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Mr. Samuel L. Blumenfeld
American Opinion
Belmont, Massachusetts

Dear Sam:

I have just read your fine piece in the February 17th issue of the Review of the News on the subject of the Anti-Defamation League. It took a lot of courage to do that and I congratulate you. When Bill Buckley commented on it I wrote him the enclosed letter. I doubt that he will do anything about it. However, it is important for you to know that Elizabeth Bentley was always accurate and that she put the finger on the organization.

More to the point, the A.D.L. practically threatened the American Opinion store in St. Louis unless they removed a certain number of titles from their shelves. This, of course, is censorship and outdoes anything the Catholic League of Decency has attempted. I strongly suggest that you write to the American Civil Liberties Union - or ask Cliff to do so - and object strongly to this pressure. There are scores of books in the bookstores today which are offensive to Catholics in particular, and to various Protestant sects as well. No attempt, as far as I know, has been made to persuade any stores not to carry these books. TORQUEMADA by Howard Fast would be one such book, and certainly THE DEPUTY is another.

Keep up the good work and don't let them get you down.

With kindest regards,



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Enclosure

March 31, 1966

Mr. William F. Buckley, Jr.
c/o New York Journal American
125 South Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Bill:

That column you wrote about the Anti-Defamation League refusing to shake hands with John Rousselot was very good indeed.

One criticism - you take Sam Blumenfeld to task (the man who got fired from Grosset and Dunlop for publishing Max Eastman's REFLECTIONS ON THE FAILURE OF SOCIALISM in paperback while the boss was away) for daring to connect the Anti-Defamation League with Communism. They are connected with Communism and Elizabeth Bentley is my authority on this. Elizabeth told me on an occasion that one of their most successful penetrations was the A.D.L. The Party was very proud of the job it had done. I asked her why she hadn't put that in her book. Her answer was that it might cause anti-Semitism. According to the FBI, Elizabeth Bentley was the most accurate ex-Communist they had. She evidently never exaggerated or invented stories.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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May 27, 1966

Mr. Devin A. Garrity
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Dear Devin:

Thanks for your good letter of April 25th. It's too bad Elizabeth Bentley didn't put it in writing, because I am sure she is right about the ADL.

Now that we've gotten our Jewish Society of Americanists off the ground, we may be able to follow through on your suggestion concerning the ADL's censorship of libraries and bookstores. However, before we do so we would have to investigate the matter ourselves. At the moment, we are just too small to take on the ADL single-handed.

I appreciated your letter to Bill Duckley. I don't know why he won't admit that conspirators use conspiratorial methods. While it is true that there is an awful lot of stupidity involved, it's silly to ignore deliberate and conscious mischief.

I hope things are going well for you.

With best regards,

Cordially,

Samuel L. Blumenfeld

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