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SEMITES and SAMARITANS

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—Anti-Semitism is the historic masterpiece of the Father of Lies.

IT SEEMS typical of the age in which we are living that a million followers of Rev. Charles Coughlin whose chief battle cry is hatred for a minority group of God's people take as their name "the Christian Front."

That this group is not called to account by more than a minority of Catholic priests would seem to warrant the assumption that anti-Semitism is not looked upon as a horrendous sin in the Catholic fold.

The analogous fact that only a minority of our 125,000 Protestant ministers speak out against this same group and similar Protestant groups is at least cause for serious reflec-

tion. Indeed it is this latter fact which concerns me here.

Does it mean that the ministers who accept Christ as their Savior have hatred for

the Jews in their hearts? Does it mean that ministers do not believe that organized anti-Semitism is a menace to all religions?

I have great faith in Protestant ministers. I have seen how they are torn and twisted by a materialistic world in which

they are attempting to bring the Light of the Bible to their people. I have seen how they have had to walk a tight-rope between denouncing economic royalists and sending their children to college.

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stone and tells us much indeed.

It is unfair to generalize. There are ministers thoroughly aware of the dangers of anti-Semitism and they are doing all in their power to rid America of this Christian sin. The *Protestant Digest* is co-operating with these ministers.

There is another group typified by the Rev. Gerald B. Winrod, publisher of *The Defender Magazine* (more than 100,000 circulation), which is definitely anti-Semitic and is stirring up hatred for the Jews in pulpit, through tracts and magazines and on the public platform. Inflamed with bigotry, these leaders are very difficult to deal with but their followers are reasonable God-fearing men who want the truth and here lies the opportunity of democracy's defenders.

The third group is perhaps largest of all. Many of this group are quite liberal in theology and have sizable city churches. They know that anti-Semitism exists, they may indulge in more or less "harmless" Jew-baiting themselves, but the whole subject bores them to tears. It is all "too

much of a bother." It is unimportant. More important is the church chicken supper, the badminton tournament, the address before the Rotary Club on "Hobbies." They know that in the drawing rooms of their parishioners it is quite polite to speak about "the Jews." One has nothing really against them but they are "so loud," "they tend to monopolize every business they go into," "they are unethical in the professions," and so on and so on.

This third group presents the greatest challenge of all. Their righteous indignation has become dissipated. They are slow to anger. They wish to pass by on the other side. These ministers, and I have talked with scores of them, hardly raise their eyebrows to remark: "What is all this hullabaloo about anti-Semitism. I see none of it."

I merely remark that the Protestant ministers of Germany and the Protestant theological professors accepted anti-Semitism until they found themselves shackled with Nazism and then it was too late to act.

Anti-Semitism is not in itself Fascism. But it is a form of

Fascism, it is a tool of Fascism to divide the people and it will, unless choked, most certainly lead to Fascism.

For those ministers who have difficulty in seeing the dangers ahead and who are looking the other way I have compiled the following facts which, I hope will enlist them with other Christians in combating this diabolical threat. This list is far from being exhaustive. It will do, however, to begin with.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—There are 140 separate organizations actively engaged in anti-Semitic activities in the United States today. Anti-Semitism has reached the highest citadel of respectability — the United States Senate. A recent speech by Senator Rufus C. Holman charges that Jewish political influence and money power are spurring the Roosevelt Administration into war against Germany. In the Congress, Representative John E. Rankin said: "Wall Street and a little group of our international Jewish brethren are still attempting to harass the President and the Congress of the United States into plunging into war."

OMAHA, NEBRASKA — A 50-page book written by Rev. Frank Woodruff Johnson called *The Octopus*, which blacklists hundreds of leading Jewish people in the United States, charges that the Jewish people, like an Octopus, are strangling America. The new hate textbook was launched by Rev. Gerald B. Winrod, publisher of *The Defender* magazine, Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling who wrote the *Red Network* and Charles B. Hudson.

WICHITA, KANSAS—Rev. Gerald B. Winrod's publication *The Defender* publishes an anti-Semitic article in nearly every issue. Mr. Winrod is pushing the sale of *The Octopus* and boasts that one housewife alone distributed 1,500 copies among ministers, Sunday school teachers, church workers, business men.

ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN—Father Charles E. Coughlin, who urged in a national radio hook-up, that his four million followers "use the Franco way" in America, has broken with the America First Committee and now plans a vigorous anti-Jewish drive. He has

his own weekly publication, *Social Justice* and hundreds of thousands of followers in New York, Boston, Detroit, Cincinnati and other cities.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The Brooklyn Tablet, official Roman Catholic diocesan paper in a letter by Father Joseph Deisz says, "The Jews and their Gentile slaves, lackeys and dupes have formed Tolerance Committees . . . Seven plagues on all these Committees."

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Lawrence Dennis, intellectual leader of native Fascists has written a book *The Coming American Fascism*.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Father Francis X. Talbot, Editor of the Jesuit paper *America*, defends Father Coughlin's Christian Front. He assisted Merwin K. Hart in writing the book *America Look At Spain*, which upholds the policies of Dictator Franco.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Father Edward Lodge Curran is Coughlin's chief spokesman in the East. He appears at Christian Front meetings, sponsors Front activities under the banner of other groups.

BREMERTON, WASHINGTON —Leaflet of the American Publishing Society: "Rabbi Morris Goldstein of San Francisco said on September 3, 1937, that: 'the United States is now the center of Judaism.' Meaning they have been driven out of all of the other nations, and now they think this country is their new Jer-USA-lem."

MONTANA — Ex-Congressman Thorkelson says, "We are as Jew-dominated as England and France, and as Germany was until 1933 (until Hitler came to power).

GLENDAL, CALIF.—From the *Christian Free Press*: "The most needed thing in the world today is a united front of all Christendom against the destructive power of international Jewry . . . (it is) evident to all that Communism is indeed Jewish and is the offspring of the abominable Talmudic Law."

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — *The Gentile American*: "Every man, woman and child in America should know there is no power in the Congress of the United States nor in any other law-making or law enforcing body,

nor in Jew-controlled press, to prevent our citizens from associating themselves together for the purpose of lawfully preventing native-born and alien Jews from doing in this country what they have done in Russia and tried to do in Spain and Germany."

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—From *The Gentile American*, published here: "Their sacred Talmud teaches Jews to conceal its contents, to discredit non-Jewish women and to be unfair in their dealings with Gentiles."

DETROIT, MICH.—"I am not saying that Ford knew as to the truth or falsity of every saying published in his 91 articles against the Jews. I am saying that the campaign was ordered by him and carried on with his knowledge."—Henry Ford's Editor, E. G. Pitt.

DETROIT, MICH.—Hundreds of thousands of copies of the Protocols have been circulated throughout the United States and Canada by the Anglo-Saxon Federation, W. J. Cameron's organization. Cameron is a Ford public relations man.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—"The

American gentiles are in the saddle; every congressman is our servant not the servant of the Jews. Our watchword is JEWS DON'T TREAD ON US AND JEWS SALUTE YOUR MASTERS"—in form letter of the "National Gentile League, Inc."

ST. ALBANS, W. VA.—Booklet of the American Nationalist Confederation: "The Jew problem is simply a political and economic one . . . either we rid ourselves of Jewish internationalism and imperialism or suffer ourselves to be wiped out as a free Christian people."

CHARLESTON, W. VA.—Leaflet of "The American Guard" called *War Mongers*: "Our international ruling class pleads with us to help it save western civilization from destruction . . . these voices are greased with hypocrisy and tuned by bloody Judah."

BOSTON, MASS.—Francis P. Moran, leader of the local Christian Front is showing the Nazi film "Sieg Im Westen" to audiences here and claims "1500 anti-Christians" in Washington are trying to sell out this country. He names Jews.