RECOGNIZING 80 YEARS OF ADL IN LOS ANGELES
1939 - 2019
Leon Lewis and ADL Presence in Southern CA, circa 1933

HITLER IN LOS ANGELES
HOW JEWS AND THEIR SPIES FOILED NAZI PLOTS AGAINST HOLLYWOOD AND AMERICA

STEVEN J. ROSS
ADL Presence in Southern CA solidified, circa 1939

Leon Lewis receives Americanism Award from American Legion, June 1939
ADL opens Los Angeles Office, circa 1940’s

The Southern California Regional Office selectively placed 1,000 individual books and pamphlets in libraries and institutions. Reports were made to the Subversive Squad of the Sheriff’s office; Naval Intelligence, F.B.I., District Attorney’s office, City Attorney’s office, Fair Employment Practices Committee; Military Intelligence; War Department, and the police departments of metropolitan Los Angeles and adjacent communities.

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David Coleman, Director

Statistical information:

Fact Finding cases 564
Anti-Semitic leaflets, dodgers, etc. 35
Speakers Bureau 69 addresses
Literature distributed 37,000 pieces
Books sold 661
Books distributed free 278

This office continues to hold monthly meetings of the ADL Council, composed of representatives from each of the 28 B’nai B’rith lodges, to whom reports are given on the national and Southern California Civic protective matters. The Mayor of Los Angeles has again honored the Director with appointment as co-chairman of the annual "I Am An American" day program and the Assistant Secretary has been appointed a member of the Pasadena Inter-Racial Commission.

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Southern California has been host to a number of subversive groups in the past six months. The Nationalist Convention met here on December 8th, 9th and 10th, and was so successful that Smith has remained here since, speaking every evening to audiences running into the hundreds. Kenneth Goff, who came with Smith, is planning to remain here indefinitely.
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Milton A. Senn
Regional Director
1947-1974
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Discussing the final program of a course on Combatting Group Tensions, designed by ADL's Southern California Regional Office for the Jewish Youth Council of Los Angeles, are (left to right) Ben Z. Shreiber, BBYO director, Milton A. Senn, regional office director, Dr. Samuel Dinin, executive director, Bureau of Jewish Education, and Marvin Betnun, director of the Youth Council. The course, incorporated in the second annual Youth Institute of Jewish Studies, and running through May 5, is providing an alert group of L.A. youths with knowledge of the history and nature of anti-Semitism and the operations of major agencies engaged in combatting bigotry.
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Ronald Reagan addressing the 1949 ADL Human Relations Meeting in Los Angeles