

RIGHT WING GROUPS
IN NEW ORLEANS
EARLY 1960s

X. AMERICAN FACT-FINDING COMMITTEE

Paid for the Dallas Morning News ad on 11/22/63.

I. AMERICAN NAZI PARTY

II. ANTI-COMMUNIST LEAGUE of the CARIBBEAN

III. JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Welch was the leader.

Falling out with The Minutemen, allegedly because the Minutemen were becoming an underground armed-guerrilla organization.

Against communism. For God, family and country.

IV. THE MINUTEMEN

Paramilitary right-wing group.

DePugh was the leader.

Published periodical literature named "On Target."

Advocated liberal gun ownership, anti-communism.

FBI began investigating at the request of the Warren Commission.

V. NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY

Advocated non-violent means. Split from the Minutemen on this basis.

VI. PAUL REVERE ASSOCIATED YEOMEN, INC. (PRAY)

Based in New Orleans.

N.S. Riecke, Jr., was the founder.

Urged all patriots and conservatives to join the NRA and stock up on rifles, shotguns, pistols and join the Minutemen.

Copy of Riecke's newsletter is in the Congressional Record.

follow up:

1) FOIA reading room - Hosty's work on right-wing groups.

2) articles

Houston Post: comments on U.S. Representative Henry B. Gonzalez, a TX Democrat from San Antonio. Early 1964.

UP 6/65. Some disenchanted ex-Nazis joined the Minutemen.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch after 5/65: DePugh talks about relationship between the NRA and the Minutemen.

New York Times at same time as above article: DePugh talks about relationship b/t Minutemen and NRA.

New York Times, by Donald Janson, in 8/64. DePugh talks about the Minutemen supporting Goldwater.

Associated Press article. DePugh's comments on Robert Kennedy's stance on right-wing organizations.

Los Angeles Times from 2/26/65: front page stated "Dynamite Seized -- Explosives Cache Found in Glendale." A month later, they discovered this dude had dealings with 3 Minutemen.

Washington Post from 11/18/64: article by J. Harry Jones, Jr, on the Minuteman.

Washington Star from 6/65 re: a cache of dynamite big enough to destroy a multistory building uncovered in Prince William County, Virginia. Same paper talked about a judo instructor from Alexandria who was teaching guerrilla warfare to Minutemen. Worked in Florida while teaching judo to Cuban rebels.

3) Congressional Record

5/64: Congressman Gonzalez inserts various comments accusing the federal govt of subsidizing and encouraging the Minutemen. Also copy of Riecke's newsletter from PRAY is in the Record.

4) House Appropriations Subcommittee

J. Edgar Hoover testimony on 5/19/65. Basically just quotes Jones.