

Daily Mirror Guild Unit Accuses Boake Carter, 'Mirror' Columnist, of Duplicating Axis Line . . .

The grievance committee of the American Newspaper Guild's Daily Mirror Unit has presented to the Mirror management the following memorandum on Boake Carter's syndicated column, which the Mirror publishes.

The memorandum was printed in the July 14 issue of Copy, shop newspaper of the Mirror Guild Unit, together with this statement:

"The Committee asked the management to investigate use of the Mirror's columns for the spreading of propaganda which duplicates that of our Axis enemies and which gives aid and comfort to those enemies. . . . The management received this record on June 30. To date, the management has made no denial of the facts set forth and has made no objections to the conclusions drawn."

PM asked Hinson Stiles, managing editor of the Mirror, for a statement. His answer:

"We have absolutely no comment to make."
Here is the text of the Guild memorandum:

June 30, 1942.

DAILY MIRROR, INC.:

In an editorial on Mar. 20, entitled *United We Stand, Let No Enemy Divide Us*, the Daily Mirror said, in part:

"There must be a spiritual and psychological unity among the peoples of the 26 United Nations, a unity that can resist efforts of propagandists outside and divisionists inside to create destructive suspicion and friction. . . . Whenever we criticize . . . we have to be very careful how we do it, so we don't help Goebbels peddle the poison."

Because we believe wholeheartedly in the sentiments in this editorial, we call to your attention that Boake Carter, a Daily Mirror columnist, has consistently and directly attacked that unity, using all the poisonous devices of Goebbels and his hirelings. In so doing, he has argued for virtually all the 15 main points of Axis propaganda, ana-

lyzed by the Office of Facts and Figures in its study, *Divide and Conquer*.

Here, with dates of their publication in the Mirror, are examples of Carter's contributions of "destructive suspicion and friction":

MAY 1, speaking of the internment by Russia of the crew of an American bomber that raided Japan: "What kind of an ally is that? . . . Is that the conduct of a genuine friend and war ally? . . . For some reason, the Russians wanted to please the Japs, at the expense of the Americans. This ought to make America think."

MARCH 23: Carter elaborates on the Nazi race doctrine and implies there is a secret understanding between Stalin and Hitler to fight jointly against the "Anglo-Saxon-Celtic-Judaic peoples of the world." He concludes: "Though Germany and Russia are at war, their leaders' words

indicate a peculiar unanimity as to who the common enemy [to them] may be."

Stalin had declared that Russia did not wish to "wipe out" Germany; that she wished only to destroy Hitlerism.

MAR. 30: "The realities must include . . . possibility of a suspicion in high British government circles that Hitler and Stalin may not be the enemies they appear to be."

APR. 6: "Since Communism began in Germany and both Russia and Germany once before fought each other for high stakes—both coldly appraising Allied relationship with Russia—one should hold himself in readiness for anything out of Russia."

Sometimes, as above, Carter hints the Russians are about to make a separate peace with Hitler. At other times, as below, he damns them for their very determination to beat Hitler!

DEC. 23, 1941: "It is quite possible that Russia may be threatened by the ANGLO-SAXON group with suspension of lend-lease supplies unless Russia lets us use Siberian bases. . . . Moscow is primarily concerned with defeat of Hitler and not with whether Britain and America lose. I suspect Russia would not shed tears if we lost, providing Hitler also lost—at Russian hands. . . . With Japan in the picture fighting, Soviet objectives and ANGLO-SAXON objectives diverge."

Carter's Theory On Race War

Carter does not capitalize the phrase Anglo-Saxon. We do. We want to make it utterly clear what he is saying.

MAR. 16: Carter "discovers" that the ancient peoples of Assyria and Chaldea "migrated" and became the modern nations of Germany and Russia, respectively, "which continue a war against the ANGLO-SAXON-CELTIC-JUDAIC peoples." He quotes Isaiah to prove that Russia will provide Hitler with bases for his fleet. "Behold the land of the Chaldeans—this is the people that was not—Assyria hath founded her for fleets."

All are aware of Hitler's pretensions of fighting a "holy war." Here's how Carter helps him say it:

FEB. 19: "One wonders what Churchill meant when he said: 'We are now masters of our own destiny'. . . . That denies God's providence and protection. It is ironic that though Churchill took destiny into his own hands, hardly a week passed when that destiny slipped."

Thus does Carter sneer at the fall of Singapore.

FEB. 13: "The negative nations of the world, enemies of the Israel people, the ANGLO-SAXON-CELTIC-JUDAIC group, should find themselves under the head of a peculiar man, a traitor, who will disregard women and God. Hitler is the only man of the last 2000 years to possess every qualification named [in the Bible] for this leader of the attacking nations. . . . He will be successful only until he attains a certain position, until he fulfills certain punishments on another group for their Godlessness. Hitler has done all that."

FEB. 23: "The status of the Russo-German front is little likely to stop Hitler from moving toward his next objec-

tive. . . . Constant Allied losses indicate there is something wrong with Britain's leadership. . . . A lesson may be learned from a group of English . . . which claims that Britain is one of the lost tribes of Israel—Ephraim. . . . And Ephraim is become like a silly dove."

Hitler's "Lie No. 1" is "democracy is dying." Here is how Carter spreads it:

DEC. 1: "To fight a war, a nation must abandon liberties—if that war is to be won. The nation may win in battle, but if it is so ruined that it must continue its centralized dictatorship to maintain civil and social order, what has it won?"

A Sample of His Predictions

Carter then quotes, with approval, a statement by U. Saw, the Burmese traitor, subsequently interned by the British, that . . . "if a military inadequacy was a justification for denial of self-government then, certainly Canada and Australia—yes, even England herself—must be unfit for self-rule." To this Carter adds: "Wicked sense of humor these Oriental gentlemen have—sometimes!"

It may be said that the above was before Pearl Harbor. So it was. So was this—three days before—which is a fair measure of Carter's gift of "prophecy."

DEC. 4: "This column has been sounding the warning that for the next 24 months the greatest menace to the U. S. lies within, not without. . . . The Government is responsible for the decision to turn the nation into an arsenal to arm nations and peoples all over the world. Had Hitler not been around, Washington would not have made that decision. But had it not had an international excuse, it would have been out on its ear in 1940. Hitler became the justification. But the Administration decided on a course which may land us in the ditch."

FEB. 9: "The Roberts report shows we were not prepared for war, although we had sent ultimatum to Japan."

Hitler says the war guilt is ours. Japan says the war guilt is ours. Carter says the war guilt is ours. We sent no ultimatum to Japan.

"The wretched system to which we have so long subscribed is the trouble."

Carter does not define the "wretched system," but pretty clearly relates it to the normal operation of democracy.

Carter Plays the Defeatist Note

Another "Hitler lie" is that we are doomed to lose the war. Carter spreads it on Feb. 24 in a column in which he lists, and vastly exaggerates, every Axis victory. He predicts that Chile and Argentina will constitute bases for the Axis; that Turkey will join the Axis; that the Axis will gain control of the Azores; that the British Isles will be invaded; that the Germans and Russians will establish borders, that both India and Australia will fall to the Japanese; that the Japanese will conquer Alaska and occupy points along the U. S. coast; that Britain will lose control of the Indian Ocean and the Persian Gulf. Finally, after clearly depicting disaster for the Allied cause, he dives again into his pseudo-Scriptural mysticism and concludes we shall win because

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"Thunder on! Strike on, Democracy!
"Strike with vengeful stroke!"—Walt Whitman.

United We Stand, Let No Enemy Divide Us

WE'VE TALKED a lot about unity of command of the fighting forces, unified command of war production, unified offensives, etc.

But we've neglected another phase of "unity" that editorial writers and civilian readers can actually DO something about:

There must be a spiritual and psychological unity among the peoples of the 26 United Nations, a unity that can resist the efforts of propagandists outside and divisionists inside to create destructive suspicion and friction.

And so, whenever we criticize the British for their Indian policy, for instance, we have to be very careful how we do it, so that we don't help Goebbels peddle the poison.

The Mirror unit of the Newspaper Guild said it concurred "wholeheartedly" in this Mirror editorial. But it charged that Boake Carter's syndicated column, published in the Mirror, had "consistently and directly" attacked the very unity for which the editorial pleads.

... Hearst Management Fails to Answer Complaint

is "prophecies" foretell that Hitler will be drowned in the Red Sea

[The last paragraph of Carter's Feb. 24 column reads: "Yet the war will not be long. The final victory counts, and the Near East, Palestine, Syria, the Sinai Peninsula and the Red Sea still may prove the battleground where our enemy will die."—Ed.]

MAR. 10: Carter says: "Conquered peoples are reaching that point . . . where one more tragedy means little to minds numbed by war horrors. That is the spirit the Nazis would forge. . . . The German soldier strides arrogantly through Athens. The Greeks hate him. . . . The Italians hate him . . . as much as any conquered people of Europe. . . . But there is little they can do."

How happy Hitler would be if the peoples of Europe believed this lie—if he could believe it himself! The lie that there is nothing they can do—nothing we can do—was always a conscious part of the Big Lie of "Nazi Invincibility." Could not Carter, the prophet, foresee the killing of Heydrich, the mounting sabotage in all occupied countries, despite savage reprisals, the growing strength of Yugoslav guerrillas?

JAN. 13: "An interesting bit of psychology is the totally different approach by the ANGLO-SAXON leaders and by the Russians and Chinese. The unshakable foundation of the Churchill-Roosevelt strategy is: Don't bother about what will happen after the war. . . . Stalin is an Oriental. . . . Don't be surprised if he suddenly leaves us in mid-air."

So that's how Orientals act! Tell that to the Chinese who were fighting our fight for five years while persons of Carter's mentality aided their enemy. Tell that to the other peoples of the Pacific whom we are seeking to enlist against the Japanese. One of the things we certainly shall "bother about . . . after the war" is race hatred. And . . . could not our "prophet" foretell the countless sledges of Allied leaders for a free post-war world?

Carter slurs our allies again and again:

Jan. 16: ". . . on one side are the eternal enemies of God . . . on the other are the ANGLO-SAXON-CELTIC-JUDAIC peoples."

Hitler says it's a race war; Carter says it's a race war. Both seek to part us from our allies and our allies from us. Both seek to divide us internally by race, by faith, by color. Americans are not an "Anglo-Saxon-Celtic-Judaic people" for there is no such people. Carter's mumbo-jumbo anthropology is on a par with Hitler's, just as unscientific foundation and just as corrosive in effect. Does Carter think that 300,000,000 Chinese and 180,000,000 Russians, whom he obviously excludes from his select circle, are fighting for his and Hitler's vile invention

of a racially divided world?

Jan. 20: "The problem is to get a true translation of the original Scriptures. . . . The Bible has gone through many hands. It may still come back into the hands of its creators."

But not, it may be devoutly hoped, into the hands of those like Carter who blaspheme the Bible by trifling with it to spin race theories and political prophecies a la Hitler.

Carter and the War Effort

At some length, but without more than scratching the surface, we have tried to point out that the *Mirror* is giving space to a writer who almost daily attacks the "spiritual and psychological unity among the people of the United Nations," for which the *Mirror* has spoken eloquently. He has attacked, in most cases directly, in a few cases by clearest implication, the American people and their leaders; the British people and their leaders; the Russian people and their leaders; the Chinese people and their leaders; the Czechs, Poles, French, Yugoslavs, Norwegians, the Latin peoples of South America, the Negro people of the whole world—even the loyal German and Italian people in our own land. Seeking to justify these attacks, he has distorted the past and the present and devised a monstrous race doctrine comparable only to Hitler's "Aryanism."

Of course we would like to see such dirty, defeatist, divisive stuff out of our paper—but it is not our place to demand that. All we are doing is exposing to you a sample, a very small sample, of what is in our paper, in the honest hope that you actually don't know.

In an address to the American Society of Newspaper Editors, Archibald MacLeish, speaking of the duty of journalists to expose "propaganda which would divide us, precisely as our enemies propose we shall be divided," said:

"It is not an attack upon freedom of the press. It is, indeed a duty owed by honest journalism to the republic. The journalist who refuses to perform that duty himself, and who rebukes those who attempt to perform it in his place, has not, I think, increased the fame of his profession."

The *Mirror* itself has said (May 5): "Freedom of the press has become 'responsibility' in war—a dual responsibility for printing nothing that will hinder the war effort."

In a message on its 18th birthday, June 24, the *Mirror* said:

It [the American newspaper] is the people's voice, battling tyranny under any name, fostering patriotism, ferreting out those who lurk in the shadows to compromise our freedom. These are the duties of a free press as the editors of the *Mirror* see them."

In the spirit of those statements, as Americans, as newspapermen, as employees of the *Mirror*, we submit this record.

"In the year just passed," the editors said of themselves in the birthday statement, "they have battled treason and corruption, exposed enemies of our well-being and campaigned for reforms which, they sincerely believe, will hasten victory."

We ask you to make that come true—starting with the *Daily Mirror*.

Executive Committee,
Daily Mirror Unit,
Newspaper Guild of New York.

Now Carter Revives Old Axis Lie:

England May Make Separate Peace

Egypt's Role in the War

By BOAKE CARTER

THE SEE-SAW this column talked about so much for six months continues to operate, especially in North Africa.



The background is thrilling—England's relations with Egypt are almost parallel with ancient Israel's relations with Egypt in Biblical days.

Bible prophecies, never fulfilled before strongly suggest England may be one of the 10 lost tribes of Israel. In Hosea 12:2, about Ephraim (England): "Ephraim striveth after wind, and followeth after east-wind; the whole day will he increase deceit and robbery; a covenant will they make with Asshur (identified by many as German) and oil will be brought into Egypt."

England alone has been bringing oil into Egypt. As for the "covenant" or agreement to be made with Asshur (Germany) that is hard to believe—but fearful things can occur in this war.

◀ The Boake Carter column reproduced here is from yesterday's *Mirror*. It is Carter, the mystic, in one of his most vicious moments.

What he says here, quite bluntly, is that we should not be surprised if England makes a separate peace with Germany.

This, of course, is the standard Goebbels line. It was also the standard isolationist line before Pearl Harbor. But not even Hearst, the *Daily News* or the *Chicago Tribune* has dared to repeat this particular line lately—not since Dec. 7, at any rate.

But Carter, finding sanctuary in the Bible—or so he thinks—dares anything. Who shall deny Holy Writ?

No one has to deny Holy Writ to deny Boake Carter. All you have to deny is that the British are one of the 10 lost tribes of Israel, which the Bible most emphatically does not aver, or that Asshur is Germany, which is Carter's idea, not the Bible's.

So even a Fundamentalist, without risk to his piety, can dismiss Carter as addepleted.

Carter knows the Bible well. He can spout it at length. He could, were he challenged, quite possibly build up a good case right out of Holy Writ in favor of the antichrist.

Isn't it odd how Carter sees things in the Bible beyond the ken of ordinary mortal eyes?

Carter Long An Isolationist

Boake Carter, better known as a radio commentator than as a newspaper columnist, was a pre-Pearl Harbor isolationist who shared, with William Randolph Hearst and others, a violent distaste for FDR, the New Deal, the CIO and the British Empire.

A Russian-born Britisher who had "knocked around"—his own phrase—in his youth, he began his American radio career in 1931, in peaceful Philadelphia. In subsequent years the ether waves from the Quaker City often rolled in harmony with those from Royal Oak, Mich., where Carter's then good friend, Charles E. Coughlin, was broadcasting.

Carter went off the air in 1939 and for most of 1940. One of the stories current at the time was that General Foods, his sponsor, feared that his anti-labor attitude was jading the workman's appetite for Huskies, a breakfast food.

Carter got back on the air in October, 1940, under the strictures of the code of the National Assn. of Broadcasters, which forbade the introduction of controversial subjects in commercial broadcasts.

The last time I spoke to Carter—it was, I think, about a year ago—he said that he was in a "chastened mood," and that his mind was turning "more and more towards the Bible."

"When I think of Hitler," he told me, "I



think of Bob Fitzsimmons, Jack Dempsey, all the other champs who were the upper dogs until Providence decreed that their day was over."

So, he intimated, it would be with Hitler. His column for the Philadelphia Ledger Syndicate, which Hearst's *Mirror* is using, is becoming more and more the repository of a professional mystic whose deductions, by some curious coincidence, always seem to reduce the stature of the United Nations and the democratic cause.—V. H. B.

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