

800 GROUPS LINKED TO ANTI-SEMITISM

Rev. L. M. Birkhead Charges
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Kansas City Pastor Reports
Findings to Institute for
Study of Propaganda

Since Hitler came into power, 800 organizations have been formed in this country with the dual purpose of spreading anti-Semitism and undermining the democratic form of government, the Rev. L. M. Birkhead, national director of Friends of Democracy, charged yesterday. Arriving here from Kansas City, Mo., where he is pastor of the All Souls Unitarian Church, to attend a series of conferences called by the Institute for Propaganda Analysis, Mr. Birkhead joined with educators and statesmen to chart a program of defense against the Nazi-inspired groups. Bearing "documentary evidence" of the direct connection between Nazi Germany and the anti-Semitic organizations,

Reich Writers Stalk Out As Lima Talk Flays Nazis

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.
LIMA, Peru, Dec. 13.—Five German correspondents at the Pan-American Conference stalked out of a committee session today to show their displeasure over a speech attacking Germany.

The incident occurred as Dantes Bellegarde of Haiti declared that the Americas could not possibly have anything in common with a nation that had reverted to customs of the Middle Ages and had set man against man, race against race and class against class.

M. Bellegarde is well known for his stirring speeches at League of Nations sessions in Geneva.

Mr. Birkhead exhibited a trunkful of impressive pamphlets, stickers, leaflets and mimeographed material.

Not only are the 800 "anti-democratic" groups inspired from Germany, but most of them are now receiving direct subsidies from the Hitler government, Mr. Birkhead charged. Although the conference arranged by Professor Clyde R. Miller, director of the Institute for Propaganda Analysis, at the Hotel Gramercy, was not open to the press, Mr. Birkhead presented his findings in an interview following the meeting.

It was a grave picture, as drawn

by the Kansas City minister. Already one-third of the American people are infected with the Nazi propaganda, he indicated. Unless the leaders of American democracy immediately set to the task of "reselling democracy" to the masses, "there will be danger ahead," he said.

He called upon the Dies committee to investigate these "insidious" groups. In its investigation thus far the Dies committee has "muffed the ball," he said, as its major stress has not been upon that phase of un-Americanism that is of greatest danger to this country today.

"The Dies committee had a great and effective job to do, but for the most part it has failed," he declared. "It has permitted too much loose talk, too many rumors and unfounded charges to be presented. It has had zeal but not according to knowledge. Here are 800 organizations that are rallying the anti-democratic forces of this country about them—these should be studied objectively and thoroughly.

"The anti-Semitic banner is the standard around which all the anti-democratic forces are rallying. The country has been literally flooded with their propaganda."

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