

Gordon Hall:

All right now let me ask you about the, the kind of internecine warfare, or the searing hatreds that existed in the American Nazi Party as a separate entity. There can be no question that in the American Nazi Party, people hated and, and, and, um, each other as well as perhaps negroes and Jews, do you feel that within your own National Renaissance Party you had people with similar hatreds of one another as well as what they feel of a common enemy, or don't you have that problem?

James Madole:

Well the boys argue a bit, but first of all, there's no barracks life here where they rub up against each other and create frictions on a daily basis. They have outlets; they have jobs; they're encouraged, in fact, to get jobs, and when they come around here for Party duties, and the like, they work as a very close-functioning team. And under officers, as I said, Section Leaders, later on Group Leaders, and also under Mr. Wagner's direction. They may have some little kidding arguments with each other, but there's nothing as serious as might develop out of, for example, a psychopathic personality, as I feel was the case in the death of Mr. Rockwell, or in the matter of having a large group of men who are without funds and who are penned up inside of a building, rubbing up against each other, sometimes deliberately incited to form cliques, one against the other, and this leads to hatreds. It leads to animosities. I've been told of this by many men who [inaud 00:01:27]

On the whole, the majority of the men down there are good, or they wouldn't have been able to stand through all the crises that they've had to go through: the lack of food, the poor living conditions, in some cases, but some men have stood up to it. Others have left, a great majority, perhaps, have left, but I don't think, really, anyone other than a psychopath is going to take a gun and shoot the leader of the organization down merely because he is jealous of the prestige and the publicity which that man happens to get, which in my opinion, he wanted for himself.

Gordon Hall:

I see. Now, I'd like to raise a somewhat delicate question, and I don't raise it in relationship to your party, because, quite frankly, I haven't heard about it in relationship to your party, but generally speaking, in terms of the Minutemen, and the Nazi Party in particular - the American Nazi Party - the question has been raised a number of times, during my lectures and by other newspaper reporters and so on about the possibility of a fair amount of homosexuality within this wing of the, of the right wing in the United States. Now you've been a leader for a long time, and you have known probably a fair amount of the people who have passed in and out and who are currently in it, do you feel that it actually is a problem or not, in your opinion?

James Madole:

I don't think it's any greater problem than it would be anywhere else. I suppose, if you have the US Army and there's large numbers of men thrust together, you're going to get a few oddballs that squeak through and you have to throw them out. I don't think that Mr. Rockwell tolerated such things on his

premises. He may have gotten a few, but I'm sure he bounced them, in fact I've heard that he bounced one or two. For myself, many years ago there was a certain clique of them that got into the NRP, and to the last man, they were bounced out of the NRP, because we, they were found to be unreliable and unstable and people who simply could not be trusted, aside from the fact that if you have young men in an organization, they are a positive danger.

Gordon Hall:

I see. And I certainly would agree with you. I didn't mean to raise it, and I didn't raise it at all in the long interview I did with Rockwell, except that it does come up and I wanted to sort of clarify....

James Madole:

Well the barracks like, I would say, would tend to create that sort of thing much more than it would if the men had some spending money in their pocket, can go out with their girls over the weekend, or at least, or perhaps even during the week, and here we don't have everybody under one roof, thank God. And they can more or less do as they wish, except when it's time for Party activities, now if we find somebody in here, which is rare, who is one of these critters, well they get their walking papers, and they don't, as a rule, come back. Such a person wouldn't want to come back and be faced with poofs and fags.

Gordon Hall:

I wouldn't think so. Does the party take care of your general operating expenses?

James Madole:

Oh, the most part, I find ways of taking care of them, as far as that's concerned, that... no great problem there, we always manage to get out our publications, and particularly now, I am interested in the massive literature campaign.

Gordon Hall:

Well, what I meant was, like when you went down to speak with Carl Allen, and Seth Ryan and the group, I guess it's the American White Party, isn't it, we haven't even....

James Madole:

The White Party, yes.

Gordon Hall:

The White Party, um – you went down to Virginia, now, granted, you mentioned you went down by car, I think you mentioned off the, off the tape, that you drove down with several of your members, but would operating expenses just be covered, by the party, I was just curious, as it was in the case, for example, of Rockwell. He, and I think rightly so, wherever he traveled, the party met his expenses, and I think they should have, but I was just wondering if it works the same way in your group or whether, for

example, if you're, if the security echelon has to go out to Long Island to picket or something, or to protect somebody, whether they pay their own subway fares and all of that.

James Madole:

Well, on the case of the trip to the White Party, the exp-, the – because of my speech, the, the expenses were paid in part by the White Party, the rest by the NRP, I would say forty dollars, approximately, was paid by the White Party. And in some cases, once a matter of my going to speak, if it's before a group, they would pay for it. If not, then the party would pay for it. One way or the other. If it's a college, I wouldn't always get the fee that Mr. Rockwell would get, because I don't wear the swastika and I'm not looked upon as Adolph Hitler, Jr., but on the other hand, I would be glad, if I thought it was something that would benefit the party, I would go myself. Whether or not they paid for it. That is, if I had the time and it was within a reasonable distance. As it is, I'm not going to go all the way out to California or something to speak to a bunch of students, some of whom will be throwing rotten tomatoes.

Gordon Hall:

The, the figure of 3,000 that you used earlier as a general figure for what you consider to be your membership, wouldn't this really, in reality, place you at the top of the heap of the authoritarian extreme right or would you regard the National States Rights Party as having a larger membership?

James Madole:

Well, you see, Mr. Fields has never compared membership with me and as a matter of strict fact, neither has Mr. Rockwell, he never told me what his membership is, and neither did Dr. Fields ever tell me what his membership was, although Mr. Fields was once an NRP member up until 1954. But since that time, whatever he has claimed as membership, he has done on his own or with the cooperation of his own confreres down there, and the – I have not been made privy to his membership, nor has he to mine. It may be, therefore, that he is larger, or smaller, I don't know.

Gordon Hall:

Well, Rockwell told me, and in fact I have the tape with me, it's in my briefcase, the general mailing list overall over a long period of years got up to about as high as thirteen thousand, but this would include anybody who sent in even an, even just an inquiry, they kept, apparently, fairly strict records. He felt that his, his hard core would stand around 750, something like that, which is a higher figure than the press has given them credit for. They always talk about a baker's dozen, or something like that. I've always felt that, probably, in and out of his movement, passing in and out over the period of the – close to a decade, probably a thousand people maintained actual membership. Are you placed a little higher than that?

James Madole:

He had some very good men who went down there, I know for a fact if he had everybody si-, that went there since 1959, had they all stayed, he probably would have had the [inaud 00:07:48], not only the

[inaud 00:07:48], but they all would have been made up of young men of fighting age. But, unfortunately, the majority of these people, in fact as a news man came up here and told me about 90% of these people went in and out because of personal dissatisfaction or the like. Now a hard core does remain, and that hard core is very definitely worth saving. But, if all the men who had been there since '59 were there, well then you would really have something.

Gordon Hall:

Yes....

James Madole:

Believe me.

Gordon Hall:

Substantial indeed.

James Madole:

Consider all the publicity, and all the people that would be drawn by it.

Gordon Hall:

Have you observed any of the members, I'm not asking you for names, but just the membership generally of Luke and Paul [inaud 00:08:29] Nationalist Party that was active here for a time? I know they have since gone out to the West Coast, but they did have some people, and I wondered whether you have absorbed any of them, or whether they just...

James Madole:

The writers, yes, but the rank and file, I don't even know the majority of them, they – I haven't been at their meetings, as a matter of fact, I was sitting up at the jailhouse when I was listening to their meetings on the radio, and that was at the time of the killing of that negro kid by Sergeant Gilligan over here by the Robert Wagner High School, and I believe that US Nationalist Party was out holding counter-demonstrations

Gordon Hall:

Yes, they were.

James Madole:

Now their writers, for the most part, there were two or three, have come into the NRP, and one of them is my secretary. And he also was a writer for Western Destiny, the magazine out in California.

Gordon Hall:

Well, actually who is this secretary

James Madole:

Henry Von Sienna Potworoski.

Gordon Hall:

Oh yes, I sometimes get the offices confused, and Wagner is the head of your

James Madole:

Oh he's, he is of the, he is of the uniform section. He's not [inaud 00:09:30] the Party, though.

Gordon Hall:

Did you – has, has the Party of American Nationalists group, which made a bit of a flurry here in Mahattan maybe as far back as ten or twelve years ago, have you absorbed any of their membership, or is that pretty much of a dead issue?

James Madole:

Well, as far as I know, it is a dead issue. There may be some of them in the NRP, but frankly I don't know exactly who was in it.

Gordon Hall:

And then finally, you had the National Citizen's Union under Betty Shepherd's leadership, and I no longer see any of the mailings of that group, and I don't think they maintain that office down on Fifth Avenue that they....

James Madole:

No, she married one of the followers that was involved in that case in the Bronx, Mr. Joe Arkin, and I think she is now out of politics.

Gordon Hall:

And he is as well, then?

James Madole:

To the best of my knowledge, he is.

Gordon Hall:

Because there seems to be, outside of the long time leadership that you have provided, and others have seemed to be a whole spate of new names that I'm sure you would agree are coming up all the time, and Wagner, for example, would be one that I hadn't previously heard of, and I don't think that

reporters in general even know who he is at the moment, although [inaud 00:10:34] change as the months go by.

How about W. Henry McFarland, Jr., just as a personal aside, since we both knew him, do you continue to hear from him, or have you let him go his conservative way as opposed to the unity that you once had?

James Madole:

Well, at the present time, he's head of the Conservative Party in Pennsylvania, and I understand every time he comes up running for election, he's always branded as being an NRP member, by the man who is now the governor. Actually, he was an NRP member, he was more than an NRP member, he was a founder of the NRP, and one of its best speakers, I might add, and I wish we did have him back. But he is now strictly head of the Conservative Party of Pennsylvania, and not a member of the National Renaissance Party.

Gordon Hall:

Well, he's also, of course, founder of his own group, the American Flag Committee which he... and as I remember the history of that, he gave it the name of the American Flag Committee after the nationalist action that he was put on the Attorney General's list, so it was just a switch-over very quickly to a new group, but that had nothing to do with the NRP, so I don't want to get involved in that. I think we've covered the ground pretty well.

I'm wondering if there's anything that you would like to add that you feel, for example, the press does not do when it interviews you, you seem to think, and I think your mother spoke earlier, the fact that she feels the press lies so much about you. Is there anything that you would like to add that you think would put the National Renaissance Party in a true perspective for, say, an average reader [inaud 00:12:00] story or a straight interview story, the likes of which I will do as a result of this tape, but I'd like you to use up some of the remaining time talking about what you think of the press lies and the press distortions. I'm in no position to know what you think they are, I think overall the press does a fairly good job and I think they operate under terrific handicaps, because they have deadlines to meet and it's hard sometimes to get all the facts straight on a street corner rally, where both sides are contesting, and what you read the next day you may feel was unfair to you, but the Jewish war veterans were picketing you may also feel that the account was unfair to them.

James Madole:

Well, they don't say too much, as a rule, about the Jewish war veterans, unless it's rather favorable, but when they mention the NRP, of course, we get all the dirt heaped upon our heads, no matter what we may have done. For example, at that meeting on May 25 a few years ago, when there were some five thousand people present, now there wasn't a soul in that crowd, unfortunately, who could hear anything that I was saying, because I had neglected to bring along the proper sound equipment for a meeting of that size, not anticipating a meeting of that size, which perhaps was my fault. Nevertheless,

people are screaming, “Oh, bathe in Jewish blood, you want to murder all the Jews, etc., etc.” Now it so happened that I wasn’t even talking on that subject, and yet nevertheless, these people take the liberties of coming out and saying well, Madole’s planning to gas all the Jews, he’s planning to kill them all, the whole topic in other words, of any...

Gordon Hall:

Well, can I interject here just for moment now, and I would like a straight from the shoulder answer, if you could legally use a kind of final solution, let us say, to what the Nazis called the Jewish “problem,” would you?

James Madole:

No, as it stipulates in our program, we have what we consider to be a final solution and that is that these people who are guilty of the crimes of belonging to these organizations, which are beforementioned, Anti-Defamation League, American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, the various Zionist groups, which preach dual loyalty, would be stripped of their citizenship, precisely as the non-assemble-able racial elements which have been mentioned previously. This, I think, barring the fact, of course, that they have been engaged in some kind of activity to, or would be taking part in some kind of activity to destroy the government, in which case, much harsher measures would be used against them. For example, we would certainly not allow riots to be taking place, and looting to be taking place in our cities, and if anyone attempted to commit such acts, they would be shot down like mad dogs without the sleeves-slightest, I should say, drop of mercy. Because if we do not do this, it encourages more and more of these people to carry on such actions, to attempt to batter down our civilization.

Gordon Hall:

Well, coming back, just for a moment, since we’re soon we’ll be out of tape, to the press question, Mr. Madole, it seems to me to be no question that you previously established that your movement, for example, is totalitarian, and you say that’s a fair thing to say about it, your movement is anti-Jewish, and you didn’t quarrel with me when I asked, when I posed that question. You obviously regard the negroes as being biologically inferior, and you said so – these are the kinds of criticisms I think that the press levels with you, so in just precisely what way then does the press lie about you? They couldn’t possibly say you were for integration, because that would be a lie. They couldn’t say you are for parliamentary democracy because that would be a lie. And they couldn’t say that you’re very fond of the Jewish minority in the United States, because that would be a lie, so it seems to me that from what I have read, and I have a fair clipping file on you accrued, I don’t have that kind of scrapbook you keep, but you get them from all over the country, but I have a fair clipping file on you over a long period of time, and I have found the press, generally, hammers home these major points about your movement and I don’t consider that to be a lie. I don’t see how you do.

James Madole:

The good points that are concerning our views and economics and social reform and the like, which have also been mentioned at many of our meetings, are never, in any manner, shape or form discussed by the press, because probably they don't make as good reading. Now, if you're a selling a newspaper, the object is to give a shock headline. Mr. Rockwell was very good at that sort of thing, in fact I would say he was probably better than Fritz Kuhn or anybody who's been in the country at getting a shock headline. But I'm also trying to put forth a creative economic philosophy and social philosophy and this is never mentioned, neither from what we say in our publications, although these are requested by various organizations and publications, or by any newsmen that I've ever heard, or even when I'm invited to appear on television shows, we always get back to the same thing, we start discussing Auschwitz, we start discussing Berge-Belsen and Dachau, which has nothing whatever to do with the National Renaissance Party, since it wasn't even in existence at these times, and all the other points, which are the overwhelming majority of our program, are never discussed at all.

Gordon Hall:

A question, quickly, on the Middle East, and I would appreciate you to keep your answer fairly short and I'll try to keep the question short. Were you – did you find that all embarrassing that the Arabs in the recent Arab/Israeli conflict were heavily supported and backed in the United Nations by Mr. Frederinco and, and, and the Russian delegation and that you wound up with a rather curious situation of the National Renaissance Party in a sense backing in that particular dispute the Arab position which in turn was endorsed by world Communism, or the leader of world Communism, or one of the two giants of world Communism? I wondered whether you find these juxtapositions in terms of international politics embarrassing or whether you just feel that that's the way these things work out sometimes?

James Madole:

Well, if a Communist says something which is true and I agree with him, I'm going to go along with him regardless, even if Mr. Johnson says something which I agree with, I'll go along with him. If the Communist position on this particular issue happens to be correct, I'm going to follow that same issue on their line. If I happen to get there first, they might follow mine. I'm not going to say a man is – should be thrown into the Callaboose simply because he's a Communist and says he's for Social Security, because I'm for it too.

Gordon Hall:

All right, now, let's come back, though, to, quickly again, if you were to succeed and if you were to be the leader of the United States, or if you were to assume this responsibility, you would allow the Communist Party in the United States as not necessarily as un-assemblable, but just as unthinkable, you would not allow the Communist to publish a, a, a, a biweekly or a, or a thrice-weekly newspaper, or something else, would you?

James Madole:

No. But then that wouldn't, that would also apply to the Democrats and Republicans so they'd have company in misery.

Gordon Hall:

Oh I see, well, fair share enough, I suppose, from your point of view. What about...

James Madole:

[Inaud 00:18:54] wouldn't allow me to publish "Finding Russia" either.

Gordon Hall:

Let's end on the note of 1968, now 1968 will bring us a Democrat and a Republican, probably Mr. Johnson against a Republican, but it will also bring us George Wallace of Alabama, who will be in all the primaries and will make a, may make a fairly strong showing in many of them. And obviously a peace candidate who will be, in my judgment, a compromise non-Communist type, very similar to Henry Wallace in 1948. Wallace was surrounded by Communists, but I think we can probably agree that he wasn't actually a member of the Party, and I think the Left will come up with that kind of a candidate in '68. Now, will the Renaissance Party and its membership ignore the election, or would you be inclined, under the circumstances, to say, throw your support to Wallace?

James Madole:

I would say throw your support to Wallace, not because I think he's going to do too much good if he gets in, but at least he's the best you could hope for in 1968.

Gordon Hall:

What do you do in 1964, if anything?

James Madole:

Well, I'm afraid in 1964, we couldn't do too, very much of anything because there was no candidate, I don't support a big business candidate. Who's all for the profit makers and nothing at all for the little man, and I certainly didn't support Johnson on the basis of his civil rights performance.

Gordon Hall:

How about 1960, the race between the late President Kennedy and Vice President Nixon [inaud 00:20:15]?

James Madole:

We didn't think there was any difference. Except on which one looked better on television.

Gordon Hall:

And then you had two prior elections, the Eisenhower/Stephenson races, did you have any preferences there, and do you think your membership did or was that ignored also?

James Madole:

It was pretty much ignored because no one could quite understand what Eisenhower was saying, I don't think he ever formed a consecutive sentence, and as for the other fellow, he was probably a lot more articulate, but Eisenhower was a good grandfather image for the country. And he had been a wartime hero, although other men, I think, had done most of the actual field fighting.

Gordon Hall:

Well then, it takes something like the 1968 race for the National Renaissance Party to even think in terms of possibly supporting, let us say, the least of the current evils that are there.

James Madole:

Yes, because we're not predominately a parliamentary party, when we go, it'll be for the jugular vein to eliminate parliamentary politics, not to become a part of it. I might run local men, for instance, for City Council, in fact, I'm planning to out in Queens and I tried to up in Newburg. Although every conceivable obstruction was put in our path by those who believe in Democracy, causing me two and a half years of legal turmoil to even get the most basic rights of being able to speak either outdoors or indoors in a small community.

Gordon Hall:

Now on a final note, your mother raised the question earlier about you thought that you'd be starting your meetings in the Fall and probably would this time, indoors, could you give me some ideas, of course I'm not from New York, and I would probably attend very few, but I've actually never really heard you give a formal talk, I was present one night here in Manhattan, and I can no longer remember when, when you spoke downstairs, but Roy Frankhauser was on the scene and I was trying to avoid him because Roy and I don't see eye to eye on a lot of things, and I didn't want to precipitate any trouble, I know enough enough to walk away from that kind of trouble. I thought Roy might start shouting and screaming, so I stayed pretty far in the background and missed most of it as a consequence, but, two questions, will you be starting off Fall meetings indoors, and if I happen to be in New York at the time that one is held, would I be allowed to come in and merely sit and not be molested by your SC guard or something else?

James Madole:

The SC Guard doesn't molest anybody unless they heckle or start throwing things...

Gordon Hall:

I would do nothing of the sort...

James Madole:

I don't think you would, but there are people who do and that's why there's an SC Guard.

Gordon Hall:

May I feel that I could write far more coherently on what your party is all about if I could sit and listen to an orderly meeting, to try to get some sense of your impact on your audience, the attentiveness of the audience, the sale of the literature, if people seem interested or not to buy your pamphlets, and one of the problems is, when I go near some groups such as yours, and if I see somebody there who has heard me in a lecture somewhere, who either really wants to beat me up, and of course there's no point to that for either one of us, and I would like to come to some of your Fall meetings, so will they be held

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James Madole:

They will be held in public schools, because I have now gained the right to use public schools as well as county courthouse facilities as a legitimate political party, and I believe that the first one will be held over at the Grover Cleveland High School in Middle Village sometime in September. Because there was a big urban renewal problem in that particular area, and there was also a very large argument over an integrated school that is to be put up where the people would prefer to have a park. And as a result, some 4,000 people from that area have picketed City Hall, and some of the local people of the Birch Society have requested that I should come out there and speak after hearing about the Newburg meeting. To do so, however, I must use a public school because I cannot get private halls that will stand up under any kind of pressure.

Gordon Hall:

Now you've raised the question of the Birch Society yourself, and I didn't think to bring it in myself. You find that some membership in the John Birch Society regard what you're doing as, as, as, as on the, on the positive side and helpful to their cause?

James Madole:

Well I should hope because I said quite a few of them that have been members, particularly in California, but if they don't then they're laboring under a grave misapprehension. There's a lot of others who are completely against what we're for, including the leadership.

Gordon Hall:

Have you actually found yourself actually condemned by Mr. Rousselot and Mr. Davis, who are of course no longer with them, but who have acted as public relations spokesmen and the founder and director, Mr. Walch, who, I don't remember when they've actually, I've heard them condemn Rockwell from time to time as a freak and a few other things, but I never heard them mention the National Renaissance Party as such.

James Madole:

Oh they've ejected some of our members from local cells when they become too vociferous, but on the whole, I think they would do themselves more harm by it because there are a lot of people in the John Birch Society whether or not they are NRP members who hold views somewhat similar to ours, and who don't like some of the literature that's put out by Alan Stang and some of the others in that organization.

Gordon Hall:

Mr. Madole I want to thank you, I think we've come to the end, and as far as I'm concerned we've covered a good deal of ground, and I think you have had ample time to really put forth the, for the first time for me, the coherent picture of the party as a party, and I learned a good deal, and I want to thank you very much for the interview.

James Madole:

Well, you're welcome.

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