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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.

FASCIST COALITION:

The political situation in New York is one dipped deeply in the same dyestuff that foreshadowed Hitler's rise to power. Groups, corralled from Christian Front, Paul Revere Sentinels, and Bund units, are meeting with great secrecy, blueprinting the forthcoming Congressional and Gubernatorial campaign with meticulous detail.

A "coalition" of subversive elements who belong to the major political forces have banded together to defeat incumbent Congressmen who have consistently supported the Administration's foreign policies.

In the New York area the "coalition" is divided into two divisions or "departments". The First Department consists of Manhattan, Bronx and Westchester. The Second Department is comprised of Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

At a meeting on April 1st, 1942, on the outskirts of Mount Vernon, the First Department of this coalition met. There were representatives from the appeasement front, Women United, the anti-Semitic Christian Front, the Bund, some Italian Fascist groups, former America First units, and Paul Revere Sentinels. The meeting took place in the form of a Spaghetti Supper. About 120 persons were present. On the walls, behind the toastmaster's seat, were huge photographs of Charles Lindbergh, Father Coughlin, Senator Wheeler, Senator Nye, General Robert E. Wood, former America First chieftain, Congressman Hamilton Fish and Senator Robert Rice Reynolds, Chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee. Each was given his round of applause as his name was called out and his picture pointed to.

One speaker, a Mr. McCabe, made a fiery speech. He referred to "the Jew Deal" in Washington. He told his audience that they had a real chance to rid Congress of the "Rosenfeld-Morgenthau" gang. "Let's elect real Americans!" he shouted. He then concluded with: "Let us now highly resolve that the next Congress of the United States doesn't have a Jew or a Jew Dealer in it!"

The crowd was on its feet cheering, waving napkins, and beating fists on the long tables just to add to the merriment and uniformity of purpose.

A long list of Congressmen to be "purged" was read off like a roll call of those who were about to be shot against the wall as traitors. The word "interventionist" was used freely and frequently.

Later in the month, in an office at 320 Broadway, New York City, harbored by night, and with shades fully drawn, a meeting took place, with persons present reading like a Who's Who in American Fascism.

They had come to hear a report from the now late Louis Ward, literary associate of Father Coughlin and the Reverend Gerald L. K. Smith. Ward never appeared. He had died up-State en-route. The meeting went on as though nothing had happened. Among those reported to have been present were: E. C. Riegel, former Columbia professor of Economics, and author of anti-New Deal books; S. Prendergast, former Indiana Congressman; William T. Leonard, former head of the America First Committee, and recently a United States Treasury Minute Man for Bonds; Lambert Fairchild, a former Alderman; Mrs. A. Cressy Morrison whose "American Women Against Communism" was exposed in the DIGEST of July 10th; Dr. Patrick Scanlon, Editor of the "Tablet", and defender of the Christian Front, as well as Father Jerome Holland, Associate Editor of the "Tablet", Brooklyn Catholic Diocese newspaper.

The line-up of the Congressional campaign in all its aspects was fully discussed. At a previous meeting a former United States Congressman, the son-in-law of an important United States Senator, and a financial advisor of Father Coughlin attended. James F. O'Kelly, President of the Paul Revere Sentinels, and at present holding a position of Probation Officer with the Manhattan Domestic Relations Court, was present at several meetings of the "coalition."

At various meetings of this political action group, it was always a certainty to find on the agenda "motion to back Congressmen Fish and Barry and Judge O'Brien". Of course, this motion was always passed. Judge Herbert A. O'Brien is making a bid in the August 11th primaries in New York for Surrogate Court Justice nomination on the Democratic ticket. O'Brien, a Christian Front defender, has consistently attacked President Roosevelt and the Administration's foreign and domestic policies.

During the week of June 7th, another meeting was held in the Pythian Hall on Madison Avenue and 125th Street in New York. It was announced that a "dark horse" candidate against incumbent Congressman Sol Bloom will be revealed soon. To date, no name has been forwarded. Mrs. Edna McGuire, treasurer for Joseph E. McWilliams, former Yorkville anti-Semitic rabble-rouser, was called upon to say a few words. She held up a document from Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling's "Patriotic Research Bureau", and said that Mrs. Dilling was "doing work along the same lines" in Chicago.

Working very quietly in the "coalition" beside Judge O'Brien and O'Kelly, is William J. Goodwin, Coughlinite political leader of Laurelton, Queens. Since the "coalition" was formed, the leaders of the now ineffective Christian Front and Sentinels have been looking forward to a political campaign when their activities could easily blend into the turmoil one encounters during the pre-November election day.

The "coalition", it is reliably reported, has decided to give wholesale support to all critics of the Administration and to all opponents of the President's foreign policies. The "coalition" has also decided that the Hon. Carl Sherman, Chairman of the American Jewish Congress Administrative Board, must be defeated. Mr. Sherman was selected by the New Deal Democratic forces as their nominee for Congress in Manhattan's famous "Silk Stocking" district. A spokesman at Father Edward Lodge Curran's office told a CONGRESS investigator that Father Curran, Eastern representative of Father Coughlin, was "up in the air" when he was informed of the Democratic Party's choice.

Just how far the credo of the "coalition" has spread is indicated in private and confidential reports in possession of CONGRESS. On June 16, 1942, in a farm house near Millerton, New York, various women's units of the German-American Bund met together for the first time since Pearl Harbor. Although a women's meeting, one-fourth were men. The delegates were told that this was the "Hudson Valley Conference", and that henceforth the German-American Bund was "dissolved". From now on, they were told, the new name for the

women's division would be, "Society of American Citizens of German Ancestry." Far more important than the anti-Semitic dribble and pro-Axis sentiments which were expressed, and far more important than the collection taken for "persecuted" Bund leaders, was the lecture on the importance of voting which the delegates received.

On little pads all delegates, and there were some 76 of them, were told to write August 11th as the Primary date in New York.

"When you get back to your Unit", they were told, "impress upon every woman, and every man too, the importance of voting in the primaries, as well as at the general election. Hit the Jew on the head in the primary before he can be a candidate."

Then huge maps of Congressional districts were hung up, and Congressional candidates were discussed on their merits of being "isolationists."

"Vote Christian", they were told, "Don't vote for a Jew on any ticket. Remember the motto of Verdun: 'They Shall Not Pass!'"

After the Congressional candidates were talked about, the subject turned to the State ticket in New York. Lieutenant-Governor Charles Poletti was said to be an Italian-Jew like La Guardia. Attorney-General Bennett was extolled.

And so, the new Bund, the Bund of 1942, still far from crushed by Federal action, under its new name, "Society of American Citizens of German Ancestry", are going to vote this year in a bloc. Their decisions have already been made. It is apparent that ours must be a counterbalancing of opinion, so that the "sudden capture" of the German Reichstag in 1930 by Hitler's forces shall not be repeated in the United States in 1942!

MYSTERIOUS LEAFLETS:

Two leaflets, designed to sow distrust among the Allies are mysteriously being found on trams in Washington, D.C. and neighboring towns. One is an attack upon the British, the other upon the Jews. Who is writing them, or distributing them is not known. The leaflet on the British is not only vicious, but becomes vituperative as well.

"THE BRITISH:

"AN INFERIOR BREED

"Are they degenerate

"Plainly. Never again shall they be permitted to try to bring the slinking death of starvation to Europe, squealing hysterically as they do about 'freedom'."

Then the leaflet explains that England, on lend-lease "dole" is like a "kept woman." Continuing this Axis Information Please program, the questioner asks:

"In what way are they kept flying?"

"The Germans keep 'em flying wherever they find them. They run at the mouth as well as the bowels."

Then referring to the United States:

"Who betrayed America to the empire of the British-Jewish yellow race?"

"Rosenfeldt. We are victims of his Infantilism; he cannot stand alone."

"Are Jews rushing forward to war after urging you to crush 'em?"

"No. But when America is exhausted they, as in Russia, will slither forth to sink their fangs into its body.

"Are Americans united?"

"Yes. Externally with the corpus of a degenerate empire:

"Internally with the sick body of 'our leader.'"

"What is behind the doctrine of 'no appeasement'?"

"The fear of aggression on the bloated domains of an empire which cannot stand alone;

"The inhuman cruelty of America's first blood-soaked boom;

"The rumble of world revolution - a repercussion of its indecencies;

"The effort of the Jew - vicious persecutor of peoples - to save himself;

"The disease of a Paralytic who wants to be a hero as compensation for his ailment;

"The beginning of insanity as the masses of the so-called 'democracies' are led toward the destruction of Europe, homeland of the West.

"Why was Pearl Harbor evidence of justice?"

"While trying to save a yellow race in the Atlantic we were hit a deadly blow by a yellow race in the Pacific. Like a cow hit on the head by a hammer when led to slaughter, we now follow 'our leader' as he moves forward on a sick spine to war."

This sadistic attack on President Roosevelt is the work of a twisted mind. His or her identity is not certain. It is the style of the anti-Semitic writer, Edwin Edmondson, the sentiment of a Dr. George E. Sullivan, author of several anti-Semitic pieces, and the showmanship of an Edward James Smythe, who left pieces of anti-Semitic literature on trains, trams, etc.

But the attack on the Jew is also symbolic of the Edmondson-Pelley mind. Just who is responsible for the next leaflet or the first is not certain. But here are a few samples of its literary qualities:

"The mentality of the Jew was exemplified recently by Leon Henderson when he wrote that '1942 as our contribution in the way of merchandise of death, we are prepared to deliver a greater quality of goods than this entire nation had to keep alive in 1932.' The Jew, in fact, makes his way among those with whom he lives by boring from within - by aggression concealed under holiness and hatred of force. When concerned he makes loud outcries about the guilt of others who 'persecute' him."

Henderson is by no means a Jew. This has been Nazi propagandist lies aimed at Americans' ears to make them feel that rationing is all part of a "Jewish plot." The leaflet also states:

"The oriental Japanese struck at Port Arthur in 1904, and at Pearl Harbor while negotiating. The Jew does not have their manfulness for open warfare, but he will - while conserving his own blood-- eventually strike those with whom he lives in the back. He is now infiltrating into Government jobs under cover of 'no race prejudice.' He is, in fact, 'dying' for the coming of bolshevism by making ready for your collapse. After many of the young men of America are killed - when the sick, the exhausted, the cunning remain - then he will, as in Russia, crawl from his nest.

"Are you not weary of the observation that the international parasite survives to see nations come and go? Distinguish then you must between white and yellow races or accept the slaughter of your sons by internal revolution or war abroad. Crush my enemies he screams! But

there can be no further appeasement of his blood lust: no peace until the slaughter he brings to others returns upon himself. He must be eliminated as an active element in the community."

The coward who wrote those words begins his attack upon the Jews with the following:

"Our blood soaked boom of the first World War was followed by a speculative orgy, then collapse. A similar maladjustment now seeks an outlet in another blood soaked boom which will end as before. In all of this the Jew - oriental hyphenated American, propagandist for bloody Joe and the British (Jewish) empire - has been an eager participant. Indeed, like a snake forced from its nest, the slimy blood lust of the 'holy people' now stands revealed - for is it not evident that the Jew hates bloodshed only when his own skin is in danger?"

SNIPING IN THE DARK:

We shall not be annoyed any longer with Lawrence Dennis' "Weekly Foreign Letter." Mr. Dennis has decided to abandon his mimeographed sheet of poison and distrust until "better days." He is doing this "voluntarily" he states. But the "New York Daily News" was fast on the up-take and in its July 17, 1942, editorial, in speaking of a 2nd Front, says:

"What are the British waiting for?

"The only answer that we can figure out is that they are waiting for us; that they want to concentrate as many Americans as British soldiers in the British Isles before opening this drive."

This is the old Dennis sniping line. It brazenly tells the American people that we are fighting for Britain. Well, one consolation anyway: you can read Dennis for two cents instead of twenty-four dollars.

EDWARD JAMES SMYTHE:

The AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS is in possession of documents proving that the anti-Semitic publisher and writer, Edward James Smythe, is working closely with Louis Helmond, former Joe McWilliams henchman. Helmond, who acted as Chairman for all McWilliams' rabble-rousing meetings, was also the latter's private printer. When the F. B. I. and police were looking for McWilliams, it was Helmond's shop that the Yorkville Nazi used as a hiding place. Now, with the spotlight on the subversive activities of Edward James Smythe, Helmond's printing plant, "The Elton Press," at 1066 Brook Avenue, Bronx, N.Y., is being used by Smythe as a pivot of activity.

From this printing plant Smythe has already issued two appeals demanding the support of "Christian" voters for incumbent isolationist Representatives Hemilton Fish and William Barry. The organization under which Smythe issued these appeals was signed, "Christian Civil Liberties Committee." The latter organization was first announced at Paul Revere Sentinel meetings some three weeks ago. It was told then that the Committee is being subsidized by "influential" Washington money, and that the Committee has the support of many important legislators in the Nation's Capitol. Smythe is, without doubt, using the name of the Committee without its permission, since from all original blueprints, the Committee, in order to avoid financial and Federal investigations, was going about its business secretly.

Helmond's printing plant, from all indications, is also being used by Smythe to print his anti-Semitic periodical "Our Common Cause." Smythe has told a CONGRESS research investigator that the Number 8 issue will probably land him behind bars because of its content. Each morning at 10:30 A.M., Smythe pays a visit to Helmond's plant in the Bronx and adds new material to the already seditious "Our Common Cause," Number 8.

Smythe's activities have been spotlighted many times, and whether it was in connection with the Ku Klux Klan, the Christian Front, the Bund, or with the now suspended seditious "Publicity," he has always found himself escaping the law. Because he has found the law on his doorstep "just watching," Smythe has continued his activities with full zeal, and with anticipation that he can get away with it as much as he wants to, so long as he does not become seditious. Smythe expects this time to overstep his mark, and it will be worthwhile to watch how fast the law acts!

FRATERNAL FASCISM:

E. H. Rettig, a man about sixty years of age, is President of the so-called "~~Constitutional Government League~~," which operates from Seattle, Washington, as a Fraternal Order with insurance, death benefits, medical aid, etc. The Rettig organization uses the American "Bible Belt" to spread its particular brand of fraternalism. On the letterhead, which has many Biblical excerpts, one of them reads:

"He shall have dominion also from Sea to Sea -- Psalm 72:8"

Underneath, in a typewritten phrase, Rettig sums up his own feelings with:

"NOT Britain, the United Nations so-called nor the Axis."

In a letter to an "interested" party, Rettig writes, and the grammar and misspelling is his own, (July 8, 1942):

"On a certain trip from Filer via Denver to Topeka, Kansas in October 1909, as the train pulled out of Denver at 6 o'clock P.M. two creatures, one a resident of St. Paul and the other a member of Kuhn Loeb & Co. New York, Jews? yes, they took up the birth just in front of me and it was my rare, though providential privilege to listen to them discuss certain details of the CONSPIRACY to destroy our Constitutional Republic. I listened for 4½ hours when they retired for the night.

"It would take reams of paper for me to even mention the many details of the CONSPIRACY which has been, and is being carried out as Mr. Roosevelt (ruse-the-world, for that is what his name means, and that is just what he is doing) glibly announced 'We planned it that way.'

"On March 2, 1933, two days before Mr. Roosevelt farcially took the Oath 'to support this Constitution' the first time, I wrote him a letter in which I said in substance that 'Since you announced the selection of the members of your Cabinet you have apparently sealed your 'administration' with the doom of failure.'"

Rettig concludes his letter with:

"Both major parties are dominated by the same group of Talmudic Brigands. Yes, the real situation is so tragic that our only resource is in God in whom we trust.

"Cordially yours in DEFENSE of 'Our Own'

"E. H. Rettig, President C.G.L."

Rettig advertises in the "Defender" a periodical issued regularly by the Reverend Gerald B. Winrod of Kansas. Winrod, the "Jayhawk Nazi," is campaigning in Kansas for the Republican nomination for United States Senator. So far his trips to and from the Washington Grand Jury investigating Nazi propagandists has prevented him from making any political headway in his campaign. Unlike in 1938 when he ran the first time, captured the primary, and was nearly elected, Winrod stands no chance this time of securing any public office. From all reports Winrod may be in prison on several counts of sedition and treason by the time the November elections roll around.

DAVID BAXTER:

The mail bags in San Bernadino, California, are filled each week with a mimeographed newsletter, "COMMENT," issued by David Baxter, of a pro-Fascist secret "Social Republic Society." In his July 9th issue, in a boxed off section, Baxter proclaims:

"He who calls this Constitutional Republic a 'Democracy' - Majority Dictatorship - is either ignorant or hypocritical."

In another section Mr. Baxter asks:

"Have you written your Senator for a Senate investigation of Winchell yet?"

Hitler's agents have sown their seeds in this country long before Pearl Harbor. Some of those seeds fell in California. Baxter is one of the blossoms. He reports:

"We wonder what the German reaction must be to the loud mouthings of allied leaders who spout victory while losing battles. We are told that it is very, very newsty, don't you know, to criticize Britain's handling of the war - that anyone who does so - is giving aid and comfort to Adolf the First.

"We wonder if it's possible for anyone to give Adolf more aid and comfort than some of the Allied spokesmen do, in their dire threats against the Germans - not just Hitler but the Germans. Such spokesmen have announced the things they are going to do to the Germans when this war is won, when they had best attend to winning it first.

"Knowing something of the German mind, we doubt whether threats and hair-tearing are likely to intimidate them. The statements of our own swivel-chair 'Generals' provide Hitler with his best propaganda to pep up German morale. All he has to do is to take those statements, hand them to the Germans and say, 'Here is what the allied leaders say they will do to every one of you when they win this war. . . . We think the loud voices of politicians who talk wars but do not fight them does more harm than good. They should censor themselves before censoring others."

This type of sniping is common on Nazi propoganda broadcasts, whereupon newscasters "reveal" that all Germans will be killed, the race made extinct, etc. What the Allied leaders have said was that all persons responsible for the war, for the extermination of millions of innocent victims, and for all bigots against a free world order, will be held to account for their actions. This does not apply to all the German people, nor to all the Italian people, nor even to all the Japanese people. It does apply to all leaders of the military, industry and government who have created the Monster Dictators of Europe and Asia. This is, as Vice President Wallace so categorically put it, a "Peoples' War," and not a war designed to kill peoples and races just for the love of it. But Mr. Baxter, long in the service of "Nationalism," is telling his subscribers that Allied leaders are preparing to doom all Germans, and that is why the Germans fight so "madly."

HORACE J. HAASE:

The DIGEST revealed several issues ago that Horace J. Haase, Ambassador of Appeasement, and leader of the appeasement group, "Americans for Peace," was going to publish a printed newspaper in place of his mimeographed newsletter. On July 24th such a newspaper appeared. The paper is filled with pro-appeasement articles and two advertisements from native fascist organizations. One advertisement is from David Baxter of California (mentioned elsewhere in this DIGEST), while the other is from the "National Social Planning League" of Sharon, Mass. One article, not by Mr. Haase but by one Max Hentschke, on "War and God," states:

"Our unwillingness or inability to face the truth showed itself in our recent relations to Japan - we speak only of the treacherous, unprovoked attack on Pearl Harbor. What are the facts? Japan had been at war with China for over four years and was anxious to make a peace. We made a loan of 50 millions to China, sending airplanes and pilots, all things, which as neutral we had, according to International Law, no right to do - we were not neutral. Our help to China was an invitation to Japan to declare war on us. If our government had intended to bring on war with Japan, it could not have found a better way."

Mr. Haase also reveals that he is working on a new book.

"The writer is at present working on a book which will outline a peace he would be willing to accept EVEN IF THE OTHER SIDE WON. . . . This much can be said of the new book . . . it will advocate the earliest possible ending of the present senseless conflict."

The remainder of Mr. Haase's journal is not new to DIGEST readers. He reiterates much of what has already been reported here in previous issues: he doesn't like this war, advocates "Peace First," and would bring about this end immediately. Mr. Haase fails to mention that he has cooperated with Women United, formerly associated with the America First Committee, and similar groups dedicated to advancing the cause of "American Nationalism," not American Democracy!

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