

Sen. Reynolds Too Busy to Halt Vindicators

Chairman Robert Reynolds of the Senate Military Affairs Committee "just hasn't had time" to get rid of the American Vindicators Inc.—puppet publisher of his pre-war isolation propaganda sheet, The Vindicator, which aroused a nation-wide storm of protest for Jew-baiting and attempts to stall preparedness.

Asked why he hadn't quashed the Vindicators before he had used the organization's name to publish another

edition of the propoganda sheet in September and after he had publicly announced in June that the association

would be liquidated, the North Carolina Senator replied:

"I've been so busy, I just haven't had time to dissolve the organization." He said he expected to throw over the Vindicators soon and publish the paper under his own name.

Why the Senator didn't publish the

September edition under his own name, rather than reviving the defunct association, still remains a mystery after the conversation, except the "too busy" alibi.

Legally the Vindicators Inc. is practically a dead pigeon, and there is no law prohibiting publication of the

newspaper by an individual rather than an organization.

Court records show Reynolds asked for dissolution of the organization June 23 in District Court here, to the blare of publicity about his change in attitude since Pearl Harbor.

In mid-August, the last formality of auditing accounts of the organization began. If, as the Senator petitioned,

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the association sold or bought nothing, this is so much red tape.

Reynolds pointed that "nothing could be more American than the program advocated in the newspaper now."

"The News article about two weeks back was wrong," he said, "because it said I was against labor. That's certainly not true. I'm a friend of labor. My bill requiring registration of all labor unions would in the end be a benefit to labor.

"And what could be more American than the editorial platform, 'Win the War' . . ."

(The article mentioned by Mr. Reynolds did not say the Senator was opposed to labor. It merely said The Vindicator was largely devoted to what the Senator personally was doing to win the war and to his pending bill to register all labor unions.)

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"I will continue to publish The Vindicator to accomplish the objectives outlined on the editorial page of the last edition," he continued. "These include abolition of Communism, win the war and labor registration."

The September Vindicator represented an abrupt about face from the policy of the Senator, noted for his comment several years ago about Hitler and Mussolini—"It's foolish to oppose

them so why not play ball with them."

He said he had substituted the win the war slogan in place of his chief pre-Pearl Harbor blurb for strict isolation.

Chief drum-beating of the revamped Vindicator is to curb labor and castrate NLRB. Faint echoes of the old isolationism are evident in unsigned letters to a "The People Speak" department, such as:

"If Mr. Roosevelt wants a name for America's participation in the present World War that will link his name indissolubly with it for all time, he should call it 'The Meddler's War.'"