

# Coast Congressman Ford Linked to Fascist Group

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LOS ANGELES, Aug. 9.—The name of Leland M. Ford, Congressman from the 16th District in Santa Monica, was linked to an organization which has been used as a "front" for the 28 Nazi agents recently indicted by the Federal Grand Jury in Washington.

It was revealed here that defeatist Congressman Ford's name appears on the letterhead of the stationery of the "National Citizens Committee to Keep America Out of War."

One of the organizations named by the federal grand jury, along with the America First Committee, the Ku Klux Klan, the Silver Shirts, and the Black Legion, as "fronts" for a network of fifth column activity.

Chairman of the pro-fascist organization in which Ford was an executive board member was New York's appeaser Congressman Hamilton Fish, whose associate, George Sylvester Viereck, was convicted of sedition.

Ford's fellow defeatist Congressman Fish had given Viereck the use of his office in Washington as a center for the distribution of Nazi propaganda and activity.

Ford, who has now been linked with the network of fifth column activity reaching into the halls of Congress, was also named by Richard Franklin and the "American Union Alliance" as one of the "ideals" of that organization, which in a letter to the People's World revealed a fascist plot to lynch CIO organizers, repeal the 15th Amendment, and give support to Martin Dies and other defeatist Congressmen.

## BILLBOARD CAMPAIGN

Congressman Ford has been conducting a billboard campaign for re-election in the 16th district on his "record" of "complete cooperation" with the war program of President Roosevelt and the Administration.

The federal indictment, in which Ford's organization was listed as one of the fifth column groups used by the 28 Nazi agents, stated in part:

"It was further a part of the conspiracy that the defendants would organize, support, use, control, contribute to financially and otherwise aid committees, groups and organizations under the following names:"

The "Committee to Keep America Out of War" with Ford's name on the letterhead was then included in a long list of pro-fascist groups. The committee also listed 45 other Congressmen and former Congressmen on its stationery letterhead, among them Albert E. Carter, Republican of California.