

PROMOTER OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN THE U. S. A
AMERICA'S BIGGEST UNION HATER IS A CHIEF

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On May 11, 1937, the then U.S. Ambassador to Germany, William E. Dodd, warned the American people that a certain billionaire in this country was plotting a fascist dictatorship.

Speaking from his post in the Nazi hell-hole of hunger, enslavement and pogroms, Ambassador Dodd stated in a letter to Sen. Robert E. Bulkley, Democrat of Ohio, as follows:

"There are individuals of great wealth who wish for a dictatorship (in the U. S.) and are ready to help another Huey Long.

"ONE MAN, I HAVE BEEN TOLD BY PERSONAL FRIENDS, WHO OWNS NEARLY A BILLION DOLLARS IS READY TO SUPPORT SUCH A PLAN AND, OF COURSE, CONTROL IT." There were numerous newspaper stories which openly pointed to Henry Ford as the "one man."

For Ford—one of the richest men in the world—along with such financial titans as Rockefeller, Morgan, duPont and the Mellon interests—has a long record of setting himself above the law of the land.

He has been defying the New Deal from the NRA to the Wagner Labor Act—contemptuously snapping his fingers at the American people from whom he garners his fabulous profits.

And it was Henry Ford who first introduced the fraudulent anti-Jewish Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion to a baffled America in the early twenties. The Protocols were lynch incitements against Jewish peoples, in violation of their constitutional right to religious freedom and equality.

The infamous Protocols turned out to be a scandalous hoax virtually without parallel in American history.

"PLOT" SLANDER

It is not necessary here to go into the full criminally disgusting content of the Protocols. But it suffices to say that they told of an alleged "international Jewish plot" to destroy "protestant white gentile civilization." They held the Jewish people responsible for all the world's ills—strikes, wars, insurrections, epidemics, disasters, revolutions, crime, drunkenness and immorality—in fact, for every catastrophe except tornadoes, earthquakes, and electric storms.

The "originals" of the Protocols were presented to Ford as a "brand new discovery" by one Boris Brasol, at the time a secretary of King Henry, and who happened to be a white guard Russian, that is, a true exponent of Czarist pogroms.

Finally, an outraged American opinion leading to a libel suit against Ford by a Jewish lawyer, made the auto baron apologize, and confessed that his pet Protocols were colossal forgeries.

Said Ford, openly admitting the forgery of the Protocols:

"I deem it my duty as an honorable man to make amends for the wrong done to the Jews as fellow men and brothers, by asking their forgiveness for the harm I have unintentionally committed, by retracting so far as lies within my power the offensive charges laid at their door and by giving them the unqualified assurance that henceforth they may look to me for friendship and good will."

Sounds repentant, doesn't it? But let's see how the breast-beating Ford "retracted."

STILL USES CAMERON

The man who today makes the anti-labor "super-American" speeches over the radio on the Ford hour is William J. Cameron, King Henry's secretary and former editor of Ford's old hate-the-Jew "Dearborn Independent," in which the forged Protocols first saw the light of day in America.

During his editorship Cameron was Ford's contact man with anti-Semitic agencies all over the world. Cameron is still one of Ford's leading propagandists—with not the slightest evidence of having changed his anti-Semitic spots.

Other examples of how Ford acted after his sham "retraction" are:

1. Ford gave Fritz Kuhn, Hitler's direct American agent, his "first start in life" by employing him as a chemist in the Ford Michigan empire. Immediately a renewed anti-Semitic campaign began in the Ford barony and all the Nazis in America began buzzing around Fordville until

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now we have Kuhn's fascist uniformed Bund.

2. While Ford "apologized" for the Protocols he said nothing about his own auto-biography entitled "My Life and Work," in which, under his own pen, he repeated and endorsed the worst of his vicious anti-Jewish campaign. (See "The Flivver King," by Upton Sinclair.)

3. The Protocols stirred up a witches brew out of which was hatched the terrorist Black Legion, which made a specialty of murder, and attacks against labor organizers. One Negro worker, Silas Coleman, was murdered by Legionnaires "just for the hell of it."

4. And when Ford's stormtrooper service men use guns, tear gas and brass knuckles against members of the CIO United Automobile Workers of America, it is a combination of Ford's "retracted" Protocols and Kuhn's streamlined Hitler methods of smashing labor unions.

5. Styling himself as an "independent rugged individualist," Ford is today the most arrogant, open shop, anti-social tyrant in America. He is the only one of the big auto manufacturers who pays no attention whatever to the Wagner Act except to defy it. He stands condemned by the National Labor Relations Board of using hired gangsters and thugs to assault CIO labor organizers. He maintains an arsenal and a Gestapo spy system to prevent Ford workers from joining labor unions.

OTHERS JOIN FORD

Fordism is Hitlerism—a menace to the security, democracy and progress of the entire American people. Thus stands Henry Ford the number one Jew-baiter of American history.

But while the billionaire Ford gave the toboggan of anti-Semitism its first hefty push down the hills of reaction in America, it is being pushed today by still other powerful financial interests.

The Hearsts and the Coughlins however do not openly admit as yet that they are gilding the Protocol theories of Ford.

But Hitler has taken the villainous lies and slanders against the Jewish people, put a coat of paint over them and dressed them up as "racial theories."

According to the Nazi dictator, the world is divided into "superior" Aryans and "inferior" non-Aryans, with the Nazis being the "cream of the Aryan crop."

This "racial theory" is however on a par with his planned madness and his fantastic and savage coups. The reactionary claim of "higher" and "lower" races has been disproven by every reputable scientist and anthropologist in the world.

For example, Dr. Franz Boas, world famous anthropologist, in discussing the question of "higher" and "lower" races in the "Mind of Primitive Man," says:

"... It must be strongly emphasized that the races which we are accustomed to call 'higher races' do not by any means stand in all respects at the end of the series, and are farthest removed from the animal. The European and the Mongol have the largest brains; the European has a small face and a high nose—all features farther removed from the probable animal ancestor of man than the corresponding features of other races. On the other hand, the European shares lower characteristics with the Australian, both retaining in the strongest degree the hairiness of the animal ancestor, while the specifically human development of the red lip is developed most markedly in the Negro. The proportions of the limbs of the Negro are also more markedly distinct from the correspondingly proportions in the higher apes than are those of the European."

ATTACKS ALL PROGRESSIVES

Thus the Nazi "racialism" is a huge pretext for carrying out the most savage crimes against the Jewish people and other minorities just as his so-called "anti-Communist" pact serves as a thin veil for assaults against world democracy and peace.

Neither is the mythical conception of a "pure" or "higher" race a stranger to America. It is a part of the underworld ritual

of the shirted gangs which in this country prate about a "pure white gentile Protestant" type.

Such is the creed of the Ku Klux Klan, the Black Legion, the Crusaders, the Defenders of the Christian Faith,—all of which terrorize not only Catholics, Jews and Negroes but labor and progressives of every denomination.

In the name of "white supremacy" the Southern Tory Democrats sidetracked the anti-lynching bill, and nullify the constitutional rights of 9 million Negro citizens.

Aryanism, Ku Kluxism, and the anti-Semitism which found its justification in Ford's Protocols are blood-brothers under the skin and are alien and subversive to American democracy. This country—from the landing of the Pilgrims—was born out as a land of political and religious asylum from the tyrants of Europe. Religious freedom and equality are bedrock principles of the Constitution.

the whole world into the abyss of war, hunger and barbarism. It is the strategy of the Hitler-Streicher Jew-baiters to divert the indignation of the German and Austrian people against the Jewish people instead of against fascism.

"BANKER" SLANDER

Anti-Semitism in America serves the same purpose: divide and rule. (This is why Coughlin yells the "Jews are the international bankers." Actually only 3 per cent of the investment banking is done by Jews when J. P. Morgan, one firm alone, does 20 per cent. We shall discuss this at length in the next article.)

Twenty-seven million Americans—of all races, colors and creeds—elected the New Deal administration, but the fascists and anti-Semites yell that the "New Deal is a Jew Deal." In the New Deal administration there are Jews, Gentiles, Catholics, Protestants—Negro and white—and the reactionaries single out the Jews, as the first line of their attack against the entire progressive administration. That is the strategy of divide and rule.

The reactionaries set Jew against Gentile, Negro against white, Protestant against Catholic, foreign born against American born.

"Split up the American people into a thousand and one races, religions and creeds and through the openings drive to a fascist Wall Street dictatorship. Let's find a scapegoat. That will turn the people's attention from us—and we'll have an unfettered hand to kill President Roosevelt's recovery program, wages-hours and anti-lynching legislation, and then we'll have free wheeling for unlimited profits, privilege and fascism."

That is the strategy of the Hearsts, the Coughlins, the Fords, the shot-gun Girdlers and the big monopolies!

FASCIST COMPANY

And this is not the first time that the Wall Street Tories have used anti-Semitism and race-hatred as weapons in an attempt to achieve their political ends. But each time it becomes more dangerous. It was just 1936 when bi-partisan American Liberty League—consisting of Tammany Democrats and reactionary Republicans, led by Wall Street—united with the underworld terrorist gangs in an effort to put in power the Hearst-Landon-Knox ticket. The top-hats of Wall Street

mingled with the such hooded heads and shirted gangs as the traitors of the Republic, the Cruisers of the Ku Klux Klans, the Knights of the White Camellia—which are anti-Semitic and go to the core. They were a powerhouse which the people

overwhelmingly. While the people repudiated the powerhouse in 1936, it is more powerful than ever in 1938 sending fascist currents into American

Joseph Stalin accurately pictures the anti-Semitic reactionary technique, when he declared:

Anti-Semitism, as the extreme form of racial chauvinism, is the most dangerous relic of cannibalism. Anti-Semitism is of advantage to exploiters as a lightning conductor which enables capitalism to evade the blow of the toilers."

These words inspire the American people to relentless struggle against anti-Semitism as the handmaiden of barbarism and fascism which threatens the entire nation.

(Next article: The technique of anti-Semitism in the United States.)

AMERICAN TRADITION

As Secretary Ickes said in a recent radio address:

"American was founded on the theory of liberty; liberty for every man to live his own life in his own way, subject only to the rights of others to live their own lives in their own way; political liberty; liberty of religion; liberty of conscience.

"One of the proudest traditions of our America is that its gates have always stood open to the politically oppressed from all parts of the world. Our land is richer in humanity for the thousands of Irish who have become a part of us. Protestants and Catholics and Jews have come and have found a welcome."

The traditions and institutions of democracy have been built out of the American melting pot which contains all races creeds and colors. Any assault upon the one of these endangers the democratic rights of all.

The really pure Americans are those people who believe in and support the democratic institutions of this country which are now under attack by the fascists and reactionary anti-Semites.

But anti-Semitism has its purpose. And that purpose is not "racial" but political, economic and social. It's purpose is to divide and rule.

For Hitler, anti-Semitism camouflages the fascist juggernaut as it smashes labor unions, destroys progressive organizations, stifles culture, persecutes the Catholics—and as it seeks to drag



Henry Ford, right, perpetrated the most revolting slander of the century on the Jewish people by publishing in his scurrilous Dearborn Independent the fraudulent Protocols of Zion, an incitement to lynch law. He later "apologized" for the slander but not long afterward sheltered Fritz Kuhn, left, now leader of the Nazi German American Bund, by giving him a job as chemist in his Dearborn plant. A Dearborn Bund was the immediate result.