

Lindbergh, Nye Tied Up With Fascist Pelley

Vicious Anti-Semitic Paper Has High
Praise for America First Crowd

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 1.—William Dudley Pelley's virulent anti-Semitic sheet, Roll Call, reads these days like the unofficial organ of the America First Committee.

Practically every recent issue of this organ of Nazism in the United States is devoted to praising and spreading the doctrines of Charles A. Lindbergh, Senator Gerald P. Nye and the entire America First crowd.

As a matter of fact, Roll Call claims intimate inside knowledge of what "is happening in the back rooms of the America Firsters," and on the basis of what it says is first-hand information the current issue asserts:

"This journal makes the prediction that Lindbergh, Nye, et al., will show themselves as still more strongly anti-Semitic at a near date. The Jews themselves will make them so. Give them time!"

America First has the support of a powerful pro-appeasement daily press which includes the Chicago Tribune, the Scripps-Howard chain, the Hearst Chain and the New York Daily News.

But it also has the backing of a whole series of avowedly pro-Nazi and scurrilously anti-Semitic sheets which openly spread the direct Goebbels propaganda which some of the appeaser daily papers are still afraid to use regularly.

These anti-Semitic sheets, which have been springing up throughout the country and particularly in the Midwest, include X-Ray in Muncie, Publicity in Des Moines and Broom in Los Angeles.

To indicate the tone of these publications, it is sufficient to say that recent issues of X-Ray have been full of references to the "Jew-British hyena" and to "Ikey Ickes, the Jew war monger" as well as with copious quotations from Reps. Martin Dies of Texas, Rep. Martin L.

Roll Call is typical of this group of Nazi propaganda sheets. Formerly called Liberation, this weekly compendium of Nazi slander was at one time the official organ of Pelley's fascist Silver Shirt Legion and was published in Asheville, North Carolina, home town of pro-Nazi Senator Robert Reynolds.

Pelley was beset with considerable legal difficulties in North Carolina as a result of stock frauds in connection with his publishing front, Skyland Press.

He claimed publicly that he had disbanded the Silver Shirts, and he left North Carolina to escape a court order which might have resulted in his serving a five-year jail sentence.

Pelley did not, however, suspend his pro-Nazi propaganda. He simply continued putting out Liberation, under the new name of Roll Call, as well as a whole series of anti-Semitic pamphlets from Indianapolis.

This is in line with the policy of anti-Semitic and pro-Nazi groups to attempt to concentrate their propaganda in the Mid-West.

Although ostensibly a fugitive from justice, it is generally known in Washington that Pelley is now living in Noblesville, Indiana.

Lindbergh is now the most popular hero of Roll Call as well as of similar publications, and the front-page article in the current issue of Pelley's sheet is entitled "Lindbergh Shames the Devil."

In one of the most revealing articles in the same issue, Roll Call justifies its continued support of America First despite the alleged action of the appeasement organization some time ago in turning down the membership applications of some notorious anti-Semites.

"This journal has been gently censured from time to time because it did not attack the somewhat smug attitude of the America First Committee in regard to strategic Judaism," Roll Call states.

"But its editors believed that arousing the public to

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Lindbergh Highlights ..

From His Des Moines Address
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"BUT, THERE were various groups of people here and abroad whose interests and beliefs necessitated the involvement of the United States in the war. I shall point out some of these groups tonight, and outline their methods of procedure. In doing this, I must speak with utmost frankness, for in order to counteract their efforts, we must know exactly who they are.

"The three most important groups who have been pressing this country toward war are the British, the Jewish and the Roosevelt Administration. Behind these groups, but of lesser

Nye on Jewish Folly

A PENETRATING analysis of the growing problem of anti-Semitism in the United States was made September 9th by Senator Gerald P. Nye. His statement was carried by few papers, at any length. The North Dakota Senator said: "Let us not disguise the fact nor fool ourselves about

Pelley's 'Goebbels-like Press' is one of the most vicious anti-Semitic papers in the country. Above, excerpts of the sheet "Roll Call" shows the worshipful attitude this fascist paper takes toward Lindbergh and Nye.

the designs of the warmongers was the more important labor of the moment. Besides, people who were turned down by the America-First on account of their disapprobation of Jewish tactics could always join the Citizens Keep America Out of War Committee, which most of them did.

"Now it seems that developments of the past few weeks have begun to put great numbers of the America First in the same frame of mind that had previously made critics of these disqualified applicants.

"It hasn't gotten into the America First literature as yet, but Roll Call gets the Chicago gossip among the bigwigs without much coloring."

Roll Call bases its conviction that America First will keep moving into the anti-Semitic column on Lindbergh's powerful influence in the appeaser organization.

The Pelley sheet apparently is a little worried about reader and advertiser pressure on the Chicago Tribune which it fears is making Col. McCormack handle the anti-Semitic issue a bit too gingerly. But Roll Call apparently hopes that Col. McCormack, too, will come along.

LAUDS "GERMAN MORALE"

Despite this little family difference, the Chicago Tribune is the most frequently quoted newspaper in the pages of Roll Call. Typical is the following:

"The Germans are ready to carry on the war for years if necessary,

says Alex Small in his dispatch Sept. 1 from Berlin to the Chicago Tribune. At the beginning of the third year of the war German morale appears to be higher than ever—evidently the Jewish-inspired V campaign hasn't got them down yet."

An interesting assertion in the current issue of Roll Call is that anti-Semitism has made considerable inroads in Congress. Even discounting some possible exaggeration, the following statement remains significant:

"Whole blocs of senators, congressmen, and congressional committeemen have travelled this route, until it is now a fact that more than half the solons on Capitol Hill are privately anti-Semitic and will 'jump' the Jewish bloc in the Congress at any opportunity.

Roll Call learns that after a fashion, precisely this thing is happening in the back rooms of

the America First. Thus, if correct, its editorial policy in regard to them is vindicated."

Next to Lindbergh, Senator Nye seems to rank highest with the Pelley crowd as a result of his recent anti-Semitic statements. These have been frequently praised as "short, hard punches" and as "penetrating analysis."

BOAKE CARTER A FAVORITE

Other Roll Call favorites who are frequently quoted are Boake Carter, Al Williams, John T. Flynn, General Robert E. Wood, chairman of America First and Senator Bennett Champ Clark.

From time to time, Roll Call runs little stories asserting Nazi "invincibility," or assuring its readers that the Nazis really want peace—if only the "Jewish war mongers" would accept.

In short, the Pelley sheet follows Nazi policies throughout, and these apparently include full support of America First and Col. Lindbergh.