Mr. Trager

Mr. Kreutz

Report of Activities of Radio Department during Month of July, 1939.

Closed Assignments

1— Met with Mr. Stratton, Public Relations Director of the Boy Scouts, to discuss cooperation with him on radio programs sponsored by his organization.

2— Conceived, supervised and handled program details on the "Voices of America" broadcast, presented on July 4th over WEAF and the NBC Red network, and shortwaved around the world. Participants included, Hendrick Willem van Loon, Angelo Patri, Edward G. Robinson, Princess Kropotkin, Frieda Wunderlich, etc. The broadcast received excellent highlight listings and press notices.

3— Supervised the mailing of 100 copies of Rabbi Pool's NBC radio address on the Newport Synagogue celebration to fans.

4— Worked out a series of suggestions for use on the coast in connection with the recording of the "Americans All, Immigrants All" series in schools.

5— Prepared a detailed memorandum on the N.A.B. broadcasting code.

6— Prepared an exhibit of the radio department's activities during the month of June for the Survey Committee.


9— Prepared contacting letter to the 31 stations of the N.A.E.B., and mailed scripts.

10— Worked with Mr. Hogan of the N.C.C.J. on the preparation of the weekly Religious Sermons scripts.

11— Secured permission from NBC to release story on Benny Goodman and German shortwave fan mail.

12— Secured radio time from NBC to present a program under the auspices of the Nat'l Council of Jewish Women, in connection with the 90th birthday of Emma Lazarus, July 22.

13— Prepared a three-month analysis of pro-democratic programs on the three major networks for the General Jewish Council and D.R.

14— Material prepared and sent to Dr. Franzblau in Cincinnati for his radio broadcast on the religious education of children in Germany, Columbia network, July 22.
15— CBS, through Ruth Allen, has commissioned us to work out two religious programs in the fall.

16— Reported on broadcasts delivered by Maj. Thos. E. Stone over WQXR.

17— Prepared an extensive research report on German shortwave broadcasts to the U.S. and on shortwave fan mail received by NBC from Germany. Conference with Mr. Hickock of NBC on this matter.

18— Arranged with Walter Preston, of the NBC, to have one broadcast of Dr. Lasswell's "Human Nature in Action" program devoted to a discussion on dictators.

19— Reported on George Hamilton Coombs of WHN for SW.

20— Drew up for Dr. Pool a series of suggestions on a radio program commemorating the 285th anniversary of the settlement of Jews in America.

21— Secured radio time from Station WOR and Mutual network for the Newport Synagogue celebration broadcast on August 26.

22— Assisted the N.C.W. in preparation of telegram to Edward Kirby of the N.A.B. congratulating him on the code adopted by that organization.

23— Reviewed book of political cartoons by David Low.

24— Prepared a presentation on a "Voices of America" series for NBC.

25— "We or They" series for NBC.

26— Presenting Daniel Harris on the "Order of Adventurers on NBC."

27— Presentation to CBS on the NBC's prospective series, "Miss Liberty Speaks."

28— Completed outline for lecture on radio work to community representatives.

29— Secured radio time from Station WHN for the N.C.C.J. Round Table broadcast this coming fall.

30— Interested the NBC in "Order of Adventurers" in a possible presentation of Daniel Harris, Civil War Vet of Jewish faith.

31— Consulted with Walter Preston of NBC to interest him in programs dealt with in the above presentations.

32— Consulted with Dr. Pool on plans for the radio program commemorating the 285th anniversary of Jewish settlement in America.

33— Secured copy of Elliott Roosevelt's talk on Coughlin for SW.

34— Met with Don Glassman of the NBC Press Dept. to discuss Arch Obler's pro-democratic radio scripts.

35— Secured for DR and members of the Survey Committee a statement by Archbishop Stritch condemning anti-Semitism, which appeared in the Milwaukee Journal.
OPEN ASSIGNMENTS

1. Attempt to distribute Henry Smith Leapor record on refugees.
2. Will attempt to place "We or They" with NBC.
3. Attempting to place story of Rabbi Cohen's life on Elliott Roosevelt's regular
   news series, Station WOR and Mutual.
4. Attempting to secure material on Italian programs in out-of-town communities.
5. Work with Dr. Lesswell's program, "Human Nature in Action."
6. Material for Norman Corwin's verboten poetry program on CBS.
7. Working on idea to present Gerhard Seger on "Inside Story of a Nazi Concentration
   Camp" on the "Inside Story" program over NBC.
8. Attempting to interest NBC in "Miss Liberty Speaks" series.
9. Preparation of material for "Call to Youth" series in Cincinnati, over CBS.
10. Work with Mrs. Phillips on use of Washington's letter to Newport Synagogue as give-
    away to fan mail from Newport celebration.
11. In conjunction with the Newport Synagogue celebration, will supervise details of
    the radio broadcast on Aug. 20.
12. Working on placement of material on Alma Kitchell's program interviewing Dr.
    Susanne Kaufman on "Married Women's Status in Other Lands," over WEAF and Red network.
13. Meet with Miss Ruth Allen of C.B.S. to work out religious high holiday programs
    for September. WOR also requested our cooperation for their broadcasts during the
    holidays.
Mr. Trager

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Report of Radio Activities during Month of August, 1939

Closed Assignments

1— Conducted seminar on the radio work of the A.J.C. for out-of-town representatives.

2— Spent a good deal of time negotiating with various networks for radio time in connection with the Newport Synagogue celebration on August 20. Secured time from the N.B.C. Red Network, 2 to 2:30 P.M. on Sunday, August 20.

3— Prepared a list of Jewish owned radio stations throughout the country for R.F.

4— Furnished material to the New York Post on sections of Coughlin's speech last Sunday dealing with General Franco and with the Christian Front.

5— Distributed copies of Coughlin's last speech on New York street fighting to members of interested groups connected with the A.J.C. and the Gen. Jewish Council.

6— Gathered material of radio department to be sent to out-of-town community representatives requesting it, after the seminar.

7— Prepared another and complete breakdown of the replies to the Coughlin questionnaire sent out to communities by the General Jewish Council.

8— Assisting Mr. Block of San Francisco in setting up machinery to check Italian language programs on the Coast.

9— Completed research on verboten poetry for Norman Corwin's poetry program in the fall.

10— Prepared for Dr. Franzblau of Cincinnati a program plan for the "Call to Youth" program of August 15, entitled "The Challenge of Intolerance."

11— Program from Newport, R.I., in conjunction with the dedication of the monument at Touro Synagogue, Sunday, August 20, broadcast from 2 to 2:30 P.M. over WEAF and the NBC Red network.

12— Placed material with Mr. Richard Binsted of Chicago, through Franzblau, for the "Call to Youth" program, August 19, Station WJZ and NBC Blue Network.

13— Secured radio time for the Synagogue Council of America to present two half-hour programs over Station WOR and Mutual Network next month in connection with the High Holidays.

14— Met with Luella Laudin to discuss and develop possible network program ideas for the N.C.W. for this coming fall.
15— Supervised at the recording studio the production of programs #2 and #3 in the Kernan series of records.

16— Four Bookman scripts.

17— Four N.C.A.W. scripts.

18— Compilation of up-to-date Coughlin station list.

19— Worked on D.A.R. script for Station WINS.

20— Work on Totalitarian Tennis story, Warren Family script.

21— Checked Colonial Network for Shepard owned stations.

22— Reported on Oral and Visual Education Institute.

23— Gathered and checked on Newport publicity.

24— Worked with Ted Thompson of NBC Educational Department on various completed broadcasts.

25— Wrote Newport continuity and radio release.

26— Analysis of Bund records for Detroit.

27— Letters to Yiddish Press on Magistrate Ford incident.

28— Sold NBC on the "We or They" program series (three half-hour scripts).

29— Arranged appointment for SW with Norman Corwin to secure his cooperation and suggestions for presenting anti-fascist radio productions on the Columbia Network.

30— Switched radio time from the Seminary to the J.D.C. for the Day of Atonement broadcast, September 21st, Station WABC and the Columbia Network, 6:30 to 7 P.M.

31— Negotiated with radio networks for time for the celebration of the 285th anniversary of the settlement of Jews in America, on September 10th. Received tentative promise from N.B.C. for half hour of radio time.

32— Suggested quilting party program idea to L. for N.C.B. radio series this fall.

33— Supervised distribution of Kernan records to 13 out-of-town communities.

34— Prepared a detailed review of our dealings with Mrs. R.E. Strawbridge of Philadelphia to date for S.W.

35— Suggested via D.B. to R.A. the inclusion in the proceedings of the A.F. of L. State Labor Convention of a statement condemning Coughlin and his support of the organization as against the C.I.O. Notice appeared on front page of Times of August 21 on A.F. of L.'s condemnation of Coughlin.
Open Assignments

1— Appointment next Wednesday morning at N.B.C. with Miss Margaret Cuthbert to work out details for the three half-hour programs of the "We or They" series.

2— Work out program plan for a radio series sponsored by the D.A.R. on Station WINS.

3— Work out program plan for Mr. Boxerman of Detroit for a series of tolerance programs to be presented this fall over a foreign-language station in Detroit.

4— Working on possible Rudy Vallee program idea in connection with the "From Vienna" show. Re R. contacting Vallee's lawyer.

5— Attempt to distribute Henry S. Leiper record on refugees.

6— Attempting to place story of Rabbi Henry Cohen's life on Elliott Roosevelt’s regular news series, Station WOR and Mutual.

7— Attempting to secure material on Italian programs in out-of-town communities.

8— Work with Dr. Lasswell's program, "Human Nature in Action."

9— Working on idea to present Gerhard Seger on "Inside Story of a Nazi Concentration Camp" on the "Order of Adventurers" program over NBC.

10— Working on idea to present Daniel Harris, last surviving Civil War vet. of Jewish extraction on the above program.

11— Attempting to interest NBC in "Miss Liberty Speaks" series.

12— Preparation of material for "Call to Youth" series in Cincinnati over NBC.

13— Supervising production of the Synagogue Council of America High Holiday programs on the Mutual Network and the J.D.C. High Holiday program on the C.B.S.

14— Take up with V. Riesendal on his return the situation at Station WNN in connection with "Il Mondo's" recent report of the new fascist tendencies on the part of the Italian censor at this station.

15— Record of Kemen's program #4.

16— Supervise the distribution of Kemen's records to out-of-town communities.

17— Listen to and report to SW on the ADL's new transcription series entitled "Lest We Forget."

18— Possible meeting with Mr. Maurice Fagan and Radio Committee in Philadelphia to advise and suggest methods on the production of radio programs in that city.

19— Preparing exhibit of out-of-town radio columns on Newport Synagogue radio broadcasts.

20— Checking with WNN on complaint registered against a program present on Aug. 27, by Rev. Brown, which was supposed to be anti-Semitic in content.
TO:

CLOSED ASSIGNMENTS

Talk with Colonel Steinberg, Federal Transcription—Listen to A.D.L. Records put out by Oral and Visual Institute—Check and Report

Distribution and mailing—Kernan records

N.C.W. and Bookman visual map

Bookman Script and arrangements

NGW Script and arrangements

Publicity Release on NW rejection of Cole address

Check and Revise Bookman lists

Advance letter of inquiry to stations using Bookman

Plan prospective promotion for increasing independent stations using Bookman

OPEN ASSIGNMENTS

Bookman Script and arrangements

NGW script and arrangements

Kernan mailings

Extend book service mailing lists
Mr. Trager

Mr. Krebs


Closed Assignments

1—Laundered with Cesar Saerchinger and made arrangements to supply him with material for his forthcoming series of broadcasts, entitled "Stories Behind the Headlines," Station WEAP and Red Network, Fridays, 10:30 to 10:45 P.M.

2—"Quilting Bee" program idea, which I suggested to the N.B.C., was accepted by N.B.C. for weekly production as a 15-minute program.

3—N.B.C. accepted the "Miss Liberty Speaks" program idea for a series of broadcasts this fall. This will be in the form of half-hour dramatisations.

4—Handled production details for the Synagogue Council of America's Rosh Hashannah program, Sept. 19, 10:30 to 10:45 P.M., Station WOR and Mutual Network, Rabbi Edward I. Israel of Baltimore participating.

5—Handled Yom Kippur program, Weds., Sept. 20, 9:30 to 9 P.M., Station WOR and Mutual, Rabbi David de Sola Pool and Rabbi Herbert Goldstein participating.

6—Handled production details for the J.D.C. Yom Kippur program, Thurs., Sept. 21, Station WABC and the C.B.S. network, 6:30 to 7 P.M., Rabbi Robt. Cordis participating.

7—Suggested plan of action for Maurice Pagan of Phila., in conjunction with a special meeting of his Radio Committee.

8—Prepared a scrap book of newspaper clippings and radio publicity, in connection with the Newport Synagogue celebration last month.

9—Reported to S.N. on the A.D.L. transcription series, entitled "Lest We Forget."

10—Follow-up stories on the WJW-COLP situation placed in Broadcasting, Radio Daily, and Variety. Also story on Station CKLN's cancellation of Coughlin broadcasts placed in these magazines.

11—Secured definite promise from the N.B.C. "Order of Adventurers" program, to place Daniel Harris, Jewish Civil War Vet, on one of its forthcoming broadcasts during the coming month.

Open Assignments

1—Working further with Mr. Saerchinger in the use of our material on his coming broadcast series.

2—Work out a complete program presentation for N.B.C. on "Miss Liberty Speaks."

3—At the request of the J.D.C., planning an Armistice Day network program for them.
4—Working out a fortnightly folio on advance network radio programs for out-of-town consumption.

5—Work out program plan for radio series for the D.A.R. on Station WINS.

6—Program plan for Detroit Jewish Commity for a series of tolerance programs this fall over a foreign-language station in the city.

7—Attempt to distribute Dr. Leiper record on refugees.

8—Place story of Rabbi Henry Cohen's life on Elliott Roosevelt news broadcasts, Station WOR and Mutual.

9—Secure material on Italian programs in out-of-town communities.

10—Work with Dr. Lesswell's program, "Human Nature in Action."

11—Present Gerhard Seger on "Order of Adventurers" program over NBC.

12—Material for "Call to Youth" series in Cincinnati over NBC.
SUBJECT: REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 13
FROM: Max Ehrlich
TO:

CLOSED ASSIGNMENTS

General Arrangements for Synagogue Council of America Yom Kippur Broadcast
for Mutual network

Release for Yom Kippur program

Conference with Dr. Pool on Yom Kippur program

Conference with Cantor Zalmon Yaloveh on Yom Kippur program

Bookman script

N.C.W. Book script

Check and Investigate Record Series—National Conference of Church-Related
Colleges

Consolidate foreign language reports from Fisher, Gualtieri and Moscovitz
and write report

OPEN ASSIGNMENTS

WOR-Mutual Yom Kippur broadcast arrangements

N.C.W Book review script

Bookman script
SUBJECT: REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, SEPT. 22
FROM: Max Elbich
TO:

CLOSED ASSIGNMENTS

Arrangements for Synagogue Council of America "Yom Kippur" broadcast MOR and Mutual—contacting and assembling speakers, cantor, choir etc,—preliminary and follow up publicity releases, continuity, arrangements at studio etc.

Bookman script and correspondence

NCW book review script and arrangements

Work with Gualtieri—contact with Mr. Austrian

Interview with Fausto Pitigliano and report

Preliminary work on NBC program "Miss Liberty Speaks"

OPEN ASSIGNMENTS

Miss Liberty Speaks—presentation of program setup

NCW program "Quilting Bee"

Bookman

NCW book script

Closed Assignments

1. Suggested idea to Miss Guthbert of N.B.C. to place Mrs. Herbert M. Lehman on the inaugural Town Hall Meeting of the Air program, Thursday, October 5th, Station WJZ and the N.B.C. Blue Network, 9:30 to 10:30 P.M. Mrs. Lehman read her "Ten Modern Commandments for Democracy," which was broadcast over short-wave, in addition to 1,400 specially organized listening groups throughout the country. Reprints of Mrs. Lehman's talk were prepared and distributed and Life Magazine published pictures of Mrs. Lehman in their coverage of this popular program series.

2. Prepared analyses of the script and record series entitled "Give Me Liberty," which is being distributed by the American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom.


5. Suggested name of a radio critic, John Sloan, to L.R., for her forthcoming radio program on Art in America, Station WOR and Mutual Network, October 17th.

6. Received word from the N.B.C. that the research material which we furnished them on Sara Lazarus is to be used on forthcoming program series, "Gallant American Women." This material will be portrayed on program #5.

7. Did intensive research job on world famous speeches of history on democracy and aspects of liberty, for the new series on N.B.C. to be under the auspices of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Research was approved and highly commended by Miss Guthbert of N.B.C.

8. Registered complaint with C.B.S. on the WABC broadcast of the meeting at Carnegie Hall, October 11th, under the auspices of the New York Enquirer (William Griffin), and the Citizen's National Keep America Out of War Committee (L.M. Bailey), during which anti-Semitic remarks came clearly over the air. As a result of my visit at C.B.S., I have established a close contact with their program department and they have signified their intention to use us as a clearing house for requests which come to them from so-called pro-democratic organizations.

9. Spoke with Dr. Dunham, one of the Educational Directors of N.B.C., on the newly instituted "Torch of Progress" series, and made arrangements for us to supply material for the November 24th program on this series, which deals with the people of Palestine.
10. Worked out folio of advance network program announcements for out-of-town communities.

11. Dr. Ashworth of the N.C.C.J. has requested radio assistance for the forthcoming Brotherhood Day celebration.

12. Assisted J.N.W. on Armistice Day program November 11th, Station WOR, Mutual Network.

13. Regular weekly check on the N.C.C.J. Religious News Service for radio stations. This service under our guidance now has twenty-five stations carrying this weekly feature.

14. Wrote the first script of the General Federations of Women's Club series for presentation to N.A.B. Subject "Gettysburg Address."

15. Co-operating with Norman Corwin, producer of the Columbia "Pursuit of Happiness" program series, which is based upon an Americanism theme, Sunday, Station WABC and C.B.S. Network, 4:30 to 5 P.M. Will supply Corwin with ideas and material.


Open Assignments

1. Securing material for the N.B.C. "Porch of Progress" program on People of Palestine.

2. Appointment with Dr. Ashworth on radio plans for Brotherhood Day Celebration.

3. A Jewish War Veterans Armistice Day program.

4. Preparing more scripts for the N.B.C. "Echoes of History" series. N.B.C. is to supply full cast and orchestra at their own expense.

5. Supervising the production of the new N.C.W. "Quilting Bee" series on N.B.C.

6. Attempting to secure network radio time for the N.C.C.J. symposium on November 2nd, at the Hotel Astor.
7. Preparing special memorandum on the possibilities of using radio in our out-of-town community work.

8. At S.W.'s request, meeting with Mr. Epstein of the A.D.L. on their "Last We Forget" program series. Complete report for S.W. on this.


10. Working with Margaret Cuthbert of N.B.C. on the new McCall's N.B.C. program series entitled "Youth Questions the Headline."

11. Securing for S.W. a copy of a recent address by Senator Eys on Neutrality, delivered over N.B.C., October 12th.

12. Secured the co-operation of Cesar Sarchinger, and supplied him with material for his weekly broadcast on N.B.C. entitled "Stories Behind the Headline."

13. Continuation of research job on the N.B.C. General Federation of Women's Club programs which we are directing. (Famous speeches.)

14. Work out special program for Thanksgiving Day.

15. Place story of Rabbi Henry Cohen's life on Elliott Roosevelt's program.
December 6, 1939

Frank E. Trager

Milton E. Keesee

Report of Radio Activities for the Month of November, 1939

Closed Assignments

1. Secured radio time for the W.G.C.J. Symposium, at Hotel Astor, on the "American Community." Handled production and radio detail publicity, Station WMH, November 2nd, 9:30 to 10 P.M.


3. Prepared report on the A.B.L. "Lest We Forget" transcription series for S.W.

4. Suggestion on American Union for Democracy transcription series.

5. Conferred with Dr. Ashworth of the N.C.C.J. on proposed plans for the "Brotherhood Week" celebration.

6. Secured copy of Senator Rye's address on Neutrality, over the NBC, October 12th, for Leslie Strauss.

7. Conferred with D.B. and Dr. Richard Evans of the Florida Congress on Democracy. Assisted Evans in his attempt to secure radio time from NBC and also made a number of program suggestions for his broadcast.

8. Handled details on Jewish War Veterans Armistice Day program, Washington, D.C., Saturday, November 11th, 1939, and suggested distribution idea for the Luker pamphlet on Jews in the World War, in connection with the program.


11. Conferred with Miss Cuthbert of NBC on program details for the new "Echoes of History" series for the Federation of Women's Clubs. Wrote the first two scripts for this series: Script #1 "Gettysburg Address," - Script #2 "Defense of John Peter Zenger."

12. Memorandum on new ideas for A.J.C. work.

13. New York Times Magazine Section of Sunday, November 25th, carried a full-length story on my original idea, the "Ten Commandments" of Democracy, which has been popularized by Mrs. Herbert Lehman.

14. Prepared an exhibit on the N.C.C.J. Symposium over Station WMH, November 2nd.

15. Suggested idea of working into the "Meet Mr. Weeks" NBC program the inclusion of the Franklin Forgeries and the Protocols of Zion, since this particular program is going to
be devoted to a discussion on "Forgeries Famous and Otherwise."

16. Instrumental in O.K.'ing the radio-time request for the "Keep America Out of War" Congress rally, at Carnegie Hall, Friday, November 10th, on the NBC Network.

17. Compiled latest material and information for D.R. on the latest developments of the NAB Code with reference to the Coughlin situation.

18. Sent along material on the NAB Code to Henry Levy for his use in lining up Boston support for the Code.

19. Secured from NBC the definite commitment for radio time for the "Echoes of History" and "Quilting Bee" radio programs, Wednesday, 2:15 to 2:30 P.M., WJZ and the entire NBC Blue Network, commencing Wednesday, December 13, 1939. NBC accepted my idea of attempting to secure Raymond Massey to read Lincoln's Gettysburg Address on the inaugural General Federation of Women's Club "Echoes of History."

20. Interested NBC in the promotion of my idea for a children's program on "My It Is Mi-T-Fine To Be An American." NBC is attempting to sell the idea through its own Sales Department.

21. Listened to "America Marches On" recordings for S.W.

22. Checked with Station WEVD on the scheduled appearance of Mr. John Cecil of the Immigration Conference, on the N.Y.U. Forum of the Air, Friday, November 10th. Called to the Station's attention Cecil's anti-Semitic reputation, and he was subsequently eliminated from the program.

23. Listened to NBC-Van Kirk program "Religion in the News" - gathered and assembled statistical mail and station data on program through contact with NBC program and mail department - wrote summary report on this.

24. Read, revised and rewrote to some extent 13 scripts "Dining With the Drakes," slanting and modernizing for possible use by D.A.R.

25. Suggested to Town Hall Meeting of the Air the participation of W. Selden Washington on its program entitled "What Does Democracy Mean To Me," Thursday, November 23rd, 9:30 to 10:30 P.M., Station WJZ and the 78 stations of the NBC Blue Network, listening audience 10,000,000. Washington accepted the Town Hall invitation, and A.S.A. wrote his address. Also supplied Mr. Bloody publicity director of Town Hall, with newspaper material on Mr. Washington.

26. At the invitation of Mrs. Marian Carter, director of the Town Hall Meeting of the Air, I visited with her at her office to assist her in future Town Hall radio programs, since she is anxious to secure my ideas and suggestions for future speakers.

27. Conferred with Mr. Caltieri on Italian Foreign Language radio program situation in Philadelphia.

28. The reading list on the people of Palestine, which I had our Research Department prepare, was used by Dr. Griggs on his NBC "Torch of Progress" radio series on Friday, November 24th, when his program was devoted to a discussion on the people of Palestine.

29. Advised the N.C.C.J. on several technical problems which evolve from the broadcasting of its Religious News Service in Wichita Falls.
32. Supplied Cesar Searcshinger with material and suggestions for his forthcoming article in Foreign Affairs Magazine on "Radio Censorship and Neutrality."
34. Submitted history of the development of the "Echoes of History" and "Quilting Bee" ideas which are to be used by NBC.
35. Met with Mr. Frank Kingdom to discuss radio publicity for his forthcoming series of programs on Station WOR and the Mutual Network and arranged for the preliminary publicity.
36. Prepared special exhibits on important radio programs with which we co-operated during the months of October and November, 1939.
37. Prepared a special questionnaire form to be sent to our out-of-town representatives on the exact radio status of the Coughlin network.
38. Supplied research material and the program idea of using Emma Lazarus' Statue of Liberty poem in the Gallant American Women broadcast on famous refugee women, Station WJZ and the NBC Blue Network, Tuesday, November 28th, 2 to 2:30 P.M.

Open Assignments

1. Preparing more scripts for the NBC "Echoes of History" series.
2. Supervising the production of the new N.C.W. "Quilting Bee" series on NBC.
3. Ideas for Corwin's CBS program.
4. Working with Margaret Cuthbert of NBC on the new McCall's NBC program series entitled "Youth Questions the Headline."
5. Co-operating with Cesar Searcshinger and supplying him with material for his weekly broadcast on NBC entitled "Stories Behind the Headline."
6. Continuation of research job on the NBC General Federation of Women's Club programs which we are directing. (Famous speeches.)
7. Place story of Rabbi Henry Cohen's life on Elliott Roosevelt's program.
8. Attempting to secure radio time for Mrs. William Kay, on New York radio station (Radio Book Service).
9. Attempt to interest WOR and the Mutual Network in presenting pro-democracy dramatizations prepared by the American Union for Democracy.
10. Check with Fagan of Philadelphia on the Italian Foreign Language programs of Station WPEN.
11. Attempt to interest Town Hall in the presentation of a program on the Private News Letters.
12. Formulating plans and ideas for the forthcoming "Brotherhood Week" celebration in connection with radio programs for local independent stations.

13. Special survey on the exact number of stations carrying Coughlin.

14. Check for S. H. on the complaint received by the National Refugee Service Inc. about the Fulton Lewis radio program on the Mutual Network.

15. Attempting to interest Kate Smith in my All American's football idea, since she will present the 1939 All American's Football Team on her December 8th, 1939 program over the Columbia Network.

16. Arranging meeting with Frank Kingdon, myself and Mr. Richard Dorrance, who is handling the WOR publicity on the Kingdon broadcast.

17. Securing list of the ten most popular commercial broadcasts to be used in connection with our pro-democracy work.
Report of Radio Activities for the Week of December 11, 1939

Closed Assignments

1. Worked out a number of promotional ideas in connection with the Quilting Bee program series.

2. Prepared program and assisted L.L. in the details for the Rainbow Room Luncheon to inaugurate the "Echoes of History" and "Quilting Bee" programs on the NBC network, December 13th.

3. Met with NBC Program Board to arrange last-minute details and program corrections on the first "Echoes of History" radio script. Attended broadcast and secured a number of radio trade publication writeups on this series.

4. Prepared a special list of ten program ideas for possible use on the most popular commercial radio programs. This memorandum was developed in connection with the pro-democracy project.

5. Made program suggestion for material to be sent to Rufus Jones and Stanley High, who are to participate in the Town Hall broadcast of December 23rd. Subject: "What Can Americans Do For Humanity?"

6. Met with L.L. to formulate the program pattern of the "Quilting Bee" radio series.

7. Worked out a number of program ideas for the N.C.C.J. "Brotherhood Week" broadcast.

8. At S.W.'s request visited with Leonard Finder of the A.D.L. and prepared report on the radio activities of this organization for a forthcoming General Jewish Council meeting. Also secured a record of the "Last We Forget" series for S.W.

9. Suggested to Mrs. Marion Carter, Director of the Town Hall radio programs the name of Rear Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, Retired, to discuss the subject of "America and Japan: Embargo or New Treaty," December 14th, NBC Blue Network.

10. Compiled a number of pamphlets and materials on the NAB Code for S.W. for an out-of-town rabbi.

11. Through Newman Levy secured the services of Arthur Garfield Hays to portray the role of the famous attorney, Andrew Hamilton, on the "Echoes of History" program to be presented December 27th, "The Case of John Peter Zenger."

12. Prepared special chart on the replies secured from our questionnaire to out-of-town representatives on the effect of the NAB Code on the Coughlin broadcasts.

13. Prepared special schedule of "Echoes of History" broadcast with dates, which was circulated to the press.
14. Secured for S.F. a complete set of Kingdon radio scripts, which will form the basis for several articles which he is attempting to place.

Open Assignments

1. Meeting next Tuesday with the Pro-Democracy Committee.
2. Compiling list of contacts to secure Christmas gifts.
3. Report for F.M.T. on Dr. Black’s article on radio and its use as a propaganda medium.
4. Check Kingdon broadcasts and arrange to secure more radio publicity for him.
5. Check on special meeting with D.R. and Mr. Kirby, Public Relations Director, in connection with the NAB Code for December 18th.
7. Meet to Maury Fagen on radio plans for his future work.
8. Working out commercial policies for Minsky’s radio script (Religious News Service.)
9. Working on program ideas in connection with Franklin forgeries for the NBC "Meet Mr. Weeks" program.
11. Supervising the production of the new N.C.W. "Quilting Bee" series on NBC "Echoes of History."
12. Ideas for Corwin’s CBS program.
13. Cooperating with Cesar Saechinger and supplying him with material for his weekly broadcast on NBC entitled "Stories Behind the Headlines."
14. Place story of Rabbi Henry Cohen’s life on Elliott Roosevelt’s program.
15. Attempting to secure radio time for Mrs. William Kay, on New York radio station (Radio Book Service.)
16. Attempt to interest Town Hall, or some other network program in the presentation of a program on the Private News Letters;
17. Formulating plans and ideas for the forthcoming "Brotherhood Week" celebration in connection with radio programs for local independent stations.
18. Continuing to compile results on the exact number of stations carrying Coughlin.
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Report of Radio Activities for the Month of December, 1939

Closed Assignments


2. Completed one exhibit of the Kate Smith "All American Football" broadcast.


4. Memorandum to B.R. on results of the Coughlin questionnaire to date, and prepared chart on the results of this questionnaire.

5. Report for Mr. Waldman on the English-language radio programs emanating from the German short-wave stations in Berlin.

6. Supervised details of program #2 of the "Echoes of History" broadcast at NBC.

7. Report to S.W. on the Station with "Jewish Court of Arbitration" program. Suggested to S.W. that surveys be made in large cities on the Yiddish radio programs.

8. Checking all 1939 memoranda for a complete report on the number of broadcasts produced by the A.J.C. Radio Department for the past year.

9. Meetings attended: Pro-Democracy Committee and Frank Goodman Meeting.

10. Collaborated with D.B. on the preparation of three scripts for local radio station consumption in connection with H.C.C.J. "Brotherhood Week" celebration. Wrote a detailed letter to the Station Managers for their cooperation on this annual project.

11. Prepared program and assisted L.L. in the details for the Rainbow Room Luncheon to inaugurate the "Echoes of History" and "Quilting Bee" programs on the NBC network, December 15th.

12. Prepared special schedule of "Echoes of History" broadcast with dates, which was circulated to the press. Met with NBC Program Board to arrange last-minute details and program corrections on the first "Echoes of History" radio script. Attended broadcast and secured a number of radio trade publication writeups on this series. Completed Script #2 called "Andrew Hamilton's Oration in Defense of John Peter Zenger." Through Newman Levy secured the services of Arthur Garfield Hayes to portray the role of the famous attorney, Andrew Hamilton on this program, to be presented December 27th.

13. Worked out a number of promotional ideas in connection with the Quilting Bee program series, and helped launch the first "Quilting Bee" broadcast on NBC Blue Network, Wednesdays, December 20th, 2:15 to 2:30 P.M.
14. Prepared a weekly folder of advance radio program notices at S.W.'s request. This will be a regular weekly service.

15. Prepared for Mr. Rittenberg of the Jewish Encyclopedia a list of radio network news commentators.

16. Through Miss Ruth Allen Columbia O.K.'d the Jewish Federation request for radio time for a forthcoming radio program for next month.

17. Wrote regular weekly Book-ex Script.


19. Prepared and revised questionnaire to community representatives on the latest status in the Coughlin situation. Supervised mailing, etc.

20. Arranged conference for Frank Kingdom and the Publicity Director of Station WOR and the Mutual Network, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 to 7:45 P.M., for promotion of "Unsung Americans" program series. Suggested a number of program and publicity ideas at this meeting, and arranged for an article on Kingdom in the Radio Guide Magazine next month.

21. Conferred with Mr. Jacobson of Rochester, N.Y., on radio possibilities for his area. Also gave him the latest information on the Coughlin situation.

22. Developed my "All American" football idea again and placed it on the popular Kate Smith broadcast, Friday, December 5th, 12 to 12:15 P.M., Station WABC and the Columbia Network.

23. Met with Minsky of N.C.C.J. and advised him on a number of problems which have developed in the radio division of his Religious News Service.

24. Secured for S.W. the radio scripts of Fulton Lewis" programs relating to refugee facts and figures in America.

25. Reported to S.W. on the possibilities of Mutuals cooperation with the American Union for Democracy radio programs.

26. Through NBC I have established a fine contact with Mr. Edward Haffron, radio director for the National Council of Catholic Men, and am securing from him all scripts from the NBC "Catholic Hour," which at the present time are related to Jewish subjects.

27. Suggested "Religious Remarkables" program idea to Minsky of N.C.C.J.

28. Investigated through Italian contacts, Guaitieri, etc., the background of Fellacarne, publisher of Counter-current, mentioned in Henry Levy's report - submitted preliminary information on this.

29. Prepared a special list of ten program ideas for possible use on the most popular commercial radio programs. This memorandum was developed in connection with the pro-democracy project.

30. Made program suggestion for material to be sent to Ennio Jones and Stanley High, who are to participate in the Town Hall broadcast of December 22. Subject: "What Can Americans Do for Humanity?"

31. At S.W.'s request visited with Leonard Finder of the A.D.L. and prepared report on the radio activities of this organization for a forthcoming General Jewish Council meeting. Also secured a record of the "Last We Forget" series for S.W.
32. Suggested to Mrs. Marion Carter, Director of the Town Hall radio program the name of Rear Admiral Harry E. Yarnall, Retired, to discuss the subject of "America and Japan; Embargo or New Treaty," December 14th, NBC Blue Network.

33. Compiled a number of pamphlets and materials on the NAB Code for S.W. for an out-of-town rabbi.

34. Prepared special chart on the pledges secured from our questionnaire to out-of-town representatives on the effect of the NAB Code on the Coughlin broadcasts.

35. Prepared a set of commercial policies for Minsky's radio Religious News Service.

36. Suggested the idea of supplying material to the participants on the Town Hall program of Thursday, December 21st, at 9:30 to 10:30 P.M., NBC Blue Network. Material supplied to Stanley High and James G. McDonald.

Open Assignments


2. Preparing follow-up letter on Coughlin questionnaire.

3. Preparing for S.W. a letter in connection with the survey of Yiddish radio programs.


5. Weekly advance radio program schedule for S.W.


7. Attempting to work out possible cooperation with dramatic radio series, such as the "Rise of the Goldbergs," etc.

8. Listened to and continuing to check on programs such as the Jewish Court for Justice and Peace, which have been receiving unfavorable newspaper publicity.

9. Working on program ideas in connection with Franklin Forgeries for the NBC "Meet Mr. Weeks" program.


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