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**Business Men Aid Chicago  
Council, Which Claims a  
File of Million Names**

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CHICAGO, July 9 — The American Security Council is collecting here at the rate of 20,000 a month the names of individuals and organizations labeled as subversives.

The council is backed by a group of business men including Gen. Robert E. Wood, retired board chairman of Sears, Roebuck & Co.; Fred Lazarus Jr., board chairman of Federated Department Stores; Hughston M. McBain, retired board chairman of Marshall Field & Co., and Paul V. Galvin, board chairman, Motorola, Inc.

The stated purpose of the council, which maintains files with more than 1,000,000 names, is to gather and cross-index "factual information about Communist and other statist movements."

The council's leading staff members are former special agents for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It publishes a monthly confidential news letter for its members and offers a number of special services.

### Special Services Listed

Among the services are:

¶To assist member companies in making loyalty checks on employes when the Defense Department and other governmental agencies require the compa-

nies to make such checks as a condition for getting a Government contract.

¶To assist member companies in checking on "questionable" organizations asking for support or money.

¶To make material from the files and books available to certain member company executives and to outsiders, such as

journalists that the council feels it can trust.

The council, by its own account, supplements the F. B. I. Its literature notes that the F. B. I. may not furnish information to industry on subversion.

However, the council president, John M. Fisher, national security coordinator for Sears,

Roebuck and a former F. B. I. man in New York, said the council did not make "gum shoe" investigations of any individuals and had never used informers.

He said all reports were documented by material that would stand up in court. It is drawn from many sources, he said, including legislative investigations, newspaper clippings and political petitions.

The council has 175 member companies—100 more than it had Jan. 1. Among them are United States Steel, the Chicago Tribune, The Rockford (Ill.) Star, Illinois Central Railroad, Stewart-Warner Corporation, Acme Steel Company and Belden Manufacturing Company.

General Wood, Mr. McBain and Mr. Galvin have recently written letters to leading business men stating the council's aims and soliciting membership. The aim is to get 300 members by March 1, 1959, and 1,000 within the next five years.

### Regular Staff of 8

Mr. Fisher said the council was also interested in groups such as the Ku Klux Klan.

He said each council report gave material found in the files.

"We don't," he asserted, "ever say a man is a Communist or not a Communist."

The council has a regular staff of eight persons and operates on an annual budget of \$100,000. It was organized in 1955 as the Mid-American Research Library. The name was changed in 1956.

The operating director of the council is Robert J. Wilson, who, until last year, was director of security at Argonne National (atomic) Laboratory, at near-by Lemont, Ill.