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76TH CONGRESS } SENATE } REPORT  
3d Session } } No. 1346

AUTHORIZING INVESTIGATION OF ACTIVITIES OF AGENTS OF FOREIGN NATIONS AFFECTING NEUTRALITY OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 27 (legislative day, MARCH 4), 1940.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. CLARK of Missouri, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. Res. 186]

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, having had under consideration the resolution (S. Res. 186) authorizing an investigation of the activities of agents of foreign nations affecting the neutrality of the United States, hereby report the same favorably to the Senate and recommend that it do pass, with the following amendments:

On page 1, line 5, after the word "for", strike out the words "or on behalf of".

On page 2, line 3, after the word "employ", add the words "and to call upon executive departments for".

The purpose of this resolution is to make available to the people of the United States current information concerning the activities of any person, firm, or corporation acting for any foreign nation engaged in disseminating propaganda which might jeopardize the neutrality of the United States. It is intended to avoid a recurrence of the delay in making public such information pertaining to propaganda activities during the World War, some of which was not made known to the people until 20 years later.

For the information of the Senate there is appended hereto and made a part of this report a communication from the Secretary of State to the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, dated January 22, 1940, commenting upon the proposed adoption of this resolution, which reads as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
Washington, January 22, 1940.

The Honorable KEY PITTMAN,  
United States Senate.

MY DEAR SENATOR PITTMAN: I refer to your letter of December 23, 1939, transmitting for consideration and recommendation or report Senate Resolution

