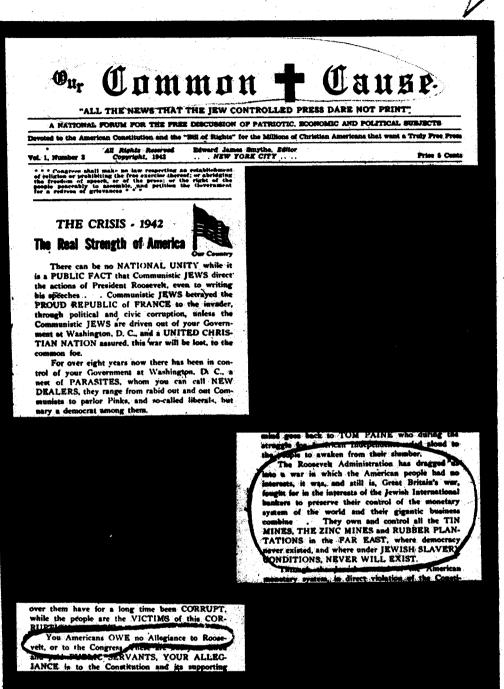
## WHEN WILLYOUSHUT THEM UP, MR. BIDDLE?



Edward James Smythe is an old hand at the pro-fascist and anti-Semitic racket. He once ran an outfit known as the Protestant War Veterans, which had no members but plenty of cash. Last year John L. Spivak exposed him in New Masses as an America First speaker. The above is Smythe's latest contribution to the treason front.

THE Saturday Evening Post last week took its stand with the obscene mob of Coughlin, Smith, Pelley, Smythe, and other purveyors of the poisonous Goebbels line. The Post did its Jew-baiting in more cultured accents, but the venom lacked nothing for being served on a china plate. And the use of a Jewish Quisling named Milton Mayer to do the job is a clever idea that Goebbels will envy. Here is what Mayer thinks of the 4,500,000 American Jews:

"They tried to adjust, this pitiful people who once were proud. They tried to look like, talk like, be like everyone else. They tried to lose themselves in the crowd, like men who have picked a pocket on a busy street. They resorted to every dodge known to fugitive criminals, from changing their names to changing their faces."

What contempt and malice there are in those words—words that Coughlin or any cheap Jew-baiting fascist might have used. No doubt those words—and they are typical of the entire article—are autobiographically accurate; they also accurately describe a handful of upper-crust renegade Jews who, like gentiles of the same stripe, are, above all, renegade Americans. But they are a gross libel on the overwhelming majority of Jews, who are useful, patriotic members of their communities. And after spitting on the Jewish people, the advice Mayer gives them is Hitler's own—back to the ghetto. He euphemizes the idea, to be sure, labels it "righteousness," sweetens it with biblical quotations, and envelops it in obscurantist mysticism, but what it all adds up to is separating the Jews from American life, ghettoizing them, denying them equality.

Moreover, it is not only the Jews whom Mayer libels, but the entire American nation when he writes that "they [the Jews] know that the postwar collapse will remind a bitter and bewildered nation that 'the Jews got us into the war.'" Those phrases, "postwar collapse," "a bitter and bewildered nation," give away Mayer's attitude toward America's war against the Axis. Is it only a coincidence that this comes from a person who turns out to have been close to the braintrusters of the America First Committee?

We agree with Ralph Ingersoll who wrote in the newspaper PM that the challenge of the Saturday Evening Post article "was not alone to Jew or gentile—its challenge was to the country as a whole, to America and

all Americans." That challenge must be answered. We do not know whether the Post, by President Roosevelt's definition, belongs with the fifth columnists or the sixth. The magazine has played the appeasement tune so long that the distinction becomes academic. Certain it is that its anti-Semitic, anti-American article is a back-stab at national unity, aiding the forces that are working for the defeat and conquest of our country.

All this highlights a larger problem: the pro-Axis propaganda being spread by the star-spangled Hitlerites that infest our land. The treason mill has converted to a war basis, turning out sedition by the ton, trying to "soften up" the American people for the fate of France. Its leading operators are organizations like the Ku Klux Klan and men like Charles E. Coughlin, Gerald L. K. Smith, William Dudley Pelley, Edward James Smythe. (This is the same Smythe whom John L. Spivak last year exposed in New Masses as a speaker for the America First Committee.) These men and others like them may or may not be on Hitler's payroll, but they do his work. They are the panzer divisions of the Cliveden set in the Nazi-Japanese spring offensive against America. And these enemy agents have influential allies in Congress. Their great favorite is, of course, Martin Dies; others who work with them are Senators Reynolds and Nye, and Representatives Day, Hoffman, and Woodruff.

What are we going to do about these fifth columnists? Until now the Department of Justice has pursued the policy of doing nothing on the mistaken theory that civil liberties require this country to give sanctuary to the would-be murderers of all liberty and of American independence. But one might as well provide constitutional protection to the bubonic plague. Last week Attorney General Biddle indicated that he was abandoning this suicidal policy and preparing to proceed against certain individuals and publications. This was followed by the arrest of George W. Christians, fuehrer of the Crusader White Shirts, and Rudolph Fahl of Denver on charges of spreading seditious propaganda in the armed forces. Let us hope that this marks the beginning of a real drive against the fifth column, and that before long not only the small fry, but the big fish-some of whom are publishers of newspapers and magazines with millions of readers—will be shut up or locked up.

THE EDITORS.

The Saturday Evening Post is in fine company. At the top is reproduced the first paragraph of an article in the March 16 issue of Social Justice. The charge that the war is all a plot of the Jews against Germany is lifted, of course, from the speeches of Hitler and Goebbels. Father Coughlin's ex-pal, Gerald L. K. Smith, has also burst into print with a new magazine, The Cross and the Flag, which takes its stand against America.



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Soon nine years will have elapsed since a worldwide "sacred war" was declared on Germany not by the United States, not by Great Britain, not by France, not by any nation; but by the race of Jews.

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