

# Calls Sen. Reynolds Charter And HE Heads the Senate

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Senator Robert R. Reynolds, Chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, was a prime mover of three Nazi-financed committees supervised and financed by the jailed Hitler agent George Sylvester Viereck, the publication The Hour charged in its most recent issue.

The three committees, set up prior to America's entry into the war for the purpose of spreading dissension and defeatism were the Make Europe Pay War Debts Committee; the War Debts Defense Committee and the Islands for War Debts Committee, the publication declares.

"Consisting chiefly of the same

few hand-picked senators and congressmen, each of the committee concentrated on spreading propaganda promoting the isolationist cause and attacking the defense program of the Administration," the anti-fascist publication said.

"The Third Reich regarded this propaganda work as being important enough to merit considerable financial support, and Hitler's hireling Viereck transmitted large Nazi funds to the committee."

Viereck, The Hour declares, is to be credited "with actually organizing the committees."

It was under the Nazi agent's guidance, it goes on to say, that the late Senator Ernest Lundeen,

"whose appeasement speeches Viereck was writing at that time—became chairman of the committees and Prescott Dennett, notorious Axis propagandist and Viereck's errand boy in Washington, served as Treasurer. . . .

"The small and highly confidential lists of the members of these committees have never been made public, but The Hour is now able to reveal that Senator Robert A. Reynolds was one of the charter members."

The Hour goes on to declare that in light of Senator Reynolds connections with these Hitler financed groups "Reynolds current activities assume a sinister significance."

Among the present-day activities of Senator Reynolds the publication draws attention to his brazen support of fascist Gerald L. K. Smith's seditious paper "The Cross and the Flag." The pro-Nazi "Cross and the Flag" in April, published a letter of endorsement from Senator Reynolds, and the Herald Tribune, in April 23, quoted the Senator as defending that endorsement by stating:

"I have no apologies to offer for endorsing the program of any individual or group standing for the things I have stood for many years. I would do the same thing if it were John Jones or Henry Smith."  
The Hour goes on to say:

## Member of Nazi-Financed Military Affairs Committee

"When Senator Reynolds says he stand for the things that Gerald Smith stands for, he is not exaggerating. It was with good reason that the Nazi-gangster Fritz Kuhn, while still Fuehrer of the German-American Bund, declared on May 6, 1939, after a speech given by Senator Reynolds at the Hotel Astor, in New York City: 'I liked the speech very well. I would underline everything he says.'

"Senator Reynolds has received similar praise from every corner of the fifth column underworld. William Dudley Polley, who was sentenced in January to three years in jail, consistently devoted large sections of his pro-Nazi publication,

Liberation, to lauding Reynolds' anti-democratic views; and it was the proud assertion of the head of the Silver Shirts that Reynolds 'espouses a duplication of Pelley's movement.' Early in 1940, the Christian Front, following the example of its pro-Axis boss Father Coughlin, gave a blanket indorsement to the program of the North Carolinian Senator. . . . The American Nationalist Confederation, whose stationery was appropriately marked with a swastika, kept at its headquarters a liberal supply of Senator Reynolds' official envelopes, in which reprints of his speeches were regularly mailed out. George Deatherage, the Naziphile who was

recently fired from a naval project at Norfolk, Virginia, carried on a friendly correspondence with Reynolds and openly expressed his complete sympathy with the Senator's aims. Edward James Smythe, John Cecil, Catherine Curtis, John B. Trevor, Joseph E. McWilliams—these and dozens more of America's motley crew of petty-fuehrers have been warm admirers of 'Our Bob,' as they fondly call him, and have not infrequently entered into close collaboration with him.

"There is not a living American traitor worth mentioning who has not indorsed the present Chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee."

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