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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 UMBRELLA MAN:

Horace J. Haase, whose organization, "Americans for Peace" has been exposed by this DIGEST as being an instrument for appeasement, is still sending through the United States mails his "America's Hope," a printed newsletter. Mr. Haase is forced to send his appeasement-saturated publication via first-class mail, since on September 14th, 1942, his second-class mailing privilege was revoked by the Solicitor General of the Post Office Department. On August 21st, this DIGEST discussed Haase's issue of August 15th, in which the out that in an article entitled "Atlantic Charter," Mr. Haase did not see ferred to precisely that article upon which the ban was based. Despite the via the first-class mail route. In an "OPEN LETTER" to President Roosevelt, Haase says:

"I re-affirm everything I wrote in the articles and editorials of Aug. 15th. IF THIS BE TREASON, MAKE THE MOST OF IT...."

Haase in his latest article entitled "THE PEOPLE'S PEACE," declares:

"STOP THE SLAUGHTER IMMEDIATELY.
"ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS IN A SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE AND MUTUAL CONCESSIONS."

Furthermore, in detailing this move for appeasement, Haase says:

"To make possible the initiation of peace negotiations it is proposed:

"1. That an immediate end be put to the slaughter by means of a truce, armistice or other suitable device.

"2. That all restrictions upon the shipment of food, medicine and other dire necessities be removed immediately to allow relief of suffering everywhere.

"3. That production of all arms and munitions be suspended immediately and production of reconstruction begun.

"4. That all movements of troops, ships, aircraft and equipment of war be frozen immediately pending the outcome of the peace conference.

"5. That all propaganda tending to advance the side of any belligerent either at home or abroad, or to spread hatred or distrust of the enemy be suspended.

"6. That peace negotiations be commenced at the earliest possible moment, in order that the reorganization of governments and their reconstruction of economies be expedited."

In a personal letter accompanying Mr. Haase's latest contribution to snipe journalism, he says:

"Thousands of copies of our peace proposals must be spread all over the country to make the people peace conscious."

## ROYAL OAK, ATLANTIC CITY:

On a residential street in Atlantic City, New Jersey, an important link in our armed defense, is a small but conspicious white wooden house. Its shrubbery and gardens are trimmed with great pain, its structure faultless, standing erect in the face of the gales that blow from the ocean nearby. On a blue sign, one reads: "ROYAL OAK," and nearby, on a huge shingle, its new paint glistening in the sun, one reads: "GENTILE CLIENTELE." Soldiers training on this street, or on their way to the USO Clubhouse several doors distant, are certain to see this sign. Some of those in the air force must wonder about that building in Berlin they will bomb in the not too distant future. For in the corridor of that building will be a sign reading: "JUDEN VERBOTEN!"

#### BORIS BRASOL:

The Russian nationalist (fascist) elements in this country have been praying, working, writing, planning for the resurrection of the Czarist regime in Russia. In their efforts through these some twenty odd years since the death of the Romonoff family, Russian nationalists have been plotting in this country and in European countries to return to Russia once again a Royal heir, a dynasty of pogrom-mongers.

A very prominent Russian nationalist in this country, Anastase Vonsiatsky, whose estate in Connecticut was an armed camp, and whose corridors were filled with busts of the owner and Adolf Hitler, has already confessed to being a paid agent of the Japanese and Nazis in this country. Another, still not apprehended is Boris Brasol, who, more than any other Russian nationalist, has made his influence felt in American fascist circles.

Boris Brasol, who worked with Vonsiatsky in many White Russian projects, has his own organization, "Russian-American Nationalist Committee." Until several days ago, it was located at 2 West 49th Street in Room 1409. Today, Mr. Brasol can be reached at 1841 Broadway, Room 900. Although he has a telephone, Mr. Brasol is not listed in the telephone directory. He keeps himself away from the public limelight and makes very few public speeches. Brasol prefers to write books and the New York Public Library counts approximately fifteen books written by Brasol. As a writer, Brasol is prolific. As a propagandist behind-the-scenes, Brasol is dangerous.

Without visible income, with the exception of his writing and occasional advice on Russian law, Brasol manages to live on Riverside Drive, one of New York's most fashionable and exclusive neighborhoods. His main vocation, before arriving in this country from Russia in 1916, was the law. In 1910, Brasol became Prosecuting Attorney for the St. Petersburg Supreme Court. He cooperated closely in Russia with the Imperial secret police in opposing democratic trends in that country. In 1916, he came to this country as the Russian representative

to the Inter-Allied Conference in New York City. When the Revolution broke out in Russia in 1917, Brasol decided to remain here. He calls himself an expert in Russian law.

The first introduction into the United States of the forged Protocols of the Elders of Zion was Boris Brasol's translation from the Russian. Brasol once told a CONGRESS investigator that for \$100 it was possible to purchase the so-called "Boston, 1921" edition of the Protocols. Brasol recommended, however, the now indicted Colonel E. N. Sanctuary for further information about the Protocols. Mr. Brasol did not have any more for sale, he told the investigator. In 1922, Norman Hapgood, of the famous liberal Hapgood brothers, wrote a series of articles on THE INSIDE STORY OF HETRY FORD'S JEW-MANIA. Hapgood charged that Brasol was instrumental in getting Ford to publish in his DEARBORN INDEPENDENT the world-notorious forged Protocols.

He once boasted in a letter to the indicted V. Cherep-Spirodovitch on July 1, 1921, that three of his books--

"had done the Jews more injury than would have been done to them by ten pogroms."

In 1921, Brasol wrote a book entitled, "THE WORLD AT THE CROSS ROADS" in which he wrote an almost incredible defense of the Czarist regime. He wrote in one part:

"The eternal theme of world drama, Judas vs Jesus, assumed in Russia the form of a gigantic revolt of the international Ghetto against a Christian nation which served hitherto as the great European reservoir of religious thought and moral achievements."

Brasol is a regular contributor, sometimes not under his own name, to ROSSIYA, the pro-Axis Russian-language daily, whose publisher, Nikolai Rybakoff, addressed Anastase Vonsiatsky as a "co-trooper." In the June 6th, 1941 issue of ROSSIYA, Brasol wrote a lengthy article deriding U. S. fears of German designs on Dakar and stressed alleged Jewish interests in the port. SOCIAL JUSTICE quoted the article favorably in its September 22, 1941, issue.

In October, 1940, Brasol together with Boris Sergievsky and Archbishop Vitale signed an open letter to President Roosevelt appealing for non-aid to Soviet Russia in its battle against Hitler aggression. Copies of the appeal were printed and distributed at an America First Committee headquarters and by John Geis, a publisher of the now defunct "THE AMERICAN WAY". The latter was anti-Semitic and very much the advocate of appeasement. Sergievsky is Commander of Garrison No. 297, Army and Navy Union, U.S.A., which marches in parades on Army Days.

In the November, 1941 issue of the now defunct appeasement periodical, "SCRIBNER'S COMMENTATOR," Brasol wrote an article entitled: "AID TO STALIN? INCREDIBLE?"

Brasol on a witness stand would have to confess his link with the Finnish Consulate in New York and of his connection with the Coudert Bros, law firm. The latter represent the Vichy government in the United States. PM last month exposed the link between Brasol and Coudert.

Brasol had connections with Seward Collins whose fascist bookstore on West 58th Street in New York City closed the day after Pearl Harbor, A shortwave set tuned to Berlin was Mr.Collins' pride and joy.

When America First Committee rallies were playing host to pre-fascist and proto-fascist elements, Brasol could be found at the larger rallies cheering men like Lindbergh. Brasol is even said to have "heiled" Lindbergh at a huge Madison Square Garden rally while others were waving and cheering the orator:

The Russian daily, ROSSIYA, in a very recent issue proclaimed in a story of the defense of Stalingrad that the Red reptile was dead and with the aid of the White Christian Crusaders from without the course will be any easy one. From

the very first invasion of Russia by Hitler, ROSSIYA has been pro-Axis. It is said in Russian circles that ROSSIYA often reflects the thoughts of Brasol. But that only a Department of Justice or Washington Grand Jury inquiry can determine.

### CLASSIFIED ANTI-SEMITE:

The current issue of the newspaperman's own trade journal, "Editor and Publisher" displays an advertisement inserted by a "Writer-Editor-Manager." The latter states as his qualifications:

"Success record as editorial executive, large and small newspapers and national magazine; competent news and editorial writer, editor and copyreader; law training, experience in production and personnel; age 53. Exceptional references. Box 1543, Editor and Publisher."

The man who inserted that advertisement is none other than E. Perrin Schwartz, once the figurehead editor of Father Coughlin's SOCIAL JUSTICE. The latter was suspended from the mails and cited as seditious by the Department of Justice. One wonders: is Father Coughlin an "exceptional reference?"

#### FACTS ON PARADE:

John J. Henihan, leader and orator of the anti-Semitic "Christian Front" was found by a CONGRESS investigator to be working as an elevator operator in a large department store in midtown Manhattan.

Mac Goldberg, a candystore operator of Cypress Avenue and 141st Street in the Bronx, where anti-Semitic disturbances have been revived last week, received an anonymous, illiterate letter dated 9/42 which reads:

"Dear Mac:

"I see that your jew friends are looking for protection. What the matter that that you can't defend yourselves, well fix every jew that hangs out there many-many others. if you notice my bad handwriting youll know you jews dont deserve the best handwriting. Well fix you's well make you so darn scarred youll shut your store and hide your face in the corner for the rest of your life's don't forget it to--there to many for the cops to tackle.

"(a swastika) hail hitler"

Mr. Goldberg has turned over the letter to the authorities. Three persons have been injured or attacked during anti-Semitic riots that spread over densely Jowish populated districts of the Bronx. Most of these riots have occurred during evenings in neighborhoods where "Christian Front" activity was formerly evident. One young lady attacked in a dimmed-out street reported the case to the police. She turned over to the postal authorities a postcard she received telling her that the treatment she received would be repeated if she walked on the streets again; Countless similar cases which never have been reported to the police have occured in the Bronx. THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS through its Bronx Council immediately sent a resolution to Mayor LaGuardia demanding police protection in afflicted neighborhoods. More police than ever before are patrolling the areas. Several arrests have been made.

THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS called Mayor LaGuardia's attention to continued police laxity in neighborhoods where beatings and damage of synagogues and businesses have been most frequent. As a direct result of this citation of events, Mayor LaGuardia ordered Commissioner of Investigation, William B. Herlands, to investigate the charges. Commissioner Herlands will be given a detailed account which CONGRESS investigators have garnered, showing that beatings of Jews have taken place in approximately the same vicinities and despite the fact that the police were notified either they did not arrive or arrived sometime later after the hoodlums had done the damage. The report

will also show abusiveness by police toward Jewish complainants in such matters.

On September 6th & 8th, 1942, the Flatbush CONGRESS House at 1617 East 16th Street, Brooklyn, was vandalized. Huge swastikas were smeared on the walls, recently acquired materials for the salvage drive were strewn over the floors, furniture and other accessories mutilated. Despite the physical condition of the pemises after the vandalism, and despite the fact that a criminal act had been committed, the report to Commissioner Herlands will show that it took several days before police took fingerprints to determine just who the culprits were. The report will also show laxity of police in this same neighborhood last year and the year previous when Christian Front activity was running rampant. At that time business establishments were picketed by Christian Fronters and their German-American Bund cronies.

The report will likewise show that on October 1st, 1942 at Lincoln Terrace Park in Brooklyn old Jewish men were stoned by hoodlums and the latter also used invectives of a vituperative character. The battle-cry of the hoodlums were: "Let the Jew bastards have it!" According to reports the police were notified of a similar occurance the night before, but no effort was made to increase patrol of the park.

Father Charles E. Coughlin has sent a letter to his trusted followers asking for funds. The letter directed as a monetary penance to be rewarded by his prayers during a Novena, starting September 26, at the Shrine of the Little Flower, was sent out early in September. CONGRESS knew of this letter early in September but did not have the full text until after the last DIGEST went to press. In the letter Father Coughlin said in part:

"War could be regarded by Christians as a punishment inflicted by God upon a nation for its social sins. This is quite different from the wordly viewpoint which encourages us to look upon war as a contest for liberty or as a burden imposed upon us by an unjust aggressor. We are being taught to regard democracy and its majoritarianism, as more excellent than Christianity and its authoritarianism. little wonder that as many of us are of the opinion that the sufferings entailed by a total war are the natural results of our social sins.

Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling has sent through the mails another one of her "confidential" newsletters. In it she boasts of receiving encouraging letters from prominent Senators and Representatives. She also reveals that ancorganization in Chicago known as "Friends of George Washingtonian Principles" gave an enthusiastic party for her defense and raised quite a sum of money. Mrs. Dilling was ordered to Washington to face charges for undermining the morale of our armed forces. She is fighting removal and is demanding a trial exclusively for her-barring the 27 other co-defendants.

Louis Helmond former associate of Joe McWilliams held his "Roa mers Social Club" affair as scheduled on Friday, September 26th. Some 50 persons, mostly women attended. Over card tables the political and racial situation was given a thorough dry-cleaning--in true McWilliams' style.

Luigi Criscuolo whose sniping THE RUBICON is still sent through the mails, made an unscheduled speech at a War Bond dinner several days ago. It was during an address by Supreme Court Justice Ferdinand Pecora that Criscuolo jumped up and challenged Judge Pecora to a duel. The challenge was never accepted. Criscuolo, a broker down Wall Street way, didn't like Judge Pecora's remark during an address that still, within the borders of the United States, there existed an Italian Fifth Column. And because of this Mr. Criscuolo writes in the September 30th, 1942 issue of the periodical THE RUBICON: "He (Pecora) belongs in the lower East Side police courts, defending gangsters and crooks, not on the Supreme Court bench of this State."

Domenico Trombetta who until last Dec. 13 edited and published the Fascist propaganda weekly, "IL GRIDO della STIPRE", was divested on 9-28-42 of his United States citizenship and reverting to his Italian nationality was seized by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a dangerous enemy alien. He maintained close relations with the Italian Government. He was an organizer of the Fascist League of North America. Guiseppe Rossi who worked with Trombetta on the defunct newspaper, was given a position by Generoso Pope and added to the staff of IL PROGRESSO.

The N.Y. Daily News on September 22, 1942, published a cartoon by C.D. Batchelor showing the United States War Effort a mother hog with Australia, Solomons, India AEF, Second Front AEF, Iceland and Congo weaning on the mother hog. The Aleutians was shown as "The Runt".

James M. Curley was once Governor of Massachusetts, twice a member of the House of Representatives, four times Mayor of Boston. On the 5th Anniversary of Mussolini's entrance into Rome, the Fascist League of North America held a celebration at the Copley Plaza Hotel. A news report of that day appeared in the Boston Globe stating that candidate Curley proposed a toast which ended: "Viva Mussolini!"

Gospel Tract Printing House is distributing tracts on streets corners which begin: "Why should men die at Pearl Harbor--Or the other Isles of the Seas..?"

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