

Smythe's Sheet Carries On the Coughlin Propaganda...

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Smythe here is addressing Klan-Bund rally Aug. 18, 1940. Klapproth, Bund leader, is at the left.

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Dear me
Many thanks for your letter of
August First
Relative to Father Coughlin we
look upon him as a great American
The Roman Catholic Church is a tricky
propagation always has been, always
will be

Cordially
Edward J. Smythe

Anti-Catholic Smythe played ball with Coughlin.

Local Small-Fry Fascist Hopes to Hit Big Time Peddling Axis Themes

By LEO J. MARGOLIN AND
LUTHER CONANT, JR.

Nature and Fascists abhor a vacuum and Edward James Smythe, Jew-baiting Fascist of the sidewalks of New York, has his eyes on the void left by the defunct seditious *Social Justice*.

He admits his ambitions for the big time in the latest issue of his night-shirt sheet, *Our Common Cause*.

In bold face, he asks "all *Social Justice* distributors to get in touch with us relative to distribution" of the paper (see exhibit on opposite page).

Smythe beats his breast in defiance of the Federal action taken against Charles Coughlin's weekly and implies that nobody would dare touch him.

"So don't try to muzzle any publisher," he writes, "whether he be . . . Coughlin or any other man, for if you do, you will release the forces of hell against you, for man is but an animal when aroused, and hate is ever in his heart."

Smythe is quite an expert in the art of hate.

Former *Social Justice* distributors would feel very much at home handling *Our Common Cause* for it echoes most of the Axis propaganda themes that Attorney General Biddle charged Coughlin's sheet with mouthing. It was publications of this type which Biddle labeled "these dirty little sheets."

Just how it echoed these themes is shown in the reproductions on the opposite page.

All the quotations are from post-Pearl Harbor issues of *Our Common Cause* and most are from the current issue.

Smythe is no stranger to the Coughlin Column.

Although rabidly anti-Catholic, he thought Coughlin was a great man.

He enjoyed friendly relations with the Rev. Edward F. Brophy, pamphleteer of the Christian Front and Bernard T. D'Arcy, New York distributor of *Social Justice*, who is now an Army officer.

Smythe is a big hulking fellow. His face and figure are familiar to most of the local Fascist fringe.

Until a few weeks ago he lived uptown

... And Begs for 'Social Justice's' Distribution Setup

in a Vermilyea Ave. walk-up apartment. His sheet still gives that address.

He told the Post Office his forwarding address, but not the superintendent of the apartment.

But according to the boys in the back room he's still around town.

Smythe's pre-war play was through the paper organization he founded, the Protestant War Veterans Assn., a letter-head

outfit which afforded him an outlet for his sneers and jibes at democracy, Roosevelt, Jews and Catholics.

His big moment came when he addressed the joint meeting of the German-American Bund and the Ku Klux Klan held at Camp Nordland, N. J., Aug. 18, 1940. He told that meeting:

"The heart of every crusading American is in the cell with your former leader Fritz

Kuhn, whom I am proud to call my friend."

The amazing correspondence of Smythe was revealed by PM last April in a two-page spread which showed he had received friendly letters from such people or organizations as Sen. Robert Reynolds, Rep. Clare Hoffman, Rep. Hamilton Fish, the Ku Klux Klan, Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, the Nazi-financed publishing house Flanders Hall, America First, and company.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
We are asking all SOCIAL JUSTICE DISTRIBUTORS to get in touch with us relative to distribution of "OUR COMMON CAUSE".
Write 149 VERMILYEA AVENUE, New York City.

← Story

Here are some of the Axis propaganda themes Biddle found in "Social Justice" when it was banned as seditious

Here are the same themes in Smythes night shirt sheet "Our Common Course"

"Disparagement of the intentions and motives of Great Britain and the U. S."

The Roosevelt Administration has dragged us into a war in which the American people had no interests, it was, and still is, Great Britain's war, fought for in the interests of the Jewish International bankers to preserve their control of the monetary system of the world and their gigantic business combine . . .

Are the CHRISTIAN MOTHERS and FATHERS of AMERICA to bring CHILDREN into this world to SUFFER and SLAVE to FEED, CLOTHE and EDUCATE THEM, only to have them become CANNON FODDER when they grow up, to be SLAUGHTERED on the BATTLEFIELDS OF THE WORLD, in order, remember, not for YOUR "FOUR FREEDOMS" or "FOR DEMOCRACY" either, but to make SECURE FOREVER and EVER and EVER JEW CONTROL, both ECONOMIC and POLITICAL, over the ENTIRE CHRISTIAN and PAGAN WORLD? THE TIME TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION, IS TODAY . . . NOW . . . FOR IT MOST CERTAINLY CALLS FOR AN ANSWER.

"Blame for the war on international bankers and their control of or influence in the present national administration and in the governments of the Allies."

The COMMUNISTIC JEWISH MINORITY with the WEALTH of the INTERNATIONAL JEWISH BANKERS behind them, are suppressing the OPINIONS AND CONVICTIONS OF MILLIONS OF OUR FELLOW CITIZENS through the CONTROL of our COURTS OF JUSTICE, and a DEGENERATE, BUT WELL KEPT PRESS AND RADIO.

The conduct of this war — what is it all about? — WHAT ARE WE FIGHTING FOR? The COMMUNISTIC JEWS now in CONTROL OF THEIR GOVERNMENT, holding all KEY POSITIONS under your administration at Washington, D. C., THE COMING PEACE, THE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST CHRISTIAN AMERICAN PATRIOTS by these COMMUNISTIC JEWS, etc., etc., etc.

"Creation of racial hatreds and distrust."

Mr. Roosevelt, have you and Great Britain already formed a "SUPER WORLD GOVERNMENT"? If not, then how can you speak for all the nations and the peoples throughout the earth? Surely they have not elected you PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSE — OR HAVE THEY? — OR IS THIS THE JEWISH PLAN OF WORLD GOVERNMENT?

In conclusion, COMMUNISM IS JUDAISM IN ACTION; if you don't safeguard your liberty, today . . . NOW . . . TOMORROW WILL BE JUST TOO LATE.

"Doubt as to the ability of the United Nations to win the war."

There can be no NATIONAL UNITY while it is a PUBLIC FACT that Communistic JEWS direct the actions of President Roosevelt, even to writing his speeches . . . Communistic JEWS betrayed the PROUD REPUBLIC of FRANCE to the invader, through political and civic corruption, unless the Communistic JEWS are driven out of your Government at Washington, D. C., and a UNITED CHRISTIAN NATION assured, this war will be lost, to the common foe.

You and Mr. Churchill have stated that after this war is over (providing the "UNITED NATIONS" WIN)

Wiltwyck School for Boys, a Friendly Place...

By Albert Deutsch:

Well-Rounded Program of Care Pays Big Human Dividend

Jackie has knocked around a good deal in his eleven years of life. Eight years ago his mother and father, bedeviled by economic ills, broke up the Harlem hovel they called home, and scattered Jackie, his brothers and sisters among relatives willing to take them in.

From then on Jackie was shunted from aunt to grandmother to cousin and back again. All were hard-working women, unable to give the growing child the attention he needed. He became one of Harlem's "door-key kids", left alone with a key tied round his neck so he could get into the house and forage for food.

Jackie never knew family life, never was certain where he'd get his next week's lodging, never stayed in a schoolroom long enough to get started on an education.

He felt rejected, insecure, feared grown-ups and suspected other children. He kept a chip on his shoulder, got into fights with other boys. Teachers couldn't control him at school. He finally landed in Children's Court last year, and was remanded to the Wiltwyck School for Boys.

It was hard to believe that the jolly, brown-skinned kid with a grin that spanned his ears, playing softball with other boys at Wiltwyck, was the same Jackie whose sombre case record I had read. He's no longer afraid of people, is friendly, fun-loving and likeable. He was in the school play last month and stole the show in the role of Big Indian Chief.

Jackie is one of 63 Negro "problem children" being rehabilitated at the Wiltwyck School, which occupies part of a 485-acre estate near Esopus on the west bank of the Hudson, belonging to the Protestant Episcopal City Mission Society. The school takes in Negro kids between 8 and 12 years of age remanded by the New York City Children's Court. Most of the boys fall into the "delinquent through neglect" class, with record of truancy, petty thievery, running away from home, and the like.

A Friendly Place

The first thing that strikes you at Wiltwyck is the friendly, informal and free atmosphere. There are neither bars nor gates—and no attempts to run away. There is a full educational and recreational program that keeps the children engaged all day, but it isn't routinized. Kids are given a wide choice of games after school hours. Classes are operated as part of the regular New York City school system.

The boys are housed in four buildings or "cottages" forming a quadrangle. They respect their counselors, teachers and other staff members, but don't fear them. Counselor George Strayhorn is fondly called Butch, and Rev. T. W. B. Magnan, director of the school, is plain "Doc" to the boys. The entire staff knows each child by its first name and even by the inevitable nickname, such as Peewee, Deadeye, Laughing Boy, and Seegar (who awed the other boys by smoking a cigar and getting deathly sick).

It's a far cry from Harlem's dirty, congested, crime-breeding streets to the expansive lawns, playgrounds, shade trees, fish-filled streams and cool swimming hole at Wiltwyck. There's a difference, too, between the tense, anxious, prematurely aged faces of fun-starved Harlem street kids and

the relaxed, healthful expressions of Wiltwyck's children.

Wiltwyck boys don't spend a lot of time learning and playing. There's a lot of work. The boys make their own beds, wash their own floors, help in the kitchen and tend the lawns, and get some vocational training. A system of pay helps spur them. The average boy runs from fifty cents to a few dollars a month.

The per capita cost of operating Wiltwyck School is higher than most, but the results more than make up the added expense. Wiltwyck has a high percentage of its alumni in the work force, good adjustments in the world, and a high-calibre staff of social workers who not only try to rehabilitate but try to improve unsatisfactory conditions which are often the behavior problems.

There's the case of Willie, whose mother had been in a mental hospital for many months, and whose father was too feeble to pay for a cold-water flat. Willie was on his own all the time, with a lot of bad companions and got into a lot of trouble. Wiltwyck's social workers got Willie out of the flat, moved the father to a better apartment, helped Willie to get to health, and now Willie will have a chance of avoiding a crime career. Often that the economic problem is solved this easy, but Wiltwyck's importance and its results.

The Wiltwyck School started in 1937, under the auspices of the Protestant Episcopal Mission, to care for a scandalous situation. Until then there were no facilities whatever for Negro delinquents under twelve years of age. Agencies raised the color bar, and Children's Court judges could not take such cases but send them to the "delinquent through neglect" class, regardless of how unfavorable the record was, or how maladjusted the child.

The Wiltwyck experiment was successful, and was soon expanded to a capacity for 80 boys. Only six months ago when the Protestant Episcopal Mission suddenly announced it would no longer afford to maintain them, they would have to close it down by next year.

More Funds Needed

The announcement shocked many child-caring experts here, and many public-minded citizens got together to form a non-sectarian interracial corporation that would take over the Wiltwyck School. The Wiltwyck Agency Fund, headed by Dr. Eugene C. Conner, associate pastor of the Church, and located at 250 Park Street, seeks to raise \$50,000 toward the school's annual budget of some \$100,000. The rest of the money is contributed by the City of New York on a per capita basis. The committee member has agreed to donate \$10,000, up to \$10,000, for every \$100,000 raised.

Experts will tell you that more like Wiltwyck would serve as a model for the high crime rate in New York City ghettos. It would be a tragedy and a shame if the institution should have to close for lack of funds.

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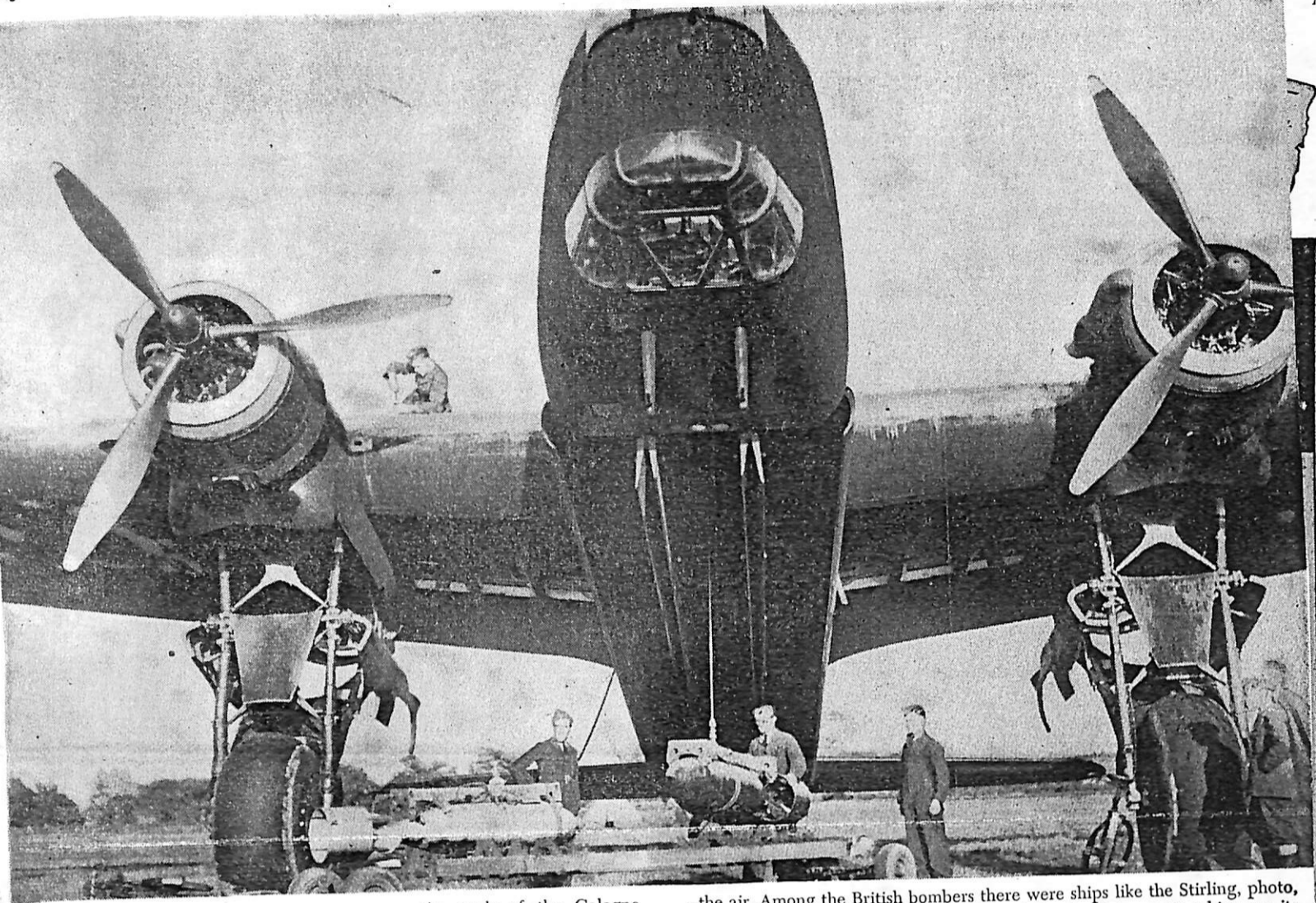


All boys at Wiltwyck are taught swimming and many other sports as part of the rebuilding program. They'll want to show off their prowess in city playgrounds, not streets, when they return.



Fisherman's Dream: Spearing a herring in Black Creek on Wiltwyck School grounds. There's a big herring run this month, and the stream's so thick with fish that the boys catch them with their hands.

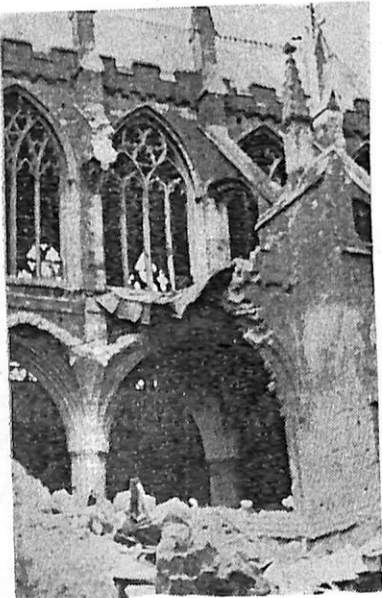
... In Another Triumph of Infinite Organization



Dispatch of 1000 Bombers on the heels of the Cologne raiders is said to have "staggered even senior RAF officers." But the British genius for building huge battleships and organizing them into huge fleets is now working in a new field

—the air. Among the British bombers there were ships like the Stirling, photo, which carry the heaviest (seven-ton) bomb loads. This one is taking on its heavy load. British say every plane in Essen raid was British built. (Story on Page 13, map on Page 16.)

...Nazi Guide-Book Attacks Bring Scenes to Britain Reminiscent of 1940 Blitz



EXETER: The cathedral is bombed.



YORK: A whole row of houses goes after a visit by Hitler's aerial "tourists."