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# Report of the Red Raid in Buffalo, NY, Night of Jan. 2/3, 1920.

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## Communist Party.

On the night of January 2nd, 1920, Agents from this office, assisted by the local police and by former members of the American Protective League of this city, who donated their automobiles, proceeded to the homes of the alien members of the Communist Party for whom the Immigration Authorities in this city held warrants and apprehended those whom they were able to locate and brought them to this office where they were given a preliminary examination by Agents of this office and then turned over to the local Immigration Authorities.

A great deal of difficulty was experienced in locating these men and securing literature and evidence from them owing to a raid conducted in this city on the night of December 29th, 1919, by the Lusk Committee.

Among those apprehended there were 6 citizens, who were immediately turned over to the local authorities for prosecution under the state laws. About 25 aliens were apprehended in the course of the night on suspicion and while in a number of cases we were satisfied that they were members of the Communist Party, we were in possession of no evidence to prove it and as they denied it, they were released.

Respectfully Submitted,

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