Fundraising Circular of the American Defense Society, Robert Appleton, Treasurer, November 3, 1920

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Brandau Craig Dickerson Co.,
Nashville, Tenn.

Gentlemen:

Seditious propaganda, intended to accomplish the destruction of America, is being carried on here by Communists. Even our public school children are employed to distribute it as shown by the enclosed.

The American Defense Society is ever vigilant — investigating, organizing, yet we must beg for funds. However, Bill Haywood, head of the IWW, appears to have no difficulty in getting funds for his propaganda! Haywood's followers put up money because he is teaching them how to get what they want without working for it.

The Russian Crown jewels were sold by Lenin and Trotsky in order to realize funds with which to subsidize England's leading labor paper. Those who read the daily newspapers know the result in England of Bolshevik propaganda.

Will you help us? We will gladly act as your agent in the battle against Communism and Red Radicalism. Sent your check for $50, or as much more as you can afford.

Yours very truly,

Robert Appleton,
Treasurer.

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