Mrs. Dilling-Hitler Testifies in Washington

• Fighting President Roosevelt's appointment of Prof. Frankfurter to the Supreme Court, the notorious Mrs. Dilling, professional red-baiter, calmly told a Senate committee:

"I ought to be in jail for what I have not said about Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt."

With such jeering confession of treasonable dreams of violence, this lady performed the service for which the official Hitler press of Berlin now is loudly, and the Wall Street anti-New Deal forces are secretly praising her.

Mrs. Dilling's well-practiced venom on the "red network," and the well-planned Jewbaiting of her associate, Mr. A. Zoll of the New York Nazi Bund, were wildly acclaimed last night in Berlin.

"Mrs. Dilling Made No Bones About Calling Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Dangerous Radicals," crowed Hitler's press last night. "Anti-Semitism Growing in the United States," it proclaimed on the basis of Mr. Zoll's "testimony" that the appointment of Prof. Frankfurter was not "racially" proper.

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In this brief glimpse, the American people have a clear view of the sinister, proHitler conspiracies which are now hatching rapidly in the Tory circles fighting the New Deal. Hitler methods and Hitler hatreds are fast becoming their main weapons.

For, let there be no mistake about this—these crackpot "witnesses," drooling their half-mad screams about the "red network" and "aliens," do not speak for themselves alone.

Behind these miserable puppets, there are powerful political forces with headquarters in Wall Street. There is a very good reason why the leading newspapers of this country gave to these raving "witnesses" all the generous space necessary for their two-day tirades. There is a very good reason why the Senators of the committee who hate the New Deal did not see fit to stop the pogrom talk which caused Senator Borah to declare with "such talk Hitler has drenched Europe with blood."

The fact is that these frothing torrents of Jew-baiting and religious bigotry speak the secret thoughts which the more "respectable" newspapers and the Hoovers do not dare to speak out in the open.

Religious liberty and tolerance are the cornerstones of our American democracy. The virus of anti-Semitism and such anti-Catholic fanaticism as we have known in the Ku Klux Klan and Know-Nothing madnesses have no place in our national life. One breeds the other as a swamp breeds rotten weeds. Today the reactionary bigots yell "Jew"; tomorrow they will shriek with equal venom "Catholic" or "Popery."

We have just had a whiff of a witches' brew which comes from the bloody kitchens of the Berlin-Rome-Tokio mass murderers waving the swastika.