

# Haase, Former 'Firster,' Plugs Peace-Offensive Drive

## His 'Americans for Peace' Parallels Goebels Line

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By LUTHER CONANT, Jr.  
 Horace J. Haase, the Brooklyn America First organizer who told Lindbergh after Pearl Harbor that the organization should be kept going, is trying to rally his isolationist friends for a negotiated-peace drive.

For the last two months he has been issuing bulletins attacking this "insane war."

He shares a cluttered office at 1165 Broadway with John G. Scott, editor of Money. The May issue was ruled seditious and unmailable by the Post Office Dept.

The story of these two men—their activities and their network—is told on this and the next two pages.

Haase is the self-proclaimed leader of Americans for Peace, a paper organization he hopes will unite all groups who want the war to end immediately by appeasement.

Quotations from his bulletins are reproduced to the right. Haase is attempting to convince the public that:

¶ The isolationist argument is just as valid today as it was before Pearl Harbor.

*(The isolationist argument was never valid—Pearl Harbor proved that.)*

¶ There is no difference between Axis or Allied domination.

*(The difference, of course, is the difference between slavery and freedom.)*

¶ The claims of the Axis are morally just. *(See any of Hitler's speeches.)*

¶ The U. S. A. provoked Japan into war. *(A basic theme of Tokyo propaganda.)*

¶ We should not continue fighting. *(Hitler always has plugged the propaganda theme that the U. S. A. has no reason to fear or fight him.)*

At present, Haase is a little man with little financial support, but he is known to have influential friends among the appeasers who well might support him if he gathers sufficient momentum.

He has been in close touch with a number of "mothers" and "women" peace groups. Haase is not a Fascist prototype, but he has identified himself with pro-Fascists, appeasers and anti-Semites.

There is no evidence to show that he ever went in for Jew-baiting. As a matter of fact, only a few days ago, he is said to have told a friend that he (Haase) could get a lot more help from former America Firsters if he'd come out against the Jews.

But with this exception, his line, as is shown by the reproductions, is an open echo of post-war Axis themes.

Haase has just returned from a midwestern fund-raising trip. He had hoped to see Lindbergh again in Detroit. The last time he saw him was at the famous dinner party given by Edwin Webster, Jr., executive director of the AFC's New York Chapter, on Dec. 17. It was at this dinner that Lindbergh was reported to have expressed his regret that England had not united with Germany against the yellow races and Communism.

Haase told that group of Firsters the organization should stay intact. He gave high praise to Lindbergh, who is said to have thanked him warmly for his confidence.

Haase's program has been plugged by some of the most outspoken rabble-rousers. David Baxter, of California, one of the tough guys, circulated a statement praising Haase's "peace offensive." Reproduced to the right are photostats showing what Publicity and the Broom printed about him.

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### WE RECOVER OUR BALANCE

The first shock is over. And those who hate war because they love their fellow men and their country are beginning to recover their balance. They are again coming to realize facts which were crystal clear before. Their vision is beginning to return after the nerve-shattering shock of the unexpected attack upon Pearl Harbor. They are slowly coming to see that while the Japanese assault changed a few things it has not affected in the least the soundness of their pre-December arguments.

Here is what Haase has preached the last few months

WE OPPOSE THE WAR, BECAUSE---

1. WE BELIEVE THE WAR IS WRONG. In our opinion it is a struggle for domination of the world by Britain and America and the upholding of the status quo regardless of any injustice existing as a result of previous wars and treaties of peace. We hold that all domination--all imperialism is wrong. Right and wrong are not matters of who performs the act but of the nature of the act itself.
2. WE BELIEVE THE WAR IS NECESSARY AND A SENSELESS SACRIFICE OF MILLIONS OF AMERICANS. The sacrifice which would not mean more than the death of a few million other for America or the rest of the world, but more millions of other, more violent vengeance and greater suffering through the world. The victory of other totalitarianism or imperialism over totalitarianism or imperialism would be a victory for all humanity.
3. WE BELIEVE THE CONTINUATION OF THIS WAR FOR THE NUMBER OF YEARS IT SHOULD LAST WOULD MEAN OUR COMPLETE AND FINAL DESTRUCTION OF OUR COUNTRY. First, by continuing the war and the destruction of our land into a burden of the world. Second, by continuing the war and the destruction of our land into a burden of the world. Third, by continuing the war and the destruction of our land into a burden of the world.
4. WE BELIEVE THE VICTORY OF EITHER SIDE WILL BRING ABOUT THE DESTRUCTION OF THE REMAINDER OF THE HUMAN RACE. For neither side is any more than a puppet of the world. The victors of either side will have to accept their responsibilities and cooperate with the world.
5. WE BELIEVE THE CONTINUATION OF THIS SENSELESS WASTE OF LIFE AND PROPERTY IS THE GREATEST AND FINEST YOUNG MEN OF ALL THE BELIEF IN THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY. We urge everyone desiring such action to join the organization.

One of the embarrassing accusations these days is that the advocates of peace is doing what Hitler wants. The simple answer is that if America's welfare and Hitler's pleasure do happen to coincide on occasion the good American must think of his countrymen when. Ask the befuddled questioner if he would destroy America in order not to please Hitler. Then ask him how he happens to know what Hitler wants.

*Haase was an America First organizer. Here's what the Nightshirt sheets carried about him*

**PUBLICITY**  
*Facing Sedition Charge*  
**TO WORK EFFECTIVELY** Apr. 30  
**ORGANIZE NOW**  
 The anti-American forces in this country are well organized. That is why they are succeeding. To fight them we too must organize.  
 War is our country's greatest enemy. To end it—to bring about a lasting peace, likewise calls for organization.  
 To do your part join a PEACE organization. If there are none in your neighborhood, start a Chapter of AMERICANS FOR PEACE. Write for suggestions.  
**AMERICANS FOR PEACE**  
 1165 Broadway, Room 101, New York City, N. Y.

**THE BROOM**  
*New Baiting Sheet*  
**MAY 4**  
**Ingersoll and Haase Seek to Organize Peace Movement**

Office at 1165 Broadway, New York City, is given as headquarters of the New Effort to Abolish War  
 (THE FORUM, Stockton, Calif.)

Charles H. Ingersoll is one of the most tireless men. The older he grows, the more active he seems to be. Associated with him is Horace J. Haase. Their names appear upon a 12-page paper, The State Courier, issued in connection with a campaign in New Jersey to substitute rent for taxes.

Among their activities is an effort to organize a movement to unite the people for the abolishment of war. Below is a circular issued from 1165 Broadway, concerning their peace organization:

**From The Atlantic To The Pacific AMERICANS FOR PEACE**

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# May Issue of Scott's 'Money' Ruled Seditious by P.O....

## Scott Quoted and Touted Pro-Fascists

The office mate of Horace Haase (see preceding page) is John Scott, who regards himself as a sincere "reformer" but who has identified himself with pro-Fascists of every hue.

One of the most tragic phenomena of the pro-Fascist movement in this country has been its ability to attract followers of the old-line school of monetary reform—the Greenback Party, the Free Silverites, and the later-day advocate of a labor-unit dollar. Scott affords a good case history of this phenomenon.

Since the war, Scott's magazine *Money*, while still devoted in great part to an analysis of monetary reform, has attacked our war effort.

*Money's* principal theme is that the Administration's interest in the war is in upholding the gold standard. In the May issue, ruled seditious by the P. O. Dept., it charges that "alleged Japanese atrocities remind us of those perpetrated on Americans by the Money Lords during the last Depression."

A front page article, headed *Listen Suckers*, was carried in the March issue.

"Ersatz money did 90 per cent of the business of America in peacetime. It may do more in wartime. . . . Some shell-game sucker. Remember Hog Harbor."

(*PM is not concerned now with the pros and cons of Scott's monetary ideas. Today the real enemy is the Axis powers. After the war, there will be time to debate monetary reform.*)

Before the war, *Money* championed a negotiated peace.

After the war came, *Money* argued that technically the U. S. A. attacked Japan first. (*This is sheer, deliberate distortion.*)

In 1937, *Money* praised Robert Noble, recently indicted on a charge of criminal conspiracy to libel Gen. MacArthur.

In 1939, *Money* carried material from Edward Holten James, now under arrest for criminal libel of President Roosevelt.

In 1939, *Money* carried material from George W. Christians, now under arrest on sedition charges.

*Money* consistently has hailed Coughlin as a great monetary-reform leader.

On the policy board of *Money* for the last five years has been Mrs. E. Sabier (Margaret P.) Welch of Boston, a wealthy socialite.

Mrs. Welch is also an interesting case study.

In 1933, after Hitler came to power, she and her husband visited Germany. Reproduced to the right is the article she wrote for the late Boston *Evening Transcript* on her return. A few of the sentences she wrote bear repetition.

"But especially they (she and her husband) saw happy faces everywhere, eager with hope for a new Germany, and they realized that the Germans are a fortunate people, fortunate in high ideals of service to their country and in the guidance of a great leader . . .

"Yes, these two amazed Bostonians (she and her husband) envied the German people, and at their journey's end returned the universal salute with heartfelt warmth—'Heil Hitler.'"

In 1939, Mrs. Welch was chairman of the

*Here is the bunk Scott has been preaching*

**MONEY** TO RELEASE ABUNDANCE

Published monthly by John G. Scott, 1165 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

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**Our foolish fixers, however, are more interested in reducing the length of shirt tails than in winning any war. This fixer mania is spreading to the Justice Dept. Speech and press must be fixed. All praise and no criticism is becoming a rule. The above criticism of fixers no doubt will be branded by fixers as "hot off the short wave from Berlin." Berlin, hell!**

**If we lose this war a lot of the blame can be laid to foolish fixers.**

*Apr. 1942*

**America behaves as if a gang of international crooks dictated military, civil and financial polity. These crooks must gloat on our military defeats, for, as Phil. La-Folette says, every defeat means more debt; and every billion increase of debt means more usury, more dead hand of mortgage on our country and our lives.**

**This gang of crooks want the bravest to die, so the remaining weaklings may be enslaved to them, harnessed to pull the mighty load of debt and interest, time without end.**

*Dec. 1941*

**THE ROBERTS' REPORT shows that technically the U. S. attacked Japan before Japan attacked U. S. Excerpts: "Between**

**politics. The Duke is the former Marquis of Tavistock, and a great monetary radical. He champions a negotiated peace now and the use of his good peace sense is smeared with the brand of Quisling.**

*Oct. 1937*

**Robert Noble, 1731 N. Highland Avenue, Hollywood, California, leader of the movement called "\$25 Every Monday Morning", gets out a rattling good 12-page paper of the same name. The**

*July 1939*

**George W. Christians, Chattanooga, Tenn., writes: "Poor Blind Mice: Because of their lack of**

*July 1939*

**Their founder, Edward Holton James, writes us June 14th: "You**

Mothers, Fathers and Sons Neutrality Club. In September of that year she resigned when the club voted, 40 to 2, to favor raising of the arms embargo. She was treasurer of the Greater Boston America First Committee. She defended Lindbergh's Jew-baiting Des Moines speech as not anti-Semitic.

Mrs. Welch, when asked her position on *Money*, said her name was on the policy board with her full knowledge and approval and that she had contributed nominal sums to the magazine. She characterized the magazine as interested only in monetary reform. When asked if she approved all the ma-

terial in post-war issues, she said that she did not and had written Scott objection to certain articles. She said she had not asked to have her name removed as a policy board member. Also on the policy board, since [unclear], Willis A. Overholser of Libertyville, Ill. Overholser was chairman of the Libertyville

*Mrs. Welch was Treasurer, Greater Boston America First Committee*

*Overholser was Chairman, Libertyville America First Chapter He defends Joe McWilliams*

*Money Nov. 1939*  
**Mrs. Margaret P. Welch, Boston writes:** "This war is really a war of the gold-owning countries to force the non-gold countries to borrow gold, rather than trade by barter."

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**FREDERICK OVERHOLSER**  
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However, getting around to the Midwest Monetary Federation. Yes, I am the President of that organization, and I am mighty proud of it. During the short time that

However, the one big gripe of you of the East, apparently is one Joseph McWilliams. I don't have any distinct recollection of having heard anything about McWilliams until Mr. Keating spoke to me about him a few days before I met him for the first time at our offices in Chicago a month and a half or so ago. It seems that he is a man of considerable renown in New York but until quite recently he was just another nonentity in Chicago.

When I first met Mr. McWilliams, I immediately recognized in him a man of strong intellect, outstanding personal magnetism and great ability. It is a habit with so many people who have been active in monetary reform work to become extremely jealous when they meet up with a character of that type, but not in the Midwest Monetary Federation. We are looking for people of great character and great ability.

Next, as a means of discrediting McWilliams, he is quoted as having made various pro-Hitler or pro-German statements in speeches at various times prior to December 7, 1941. I have called Mr. McWilliams' attention to some of these quotations, including those set forth in your Weekly News Letter No. 31, and he informs me that at most they are distortions of what he actually did say and impart different meanings from the statements which he made. After considering the type of man which I have found McWilliams to be (which is vastly different from the picture presented by his slanderers) and after noting first hand how the newspapers distort and try to develop scandal where it does not exist, I am forced to place more credit in what McWilliams says than in any of the statements which I have seen in print.

copies of this letter are being forwarded and to form some basis for showing to our own members how positively groundless the various attacks upon us are.

Very truly yours,  
*Wendell Overholser*  
 Willis A. Overholser

**Two Bostonians Discover It Is Possible to Admire Hitler**

Mr. and Mrs. E. Sohler Welch Return with a New Insight on the Progress of Re-Born Germany Under Its Stormy Leader  
 TRANSCRIPT JUL 1 1939  
 By Margaret P. Welch

"HEIL HITLER!"

THE words tumbled from the mouth of a babe in a perambulator who gravely raised his fat arm in formal salute. "Heil Hitler!" The words rang noisily from every gang of small boys at play in every village square; shrilly, from all the little girls in pigtail standing shyly on their doorsteps; lustily, from the throats of youths hiking along back country roads; reverently and religiously from the older men and women at work in the fields or busy with errands in city streets. The greeting sprang to every lip, every right arm saluted.

The recipients were two Bostonians who had returned this spring to see more of a Germany that had so cordially entertained them together with other Boston yachtsmen (and that had so skillfully defeated them) at Kiel in 1930 and to renew their acquaintance with one of their charming hosts, Doctor Roderick Schlubach of Hamburg.

(Dr. Schlubach also said that as the "brains" of the Communist party, the Jews had represented a grave menace to the State.)

tening. They watched the famous "May-Day Parades" in Augsburg and neighboring towns, where everyone, man, woman and child, participated without distinction of social rank or office; they listened over the radio to the mass meeting in Berlin; they sat in country inns and listened to the men and women singing over their beer; they saw Jewish travelers treated like themselves to the greatest courtesy; they saw law and order firmly but pleasantly enforced; they saw no riots, no mal-treatment of any human being. But especially they saw happy faces everywhere, eager with hope for a new Germany, and they realized that the Germans are a fortunate people, fortunate in high ideals of service to their country and in the guidance of a great leader. A bloodless revolution had taken place with a regeneration of the finest national spirit, under the leadership of a man who, mistrusted at first by conservative and radical alike, had in the first two months of his four years' grant of power, gained their confidence and rallied them to his cause. "Dr. Schlubach, salary whatever! And most constructive of all, Hitler proposes to draft all boys and girls of nineteen, rich or poor, for a year's service to their country, in the forests, on the roads, in the fields, in bakeries, carpentry and machine shops, so that they might learn the brotherhood of common sacrifice to a great ideal—William James's own idea of a "Moral Equivalent for War."

Yes, these two amazed Bostonians envied the German people, and at their journey's end returned the universal salute with heartfelt warmth—"Heil Hitler!"

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*The Yearbook Quoted Hitler as a Money Expert*

FEC chapter. He is currently the president of the Midwest Monetary Federation, with offices in Chicago.

Joe McWilliams, rabid Jew-baiter, and Nazi-lover, currently is working for the Federation.

Last month, a fyleaf advertising McWilliams as a public-speaking teacher for the Federation was inserted in copies of *Social Justice* distributed in the Chicago area.

Overholser thinks McWilliams is a fine young man, as evidenced by excerpts from a letter by him reproduced to the right.

Overholser is listed as one of eight men who, in 1940, published the *Honest Money Year Book*.

Among the monetary-reform experts quoted in that book were Hitler; W. I. Cameron, Ford's radio spokesman; Rep. James C. O'Neil of Maine, who campaigned in 1936 on the Coughlin-Lemke-Townsend ticket; and Noble of the \$30 Every Wednesday plan. The editor regretted they could not obtain copyright clearance on a speech

by Coughlin. Scott praised the *Honest Money Year Book* in his magazine. Copies of *Money* distributed in the Middle West list former Rep. Charles G. Binderup of Nebraska as editor. Binderup, since Pearl Harbor, has advertised his money reform book in *Publicity*.