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White House Orders Crack-Down on 'Social Justice', Columnists Say

ACCORDING to Drew Pearson and Robert S. Allen, "Attorney General Francis Biddle is finally going to get tough—on direct personal orders of the President."

The March 16th edition of SOCIAL JUSTICE—so say these Washington correspondents—was presented to President Roosevelt for examination. That was the historic edition in which was published in full the August 6, 1933, radio speech delivered by the late Samuel Untermyer, head of the World Jewish Economic Federation.

Approximately nine years ago this high-ranking international Jew notified America and the world that Jewish leaders had declared a "sacred war" on the German people—a war designed to strike at their very existence.

SOCIAL JUSTICE made no claims that the "sacred war" was launched approximately nine years ago. Samuel Untermyer and the Jews whom he represented are responsible for that statement.

SOCIAL JUSTICE made no claims that the Jewish people regard themselves as the "aristocrats" of the world. Samuel Untermyer is responsible for that statement.

SOCIAL JUSTICE made no claims that the Jews plotted to involve all the nations of the world against Germany and the German people. Samuel Untermyer is responsible for that statement.

SOCIAL JUSTICE did express its opinion, however, that the "sacred war" already launched by the Jews by August 6, 1933, would lead into a bloody war. Not only has history borne out the truth of that opinion, but Vice President Henry Wallace, in a speech at Omaha, Nebraska, on March 14th, confirmed our opinion when he said that economic warfare easily leads to military warfare.

Thus, the White House is agitated. President Roosevelt orders Attorney General Biddle to crack down on SOCIAL JUSTICE for exposing the truth—the truth for which the American people have hungered. The President of the United States, according to Pearson and Allen, was shown the March 16th issue of "Coughlin's weekly publication" — the publication "which declared that a 'world-wide sacred war' was declared against Germany nine years ago."

It is regretful that Pearson and Allen failed to name the personages who declared the "sacred war." Rather, they preferred—perhaps through necessity—to report a half-truth.

It is too late for any Washington columnist or Attorney General or President of the United States to conceal this historic fact. To attempt to do so is to stultify themselves in the eyes of many Americans who already are chafing under a censorship which began

not in recent months but almost ten years ago.

The Pearson and Allen comment to which we are referring appeared in the daily press of Thursday, March 26th, and was widely syndicated throughout the nation.

For the record, we reproduce it verbatim:

"After three months of temporizing with native Fascist champions, Attorney General Francis Biddle is finally going to get tough — on direct personal orders of the President.

"Roosevelt directed Biddle to take vigorous legal action against certain factional leaders who have been publicly denouncing the war against the Axis and in some instances actually expressing pleasure over Jap victories.

"Complaints have poured into Washington from parents of boys in the armed services demanding that these domestic foes be jailed. But Biddle demurred on the ground of 'preserving civil liberties.'

"Shortly after Pearl Harbor, F.B.I. agents arrested Robert Noble, rabid Los Angeles Fascist leader, on serious charges involving statements concerning the war. Despite the F.B.I.'s evidence, Biddle ordered Noble released.

"This brought down a storm of protest on Biddle's head that steadily increased as the hostile operations of these elements became bolder and more outspoken. Still Biddle refused to allow either the F.B.I. or Federal district attorneys, who were championing at the bit, to crack down.

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"Finally White House advisers, alarmed over the situation, took the matter direct to the President. They laid before him a mass of evidence dealing with Noble, Father Coughlin, Francis P. Moran, of Boston, Gerald L. K. Smith, of Michigan, and Charles B. Hudson, of Omaha.

"One document shown Roosevelt was the March 16 issue of Coughlin's weekly publication, which declared that a 'world-wide sacred war' was declared against Germany nine years ago. The publication also attacked aid to Russia, denounced the British bombing of French plants making Nazi supplies, and contained such statements as:

"'Unless the German forces can overcome Russia and successfully invade England by the end of September, there is every evidence that the entire world will have elected to experience a blood bath the like of which was never imagined by the most poetic minds.'—'It has been the practised policy of the Roosevelt Administration to favor the Chinese in their war against Japan. This policy has rankled in the hearts of the Nipponese war lords who are devoted to the policy of Asia for the Asiatics, a policy which, after all, is nothing more than an expression of our own Monroe Doctrine.'

"After carefully examining the evidence, the President summoned Biddle, ordered him to get tough and do so immediately."

SOCIAL JUSTICE and the nation are thankful to these Washington columnists in that we have been permitted to glimpse the alarm which the naked truth produced within the White House and elsewhere. But the nation is amused to learn it was the "alarmed" White House advisers who took the matter direct to the President — the matter of the March 16th issue of this weekly.

Who are the advisers and wherefore are they alarmed?

May one suspect their identity — Hopkins, the socialist; Frankfurter, the radical; Rosenman, the amanuensis; Perkins, the labor genius; Morgenthau, the gold wizard; and one of the refugee Rothschilds betimes resident at the Pierre Hotel, New York?

It is not for us to speak dogmatically.

Only these facts do we know—and without reserve:

(1) It was the March 16th issue of SOCIAL JUSTICE which contained the boast uttered by Samuel Untermyer that a "sacred war" was already in progress against the German people;

(2) It was the March 16th issue of SOCIAL JUSTICE which publicized the fact that the Jews of the world, under the leadership of an accredited officer, launched a "sacred war" against the German people;

(3) It was the March 16th issue of SOCIAL JUSTICE which, indirectly, highlighted and emphasized the most outstanding event in the ten years which preceded Pearl Harbor and the World War.

Therefore, the alarm. Alarm, lest the people of the world will ponder upon that event and appraise it at its full value; lest the people of the world, in post-war days, will weigh that event in the scales of history against the bloodshed, the carnage, the corpses, the destruction of property, the loss of fortune and every other incident consequent to a war which, we are told, is being fought for the preservation of the four freedoms.

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As far as we recollect, freedom of the press was one of these four freedoms. And freedom of the press must be interpreted by a government which is fighting for the preservation of democracy to include the right to criticize the conduct of a war which the majority of the people of this country did not want.

Following Pearl Harbor, we voiced that same opinion. And we added that, come what may, all Americans, perforce, consider themselves in this war because it was constitutionally declared. Therefore, to win the war—even though we did not want it—is our common concern.

And to win the peace, following cessation of hostilities, is likewise our common concern.

What irks us and will continue to irk us is the conduct of this war—a conduct which has been characterized by boondoggling and muddling, by oratory and inefficiency.

It matters not, at the moment, who got us into the war. The fact is, we are in it.

It matters not, at the moment, what were the causes which effected the war. The fact is we are face to face with effects.

But it does matter if we win or lose the war. There is no American who can be indifferent on that point. Nevertheless, as ugly as is the fact, there is indifference which is translated by selfishness of various species.

There is greed manifested by certain manufacturers.

There is lust for power manifested by certain labor leaders.

There is ambition manifested by certain radicals.

There is "Business As Usual" for the makers of munitions with their enormous profits.

There is "Business As Usual" for labor leaders who cling to their peace time closed shop.

There is "Business As Usual" for the Communists who have not only gained a foothold in Government but who are anxious to release Earl Browder from the penitentiary.

There is "Business As Usual" for the myopic Jewish press which persistently—with the aid of the *Daily Worker* and the *Florida Catholic*—casts more than aspersions upon the silenced Father Coughlin.

There is "Business As Usual" for the New Deal politicians and bureaucrats to whom the holding of office is of paramount importance.

SOCIAL JUSTICE has inveighed against all these abuses and will continue to do so because we recognize that if America loses the war, she will lose her *Constitution*, and her children will lose their rights and their properties.

In the Pearson and Allen quotation there was incorporated an excerpt from the back page of the March 16th edition of SOCIAL JUSTICE. The columnists omitted saying that this back-page article was a reproduction of August 4, 1941—composed and publicized four months before Pearl Harbor. They omitted saying that SOCIAL JUSTICE

was predicting a world war four months before it happened, basing its prediction upon the failure of German forces to overcome Russia and to successfully invade England by the end of last September.

The Pearson and Allen omissions are inconsequential when faced with the record. Nevertheless, it is wormwood for the White House advisers to read the accurate forecast made by SOCIAL JUSTICE, particularly when their own miscalculations are weighing so heavily upon the shoulders of America.

To reiterate, SOCIAL JUSTICE, four months before Pearl Harbor, predicted an all-out Asiatic war as well as an all-out World War. SOCIAL JUSTICE predicted four months before Pearl Harbor that "practically all Asia will be opposed to the United States of America." But the advisers to whom the President listened scouted such a prediction.

This August 4, 1941, editorial was reprinted in the March 16th issue of SOCIAL JUSTICE to reaffirm our constant criticism, namely, that the President has the wrong advisers surrounding him—advisers who, if he keeps them, cannot produce victory. They were incompetent in peace and are more incompetent in combat.

To corroborate the above statement, we reproduce a portion of an article appearing in the March 25th issue of the *Chicago Tribune*—an article dealing with rubber and White House miscalculations:

"Fundamental responsibility for the Administration's failure to provide synthetic rubber for the nation's war effort was attributed to President Roosevelt today at a Senate committee hearing by William L. Batt, materials director of the War Production Board. Batt indicated that the President depended upon British assurances that they would hold Malaya.

"Testifying before the Truman committee, which is investigating war production, Batt said that the President supported Jesse H. Jones, federal loan administrator, in blocking a synthetic rubber expansion program recommended by the old national defense advisory committee in 1940.

"Batt intimated that it is not fair to place the blame for the bungling of the synthetic rubber program exclusively on Jones.

"'Mr. Jones was receiving information in very high places as to what might happen in the Far East,' the witness said. 'A great many people in very high places did not believe the Dutch East Indies would be attacked, or would fall if attacked.'

"The inference of Batt's testimony was that the President and his diplomatic and military advisers risked a rubber tire civilization on the proposition that Japan would not or could not shut off our sources of natural rubber in the Dutch East Indies and British Malaya."

The lean, uplifted forefinger of history now points to the fall of Malaya, to the surrender of the Dutch East Indies, to the partial abandonment of our rubber-tire civilization.

The same advisers of Mr. Roosevelt are alarmed because of the March 16th edition of SOCIAL JUSTICE. The country also is alarmed—because they are the same advisers who hold the President's ear four months after Pearl Harbor.

Because they are the same advisers, the American public is wondering if they have not miscalculated the essentials for victory and therefore are planning, either consciously or unconsciously, what SOCIAL JUSTICE

reprinted on its back page in the March 16th edition, namely, "a long, bitter, gruesome, destructive period which will witness the abandoning of our *Constitution*, the destruction of private property and the adoption of a totalitarian form of government which will level off all families and persons."

David Lawrence, eminent editorial writer, says: "It is fantastic to suppose that, in the exercise of one of the President's four freedoms, the debate inside America over production methods or anything else will give aid and comfort to the enemy."

Thus, SOCIAL JUSTICE will continue to debate not on production but on the personnel of those responsible for production; not on industrialists and laborers but on the advisers of the President who, as Commander-in-Chief, is responsible for marshaling industry and labor for victory.

Herewith we add more pertinent observations made by David Lawrence:

"There's a drive on to stifle criticism of the Administration . . .

"Even if the truth reveals that the politicians inside the Government are bungling the war effort, even if the facts disclose colossal waste, mismanagement and incompetence, the critics must not say anything about it—why, it may possibly be used by Berlin in its short-wave broadcasts!

"This amazing technic has been invented by the New Deal propagandists and press agents who, as a rule, write the speeches for the higher-ups. It is a method undoubtedly adopted to discredit honest criticism because it, of course, tends to question the activities of the New Deal party."

As for the direct "go ahead" on the part of Mr. Roosevelt to Attorney General Biddle to "get tough" with SOCIAL JUSTICE, we do not fear anything that can be done lest, in the doing of it, the Government will discover, in days to come, that it got tough on itself.

In no defiant mood do we give expression to this thought. Rather, we rest our affirmation on the basic fairness of the American people who will have an opportunity to manifest it at the November polls.

General MacArthur undiplomatically but courageously said that the people must have the truth in order to win a war. It is only the truth that will make us free; for any victory won by the sword of falsehood will prove to be nothing more than a Dead Sea apple—beautiful without and rotten within.

When a nation is engaged in the bloody business of war, the antagonists within a nation—all anxious for victory—never pause to seek legal redress against slander, calumny and libel.

That rule will obtain in our case. It will also obtain in the case of Father Coughlin of whom we inquired if he would take action against those who charged him and SOCIAL JUSTICE with being recipients of Goebbels' gold—the clumsiest canard ever enunciated by an alarmed group of advisers and their satellites.

In conclusion, let us win the war in order to win the peace and save the *Constitution*. But let us put aside all petty antipathies and animosities. More importantly, let us clean house—including the White House—of its miscalculating advisers who are more dangerous than a million fifth columnists and more responsible for a smouldering resentment which is slowly creeping across this nation.