

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

(continued)

The same summer I had an hour's interview with Mussolini. I also was invited by Mr. Keynes to lunch at his home in London and was entertained by the American chargé d'affaires in Rome and Moscow as well as by numerous other distinguished persons. It would be absurd to say that I was the friend or associate of Mr. Keynes, since I have not seen or had any correspondence or relations with him since I lunched at his home six years ago. . . .

I have never been inside the German Embassy in Washington or exchanged with it written or oral communications at any time in my entire life, except that my publication, the *Weekly Foreign*



DENNIS (IN SHIRTSLEEVES)
ENTERTAINING NON-NAZIS

Letter, up to our declaration of war, had on its list of paying subscribers the German Embassy, along with several Governmental agencies, libraries, including the Congressional, and innumerable private individuals. . . .

I had no association or correspondence with any member of the German Embassy. I received no written or printed matter, confidential or otherwise, from the German Embassy in Washington or any member of its staff. I did receive the stuff sent out by the German Library of Information, but so did a hundred thousand other Americans. . . .

As for entertaining "high German officials at dinner and garden parties," where did you get this absurd and utterly untrue nonsense? Unless you go back 15 years . . . I have entertained no high or low German official. During the past five years I have entertained exactly two foreign diplomats. Both were members of the French Embassy.

I enclose a snapshot showing the group in my garden when I was last honored by the visit of a foreign diplomat. This was during the summer of 1939. The diplomat was M. le Blanc, an assistant to the French commercial attaché here in New York. . . .

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● LIFE has complete confidence in the accuracy of its sources of information and stands by its statements.—ED.



Lawrence Dennis and a Nazi posed like this at the Nazi Party Congress held in Nuremberg in 1936. The Nazi is Baron Ulrich von Gienanth, former second secretary of the German Embassy in Washington, Nazi propaganda chief in this country, the man who paid off Propagandist Laura Ingalls.

● One week after publication of *Voices of Defeat*, LIFE had received 389 letters of approval and 57 of condemnation. A sample of the latter follows.—ED.

Sirs:

Let me suggest that LIFE pull in its horns a bit—for *Social Justice* has thousands and thousands of readers—and many thousands of believers in Father Coughlin. Perhaps a sudden drop in circulation might bring LIFE to the stern reality that printing lies and flaunting truth is "bad business." LIFE is asking for a lot of trouble—and headaches—and will surely get it. For readers of *Social Justice* are not damn fools nor morons—we are good American citizens—and we simply refuse to be fooled by Jews looking for trouble—and power.

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LAWRENCE DENNIS OBJECTS

Sirs:

The April 13 issue of LIFE carries a piece entitled *Voices of Defeat*, wherein I am gravely libeled by untrue statements and insinuations calculated to give the average reader the false impression that I am the agent or spokesman of Nazi Germany. You begin your smear paragraph about me by calling me in one sentence "the author of *The Coming American Fascism* and friend and associate of German Nazis."

. . . *The Coming American Fascism* was written by me in 1935 and published in March 1936 by the firm of Harper & Brothers—a firm which cannot reasonably be supposed to have subsidized, even as far back as 1936, a book for the advancement in this country of the propaganda of a foreign ism. . . .

I can truthfully say that I have never had what could fairly be called a friendship or association with a German Nazi. And I defy you to prove your assertions to the contrary. I visited Germany in 1936 and attended the Nazi Congress.