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The American Jewish Congress publishes this Digest of the anti-Semitic and anti-Democratic Press as a public service to acquaint leaders of opinion in the United States with the agencies which are endeavoring to destroy the efforts of our country to win the war and to establish a new world order based on freedom for all mankind. It is hoped that the information imparted in this Digest will serve as a warning and a basis of action to circumvent the purposes of these enemies of Democracy.

INTO THE DUSTPAN OF FASCISM:

Playing its role in the war of words levelled against decency and Democracy, is a small-time periodical THE BROOM, published and edited by C. Leon de Aryan, of East San Diego. The latter has just announced his intentions of becoming a contender for the office of Representative from California. He has not announced his political party, and his platform is panacea-filled. In the current issue being sent through the United States mails, de Aryan remarks of the Milton Mayer "Case Against the Jew" article thus:

"It was a masterpiece to put the fear of God into the Jews, but as of old they stone their prophet and fire the editor."

de Aryan then continues:

"Mayer clearly delineated the various kinds of Jews, kikes and atheists. What he claims of independence and democracy for the Jewish race, is nothing but repeating the doctrines of the Zoroastrin fire worshipping Aryan from whom the Jews copied and adopted the LAW ... Both the Jews and Hitler are aping the Zoroastrian doctrines and teachings and perverting them to their own selfish ends, but Milton Mayer like the prophets of old, called the score and did put the fear of God into the Jews for straying away from the LAW of their forefathers who were monothiests or worshippers of Ahriman I have been raised among Jews, I know them as Mayer knows them. I learned Yiddish as a tot. I know their Kheidres or ritual schools, their Talmudic teachings with the double meaning, as all religious teachings have two meanings, one for the 'common people' and another for the initiates not only among Jews but wherever Zoroastrianism has penetrated. And like Milton Mayer my work is proscribed as 'anti-semitic'. It becomes anti-semitic only in the eyes of the type of Jews who still worship Mammon above God ... The trouble with the Jew is

he insists in being a 'race apart' from us Americans....
The Jew insists on being a Jew, in place of being an American; that is the 'Case Against the Jew', he has his own clan, language, paper, like the others who still hark back to the old country instead of thanking God that they left the past behind."

de Aryan's knowledge of Yiddish cannot be refuted unless we have evidence to the contrary. But his comprehension of the language must be almost nil, if he advocates that the Talmud which is written in the Hebrew tongue, has one meaning for those who are "common" and another for those who are non-Jews. His is a hysteria developed by the Protocols-saturated individual who goes around the land shouting that the Jews are a "secret society" organized to abolish the Christian peoples of the world, and that this "society's" inspiration comes from the Talmuds-supposedly made up of a text with a thousand meanings to one sentence. Genuine scholars who have learned Yiddish as a tot and even Hebrew for that matter, testify that there is nothing to de Aryan's claim, or to the claim of the Protocol-ridden individuals who claim that "double-meanings" exist.

The May 11th issue from which the quotes are taken is perhaps the only issue which does not echo the words of other Fascist colleagues. In previous which does not echo the words of other Fascist colleagues. In previous issues, one could easily identify the words of Kullgren, of Coughlin and of Hudson.

de Aryan symbolizes the petty-journalist who uses the hinterland to preach through the medium of a free press hate, misfact, and deliberate disunity. What makes de Aryan's brand of fascism particularly dangerous is the immediate vicinity in which the periodical is edited and published—the San Diego Naval Base. The type of material offered by de Aryan can be purchased open—ly on the streets of San Diego by anyone, in or out of uniform. THE BROOM lists the newsstands in San Diego where de Aryan's weekly may be purchased.

Several years ago, when America was at peace, de Aryan was carefully fertilizing the ground for his seeds of disunity. Take for example the Volume IX, No. 25, Monday, March 20, 1939 issue of THE BROOM. In a signed article on the front page de Aryan writes:

"People who have been wondering why Germany with its large quota of cultured people, has accepted Hitler's rule and turned the Jews out, need not go far for an explanation. They can learn right here in San Diego why Jews make themselves hated and distrusted. It is happening here.

"Hate ridden San Diego Jews, many of communistic leaning and outlook, don't appreciate the liberties they enjoy under our constitution and have not the slightest understanding for fair play and natural rights of the non-Jews;——this group of misfits in America have banded together to put THE BROOM out of business because to us the Jew is not a sacred cow and we point our finger at his infringements of our rights just as much as anybody else. We would not be true to our duty as a public institution were we to tolerate abuses for fear of Jewish reprisals. The very fact that we must face reprisals proves how deep rooted and dangerous the abuses are to our American way of life. They deny us the right to air in public print what we find to be wrong about them as a clan and as a pressure minority who impose their views upon us and insist that we obey their will, or else."

de Aryan is particularly troubled that his advertisers have been notified of the paper's contents. But his condoning of brutality against the Jew does not end there. He continues: "If you want to know why Italy and Germany have promulgated laws denying civil rights and citizenship to Christians who marry a Jew and prohibiting such unions, all you need to do is analyze the writings and speeches of Dorothy Thompson.

"Dorothy Thompson is the wife of Sinclair Lewis, a Jew. Many people who read her inflamatory articles and hear her over the radio preaching war against Germany, do not know that she merely reflects the bitter hatred of her spouse. This woman is so wrapped up in her hatred of those who have revolted against centuries of Jewish tyranny and bloody exploitation of Germany by certain Jews, beginning with the Rothschilds who got rich by financing wars among the German princes, France, Italy, England and the rest of European principalities, this native American woman is ready to sacrifice American youths on the altar of war to restore the Jewish tyranny over Europe which is being finally broken in the only way those Europeans know."

Sinclair Lewis is not, and has never been, by birth nor by conversion, a Jew. To show how a lie can be spread and expanded, one has only to remember the shortwave blasts at Dorothy Thompson as a "Polish Jewess".

de Aryan, the Congressional candidate, used his paper on March 27th, 1939, to reprint a viciously anti-Semitic, pro-Nazi resolution, passed at a Hermann Schwin Washington's Birthday celebration on February 22nd of that year. Part of the resolution read:

"Whereas: In the United States of America a Jewish minority has for the past six years conducted a private boycott and propaganda war against the German nation, and....

"Whereas: Such practices of war-mongering may again lead the United States into a European conflict, for the sole purpose of satisfying Jewish hatred against the German people...."

After such foot-kissing of the Nazi nation, the resolution calls for a Jewish Army alone to fight Hitler! As the resolution states:

"IF THEY want WAR against Germany, let THEM fight, WHILE WE ATTEND TO OUR PEOPLE, OUR PROBLEMS, AND OUR NATION, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

Hermann Schwinn who is not awaiting deportation after our government rescinded his citizenship (naturalized), was the Los Angeles counter-part of Fritz Kuhn, and ran a Nazi Bund headquarters known as, "The Brown House". This was patterned after Hitler's Munich "Brown House", the Cradle of the Nazi party.

PELLEY'S NIGHTMARES:

On March 31st, 1942, William Dudley Pelley, self-styled American Hitler, discontinued his THE GALILEAN. A few days later, Pelley found a new device by which he could make money. He issued the first of his mystical, double-talk journals, "CHRIST AS PILATE SAW HIM". A few days later found the second Pelley publication in the mails, "THE CELESTIAL SOVEREIGNTY THAT ARRANGES MORTAL HAPPENINGS." The latter is reviewed in length in the May 15th issue of the CONGRESS WEEKLY, in an article entitled, "Disciples of Disunity". Early this week, the second in the Soulcraft issues published by Pelley, came through the same United States mails banned to him only a few months ago. Once again, through a heavy veiling of mysticism and a double-dose of double-talk, Pelley resorts to the same sedition of pre-GALILEAN days, although out on bail pending United States sedition charges against him. The second issue is entitled, "HOW EARTHLY ACTIVITIES ARE GUIDED BY THE CELESTIAL COUNCIL,"

The "Council" is something Pelley has concocted to impress his readers that he, Pelley, holds frequent communions with "celestial beings", who advise him on affairs of earth. The "Council" gives him the ability to express seditious views, and if questioned by the law-enforcing agencies, he thus hides behind something pseudo-religious and mystical. In the new "Soulcraft, Number Two," Pelley tells the story of an FBI agent who went hunting for an assassin who had murdered a Washington official, but whose hands were tied in the chase by certain legalities. Read Pelley:

"These Vast Intellects in the higher dimensions have a purposeful program to execute in the evolution of mortal consciousness, but just as our FBI Special Agent in northern Minnesota could not 'do his stuff' till the Washington assassin precipitated the conditions calling him to the limelight, so the 'tired and seasoned experts' in international ennoblement can't 'do their stuff' till mischief-makers of a cosmic breed have so afflicted the nations of the earth that there is a direct summons for the School of Leaders to step out and function.

"I say that we are approaching that sequence with seven-league boots at present, and this so-called War is the precipitation of the Renovation in terms of action. How do I know? Well, take it or leave it, again, but I have had representatives of the Council materialize in my presence and tell me so by word of mouth.

"Let the Walter Winchells of the earth make of that declaration what they will.

"A week ago Saturday night, in Detroit, a Jewish rabbi materialized himself to a group containing four of his fellow racials and announced to them in no uncertain terms what was to happen in the months ahead. Every word of what he said confirmed a prophetic article appearing in a recent issue of the Saturday Evening Post in which a Jewish author by the name of Mayer indicted his own racials to the effect that sooner or later the American Gentiles were going to place the blame for the Republic's present war squarely on the shoulder of the Israelites and that the reactions might easily be unthinkable. Read the article for yourselves!"

Once again, we find the Mayer article a topic of commendation from an infamous anti-Semite!

Pelley is using Permit Number 44, from Noblesville, Indiana, to tell Americans that their Democratic form of government is decadent, their war for survival is actually a "connived" affair, and although he is for the war because of national honor, he is "not confident of its outcome."

WILLIAM E. RIKER:

It appears as though the State of California will give its electorate an opportunity to pass on the ability of certain anti-Semites who are making bids for public office. Another candidate, but this one for a State office, is William E. Riker. According to literature swamping the mail in California, Mr. Riker is a candidate for Governor on the Republican ticket. Mr. Riker is quoted in his campaign literature as stating:

"If I were in Mr. President Roosevelt's shoes, I could stop this War with all the White Race people of this Earth, in 3 weeks, and should there be any war, it would be converted into a Wise Racial War, where all White Race People would Rejoice, because they would be fighting for a real wise and up-to-date Christian cause, in the true light."

Riker then makes vituperative attacks upon the legitimacy of the Negro people, the "ill-intentions" of the Chinese people, and finally the "money-changing" Jews.

To quote Mr. Riker:

"The Jewish people as a whole are so wrapped up in their family ties, while trying to become a champion through having their fingers on all the money, at the expense of living off the White Race Gentile people, as does rich who enslave and live off the poor."

About our great ally, the Chinese, Mr. Riker says:

"The Chinaman in his spirit behind the scenes, expects to consume every existing race in time to come where only the Chinaman will exist on this Earth."

About our fellow-human, the Negro, Riker proclaims:

"The Black race, head hunters negro, is by birth very much like the Jap; in his behind the scenes spirit, he figures, that whenever he can get into power, he likewise will gloatingly and savagely destroy every White Race person of this Earth, outside of some of our White women that he loves to pollute and to put his stinking black hands on."

Riker, as you can plainly see, advocates a racial war on all, but what he calls The White Race. And how would he achieve this goal? Let Mr. Riker speak seditiously for himself-from his Holy City, California edifice:

"Become at peace with the Axis according to this plan, minus that treacherous Japan, and also remember that our luck is in fighting Westward and negotiating Eastward."

Mr. Riker does not explain whether or not he is a candidate in the primaries or a duly-selected candidate for the office. No one in New York Republican circles had ever heard of him. The files of the New York HERALD-TRIBUNE, have "clippings" citing a love-suit in which Mr. Riker was involved.

ITEMS ON PARADE:

Gerald L. K. Smith, former political associate of the late Huey P. Long, and present champion of Father Charles E. Coughlin, has announced his intentions of running for the United States Senate on the Republican ticket. He is publishing a new magazine THE CROSS AND THE FLAG. In the May, 1942, issue, The Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, beside announcing his own candidacy, condemns those who are opposed to certain appeasers as "Reds". Those whom he applauds and protects are: Father Charles E. Coughlin, Dr. Gerald B. Winrod, of DEFENDER fame, and himself a violent anti-Semite and pro-appeaser, Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, authoress of the anti-Semitic THE OCTOPUS, Rev. Edward Lodge Curran, anti-British and friend of Father Coughlin's views, and Charles A. Lindbergh, America's Number One Appeaser.

Carl H. Mote, President and General Manager of the Northern Indiana Telephone Company and the Commonwealth Telephone Corporation, has written a pamphlet attacking Wendell Willkie. In the pamphlet which is sent to anyone writing Mr. Mote, one finds references to President Roosevelt, Mr. Willkie, Justice Frankfurter, Ambassador John G. Winant and Ben Cohen as "Comrades". Mr. Mote accuses President Roosevelt and Mr. Willkie of being tools of Jewish interests and therefore under Communistic influence. Mr. Mote's authority for any Communistic infiltration into the government is Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling. Says Mr. Mote;

"Both Roosevelt and Willkie have been guilty of great disservice to the Jewish people in encouraging some of the alienminded upstarts of the race to involve the whole race and the country, first in domestic turmoil and finally in war."

Peter H. Stahrenberg; former editor and publisher of the now defunct NATIONAL AMERICAN, publication of the American National Socialist Party, was discovered late last week by the newspaper, PM, to be secretly publishing anti-Semitic tracts in a blackened out store in East Harlem. Stahrenberg was the printer used by U. S. Army Reserve Colonel, E. N. Samtuary, prolific anti-Semitic and anti-Catholic author; by Hubert Schumedderich, Grey Shirt leader, who is now imprisoned by the United States for refusing to register in the Draft; by Japanese agents, and by Joe McWilliams, when the latter's own printer, Louis Helmond, was thought to be under scrutiny by the law. Col. Sanctuary has admitted over the phone to an American Jewish Congress investigator, that it is virtually impossible to secure any more Nationalist Press (Stahrenberg's commercial tag) publications, since the FBI has 'raided' Col. Sanctuary's supply. Although it is reported that Stahrenberg was not arrested when the FBI raided his secret printing plant (before PM's exposure), it is reported that he is under observation.

Rep. Martin Dies: The Dies Committee and its chairman, Martin Dies, Representative from Texas, have won new friends in the Ku Klux Klan and a Rev. Harry H. Hodge, of Beaumont, Texas. Rev. Hodge's statement that "American liberals are our worst fifth columnists", and proclaiming that, "Martin Dies is the man of the hour" who is exposing them, is indeed alarming. The Klan, who until only recently, distributed and sold their version of Henry Ford's infamous "The International Jew", is at present under investigation by the Dies Committee. The Committee and its Chairman are, however, lauded and heaped with praise in the current issue of "THE FIERY CROSS", Klan official publication. The "FIERY CROSS" attributes the fight against the Dies Committee to, "Dickstein, a Russian-born Jew; Congressman Sabath, Illinois, Alien-Born Jew", and to Rep. Eliot of Massachusetts, whom the Klan paper associates with Communists.

Henry Reepen: THE NEW YORK POST revealed that one Henry Reepen, an ex-America Firster, had raised considerable sums of money for the appeasement committee. The POST also reported that Mr. Reepen had boarded with a convicted Nazi spy, and is now employed in a vital war industry plant in a semi-official position. His employment is under FBI and Navy and Army Intelligence investigation.

Father Edward Lodge Curran: The Brooklyn President of the International Catholic Truth Society, and Brooklyn echo of Father Charles E. Coughlin, spoke at an "I AM AN AMERICAN" rally on May 17th, before an audience composed of Christian Front, ex-America First, and allied elements. Although he spoke without benefit of manuscript, THE GAELIC AMERICAN and the TABLET, both pro-Curran in policy, published a well-mannered, finely polished version of the speech which Curran actually delivered. He spoke of his Americanism, and stated that he was born here while his critics were not, he was schooled here, while his critics were not. He warned that because of certain policies initiated in Washington, this country is going totalitarian. He attacked the new WAAC formed by Army authorities, and became very belligerent in tone while delivering his address, and called the creation of this necessary wing of our armed forces, an infringement of the American homefront. A resolution was read by John Henihan, Christian Front orator, in which Father Curran was defended from "malicious attacks" by Carl Sherman, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Jewish Congress. Henihan defended Father Curran by stating that the priest repeats "the historic Truth that the Jews killed Christ".

Lawrence Dennis, America's Number One Fascist, publishes THE WEEKLY FOREIGN LETTER. Despite Mr. Dennis' decision to attempt to enlist as a Commissioned officer, he is still very much part of the Fascist propaganda line in this country. In the May 14th issue of his mimeographed Letter, he is extremely sarcastic, and blames the gasoline shortage on tankers being sunk because our Navy is fighting everywhere in the world, and not protecting our own shores. As the Axis shortwave beam goes, so goes Lawrence Dennis. Did you ever hear: "Bring Our Ships Home"? It is a slogan adopted by the appeasement forces at home, but inspired by the Axis forces in the Fatherland.

THE WHISPER OF ROYAL OAK:

Those who remember the first step taken by the late "SOCIAL JUSTICE" on the path to the seditionist's grave will, no doubt, recall that sniping at the Jews, at Liberals, at every nation and people struggling to maintain their very lives in an atmosphere of Democracy, was all part of the "SOCIAL JUSTICE" editor's day.

"CATHOLIC INTERNATIONAL", published from the Saint Paul's Library, at 845 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois and with New York offices at 1974 Broadway, has joined the snipers. From all appearances, it is a novice at journalism, but a veteran at sniping.

Without a date, with the exception of the Biblical chronological marking, "Ascension-Pentecost", the "Reader's Digest" of Catholic articles made its appearance in New England this week. Reports state that it is sold in Boston, appearance by the same vendors who sold "SOCIAL JUSTICE". To read it, is Massachusetts by the same vendors who sold "SOCIAL JUSTICE". To read it, is to understand. One David Gordon, is listed as editor, and the Rev. Walter M. Neway, is listed as consulting editor.

In an initialed editorial by David Gordon, the following advice is given to the readers:

"We must keep our Faith and keep our inward peace, while the voices without seek to entice us away from our holy heritage to follow the false wargods who stalk the earth...But we who edit "CATHOLIC INTERNATIONAL" have dedicated ourselves exactly to the defense of those precious differences which make the eternal cleavage between those of lust whose interests are primarily above the world and those others—the infuriated with sophistical war-rhetoric—who are chasing the futile earthly Utopia which is 'just around the corner' once we have licked the Huns." (Page 3)

"France, beaten and humiliated, is celebrating a Renouveau Catholique. The earthly disaster has been (as in many personal cases) a heavenly blessing. The days of Leon Blum, of Socialism and Freemasonry are gone forever in France. Only in 1936, Cardinal Verdier, Archbishop of Paris, estimated that only one Frenchman in ten made his Easter Duty. Now we read in the French newspapers which trickle through to America that it is likely that a majority of the total French population is practicing the Catholic Faith. Isn't it all glorious? FRANCE HAS LOST HER NAVY AND REGAINED HER SOUL." (Capitals DIGEST's). (p.4)

Then continuing we find an outright defense of Mussolini's Fascisma

"And in Italy too, there has been-for twenty years now-a pulling away from the anti-clerical masonic tradition of Garibaldi and Mazzini (the tradition which created the type of person who emigrated from Italy to American and brought his anti-clericalism with him.)" (Page 4)

This is, of course, false. If anything, the Italian immigrant, for the most part, not only brought with him Garibaldi's love of freedom and Mazzini's passion for justice, but also the deepest of loyalty to his Pope and God.

We are then told by "D.G." that in Nazi Germany the Catholic Churches are "crowded and that there are more communicants in Germany today than ever in the history of the German Lands." (Page 4)

Gordon then shows his love for Vichy France and traitor Laval:

"Speaking of Leon Blum above reminds us of the welcome fact that Laval, suddenly returned to power at Vichy, has cancelled the Riom trials....But objectively considered, the clemency

shown to the unmentionable Blum is a splendid thing. If ever a man deserved hanging by the nation he betrayed; it is Leon Blum; therefore, it is all the more magnanimous on the part of a re-Christianized France to forgive her enemies." (Page 4)

This is, as can be seen, nothing more than the Nazi propaganda version of how Leon Blum sold out his country and countrymen, and how under a new rule France is once more a "Christian" nationa. The Nazi propagandists would have you believe that before the fall of France, the latter was a nation dominated by Jews and Communists.

Another editor, George Vincent Swift, snipes at our Good Neighbor policy with:

"Certain interests in this country, which show no compunction in supporting Clarence Streit's 'Union Now', with Great Britain, have been quick to resent any effort of the Spanish Government of Generalissimo Franco to maintain her cultural hegemony in South America and increase her trade."

It is an exposed fact, corroborated by Vice President's speech to the "Free World Association", that certain nations are engaged in hampering our relations with our South American neighbors. It is no secret that Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy, Fascist Spain and Imperialistic Japan, are all engaged in sabotaging American interests in the Latin American countries.

"G.V.S." continues:

"Nor is there any reason to believe that the Spaniards have other than pacific intentions in the Americas. The organizations most frequently accused of plotting against our interests—The Falange Exterior and the Hispanic Council—were proven blameless."

The Falange Exterior is tantamount to the Nazi Bund, which was under direct orders of the Nazi government. Who has proven the Falange "blameless" in plotting against the United States we could not ascertain.

Examination of this 98 page prototype of the "Reader's Digest" revealed in a review of the motion picture "Tortilla Flat" that John Garfield was "nee Garfinkel" and a "he-man Marxist". (Page 92.) The review -- a "D.G." product.

Further examination of a book review on Dr. A. J. Cronin's "The Keys to Kingdom" produced this morsel:

"If a Gestapo officer closes a Catholic School in Germany, no basic, necessary harm has been done, because decent Catholic parents can teach their children the Catechism at home." (Page 94)

The rest of this review, which is being reported, is still a David Gordon or "D.G." product.

"It is The Message which Dr. Cronin has chosen to propound-and, alas, by the mouth of a Catholic priest-is the Message of Tolerance." (Page 94).

The reviewer then continues:

"But tolerance is most emphatically NOT a Catholic doctrine. Tolerance means, in current English usage, indifference to the Catholic Truth of a proposition. And Christ and his Church are most notably NOT indifferent to Truth. It is Intolerance toward the Protestant heresies and the Jewish repudiation of the Divinity of Christ which is the Catholic virtue. We must be Intolerant, not Tolerant." (Page 94)

Father Neway, who conducts a Questions and Answers page, answers an inquiry on why the Pope does not condemn the Fascist aggressors. Father Neway reports that in 1910 Pope Pius X wrote, in an encyclical letter to the Bishops of France that:

"The Church has preference for Parliamentary Democracy as a form of government; she will co-operate with any nation which respects her rights. " (Page 90)

The rest of the periodical is composed of brief articles on Catholic subjects written by various Catholic authors. The cover-page of the periodical reprints an article by the Recently Superior General of the Paulist Fathers, the Very Reverend John B. Harney, C.S.P., under the title, "ONE CHURCH IS NOT AS GOOD AS ANOTHER". (Page 2)
