

BORAH, WM. E.: U.S. Senator from Idaho; radical; pro-Soviet; his letter said to be worth more than a passport in Russia; has asked A.C.L.U. to draw up Bills for him; the minutes of an A.C.L.U. executive committee meeting, October 3, 1921, record that Borah asked, thru Albert de Silver (A.C.L.U. and treas. of I.W.W. Defense Fund), that Bills repealing title 12 of the Espionage Act, under which postal authorities censored the mail, be drafted, also that amendments eliminating the words "tending to murder, arson and assassination" from a section of the obscenity statute be drafted. The minutes of the following meeting on Oct. 10th show that deSilver reported the two Bills had been prepared and forwarded to the Senator. The minutes of the April 17, 1922, meeting read: "The material for Senator Borah has been submitted to him and it is expected he will make his speech to the Senate in a comparatively few days." (Whitney's "Reds in America"); with Einstein and others protested execution of Communist agitators Mr. and Mrs. Ruegg in China, 1932 (see Ruegg); protested (1926) landing of U.S. marines in Nicaragua to protect American citizens and property from Communist-directed revolutionaries who were against religion and the property right (with Senators Dill, Wheeler, and Heflin); documents seized in Bridgman raid on Communists record that Pogany, Moscow's envoy, favored Communist backing of Borah for President; ardent advocate of Soviet recognition; speaker for For. Pol. Assn.; endorser Lane Pamphlet.