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Civil Liberties Union went to Tapolcsanyi's rescue and had David Wallerstein of the ACLU National Committee act as his counsel. Wallerstein had frequently been counsel for Communists and was one of the National Popular Government League twelve before mentioned. Appeals were sent out for money on the ground that Tapolcsanyi was being deprived of his constitutional right of free speech. Every cent obtained by such an appeal was money obtained under false pretenses and I have put that statement in writing and sent it to Wallerstein and to the treasurer of the Pennsylvania branch of the ACLU but they dared not take up the issue in court.

Many of the American Civil Liberties Union crowd, including members of its national committee, were chumming with the German agent Lochner during the war and are exposed in the Lusk Report as having been participants in the formation of the People's Council of America, which was one of the rottenest and most disloyal things gotten up during war times and which was incontinently kicked out of Minnesota by Governor Burnquist and out of Chicago by Governor Lowden though Mayor Bill Thompson chummed with some of this crowd.

The Lusk Report on Revolutionary Radicalism, which has well stood the test of time and for such an extensive report is remarkably accurate, speaks of "groups engaged in an effort to undermine our institutions to weaken property rights and to set up in place of government by the majority a government controlled by a militant minority of workers". It then goes on to speak of these people having consolidated their energies in the American Civil Liberties Union. It then refers to