

Women Firsters Are In Again



'Women United' Opposes Conscription of Women

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Women United, discredited offshoot of the America First Committee, is back in business.

They've opened up shop in a dismal, barely furnished one-room office on the 11th floor of 545 Fifth Ave., with Mrs. Beatrice Brown, associate of many American Fascists, as chairman.

Yesterday, Women United opened its campaign to create as much national disunity as possible. It had a secret conference in Room 807, 545 Fifth Ave., "to oppose conscription of women for Army service."

Admission was by letter only, a letter which described the women's conscription bill as immoral and a blow to the country's morale.

Sent to Friends

The letter was sent to "friends," the usual list of pro-Fascists, Roosevelt-haters and anti-Semites. Of the letter's seven paragraphs, two concern the conscription bill, five "the menace of Communism," the latest Axis line bugaboo.

"That Communism is a real menace to our war effort is shown by the writings of Washington correspondents and others in our daily press," the letter states over Mrs. Brown's signature.

This statement is identical in theme with the current Nazi campaign of psychological warfare the Axis is waging against the U. S. A.

Before Pearl Harbor, Women United was against every item of the President's foreign policy, including:

¶ Aid to Britain, Russia and China.

¶ The Selective Service Act.

¶ Repeal of the Neutrality Act.

They worked with pro-Fascists:

¶ George E. Deatherage, nightshirt Fascist head of the Knights of the White Camellia, who was kicked out of a job on a Navy project.

¶ Robert M. Harriss, Father Coughlin's financial representative in the East.

¶ The convicted Nazi agent, Laura Ingalls, No. 2 isolationist aviator.

¶ Ida M. Cooper, New York representative of Elizabeth Dilling, the Chicago Red-baiter.

Curious Statement

Curiously, Women United now state:

"We are heartily back of our Government taking every precaution against Nazi and Fascist sympathizers — as shown by their elimination of Deatherage of the White Camellias . . ."

It was Deatherage who wrote to Women United on Apr. 14, 1941, suggesting:

"Your literature does not need to state the word *Jew*. All you have to do in order to place the blame where the people can understand it is to accuse the international banker."

Judging by some of the meetings spon-

sored by Women United and attended by a collection of Bundists, pro-Nazi Christian Fronters and American Fascists, the advice was heeded.

Women United works only from 2 to 5 p.m. daily. That's the only time Mrs. Brown can get away from her advertising and printing business at 480 Lexington Ave. She has been an associate of:

¶ Allan Zoll, local pro-Fascist rabble-rouser and Coughlinite, who is still under indictment in New York County for extortion.

¶ Catherine Curtiss of Women Investors in America, friend and collaborator of Laura Ingalls.

¶ Mrs. Gloss Edwards, Jew-baiting head of the Committee for the Preservation of America.

Associated with Mrs. Brown in Women United is Mrs. Rose De Lucca, former secretary of the America First Committee in Queens; Mrs. Elizabeth Nixdorff, treasurer, a close friend of Rep. Jeannette Rankin, only member of Congress to vote against the war declaration, and Mrs. Marie Erway Randby, formerly associated with the violently anti-Semitic Paul Revere Sentinels.