

From Strike-Breaker to Morale Breaker

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(Second of two articles)

In 1937, Joseph P. Kamp, notorious strikebreaker and head of the equally notorious "Constitutional Educational League" wrote and distributed thousands of copies of a 60-page pamphlet titled "Join the CIO—And Help Build a Soviet America."

During the next few years, the pamphlet was distributed in 2000,000 copies throughout the country.

Kamp is now author of a new booklet, one that undoubtedly has found its place upon Gcebbels recommended list, a booklet which attacks the nation's war effort, the Roosevelt Administration — and trade union officials active in government war agencies. In brief, a treasonous bit of defeatist propaganda. Title of Kamp's latest fascist literary effort is "How To Win The War—And How To Lose What We're Fighting For."

Kamp's latest booklet slanders such union officials as Sidney Hillman, Joseph Curran, Walter Reuther and others, all engaged in important war production activities.

In the preceding article, we discussed Kamp's "How To Win The War — And How To Lose What We're Fighting For." We also carried an interview with Kamp, which indicted him as one whose chief aim apparently is to spread suspicion and distrust against the

Roosevelt Administration by attempting to red-bait government leaders such as Vice-President Wallace, Harold Ickes, Harry Hopkins and many others.

Kamp's protestations in his booklet that the people must "Clean House Now!" in order to win the war cannot in the least hide the true purpose of the booklet—defeatist propaganda. The booklet's principal message is Berlin's theme on the short waves: that "Bolshevism" controls the Roosevelt Administration.

Just who is Joseph P. Kamp who has offices at 342 Madison Ave. here and offices in New Haven, and Madison, Wisconsin?

Nominally he is head of the "Constitutional Educational League." By profession he is a strike-breaker and a stooge in past years for big open shop interests. He is fascist-minded.

From 1932 to 1936, as we mentioned in the previous article, Kamp was executive editor of the openly fascist publication "The Awakener," published by fascist-minded Lawrence Dennis.

But for years before and after that period, Kamp issued a steady stream of pamphlets and leaflets under the name of "Constitutional Educational League" against unions

and workers on strike.

In 1932, Kamp aroused the anger of the trade unions when he brazenly intervened in a walkout of shoe workers at the big I. Miller plant in Long Island City and held anti-union rallies, packed with stooges and strike-breakers in front of the I. Miller plant.

In that same walkout, he issued leaflets with the slogan "Are You Against the Government?" attacking the union.

Kamp popped into the limelight again in February, 1934, in a walkout of textile workers in Jewitt City, Conn.

And again during 1937 walkout at the Yonkers, N. Y., carpet mills of Alexander Smith and Sons, Kamp tried unsuccessfully to intimidate the workers from voting for the CIO in a National Labor Relations Board election.

In between jobs of open strike-breaking, Kamp's "Constitutional Education League" continued to pour out its printed vituperations against the trade unions, meanwhile employing a pack of labor spies and provocateurs to do whatever work he was called upon to do for anti-union firms.

Kamp also acted as connecting link between open shop employers and Texas Congressmen Martin

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Dies, Clare E. Hoffman of Michigan, and Hamilton Fish of New York. Dies and Fish he quoted continually in his red-baiting anti-union pamphlets and leaflets. But for Congressman Hoffman he did a special job. In 1937, Kamp published a 60-page booklet titled "Communism's Iron Grip On The CIO," a rehash of Rep. Hoffman's diatribes against the unions which appeared in the Congressional Record. [Rep. Hoffman yesterday was called before the Federal Grand Jury in Washington which is investigating pro-Axis activities in this country.—Ed.]

In Rep. Hoffman's inimitable tory style, the booklet was a masterpiece of vague assertions, hysterical allegations and outright distortions. It was widely distributed in all industrial areas where the CIO was conducting organization drives. It was aimed not only at the CIO but at the whole labor movement.

Kamp's vicious strike-breaking role was amply demonstrated during the LaFollette Committee investigations of violations of civil liberties and subsequent Senate hearings held in Washington in 1938.

An instance:

Vice president of Republic Steel Corp., Charles White, on the stand as a witness during hearings of

violence against steel strikers, asked permission to read a "document" purporting to show that the CIO steel union was "Communist." His "document" proved to be Kamp's "Join The CIO And Help Build A Soviet America"—a pamphlet which the LaFollette Committee had previously exposed as simply the effusions of a strike-breaker named Kamp.

In March, 1940, when the NLRB directed the Baldwin Locomotive Co., of Eddystone, Pa., to disband its company union, the board stated in its decision the company had used labor spies to distribute Kamp's phony pamphlet.

But Kamp is still in business. His anti-labor and strike-breaking racket is shattered now. All of labor and hundreds of patriotic employers are working shoulder to shoulder to smash the Axis.

Kamp now has a new version of the same theme. He has performed the logical metamorphosis from an avowed strike-breaker to a disrupter for the enemy within our shores.

Kamp's latest booklet is every bit as insidious against our war effort as anything Coughlin is still permitted to publish. The recently nabbed Pelley was not a whit more dangerous to our war effort than Kamp.

It is time for the government to put a stop to the disruptive activities of Mr. Kamp and his "Constitutional Educational League."