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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.)

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(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)
PAYE 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

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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 into the Congressional Record recently the lead editorial from Gerald L. 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.