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Fascist Lawrence Dennis

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Lawrence Dennis, Fascist Propagandist, Expects Appointment as Army Captain

While Trying for Commission He Was Echoing Axis Propaganda Line in His 'Weekly Foreign Letter'

By LEO J. MARGOLIN and LUTHER CONANT JR.

Fascist Lawrence Dennis, brain truster of pro-Axis propaganda and ideological associate of Lindbergh, cheerfully admitted to PM last night that the War Dept. has notified him he is eligible for a commission.

Dennis applied for a commission at about the time he was warning in his *Weekly Foreign Letter* that the true losses at Pearl Harbor never had been told and that Russia might sell us out.

While the War Dept. was passing on his eligibility, Dennis also was writing that our biggest problem was the necessity of transforming "our economy into a totalitarian collectivism."

At about the time Dennis was taking his physical examination, he was predicting that after the war, the U. S. A. would turn to a "brand of National Socialism of our own making, already emerging in its institutional pattern."

Dennis took his physical examination at Governor's Island and is now waiting for his commission from the War Dept.

If accepted, Dennis said he expected to rank as captain and added that, when notifying him of his eligibility, the War Dept. had told him new companies of military police were being organized.

Old MP

Dennis was a first lieutenant during the first World War and served overseas in the Criminal Investigation Division of the Provost Marshal General's Dept. at Brest, which had charge of military police.

Asked if his volunteering meant he had given up his ideological views he laughed and said:

"In the Army you keep your bowels open and your mouth shut. The Army isn't interested in my views.

"Gen. (Robert E.) Wood (former America First chairman), has a commission in the Army and he hasn't changed his views."

Dennis should know Wood's views, he used to speak for America First.

Dennis admitted that he would stop writing the *Weekly Foreign Letter* if he went into the Army. But he wasn't sure whether someone else in his office might carry it on.

"Mine is just a routine case," he said. "I'm a good American. I always said I'd volunteer to do whatever I could if war came."

In his latest book, *The Dynamics of War*

and *Revolution*, he was even more specific, writing:

"I shall be delighted to serve my country with its war propaganda. I am just as ready to lie as to kill for my country."

His qualifications as a propagandist are undoubted but his line—before and after Pearl Harbor—has been to undermine confidence in our leaders, our institutions and our Allies.

Sounds Like 'Social Justice'

Dennis has been touted as the spiritual godfather of American Fascism but his propaganda is about as subtle as that of *Social Justice* and Lindbergh. The similarity between the two is striking.

In the most recent issue of his *Weekly Foreign Letter*, Dennis wrote:

"Capitalistic imperialism and white supremacy are going up in smoke in the Indies."

The most recent issue of *Social Justice* headlined—"Singapore's Fall Marks Doom of the British Empire."

Dennis was an advocate of a negotiated peace and full-page advertisements that such a move would best serve the American people appeared in many college dailies last May.

Here is how Lindbergh parallels the Dennis line of Fascist thought.

Dennis: "Wars are fought between right and right, not between right and wrong."

Lindbergh: "This war in Europe is not so much a conflict between right and wrong as it is a conflict between differing concepts of right . . ."

Dennis: "If George Washington had lost he would have been hanged as a traitor . . . as he won his treason has become Anglo-Saxon tradition."

Lindbergh: "Washington led a successful revolution and changed his status from that of an English traitor to that of an American hero."

Dennis: "The facts are that the world is not safe and good and cannot be made so by an American expeditionary force in Europe."

Lindbergh: "But let us not delude our-

FDR Warned Against Men Like Dennis Do We Want Such Men in the Army?

FDR Said:

The Axis propagandists have tried in various evil ways to destroy our determination and our morale. Failing in that, they are now trying to destroy our confidence in our Allies.—President Roosevelt Monday in his radio address.

The consequences of the attack on Pearl Harbor—serious as they were—have been wildly exaggerated in other ways. These exaggerations come originally from Axis propagandists; but they have been repeated, I regret to say, by Americans in and out of public life.—President Roosevelt Monday to the world.

Dennis Said:

Why does not Soviet Russia declare war on Japan and open Vladivostok and the Russian maritime stations to us and British planes? . . . We believe it highly dangerous to American future safety to assume . . . that Soviet Russia is eternally loyal to our interests and ideals.—Lawrence Dennis in the Jan. 2, 1942, issue of his *Weekly Foreign Letter*.

Our press and radio are keeping us about as well informed on the true state of opinion in British governing circles as on the losses at Pearl Harbor. (We knew the extent of these losses two days after Pearl Harbor; nearly every Congressman and newspaperman in Washington knows them; the Japanese have shown them in Tokyo in movies taken after the attack; but the facts have not yet been given to the American people lest the information give aid to the enemy. Surely the failure to send any sizeable detachment of our fleet to the aid of MacArthur or Singapore tells a story.)—Lawrence Dennis in the Feb. 12, 1942 issue of *Weekly Foreign Letter*.

ones that we can bring peace to European countries by entering their wars."

Dennis argues smoothly and avoids the ranting of the more jingoistic Fascists, but the "dialectical brilliance" some reviewers found in his books is a very effective smoke screen for clever propaganda.

Sounds Like Goebbels

He has stressed, since Pearl Harbor, in his *Weekly Foreign Letter* exactly the same points stressed in Axis propaganda. Here are some of them:

Axis Point No. 1: Have no confidence in Roosevelt; he was to blame for Pearl Harbor. This is one of the basic principles of *German Psychological Warfare (GPW)*: to create distrust in a nation's leader.

Dennis: "It was inexcusable to deliver to Japan terms which could be expected to provoke a Japanese attack and to have had the American Navy caught napping at Pearl Harbor." (Jan. 2, 1942, issue.)

Social Justice also placed the blame for Pearl Harbor on the White House. But no

one has ever praised the intellectual quality of its writing.

Point No. 2: Have no confidence in what the Government tells you about the conduct of the war.

Another basic theme of *GPW*: to promote distrust of a government among peoples living under that government.

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Sounds Like Mussolini

Point No. 3: To win the war we must go totalitarian.

Another basic principle of *GPW*: Totalitarianism is inevitable, why not now. The old, old isolationist argument from a slightly different angle. Before the war, the warning was used to scare us to the sidelines. Now it's used to try to make us lose what we're fighting for regardless of the military outcome.

Dennis: "The biggest problem confronting us now is that of applying to everyone and everything the same measure and kind of compulsion that in wartime has to be applied to soldiers and fighting. It is the necessity for conscripting and compelling everyone and everything that will transform our economy **MORE**"

A Big Day for News . . .

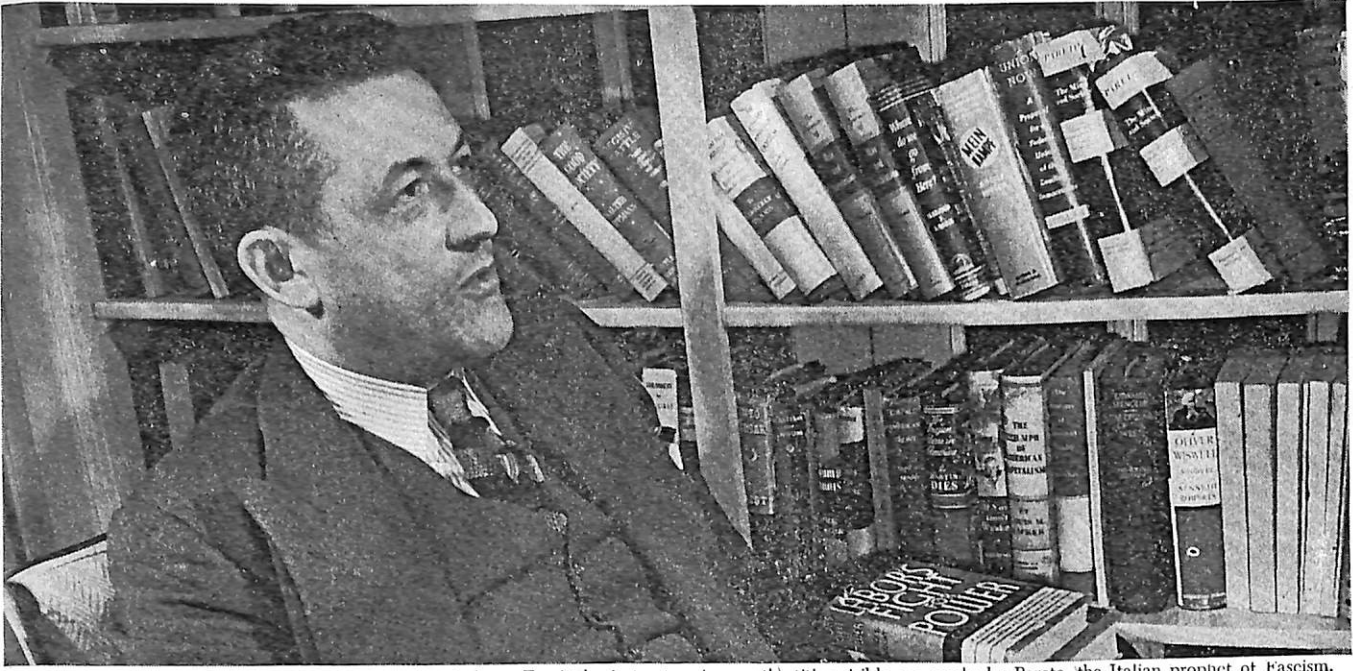
Pro-Axis propagandists made it a great day for news on the home front yesterday. Some were outspoken Fascists rising to new heights of influence in our defense program. Others, following the pro-Axis line, were spreading disunity or were unmasked in association with known Axis propagandists.

It all added up to the kind of news that Americans must watch closely at home while we're fighting the Fascist armies abroad. Because of its importance, PM has changed its customary arrangement of news to tell the story of Fascist Lawrence Dennis and some of the other more important activities on the home front. They will be found on this and the next three pages.

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AMONG HIS BOOKS sits Lawrence Dennis, America's pro-Fascist brain trust. Among the titles visible are works by Pareto, the Italian prophet of Fascism. Photo by Martin Harris, PM

Dennis

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into a totalitarian collectivism." (Jan. 2, 1942.)

This is a day when we are being called upon to sacrifice many of our democratic privileges for the war effort. It is easy to twist such a democratic appeal into a call for regimentation. And that is exactly what every antidemocratic propagandist and overnight patriot is doing and will continue to do.

Point No. 4: The U. S. A. already is going Fascist.

Still another basic principle of GPW: Stampeding people into the belief that something is happening which actually isn't.

Dennis: "In a fit of war weariness, we shall react from international Communism to a brand of National Socialism of our own making, already emerging in its institutional pattern." (Jan. 29, 1942.)

Social Justice was bellowing the same line when it said: "Yesterday and its individual liberties have gone. Today and its national regimentation have come."

This attempts to win over those who dislike totalitarianism but haven't the guts to do much about it.

Point No. 5: The terrible obstacles ahead. Another basic principle of GPW: Turning people's attention from the immediate battles to be won.

Dennis: "After we have beaten Germany, Japan and Italy, we have to occupy and police Europe, Asia and Africa to insure the attainment of our war objectives . . ." (Jan. 8, 1942.)

An example of the simple technique of trying to induce discouragement and war weariness. The same thought, expressed in a positive way, would be: "We've got to lick the Nazis and the Japs." But expressed in terms of post-victory duties, it has a depressive effect.

Point No. 6: Have no confidence in our Allies. Russia may desert us and Britain was

AN EDITORIAL

On Lawrence Dennis

It seems incredible that it is necessary to write an editorial on why Lawrence Dennis should not be given a commission in the Army.

Dennis says the Army isn't interested in his views.

He may be tragically right. The Navy wasn't interested in the pro-Fascist views of the nightshirt Fascist George E. Deatherage until a squawk was raised.

Dennis has done everything in his power to convince his followers and the public that the U. S. A. should go Fascist.

There's no argument about that.

There's no case to be proved on that.

Until yesterday there wouldn't appear to have been any argument that he was not fit to be an officer in the U. S. Army.

We're rounding up hundreds of aliens for pro-Fascist activities. Not one of them could speak as eloquently for the Fascist cause as Lawrence Dennis.

A commission for Lawrence Dennis would be an insult to every man in the armed forces. It would be the same as telling them we were fooling when we asked them to die for democracy.

—LUTHER CONANT, JR.

only holding out till we came in to fight for her.

Another basic principle of GPW: Divide and conquer.

In the quotes given in the box (on Page 2), Dennis raised doubts as to Russia's intent to continue the war and elaborates that line by hinting that Russia may be the real winner.

Dennis: "Stalin, however, sits in the driver's seat—at least until next Spring. He has the democracies working for him and change everywhere, working for the triumph of Communism."

The main and recurring theme of Nazi propaganda is to raise this war cry against Communism, making the point that the Nazis

Americans! Do a Deatherage On Lawrence Dennis

It was your outraged cry that threw George E. Deatherage out of a \$25,000,000 Navy project as an undesirable. Dennis is equally undesirable as a commissioned officer in our Army. Write or wire your representatives in Congress to exercise their influence in stopping this insult to democracy.

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Glenmore 2-3337
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Westchester 7-1475
Larchmont 262

are really fighting to save the world from the "Red menace."

The Army recently took official notice of the danger of psychological warfare such as waged by Dennis, which parallels

the Nazi line. Hundreds of copies of German Psychological Warfare, compiled by the Committee for National Morale, were given to Army officers to assist them in combating such warfare.

Sun's MacGowan Linked With Pro-Axis Americans

Wrote For Franco Publication; London Dispatches Reflect Fascist Theme

Gault MacGowan, London correspondent for the New York Sun, predicted in a recent cable dispatch that if "Sir Stafford Cripps can win the confidence of Commons in the next few weeks, a red star may shine over the Tories and Socialists in England."

This threat of England going Communist is a favorite theme of pro-Axis propagandists.

MacGowan should know plenty about pro-Axis propaganda for he has a documentary record of pre-war association with American pro-Fascists and Franco agents.

In 1938, he was one of the three listed contributing editors of *Spain*, published by the Peninsular News Service, which was the predecessor of the Spanish Library of Information as the official Franco propaganda agency here.

An article by MacGowan in the July 18, 1938, issue of *Spain*, argued strongly against lifting the arms embargo. In it, he defined nonintervention and neutrality as the "middle path 'twixt Communism and Fascism."

In the first—and only—issue of *The Patriot Digest*, October, 1938, MacGowan is listed as a member of the Advisory Board.

Among other members of the board were: John E. Kelly, one of the organizers of the Christian Front and a paid agent of the Spanish Library of Information.

Lambert Fairchild, admirer of Father Coughlin and Gen. George Van Horn Moseley, the latter highly touted by nightshirt Fascists as American fuhrer.

Rev. Edward Lodge Curran, ranking Coughlin disciple and defender of the anti-Semitic, and, before Pearl Harbor, the pro-Nazi Christian Front.

The editor of *The Patriot Digest*, R. Caldwell Patton, also listed Allen Zoll as a member of the board. Zoll was head of the pro-Fascist, pro-Coughlin, anti-Semitic American Patriots, Inc., and is still under indictment for attempted extortion.

It was Patton who sponsored a testimonial dinner in honor of Gen. Moseley at the Hotel Biltmore on Dec. 16, 1938.

Patton's conception of his role as editor might be judged from a letter he wrote to Merwin K. Hart, Jan. 10, 1939, in which he said:

"I would like to call your attention to the fact that I have had considerable practical



Gault MacGowan

experience in the art of propaganda. . . . Among the articles in the *Digest* was one by Adrian Arcand, interned leader of the Canadian Fascist Party.—L. C., JR.

Argentina Rejected As Diplomatic Agent For Italy

GUATEMALA CITY, Feb. 27.—The Government yesterday turned down Argentina's plan to represent Italy's diplomatic interests in Guatemala. El Salvador and Mexico recently gave Argentina similar notice.

At the Pan American Conference in Rio de Janeiro a resolution adopted recommended that no American state permit the affairs of a country with which it had broken relations to be handled by another American state.

Japs Fishing for News

A Tokyo broadcast recorded by United Press in New York reported that several Japanese planes had "probably" sunk the aircraft carrier U. S. S. Yorktown by "plunging headlong" into it loaded with bombs.

The action was reported to have occurred several hundred miles northeast of New Guinea.

Barry Shared Ingalls Forum

Queens Congressman on Same Platform With No. 2 Isolationist Flier

By LEO J. MARGOLIN

Rep. William B. Barry, round-faced anti-New Deal Democrat, appeared twice on the same platform at America First Committee rallies with the convicted Nazi agent, Laura Ingalls, America's No. 2 isolationist aviator.

The America First *Bulletin*, organ of the AFC's New York chapter, reported in the Nov. 1, 1941, issue that he would appear at a Queens America First rally Thursday, Nov. 6 with Ingalls.

The rally was held in the auditorium of Sts. Joachim and Anne School, 217th Lane near Springfield Blvd. and Hollis Ave., Queens Village.

Congressman Barry was there. So was Laura Ingalls.

Congressman Barry's next appearance with Miss Ingalls was four nights later in Forest Hills where both sat on the same platform with Robert Harris, Father Coughlin's eastern lay representative.

More than 2500 persons attended the Forest Hills meeting in Our Lady Queen of

President Roosevelt has asked the voters in November to elect men to Congress who will help win the war. From time to time PM will report on members of the New York delegation in Congress.

Martyrs Church, Queens Blvd. near Continental Ave.

Twice during that meeting Nazi Agent Ingalls shouted to the audience:

"We Christian Americans must stick together."

At that time she was on the Nazi pay roll. Barry uttered tirades against—just as he had voted against:

- Fortification of Guam.
- The Lend-Lease Act.
- Extension of selectees' terms.
- Repeal of the Neutrality Act.
- Repeal of the ban against arming merchant ships.
- The Hatch Act.

On Jan. 22, 1939, Barry popped in for a few minutes at a meeting of the violently anti-Semitic, anti-Roosevelt Paul Revere



William Barry



Laura Ingalls

Sentinels in the Queensboro Theater. The meeting was held in protest against the banning of Father Coughlin from the radio. Judge Herbert A. ("When I make a mistake it's a beaut") O'Brien was chairman.

Barry then urged freedom of speech for all whether they happen to be "Father Coughlin or Rabbi Wise."

Barry appeared on the night of Mar. 13, 1941, at a meeting of the International

Bronx Rally To Hear Fish

Barry Talks In Queens; Other AFC Meetings

Representative Hamilton Fish of New York will be the principal speaker at a rally Monday, November 3, of the Highbridge Unit of the Bronx Chapter. The rally, at which Laura Ingalls and Capt. George Smith, flyers, will speak, will be held at Highbridge Manor, Merriam and Ogden Avenues, the Bronx.

Representative William B. Barry of Queens will be the main speaker at a rally sponsored by the Queens Village unit Thursday, November 6, at the Sts. Joachim and Anne School Auditorium, 217th Lane, near Springfield Boulevard and Hollis Avenue. Other speakers will be Laura Ingalls and Edward Atwell.

The Ridgewood, N. J. Chapter will sponsor a rally Saturday, November 8, at the Ridgewood High School, at which Professor William Orton will make the principal address.

A barn dance at the Wakefield Casino, 233rd Street and White Plains Avenue, the Bronx, will be sponsored by the Wakefield

Linked in the America First *Bulletin* are the names of Rep. Barry and Laura Ingalls.

Catholic Truth Society Anti-War Crusade. The society is the Rev. Edward Lodge Curran's most important organization, speaking only for Father Curran and his followers, not for the Church.

Here Barry had as platform companions, ex-State Sen. John P. McNaboe, a Christian Fronter, and Dr. Edward J. Fenlon of Brooklyn College, who calls himself an "intellectual" critic of democracy. Said Father Curran in Barry's presence:

"We Christians don't need any help to preserve our Christianity. . . . That great priest in Royal Oak (Coughlin) is with us."

Coughlin Enemy Threatened Here

Bullet and Warning Note Mailed to Kernan, Noted Speaker For Democracy

Father William C. Kernan, the Yale-trained high-church Episcopalian who has been radio's most effective antidote to Father Coughlin, received a death threat in the mail yesterday.

A .38 caliber lead-nosed bullet, tightly wrapped in paper, was in the envelope addressed to Father Kernan at Station WEVD over which he speaks every Wednesday night.

In the envelope with it was this unsigned slip of paper:

YOU WILL GET THIS.
IF YOU DONT GET OFF THE AIR
HEIL HTTLER,

The threat, which was postmarked from New York's General Post Office station, was turned over to postal inspectors.

Father Kernan has lectured and spoken widely over the radio on "The Un-Christian Front," and "The Fifth Column in America."

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London, Feb. 20.—Whether the appointment of Sir

These excerpts show the name of Gault MacGowan on the staff lists of *Spain*, the *Patriot Digest* and on a dispatch in the *New York Sun*.