

Papers May Be Counted By the Dozens

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(Editor's note.—Scores of verminous little sheets, each with a few thousand readers, are gnawing away at the faith and unity of our people, whispering defeat and clamoring about "freedom of the press." Their common policy—"made in Germany"—is to turn Americans against one another, and to split America from the United Nations. This is the last article of a series about these papers.)

The papers and the bulletins and the magazines of the vermin press may be counted by the dozens.

Their difference and variety are as bewildering as their uniformities are sinister.

They are in every size—from half tabloid to full eight-column; in every medium—from smart machine-set type to sloppy mimeograph; in every section—from New York to San Diego.

Some come out with ominous regularity, suggesting plenty of money backing; others are mere sporadic eruptions of handbills. Some speak in suave, subtle English; others use a mystical garble.

Allies Attacked

Whatever its form, whatever its choice of language, these are the policies of the vermin press:

1. To attack England, and the Netherlands, and Russia; to doubt their motives, question their courage, impugn their honor and belittle their value as Allies.
2. To besmirch the President of the United States, to slander his wife, humiliate his advisers, twist his words, embarrass his friends and glorify his enemies.
3. To bait the Jews, to incite hatred of Negroes and foment distrust of the foreign born.
4. To protest loud concern for this Republic and to depict the Communists as a huge and powerful menace, allied with all the foregoing, from which nothing

can save us but the vermin press, with its crackpot finance and its doctrine of systematized hatreds.

There is a shocking resemblance to the policies of Der Angrieff, Joe Goebbels' newspaper.

The writers of the vermin press are adept at putting these things into phrases, smooth or rowdy according to the character of the publication. But it is their practice to cull their fellow publications, the legitimate press and the Congressional Record, and then to reprint whatever seems calculated to serve the common policy of the vermin press.

Among public men, these editors have their heroes.

Representative Clare E. Hoffman (Republican), of Michigan, for instance, because he lashes the Nation's President and its labor unions

with equal violence. So his utterances are published and his notions applauded. And one editor obtained Hoffman's "Roosevelt is a Judas" speech and sold it in quantity lots, with copies of a seditious card thrown in for good measure.

And strangely, General MacArthur—for they can blame everything that has happened to him on the President.

The Constitution of the United States says "the freedom of the press . . . shall not be infringed." The vermin press refers to this guarantee in every issue, beside the articles which disavow every other guarantee.

Attorney General Biddle last Tuesday ruled that the Bill of Rights never was meant to cloak attacks upon America from within, in time of war. Postmaster General Walker promptly cracked down on Social Justice.

The others remain . . .