

Soldier Writes For Defeatists

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PM Toivo Halonen, a private in the 518th MP Battalion, Governors Island, still is writing for a defeatist, pro-Coughlin Finnish language newspaper. He was formerly assistant editor.

The newspaper, *New Yorkin Uutiset*, with offices at 4418 Eighth Ave., Brooklyn, is anti-British and anti-Soviet. Canada has banned it.

But it still publishes in this country and reaches many Finnish workers.

Its editor, Antero Riippa, calls it "the most widely read Finnish language newspaper in the U. S. A."

During his Christmas leave from the Army, Halonen visited Hjalmar J. Procope, Finnish Minister to Washington. Under the pen name, Dixie, he wrote about his visit:

"We did something else there in Washington, but because Procope asked me not to mention anything about the activities of Finnish diplomats in America, I don't want to talk any more about it."

The fact that Halonen still is writing for *Uutiset* was easily established. A PM reporter, speaking Finnish, asked for the writer who signed his articles "Dixie." The girl who answered the phone replied cheerily:

"Oh, he's in the Army now."

She then gave his name and service address.

Governors Island confirmed the presence of Halonen in the 518th MP Battalion.

Here are translated examples of *Uutiset's* editorial line:

Defeatist: "When this war has been fought to the end . . . all participating countries will be so exhausted, so pauperized. . . . There will be no talk of paying the debts. (Mar. 26)."

Anti-Semitic: Characterized the mailing ban on *Social Justice* as an "attack on free speech" and spoke of Jewish petitions against Coughlin because "he (Coughlin)

has very strongly been against the war." (Apr. 9).

Anti-British: ". . . England withdrew her troops from Norway without notifying the Norwegians. She left France at Dunkirk to her own fate. But England escaped masterfully. . . . England has never given the aid which she promised her allies. . . ." (Jan. 31).

Anti-Soviet: ". . . Russia has become a threat to the whole world, even to her allies. . . . As soon as Russia will be at Narvik or some other Atlantic port she will consider herself invincible. She may conclude a new alliance with Germany. . . ." (Feb. 5).