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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.

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THE INFAMOUS 28:

On Thursday, July 24th, the Federal Government announced that it had indicted 28 persons with conspiracy to injure the morale of the armed forces. The majority of those indicted have been investigated and exposed by the AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS long before Pearl Harbor. Through the CONGRESS WEEKLY and the DIGEST, the activities of the foreign and native fascists have been spotlighted, and from documented material in the CONGRESS files, the government agencies have been made aware of the existence of the Quislings within our gates.

Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, William Kullgren, Gerald B. Winrod, Edward James Smythe, Court Asher, Colonel E. N. Sanctuary, David J. Baxter, C. Leon de Aryan and the others named in the indictment, are names long familiar to readers of both the CONGRESS WEEKLY and the DIGEST.

In January, 1940, the Christian Fronters, who went on trial for attempting to overthrow the Federal Government, found editorial comfort from Father Coughlin's "Social Justice" and Father Edward Lodge Curran's "Tablet." Besides these two periodicals, many of those indicted by the government used their periodicals and newsletters to extol the 17 conspirators. With Father Coughlin's journal banned for publishing seditious articles and editorials, and with the "Tablet" pursuing a milder and less militant course, the present conspirators have found a new champion of their cause -- The Chicago "Daily Tribune."

On Saturday, July 25, 1942, on the front page of the Tribune, an editorial entitled, "PROPAGANDA TRIAL", states:

"The department of justice has made public the indictment returned at Washington, charging 28 persons with conspiracy to injure the morale of the armed forces. From its language it is difficult to determine whether the administration is embarking on a criminal prosecution or a Moscow propaganda trial. The hand in which the presentment is made may be that of Attorney General Biddle, but its language is the voice of MacLeish, Dr. Kingdon, and their comrades in the smear brigade."

Then the editorial writer reiterates part of the language used in the indictment. It merely states that those indicted have conspired to use their Constitutional guarantees to spread disloyal doctrines and to obstruct and destroy the republican form of government under the guise of honest criticism. The Tribune writer then states:

"Strip that language of its garbage rhetoric, place it in relation to the events to which it refers, and you have the contention that any deviation from one party government is seditious. The indictment seeks to make it a crime, in time of peace, to dispute the arguments of the political party in power....."

"Even tho it is without legal flaw, the procedure smacks of that transportation of the colonists for trial in England, which constituted one of the principal grievances against George III. The indictment is returned in Washington, where the majority of the population is on the federal pay roll and the whole population is dependent on the government for a living. A jury anywhere in the country would convict, without hesitation, for actual sedition. Washington is one of the few spots where 12 jurors might be found willing to substitute propaganda for justice."

Such inference is, of course, unfair. What really inspired the Tribune to attack the indictment editorially was the naming of the America First Committee as a transmission belt for sedition and seditionists. The Committee was not indicted as such, nor its officers made to appear before a judicial tribunal. It was merely called a body used by those named, to present their disloyal doctrines, and by which they might cloak themselves without immediate detection. The Tribune, champion of the America First Committee during the latter's heyday, forgets to report that the Committee played host to Laura Ingalls, convicted Nazi agent; that its rallies were utilized by Nazis and native Fascists as respectable mediums of getting together; that its chief New York fund raiser shared his room with a Nazi spy; and that its doctrines were dictated by a desire to see Hitler victorious. Instead of reporting this, the Tribune, eight months after Pearl Harbor, comes to the defense of the appeasement committee. The Tribune writer cries:

"Had the committee or its leaders been indicted, they would have vindicated themselves. But they are not indicted, and so they may be smeared with impunity, since they will not be represented by counsel to question any charges directed against them. Nor may those who have been libeled vindicate themselves by civil action, since statements in an indictment, however false, are still privileged."

The Tribune is published by Colonel Robert McCormick, and has consistently been sniping at the Roosevelt Administration's domestic and foreign policies. Colonel McCormick's cousins, Captain Joseph Patterson, publisher of the New York "Daily News", and Mrs. Eleanor "Cissie" Patterson, publisher of the Washington D. C. "Times Herald," are part of the America First appeasement drive. The News on Saturday, July 25th, was less boisterous in its analysis of the indictments and merely requested that its readers keep their collective eyes on the trials that would follow since some "precedents" were certain to develop.

CHARLES B. HUDSON:

The Omaha, Nebraska, Nazi, Charles B. Hudson, named as one of the 28 seditious, has sent out a stirring appeal for funds. Dated July 25th, 1942, and addressed "Dear Friend," Hudson's letter reads:

"Radio and press have already told you of the indictments returned by the Federal Grand Jury at Washington, D. C. on July 22, 1942, against 28 individuals for alleged conspiracy to commit sedition. Cannot speak for all 28, being only in fairly close touch with a few of them. For myself I am not guilty of this charge, and belong to no organization whatever, and have never attempted to organize one.

"The seriousness of this whole attempt is to stamp out constructive criticism of the administration and warnings against real enemies within our midst. This can probably best be illustrated by comparing actions taken in World War I with World War II. During that first war (in which my wife signed a waiver and I enlisted but never saw any service), it was internationalistic revolutionaries (underscoring is Hudson's) such as Communist leader Earl Browder, who were imprisoned. Now, Browder is released from jail by the President's order, and Christian American nationalists who believe in living up to the Constitution, are persecuted and imprisoned.

"Help, I need -- because of my belief in your vital interests -- to fight this terrible charge. Therefore, I trust you will send some money as a contribution and voluntary gift, or anything else that will help, to my faithful wife, Avis A. Hudson, at above address. May God protect and bless you.

"For Christ and Country,

"Chas. B. Hudson."

Hudson, through his newsletter "America in Danger!" has been the source of anti-Democratic and anti-Semitic propaganda. His views were not only expressed via a newsletter, but also found expression in a book which he and Mrs. Dilling wrote, "The Octopus." This book was violently anti-Semitic, and tried to pin the "Communist" label on every Jew and the "Jewish" label on every person of liberal persuasion who was not Jewish. This has long been an old Nazi propaganda trick. "The Octopus" was considered by Colonel Sanctuary (another of those named) as "The Uncle Tom's Cabin" of the nationalistic cause.

C. LEON DE ARYAN:

On July 20th, four days before he was indicted, C. Leon de Aryan ran a headline across his "The Broom" which read: "OUR 'JUNK DEAL' ADMINISTRATION". Mr. de Aryan, a candidate for Congress from San Diego tells how the salvage drive is part of the government's drive to "junk the Constitution." de Aryan goes a bit further and advises his readers that Uncle Sam is responsible for "starving the families of those drafted!"

"Do you realize now how truly I am calling this administration the junk deal administration?! It even junks the dependents of the men it drafts and keeps them in cold storage, so to speak, till the day before election, when it will pay them the money due them, in a lump sum to make them believe that Santa Claus is here again....The Administration may junk our cars and take away our rubber and make millionaires of junk dealers, but when it treats dependents of our soldiers as political pawns to be held in bondage till Nov. 2nd, and in fear of want and hunger and the infamy of it, your protest and mine will not permit such a thing to pass."

What de Aryan did not tell his readers, nor his radio audience (this was also broadcast over a local station) was that the Pay Deduction scheme goes into effect on August 1st, long before Election Day. Any soldier or sailor arriving in San Diego after a sojourn on the seas, and reading "The Broom" or listening to the broadcast, would be immediately demoralized by de Aryan's analysis. And yet, when de Aryan was brought before a Federal judge in San Diego on Friday, July 27th, he denied that he had in any way been guilty of demoralizing our armed forces by his writings or speeches. de Aryan started a hunger strike in

prison where he was sent pending removal to Washington. He is eating now, his stomach getting the better of him!

PERSONALITY PARADE:

Leslie John Otto, 24, member of the draft-obstructing Otto family of Hutchinson, Minnesota, was sentenced on July 3rd to a two and a half year Federal prison sentence. Otto's father, John, is under indictment for circulating a seditious letter, a copy of which the son sent to his local draft board. In the letter, which had wide circulation in McLeod county, the government is scored for depriving the people of privileges granted under the Bill of Rights and blames munition makers and Jews for the war.

Federal Judge M. M. Joyce told the son, Leslie, according to the "Star Journal" of Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 3rd, 1942:

"This letter is the most flagrant and dangerous piece of German propaganda I have ever encountered. In it you give comfort and aid to enemies of your country.

"You are a high school graduate and should prize the privileges of American citizenship. Despite this you are a violent pro-Nazi and you still seem to adhere to the principles enunciated in this letter.

"I sentence you to a term of two and a half years in some correctional institution selected by the Attorney General of the United States.

"For this period at least you will be able to do no harm to your country."

Judge Joyce asked Otto:

"What guarantees have been denied you under the Bill of Rights?"

The answer was - "Freedom of speech, freedom of the press."

Then Judge Joyce asked:

"If you are dissatisfied with existing conditions, why didn't you run for Congress in your district? What has this done to prevent you from earning an honest living? Are you willing to see your neighbors march off to war and give their lives while you skulk at home? Do you feel that we should not defend ourselves against Japan after what happened at Pearl Harbor?"

To all these queries, Otto's only response was that "they are difficult questions to answer." But Otto continued:

"It isn't the Japanese people. It's the munition-makers who are responsible."

At this point, Judge Joyce asked Otto about his relations with Jews.

"What have the Jews done to you? How many Jews do you know?"

Otto admitted he knew a few Jews and that he had no knowledge of anything they had done to bring on the war. He was defiant outside the courtroom and expressed no regrets about his sentence.

Howard B. Rand, editor of the Anglo-Saxon Federation publication "Destiny," in the current August, 1942 issue, demands that those responsible for accusing Senator David I. Walsh of any "misconduct" be themselves investigated. Following a line already well laid by Colonel McCornick and the appeasement bloc, Rand states:

"In this day when certain groups have undertaken to bring pressure upon governmental organizations to compel, if possible, the investigation of those with whom they are not in accord, using the emergency of war to accomplish what would be impossible of attainment in times of peace, even members of the United States Senate have not been free from their insidious attacks. A Senator is maligned in a smearing campaign which would seem to be a part of a plan to discredit public officials whose past stand on isolationism has not met with the approval of those responsible for these attacks."

The Magazine "Destiny" and its editor, Howard B. Rand, editorially represent an organization, the Anglo-Saxon Federation of America, whose stamp is clearly stenciled on several thousand copies of "The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion." In addition, DIGEST readers will recall a report of a meeting at which Mr. Rand spoke, which was anti-Semitic in character, and which was reviewed in full by the DIGEST several issues ago. In the same current issue of "Destiny", in commenting on the various war shortages, Mr. Rand writes editorially:

"There are no lengths to which our people will not go to win the war, but artificial and planned scarcities and needless rationing is doing everything else but strengthen the morale of the people. Americans can be led, but not driven, and though it was said some time ago by officialdom that they were going to get tough with the people--let them remember that the people have a way, when aroused, of getting tough with officials at the ballot box."

Then Mr. Rand speaks of a psychologist who advised the government to ration gas and rubber and "in thus frustrating their desires increase a determination to fight Hitler." But Mr. Rand wants you to believe that:

"He would be right if the frustration was definitely a result of acts on the part of Hitler, but when our leaders unnecessarily harass our people it will be these leaders upon whom the people will vent their anger. The masses may not be vocal but they are quick to sense who is responsible for their troubles and today question all propaganda, even those statements going out as news reports issued by the government. The advice of the above psychologist may be true when applied to a people who cannot read or analyze conditions, but no one can mix with the multitudes today and listen to the comments on gasoline, rubber, sugar, and other phases of rationing as well as the general plans for regimentation of this nation without a realization that the American people are not dumb as to many things, nor are they ignorant as to the artificial causes that lie back of much that they are being at present forced to accept."

The rubber shortage is genuinely acute. Mr. Rand recognizes this, but is hasty to remind that nothing is being done about "relieving the situation." This is not so. Synthetic rubber experimentation is a part of our national welfare setup at the present moment. Government leaders, joined with industrial leaders, are mapping out a swift medium of relieving the situation. But this is not the only attack that Mr. Rand has to make. He states that gasoline, a domestic and not an imported product, is being kept from the people, while tanks are "over-flowing" in dry areas! He also claims that sugar warehouses are clogged with stock while the "government undertakes to curtail production, yet we are told there is a shortage of sugar." And says Mr. Rand:

"Not only are men questioning the need of sugar rationing but they are rapidly losing confidence in a leadership that declares there is such a need while the above conditions exist."

Mr. Rand has, apparently, never heard of an acute lack of transportation. He has never heard of U-Boats. What Mr. Rand is telling the American people is, that rationing is phony; that the people who are administering it are "phonies"; and that if the American people are really wise, they'll fight back any and all attempts to ration their commodities. What cares Mr. Rand for men dying in flaming oil-filled waters, while their tankers sink. What cares Mr. Rand if these men die, so long as several hundreds of thousands can get to the beaches and the resorts this summer by auto. What cares Mr. Rand if he does spread rumors that the warehouses are bursting with sugar, while the devils in Washington tell you that transportation facilities are lacking to send vital material to the fighting forces wherever they are meeting the enemy. Mr. Rand is as guilty of spreading "disloyal doctrines" as any of those under indictment. He is definitely a case for the Department of Justice.

Luigi Criscuolo is the publisher and editor of a newsletter called "The Rubicon." Mr. Criscuolo has a proclivity for patting the Fascist Italian Government on the back, and in former years used the pages of well-established newspapers to do his job. His letters were usually exaltations of the Fascist regime, and it is Mr. Criscuolo's contention that the government in Italy is one of the people's choice.

In recent months, "The Rubicon" has been devoted to fighting any and all attempts of a "Free Italian" movement to be established in this country. Mr. Criscuolo has fought Count Carlo Sforza, representative of the "Free Italy" forces, tooth-and-nail. Mr. Criscuolo has been attempting lately to form a group of his own called, "American Friends of a Free Italy." He has already informed the State Department of the formation of this committee and has received "clearance" from the Department. As soon as the application was made on June 15th, the Count Sforza group immediately informed the State Department of Mr. Criscuolo's former pro-Fascist pronouncements. In the July 15th, 1942 issue of "The Rubicon" Mr. Criscuolo rebuttals with:

"The State Department did not have to be informed by outsiders what we say or print. It receives this publication just as do dozens of other government departments, and might have drawn conclusions as to what we meant without having to be primed by some Italian refugees who seem to have become soothsayers for certain groups at Washington. We have heretofore been surprised at the number of newspapers that have been criticising the State Department, but we wonder if the State Department should not begin to be more vigilant of some of the Communistic papers and Anti-Fascist papers rather than those whose Americanism cannot be questioned. It was the lack of vigilance of people with brass hat and bureaucratic mentality that resulted in Pearl Harbor."

Changing the subject, and speaking about air-raid precautions, Criscuolo snipes with:

"For all the experimenting by some of our experts on air raids, the results seem to be negligible. Millions of people are inconvenienced by black-out orders....Anyone knows that if airplanes are coming here from Germany, they can reach New York by their instruments....Mayor LaGuardia and Police Commissioner Valentine think that Nazi air raiders are going to broadcast over WNYC to give us notice of their arrival. The Mayor and the Police Commissioner should make up their minds as to whether the public should be allowed to smoke during black-outs or not, or whether that privilege is extended to public officials only."

In speaking of the Gubernatorial campaign in New York State and the qualifications of various contending candidates, Mr. Criscuolo says of Lieutenant-

Governor Charles Poletti and Governor Herbert H. Lehman:

"Neither is there any doubt of the fact that Charles A. Poletti is a sincere young man who means well, but his drawbacks lie mostly in the fact that while he is of Italian origin he associated himself with people who for years have smeared the Italian race and he has not stepped forward to repudiate those people in the interest of his own race and of his own name, as well as in the interest of true Americanism. We attribute that attitude to his youth and the fact that he was obligated to Governor Lehman because he has proven a most expensive Governor and the taxpayers know it."

That Governor Lehman has reduced taxes in New York State is overlooked by the editor of "The Rubicon." His only reason, we suppose, that he is against Charles Poletti is the latter's continual attacks upon the Italian Fascists long before Pearl Harbor. Mr. Criscuolo has set himself aside as the judge of those who are to repudiate Fascist Italy's influence on world affairs. After Mr. Criscuolo writes Finis to his attacks upon sincere, and long-time adherents of anti-Fascism, he adds a patriotic postscript as follows:

"P.S. \*\*BUY U.S. WAR BONDS AND SAVING STAMPS!"

Jeremiah Stokes, whose booklet "Remember Pearl Harbor" has already been reviewed in the DIGEST, has just issued a new booklet entitled, "The Communists' Plot To Purge American Patriots From Congress." The booklet attempts to prove that all attempts to purge incumbent Congressmen who have been isolationists and obstructionists is actually a Communist plot. To prove the weakness of his argument, we have only to read his endorsement of anti-Semitic, pro-Fascist former Congressman Jacob Thorkelson of Montana. Thorkelson received some 6,000 votes in the Montana primaries two weeks ago seeking the Republican nomination for United States Senator. He lost to Wellington Rankin, brother of isolationist Rep. Jeanette Rankin. This is Stokes' endorsement of Thorkelson:

"He is immune to Communist opium of deception and exploitation. He is profound, fearless and dynamic, and stands for and courageously fights to preserve American Constitutional Government, American freedom and American Christian civilization. I know this to be a fact, for I have studied his record in Congress. We Americans need this man in the United States Senate!"

Stokes threatens that if such men as Hamilton Fish, Martin Dies and Clare Hoffman are defeated, "we are headed straight for the rocks of revolution." The newest booklet of Mr. Stokes, as reported above, was picked up from the literature table at a Rockaway Beach Fascist political coalition meeting on Saturday evening, July 25th, 1942. It is being distributed by the "American Women Against Communism," whose office attache, Edwin P. Banta, as revealed in a former issue of the DIGEST, was a literary associate of indicted Nazi agent and propagandist, George Sylvester Viereck.

William Dudley Pelley is now on trial in Indianapolis, Indiana, on charges of sedition. In an effort to dramatize his trial, and thereby capture the front pages of newspapers whose sole interest is in the war news, Pelley's defense has summoned former America First leaders Charles A. Lindbergh, and Rush D. Holt, and it is expected that Senator Gerald P. Nye will be called as well. The latter may hide behind his Senatorial immunity. The significance of the move is to "prove" that such authorities as Lindbergh and his cohorts have said virtually the same "seditious" utterances as Pelley without being troubled by the law. In addition, CONGRESS has received authoritative advice that prominent Jewish leaders will be summoned by the Pelley defense also to "prove" that there is a conspiracy by the Jews to take over the United States. Jewish "influence" will be fully discussed in open court, and it is Pelley's desire, no matter what the circumstances, to get wide publicity of what he calls the "Jew menace" to America. It is difficult to perceive that the Federal attorneys will permit such blackmail to take place.