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## THE N.Y. NEWSPAPERS AND THE 'CHRISTIAN FRONT' PLOT

Have you noticed how rapidly the newspapers are losing interest in the criminal conspiracy of the "Christian Front?"

It was to be expected. The newspapers did not feel at all comfortable with the revelation that these notorious red-baiters turned out to be what the Communists always said they were—dangerous plotters of violence against democratic institutions. How could the red-baiting press be expected to relish the revelation that red-baiting is accompanied by and leads to terrorist violence?

That is why neither the Mirror nor the Journal-American bothered to editorialize on the incident at all.

The job of the newspapers was to keep hidden the real meaning of the "Christian Front" case—that behind the hysteria over the mythical "danger of Communism" which rises with such persistence from the press itself there is the real menace of political terrorism against the Bill of Rights.

That is why the New York Sun engaged in the tactic of editorially

remarking that it is "surprised at the round-up," since, although "Communist plots are expected, this alleged plot is of avowed anti-Communists." How naive of the New York Sun! It simply wipes out the glaring facts of "Christian Front" terrorism by expressing "surprise" that red-baiters engage in conspiracy. Who is surprised? The Sun? Don't believe it. The Sun doesn't believe its own fantasies of "Communist plots"; it merely pretends to believe such stuff so that it can dull the meaning of the red-baiters' plotting.

It is the New York Post which commits the weirdest distortion of them all when it inserts the following poison paragraph inside the report of the case:

"Sabotage against American munitions supply may have been the real motive of the 17 Christian Front men. In this they had as bed-fellows the German-American Bund and the Communists, who wanted to prevent American arms from reaching the enemies of Germany and Russia."

In this filthy innuendo manufactured right in the offices of the New York Post, this "liberal" sheet finally finds the formula by which it hopes to steer popular indignation away from the actually apprehended conspirators and toward the Communist Party.

And the reader will notice to what shameful lengths they must go to do it. They must smear as a criminally suspect every American who does not approve of the United States arming the Allied powers in their imperialist struggle with imperialist rivals. This instantly places the majority of the American people in the class of suspected criminals and "foreign agents." Hitlerite enslaving of popular opinion could hardly go any further. The madness of war-mongering is so far advanced on the New York Post that it is ready to take such a position without hesitation.

The net result is that the red-baiters have very little to fear in their subversive activities from any determined opposition in the New York press.