

Another Administration Purge Is On

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

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Mr. HOFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, taking advantage of the war, New Deal politicians have started a smear campaign to defeat every Senator or Congressman who ventures to criticize, however ridiculous or wasteful, any administration policy, even though it interferes with our national defense.

Because, prior to December 7, I insisted that we first prepare ourselves for national defense, get ready for whatever might come, before engaging in a war, and because since Pearl Harbor I have insisted that this administration throw into the discard all nonessential policies and settle down to an all-out program of production and to the business of winning the war, the New Deal has been on an active hunt for a candidate to defeat me and for the means of accomplishing that purpose.

Using Walter Winchell, whom the President saved from active service with the Navy, and other propagandists, the administration has started a smear campaign to defeat me.

This is nothing new for the administration, and sincere, patriotic citizens have, by members of this administration, been branded as pro-Nazi, as furnishing propaganda to Hitler and his allies:

First. Because they—and this includes the greater part of the press of the country, Members of Congress, and citizens generally—demanded that fan dancers, actors, and those engaged in social and entertainment activities be removed from the civilian defense organization.

Second. Because the House, acting upon information furnished by its Appropriation Committee, insisted that one Cowley and others who were connected with so-called front organizations, controlled by Communists, be removed from the Federal pay roll.

Third. Because MARTIN DIES called attention to the fact that 35 staff members of the Board of Economic Warfare, one function of which is the planning of our national economy after the war, had affiliations with front organizations of the Communist Party and that one Maurice Parmelee, a \$5,600 economist for the Board, was a professional nudist. Vice President WALLACE, ex officio Chairman of the Board, heading the organization

which employed Parmelee, charged DIES' statement would have been less damaging to war morale "if Mr. DIES were on the Hitler pay roll." DIES answered by telling WALLACE to discharge employees of that kind.

Fourth. When later an ardent administration supporter, a member of the Dies committee, JERRY VOORHIS, told the House that C. Hartley Gratton, another high-salaried member of the Board, wrote a foreword to the so-called German White Paper issued by Hitler in defense of his invasion of Poland, William D. Hassett, Presidential secretary, charged that DIES was providing grist for the Nazi propaganda mill.

Fifth. Again, and this time through a special prosecutor of the Department of Justice, at Washington, it has turned its guns on me. He was informed by me through remarks I made in the House weeks ago of the speeches which I have been sending out, but he waited until last Thursday to call before a grand jury one of my secretaries, evidently in an effort to smear me. She could not give him any information. The press could by a phone call.

Recently I sent out a speech entitled "Don't Haul Down the Stars and Stripes." Those remarks were a combination of two speeches I made on the floor of the House on January 27 and January 30 last. They were in answer to an effort by two organizations which are spending thousands of dollars to induce the American people to repudiate our Declaration of Independence, adopted in 1776, and to substitute in lieu thereof a declaration of interdependence and to become a member of the United States of the World. One of these organizations asked that Congress on the 30th day of January last give the President \$100,000,000 to form a United Nations of the World—of which we would be but one—subjecting us in the end to the rule over our domestic and foreign affairs by a majority of the nations in the union.

That organization also asked that Congress appropriate \$1,000,000,000, to be given to those who, at the request of the President, would head the proposed United Nations of the World.

I have sent out, or, if they have not already all been mailed, I propose to send out, more than 100,000 copies of those speeches, and, until my supply is exhausted, anyone desiring a copy will be sent one upon request.

If the New Deal spokesmen and those who are playing partisan politics by endeavoring to smear everyone who does not agree with their wasteful spending and with their boondoggling will just get down to earth and admit what they well know, that is, that they have no monopoly of patriotism; quit their wasteful spending and their efforts to aid their political fortunes by hooking their campaigns to the war issue; quit their name calling and devote themselves, with singleness of purpose, wholeheartedly toward the winning of the war, we will, as a nation, make real progress toward that end.

Their present smear campaign merely disseminates misinformation, lays them open to the charge of disunity which

they make against others, saps public confidence, and intimidates no one who thinks more of his country than he does of his own political success. They may frighten the timid; they but add to the determination of those who would preserve our Government and who do not intend that this war shall see the end of our freedom or of our form of government.