel.

Although Scharf's name did not appear on the passenger list, Federal authorities said it is possible he may have used an assumed name since he is not a citizen of the United States.

Assistant United States Attorney William P. Clancey said that American officials in Israel will be alerted to question Slomovich--and to be on the lookout for Scharf--when the ship berths in Haifa on June 29.

Clancy (sic), meanwhile, said that evidence ~~x~~ indicates that Scharf had known Yockey for more than a year.

Yockey made an application for an Irish passport in San Francisco in 1959 under the name of Michael Taylor, using Scharf as a reference.

Clancy said a handwriting expert is analyzing the document to determine whether Scharf's signature was forged.



Meanwhile, it was learned that Yockey asked a fellow-prisoner two days before he committed suicide in the County Jail here where he could obtain "some poison."

Federal authorities refused to identify the prisoner, but said that he has been transferred to another institution. He will be questioned today about the conversation, officials said.

Sherriff Matthew Carberry, who runs San Francisco's County Jail, commented last night that no Federal official had mentioned to him the existence of a county jail prisoner with such a story.

Authorities are puzzled as to where Yockey obtained the deadly poison and how it reached his cell.

At the same time, the coroner's office announced that a toxologist's report shows that Yockey took one-fifth of a gram of potassium cyanide, which is double the lethal dose for a man of his size.

Yockey left a note defying anyone to discover how he obtained the poison.

Friends said that Scharf fled the Bay Area in a battered 1956 yellow and black Mercury sedan, apparently with little money in his possession.

Mrs. Ezra Cohen-Sitt of 115 Beulah street, a friend of Scharf, said yesterday she wanted to correct an impression given in an interview with The Chronicle Sunday that Scharf had at one time asked her to marry him.

"He did not," she said. "I did not intend to be quoted on any matter related to Mr. Scharf."

San Francisco Chronicle, Wednesday, June 22, 1960:

# U. S. PRESSES SEARCH FOR YOCKEY'S PAL

The search for Alex B. Scharf, mysterious pal of neo-Fascist Francis P. Yockey, settled down to a game of fox and hounds yesterday.

Scharf, who departed from Oakland so quickly after Yockey's arrest that he even left his clothes behind, was in the role of the fox. The hounds are agents of the State Department, whose security officials in San Francisco said simply:

"We're trying to blanket all escape routes and we're hoping for the best."

Yockey committed suicide with cyanide in the County Jail last Friday while being held on a passport charge.

Scharf is being sought to find out what he knows about Yockey's multiple passports.

Authorities are bewildered about the association of the two. Scharf, who is 33, is a former principal of Oakland's Temple Beth Abraham School and an inmate of Nazi concentration camps.

Yockey, 43, was a racist neo-Nazi of considerable infamy when he accidentally fell into the hands of Federal authorities on June 6. Yockey had complained to an airline about the loss of a bag. It had already been opened in Fort Worth, Tex., as unclaimed, and was found to contain three different passports, all bearing Yockey's pictures.

The FBI picked up Yockey in Scharf's apartment at 465 Bellevue avenue, Oakland, but when they went back later to talk to Scharf he was gone.