

Time for the Next Move

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• That the poison of anti-Semitism is threatening to seep into the fabric of the nation's life is a menacing fact that challenges every progressive American, regardless of race, color or creed. It is equally obvious that this un-American curse is a part of Wall Street's reactionary campaign against the whole people—a campaign of divide and rule.

Additional confirmation of this spreading plague, and its sources, came yesterday in a report of the American Jewish Congress which has made a wide study of the matter throughout the country. The report "calls attention to the inequities directed against Jews by public utilities, such as the New York Telephone and the Consolidated Edison Company," both of which employ some 300,000 people in the State. The report, plainly, refers to the notorious anti-Semitic job policy of these monopolies—a policy which is also anti-Negro as was found just recently by the State Temporary Legislative Commission to Investigate Conditions Among Urban Negroes.

These same powerful utilities gouge the consumer, fight labor, attack the progressive TVA cheap power plan, and are otherwise the chief saboteurs against recovery. Thus the pro-fascist monopolies—arrogant practitioners of anti-Semitism and racial hatred in general—are the main enemies of the American people, and likewise must be curbed by the whole American people. Such brazen anti-Semitic—as well as anti-Negro—job-discrimination by these utilities is not only a violation of the principles of the Federal Constitution but it expressly violates the omnibus Amendment No. 1, which was recently added to the State Constitution. This amendment, now a part of the Bill of Rights, says in part:

"... No person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws of the State or any subdivision thereof or be subjected to any discrimination in his civil rights because of race, color, creed or religion, by any other person, firm, corporation or institution, or by the State or any agency or subdivision of the State."

With the words of the Constitution so plain and unmistakable, the next move is up to the State Attorney-General in seeing that they are enforced against the utility law-breakers.