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Mr. HOFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, for months over the radio, Walter Winchell has been creating class hatred, disunity, giving utterances to false, malicious charges, all designed to create a lack of confidence in the people's Government. Some time ago he sent to Members of Congress a Communist book, perhaps thinking that Congressmen would fall for it. He learned they did not. More recently he has been following the Communist Party line by intimating that Members of Congress were guilty of sedition; that Congress as a whole was not entitled to the people's respect. He called it a "House of Reprehensibles."

Nothing but his egotism and the support of the Jergens Co. which employs him to sell its cosmetics and the curiosity of some members of the public keeps him on the air, unless it be that payment for the radio time he uses is made by interested persons who hate America, its prosperity, the happiness of its people, and its republican form of government.

The fourth-termers, headed by WALLACE, who tells us that a revolution is on its way, have been smearing everyone who showed any signs of effectively criticizing the New Deal.

One division of the smear brigade put its foot in it this week. One of them went a little too far. Some bright man in the War Department thought it could get away with sending to the libraries which furnish books to the men in the Army a certain magazine article which belittled General MacArthur.

MacArthur's gallant defense of the Philippines, his successful campaign to

save Australia, the brilliance of his strategy in retaking so many of the Jap-held islands in the Southwest Pacific, despite the meagerness of his supplies and his lack of armed forces, has aroused the envy and the jealousy of the New Dealers.

Even the President in his radio talks has withheld deserved commendation which was due MacArthur.

While our boys fought and died in the southern seas and on the islands of those seas, the bulk of our equipment, the majority of our men, were dispatched to the battle of the Atlantic, Africa, and Italy. As Churchill so well said, our sacrifices, our losses, our inability to rescue our men in the Philippines, were due to the diversion of our forces to aid Britain.

But this smear of MacArthur was a little too much and it was promptly in the Senate challenged by Senator VANDENBERG. The New Deal smear artist, caught with his fingers in the wringer, was rebuked by Secretary of War Stimson, who issued an order putting an end, at present at least, to the dissemination of smear literature by those connected with the Army.

It is about time the Navy, having stripped Winchell of his uniform, his pay, and his duties, ousted him from his position as a Reserve officer of the Navy.

The smear artists and some of their gullible listeners and readers have gone too far, and some of those who repeat their sayings, recommend their books and pamphlets, will ultimately hang their heads in shame to think they listened to and passed on such trash.

Senator VANDENBERG performed a signal service when his action forced Secretary of War Stimson to rebuke those who were smearing General MacArthur.