

# Why Is Senator Reynolds Unchecked? His Vindicator Is S

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WASHINGTON, July 25.—Out of room 229 in the stately, white-marbled Senate Office Building here operates a fascist propaganda mill which gives aid and comfort to the Axis enemies of the United States.

Room 229 is the office of Senator Robert Rice Reynolds of North Carolina—the chairman of the strategically vital Senate Military Affairs Committee.

And from this office Reynolds directs the disruptive, red-baiting, anti-labor, anti-United Nations propaganda of The Vindicator Association, Inc. and its monthly publication, "The American Vindicator."

Reynolds is the editor of the Vindicator and the president of the Vindicator Association.

On two occasions within the last three weeks, one of them as recently as last Wednesday, I obtained copies of the Vindicator in Reynolds' office.

I walked into the office, decorated with a stuffed moose head and other trophies of Reynolds' hunting trophies, and asked a secretary for a copy of the Vindicator.

The girl in the outer office told me to go into an inner room where another secretary picked off the issues I asked for from a large bundle on top of a book case.

It is important to note that on both these occasions were after the announcement by Reynolds last month that he was disband-



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ing the Vindicator Association.

Even more significant is the fact that the July issue of the Vindicator, which came out in the middle of this month, appeared well after Reynolds' announcement.

Another relevant item is that the organizational and editorial offices of the Vindicator and the Vindicator Association are still maintained in the basement of Reynolds' white brick house in back of the Supreme Court building.

Gilt lettering on the windows still proclaims the names of these fascist propaganda outfits and the slogan: "America for Americans."

There is no doubt about it. Reynolds is still carrying on his fas-

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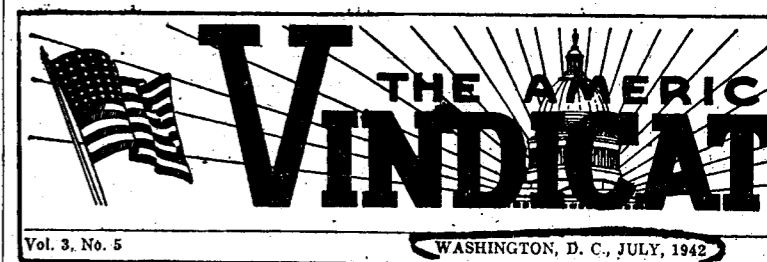
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Jury cited in its indictment of the 28 subversive conspirators.

The "mind our own business" line is only a thinly-disguised way of calling for an end to the war. The transparent effort to divide the United States from the rest of the United Nations and from the peoples of the world is the theme which recurred throughout practically all the quotations of Fifth Column propaganda cited by the Grand Jury.

The Vindicator is of a piece with defeatist publications like William L. Griffin's "The New York Enquirer" and Gerald L. K. Smith's "The Cross and the Flag," which were named by the Grand Jury as part of the Fifth Column conspiracy.

Reynolds' propaganda machine ought to be put out of business. As for Reynolds, he should be removed from his post as chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee and his Nazi and Fifth Column should be thoroughly investigated by the Department of Justice with a view to speedy action.