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WHEN YOU GO TO THE POLLS ---REMEMBER VIERECK!

(This is the first of a series on Congressional elections)

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WASHINGTON, D. C., May 16. — George Sylvester Viereck, the top Nazi propagandist in the United States, is now where he belongs—in a jail in the District of Columbia.

Viereck is in jail because he concealed from the government the facts about the vast Nazi propaganda mill he operated out of Room 1424 in the new House Office Building, out of the office of Rep. Hamilton Fish.

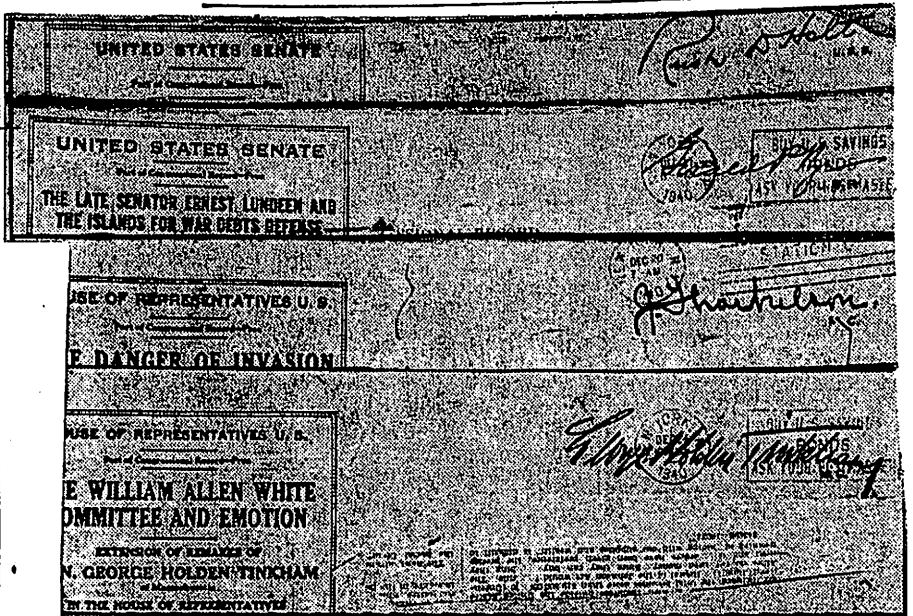
But Fish, Viereck's close friend and collaborator, is running for re-election to Congress from the Twenty-sixth District in New York. So is America's first Rep. William B. Barry in the Second District in Queens.

And so are Senator C. Wayland Brooks of Illinois and Reps. Stephen Day of Illinois, Clare Hoffman of Michigan and Martin L. Sweeney of Ohio—all four of whom were among the members of Congress whose speeches were distributed in large quantities by the Viereck propaganda machine.

Viereck is in jail—but these members of Congress, who are carrying on his work by sniping at the war effort and spreading defeatism, are not only still functioning on Capitol Hill but are trying to come back for another term.

The Viereck propaganda set-up is no longer operating in its original form—but the speeches of defeatist members of Congress are still being circulated in tens of thousands of copies by fascist, pro-Nazi publications like America in Danger and the Beacon Light.

And the work of the defeatists is being aided daily by a strong group of disruptionists from the poll-tax states of the South like Reps. Howard Smith of Virginia, E. E.



Ex-Senator Rush Holt of West Virginia, Senator Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota, ex-Rep. Jacob Thorkelson of Montana, who was the Silver Shirt candidate for President in 1940, and Rep. George Holden Tinkham, sent out pro-appeasement speeches in cooperation with the Viereck propaganda mill.

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Viereck has been busy for two years cultivating members of Congress, preparing a new Nazi propaganda set-up which could replace the German Library of Information. He was seen frequently during this period in the office of the late Senator Ernest Lundeen of Minnesota.

During 1939 and 1940 Viereck helped organize and finance three dummy organizations, "Make Europe Pay War Debts Committee," "Islands for War Debts Committee" and "War Debts Finance Commit-

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Rep. Sweeney turned over fan mail from a nationwide radio speech so that Dennett could get names for his mailing list. Senator Edwin C. Johnson of Colorado turned over letters to them, and Viereck supplied the names of members of the German-American Board of Trade.

But Viereck needed somebody who was right up on Capitol Hill who could take care of ordering speeches by appeasers from the Government Printing Office and arrange for other technical details.

Rep. Hamilton Fish solved this problem for Viereck in July 1940. He introduced Viereck to his secre-

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New Broom for Congress in Hands of People



EMMETT C. DAVISON
Candidate Against Rep. Smith

(This is the last in a series on the leading defeatists in Congress who are running for re-election.)

By Adam Lapin
(The Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 23. —Reps. Robert Rich of Pennsylvania and George Holden Tinkham of Massachusetts have thrown up the sponge, and announced that they are not running for re-election.

Rich told the House on Jan. 9 of this year that the administration "provoked Japan to attack us," and on Feb. 17 stated that "these appropriations (for war) give me the headache."

Tinkham is the embattled old defeatist who has been tied up with numerous pro-Nazi groups including the Women's National Legion of the Mothers of America.

EXCEPTION TO RULE

Unfortunately the decision of these two defeatists to retire from public life rather than face a decision by their constituents is an exception to the general rule.

The other leading defeatists are very determined indeed to return to Washington to carry on their disruptive work, and it will require an equally determined fight to beat them.

This series of articles has told how Reps. Hamilton Fish of New York, Stephen Day of Ohio and Clare Hoffman of Michigan were closely linked with George Sylvester Viereck's Nazi propaganda machine, how Senator C. Wayland Brooks of Illinois acts as the Washington representative for the

President Roosevelt's Foreign Policy
EXTENSION OF REMARKS
OF
HON. WILLIAM B. BARRY
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 28, 1941
LETTER FROM THE BROOKLYN (N. Y.) TABLET

Mr. BARRY. Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks in the Record, I include the following letter, which was published in a recent issue of the Brooklyn Tablet:

[From the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Tablet] PAYS TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN BARRY

DEAR SIR: Ever since the war broke out in Europe, I have been following the activities of Congressman William B. Barry, of Queens, with great interest in the Brooklyn Tablet.

Rep. William B. Barry of New York inserted a letter from the Brooklyn Tablet, notorious Coughlinite paper, in the Congressional Record last November.

defeatist Chicago Tribune, how Rep. Martin Dies of Texas is regularly quoted by the Axis radio and how Rep. Howard Smith of Virginia has tried to disrupt the war effort with his perennial labor-baiting.

It has also touched more briefly on the activities of Senators Arthur Capper of Kansas and Edwin C. Johnson of Colorado who have been associated with the defeatist bloc in the Senate, of Rep. E. E. Cox, the die-hard Georgia poll-taxer who has defended Rep. Fish against attack, and of Rep. John Rankin, the anti-Semitic, anti-Negro Mississippi poll-taxer.

These men were picked because they are typical of the prominent defeatists running for re-election.

THE 100 FAMILIES THAT RULE THE EMPIRE

By
GISELHER WIRSING

With a preface by
GEORGE SYLVESTER VIERECK

FLANDERS HALL, Publishers
SCOTCH PLAIN, NEW JERSEY

This is the title page of the Nazi book written by an editor in Berlin with a foreword by the convicted German agent, George Sylvester Viereck, and put out by Viereck's publishing firm, Flanders Hall, which was boosted by Rep. Martin Sweeney of Ohio in a nation-wide radio broadcast.

But there are a number of others who deserved to be repudiated at the polls by the people of their districts.

BARRY OF QUEENS

For example, there is Rep. William B. Barry of the second district in Queens who has spoken at numerous America First meetings, and has inserted material in the Congressional Record from the Brooklyn Tablet, notorious Coughlinite publication.

Rep. Rudolph Tenerowicz of

Michigan should be mentioned as the man who rode into office with the support of the labor and progressive forces of Detroit and has now joined with the Ku Klux Klan and with the pro-Nazi National Workers League, whose leaders were recently indicted by a Grand Jury, in trying to block Negroes from occupying the Sojourner Truth homes.

There is Rep. Martin Sweeney of Ohio who cooperated closely with Viereck's propaganda mill and who boosted over a nationwide radio hook-up "One Hundred Families that Rule the Empire," a book published by Viereck's publishing firm and written by Giseler Wirsing, a Nazi editor in Munich.

There is Rep. Lewis D. Thill of Wisconsin who put insertions in the Congressional Record which were tracked back to the German Library of Information, and who was warmly praised by Coughlin's Social Justice.

And then there is Rep. Roy Woodruff of Michigan who put in to the Congressional Record recently the lead editorial from Gerald I. K. Smith's fascist magazine, "The Cross and the Flag."

NO PARTISAN POLITICS

The defeat of these men is no narrow partisan issue. It is true that many of the defeatists are Republicans. But the responsibility for repudiating them at the polls lies with both the Republican and Democratic parties and with voters who belong to no party.

Republican leaders have not spoken up with forcefulness and clarity against the election of men like Day, Hoffman, Fish and Brooks, and Rep. Joseph W. Martin, the Republican leader in the House, has even played ball with them.

Not a single Republican member of the House indicated disapproval of Hoffman, a few weeks ago when he tried to justify his contemptible "Roosevelt is a Judas" speech and his associations with numerous pro-Nazi groups. Most of the Republicans in the chamber at the time even applauded Hoffman.

While the Republican leadership has most signally failed to expose the defeatists, the Democratic leaders in Congress have not been particularly active in making their opposition to the obstructionists and appeasers articulate and effective. Nor has the Democratic National Committee as yet spoken up against the defeatists in the Democratic party, like Sweeney, Barry, Dies and Smith, who are running for re-election.

President Roosevelt has stated that the real job in the Congressional elections is to elect men of both parties who have supported the war and to defeat those who have blocked the war effort. It is now necessary to make this policy effective and put it into action.

WAR CONGRESS

A particularly heavy responsibility in electing a win-the-war Congress and in beating defeatists and disruptions rests on organized labor, on the CIO and the AFL.

The CIO was active in two Western Pennsylvania districts in electing Elmer J. Holland, a progressive devoted to winning the war, over a defeatist in a special election and in beating Rep. Charles Faddis, a tory who had

repeatedly sniped against the administration and labor, in the Democratic primary.

Both the CIO and the AFL have entered the Illinois campaign to defeat Senator Brooks, the Chicago Tribune stooge, and replace him with Rep. Raymond S. McKeough, a consistent supporter of labor and of the administration's anti-Hitler foreign policy.

The CIO and the AFL have also joined together to defeat Rep. Howard Smith in the eighth district in Virginia and elect Emmett C. Davison, secretary-treasurer of the AFL's International Association of Machinists and former mayor of Alexandria.

Labor has pointed to the real issues involved in these two campaigns. The CIO inserted an advertisement in Chicago papers branding Brooks as an "appeaser," while Davison in his initial campaign statement said that Smith was "the Nation's No. 1 disrupter to a 100 per cent prosecution of the war."

These are promising beginnings but only beginnings. There is an urgent need for a nation-wide campaign by labor, in unison with all those forces committed to victory, to elect a win-the-war Congress and retire the defeatists and disrupters to private life.