

# Ask U. S. Inquiry Into Nazi Threats in Mails

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An investigation of the use of the U. S. mails for purposes of Hitlerite propaganda was asked of postal authorities yesterday by Gilbert Rocke, Chicago secretary of the American League for Peace and Democracy.

A leaflet, which had originally been issued by the American League, calling for a peace demonstration against Hitler, was returned to the League through the mail bearing insults to President Roosevelt which had been super-imposed.

The returned leaflet was entirely defaced with the rubber stamp inscription, "Heil Hitler." The name of President Roosevelt was substituted for the name Hitler, and the President was called "Sappy Roosevelt."

The League has endorsed another demonstration for peace in the form of a Parade of Nations to begin at 2:30 Saturday at Ohio and La Salle Sts.

Another communication, apparently from the same source, was an open pasteboard on which the same "Heil Hitler" rubber stamp was used in addition to a condemnation of trade unions.

The inscription read:

"End lawlessness—Racketeering. Refuse to deal with union labor. Boycott union shops. Decline to buy union-made goods." This is the legend that goes with "Heil Hitler!"

Union leaders were sharp in their condemnation of this latest outburst of Hitlerite propaganda which combines an attack on the President with anti-labor sentiments.

"This brazen display of fascist hatred toward trade unions," said Abe Cohen, organizer of the Chicago Typographical Union, No. 16, "indicates the necessity for concentrated efforts on the part of labor to subdue

## Stop Hitler!

American ROOSEVELT  
American independence has been destroyed.  
All vestiges of freedom, the great American culture and science have been crushed by New Deal barbarism.

Will ~~Chicago~~ <sup>Anarchy</sup> be next?  
If the militarists of Japan are permitted to subjugate China, if Mussolini and Hitler are allowed to conquer and exploit Spain, Austria, the Balkans, etc., what will be the chances of preventing their combined forces from extending their conquest to include all of the Far East, all of Europe and portions of the Americas? President Roosevelt says: "If these things come to pass in other parts of the world, let no one think America will escape."  
The government and the people of the United States must cooperate with other democratic countries and liberty loving people in an effort to prevent catastrophe.

### World War Threatens—We Must Stop It! Quarantine the Aggressor!

PEOPLE OF CHICAGO . . . TURN OUT BY THE THOUSANDS . . . TRADE UNIONISTS, CATHOLICS, PROTESTANTS, STUDENTS, PROFESSIONAL AND SMALL BUSINESS MEN, RALLY TO THE DEFENSE OF PEACE AND DEMOCRACY . . . EXPRESS YOUR INDIGNATION. ALL OUT TO THE MASS PROTEST DEMONSTRATION.

Sat. Mar 19th  
2 P.M.  
Newberry Square  
LARK AND WALTON

Called by American League for Peace and Democracy  
188 W. Randolph St., Room 902, Dearborn 6902

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the program of fascism."  
In reference to the Hitlerite threats, Nicholas Fontecchio, district director of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, declared:  
"The conduct of fascist dictatorships, both in Europe

and Asia, represents a world menace. Let no American believe that because of the great oceans between these continents, that America is safe from fascist invasion.  
"These fascist mad dogs

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## HEIL HITLER

THIS LEAFLET, left, originally issued by the American League for Peace and Democracy, was sent through the mails to the League office in this form, defaced with the "Heil Hitler" rubber stamp and indicating threats against President Roosevelt and the New Deal.

THE ABOVE inscription was on the back of an open postcard sent through the mails to the American League office.

have an eye set on the American continent. They have already made places for themselves in Brazil. Brazil will be the landing field to invade America, its territories and its resources.

"It is about time that all peace-loving citizens and those who believe in world democracy should immediately survey the world situation and be on the alert, at least, to stop fascism from invading the American continent, for if American democracy survives, world democracy may be saved; if American democracy crumbles, then world democracy is lost.

"It should be clear to anyone," said Gilbert Rocke, "who might be confused about the labor policy of pro-fascist groups seeking

to mislead American workers, that this is what is to be expected from fascism in America—that it will smash trade unions, as it has in Germany and Italy.

"Trade unions should not wait to take action." Pro-fascist members should be expelled from their ranks, and these unions, for their own preservation, should carry on a campaign against Nazi-fascist organizations which continue to grow and thrive in America."

"The use of the U. S. mails for this type of propaganda constitutes an obvious criminal act, and we are demanding that postal authorities go the limit in tracking down and prosecuting the perpetrators."