

# “THIS IS WAR!”

and Social Justice and Pelley's Galilean are barred from the mails. . . .

BUT William Randolph Hearst, Joseph Patterson and Robert McCormick continue to imbue the minds of millions of our citizens with their subtle poison.

Sedition, according to Webster, is “stirring up the people in opposition to lawful authority.”

Is it stirring up the people to hint, as Joseph Patterson does, “that this Administration expects to be running some sort of totalitarian government after the war, and is prudently getting ready for same?”

Is it seditious to say, as William Randolph Hearst says, that the government is almost completely disorganized but “maybe it is not an accident, or the product of boundless incompetence after all. Maybe the New Dealers have ‘planned it that way’?”

Robert McCormick says that “those in Washington who have long striven to establish an economic dictatorship are having a field day. This war is made to order for their purposes. It makes it relatively easy for them to . . . impose regulations which will be difficult to repeal after the war and which, if they remain in force, will destroy the American form of government.”

Is that “stirring up the people against lawful authority?”

This is a matter for the Department of Justice to decide. But, regardless of that, there is no question that it gives aid and comfort to the enemy when a tenth of our people have it dinned into their minds, day after day, that their government and their allies are betraying them either by accident or deliberate design.

And it does not help our relations with our ally, Britain, to have our largest newspapers continually suggesting that we take over her dominions after the war.

Patterson, McCormick and Hearst ought to know what they are doing.

Maybe they “planned it that way.”

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*From editorials in McCormick's Chicago Tribune*

Jan. 19, 1942

The people look to their representatives to protect them from the designs of those in Washington who are determined to use the war as an excuse for destroying free government.

Feb. 2, 1942

Three distinct influences may be discerned in the flood of ukases and orders emanating from Washington these days. There is, first, the honest desire to wage a successful war. There is also a distinct and loud note of hysteria. And, lastly, there is the evident influence of communism, trying to disrupt our civil life and create discontent and misery in order that our form of government may be overthrown and our people placed in bondage.

Feb. 9, 1942

The American people are badly in need of assurance that it is the intention of the national administration to make war on the Japs and not on Americans.

In the name of winning the war, far reaching measures are instituted without study or consideration of the consequences by men whose motives, in many instances, seem to be pure delight in the exercise of arbitrary authority, if indeed they are not even more sinister.

Feb. 12, 1942

It is further said that the FSA's long range program is to collectivize agriculture on Russian communist lines . . . Whether the liquidation of the American kulaks is to accompany this operation is not specified.

Feb. 24, 1942

Our national tragedy is that there are men in Washington who are willing to lose the war in order to perpetuate the controls they now exercise.

Feb. 25, 1942

The fleet was at Hawaii for purposes of international politics and, as we now know, at the sacrifice of important strategic considerations. There is reason to fear that such mistakes may be repeated.

Feb. 28, 1942

If the government insists upon sacrificing MacArthur, we should select the best of our available generals to take charge.

Mar. 12, 1942

It looks as if the Russians and Japanese may have come to some sort of an understanding.

If Japan stops at Burma it may be because Japan has conceded India to Russia in exchange

for a free hand in Malaya, the Dutch Islands, and perhaps Australia.

Mar. 16, 1942

Mr. Curtin's appeal to the American people raises more questions than it settles. If we succeed in protecting Australia, a change in Australia's international position is to be expected. The military fact must receive its recognition in a political rearrangement. If, as Mr. Curtin says, England cannot guard Australia and Australia now looks to this country for leadership, we may assume that this relationship is destined to become a permanent one and that somehow or other Australia is to be included and represented in our federal system.

The readjustment will not be easy from either side and particularly from ours, for we shall take on a very heavy military liability and at the same time the problem of including within our economy an agricultural competitor. Further than that, we shall have embarked upon a policy of imperial expansion outside our continent for which neither we nor our institutions are fully prepared. It would be a strange irony if the nation which was committed to abandonment of the Philippines as an unwanted imperial prize should find itself at the end of the war in possession of Australia and New Zealand and perhaps a lot of other territory besides.

Mar. 21, 1942

Vast and often uncontrolled power has been placed in the hands of irresponsible men . . . because they have won the ear of the chief executive.

This is a curse as old as despotism, but novel in the American republic. For parallels we must go back to Charles I and Buckingham, to the czarinas and their lovers, to the courtiers of Versailles; back to absolutism and the court favorites whose folly and extravagance contributed so much to the downfall of the governments on which they fed.

We in America have seen the appointive power misused for personal and political reasons, it is true. We have seen nepotism and lame ducks. But these have been isolated phenomena. What is new is the placing of whole fields of public policy in the hands of personal favorites, who in turn have their favorites, and so on.

Mar. 24, 1942

The direction of our war effort is being influenced by foreign princelings and their representatives and by American brothers-in-law of British titles. Among all the lobbies in Washington the one justifiable one is missing. That is an American lobby.

*From editorials in Patterson's N. Y. Daily News*

Dec. 10, 1941

There will be those who will want to seize this as an occasion for fastening an all-out dictatorship on the American people. Some of those totalitarian minded persons have important jobs in the present Administration.

We shall be hearing a great deal from both Philippine politicians and American emotionalists, about our sacred obligation to defend the Philippines after this foul attack on them without warning by the Japanese. That is just too bad, we think.

Let's fight for America first for a change. . . .

Dec. 22, 1941

So it may be that when the first enemy on our list — Germany — is put down, we may find that Communist Russia is the next enemy we've got to fight.

Dec. 27, 1941

We think that Messrs. Churchill and Roosevelt, and Canadian Prime Minister Mackenzie King . . . might well consider the possibility of a merger of Canada and the United States. The resulting nation, from the Rio Grande to the Arctic, could be a close associate of Great Britain, but under a separate government.

Jan 23, 1942 (The Rio Conference)

They will be able to ship us the goods made by their less well paid labor, with no customs barrier to protect our labor from this competition. Our gold hoard, for better or worse, will be tossed into a common pot for use by Latin America and our Allies, with the possible exception of Russia, which — perhaps by oversight — is not mentioned in the news reports of this part of the program.

Jan. 24, 1942 (U. S. and Canada)

The two nations are natural partners. If such a partnership proves successful in war, the two nations may decide after the war to make it permanent. . . .

Jan. 25, 1942

Who Owns What After The War?

We don't know. But the best guess seems to be that, if the war goes on long enough and burns up enough money and movable assets, the United States Government will take over all the real wealth left in the country and try to manage it as a big food, fuel and clothing warehouse out of which we'll all take equal portions per week and try to live on that.

This, in theory, is what happens in Russia. In practice, it works out so that the members of the

Communist Party, who are the ruling class, get the best of everything and the other 97% or so of the people get what's left. But that is what a ruling class is for.

Feb. 15, 1942

Thus the "four freedoms" will be brought to the world in this generation, if the plan works out.

Hitler has a name for this kind of plan, and himself has long had a plan for winning German control of the world's raw materials and then running the world according to German ideals. He calls it "geopolitics." We call it bringing the "four freedoms" to the world.

April 4, 1942

The affair (freezing bicycles) is another illustration of the fallacy of omniscience — the weakness inherent in the idea that a handful of bureaucrats are wise enough and all-seeing enough to do the thinking and ordering for 130,000,000 people.

This is totalitarian stuff — the very thing we are supposed to be fighting all around the world. If we allow it to take root here, what happens to our democracy?

April 5, 1942

It is said by some and believed by many that this Administration is heavily studded with persons who believe this country should go Communist, Socialist or anyhow, totalitarian, and who are trying to use the war as the quickest means of bringing about such a revolution against democracy here.

Certain it is that a great many interferences with personal liberty and individual judgment are being decreed from Washington.

Supply and demand could be allowed to operate . . . by simply letting the prices go up as the commodities got scarcer. Instead we are being ordered and rationed around in an ever more bullying tone by the bureaucrats.

The democratic idea is that . . . the main job of the bureaucrats is to carry out the people's wishes. This is the exact opposite of the totalitarian idea; and the totalitarians at present are having things pretty much their own way in Washington.

The result is that more and more people are coming to feel . . . that the bureaucrats are petty tyrants, and that it is more or less a citizen's duty to hinder them instead of help them.

If these petty tyrannies go on, we look for them to become an issue in next November's elections — if those elections are held.

## *From Hearst's Own Column*

Jan. 28, 1942

She (England) has systematically sacrificed her allies to her own safety and her own immediate objectives.

She sacrificed Norway — withdrew from the battle-front without informing the Norwegian forces, with which she was in physical contact, what she was doing or why.

She sacrificed Belgium in identically the same manner. . . .

England abandoned France at Dunkirk and executed a masterly retreat TO ENGLAND.

The French term it a "masterly" desertion of the Allied cause. But it was only part of England's firm plan TO PROTECT ENGLAND AT ALL HAZARDS AND AT ALL COSTS.

Feb. 2, 1942

Indeed the Allies will be fortunate if China, angry and alarmed, does not add her 300,000,000 manpower through diplomatic adjustment and peace treaty between those leading Oriental powers. And all this is not something which MIGHT happen at some distant date.

Feb. 23, 1942

The trial of Daladier and Blum in France may be the beginning of a new era of justice and of peace on this earth.

If we are to have a better and happier world, it is surely time that the men responsible for the murder and the misery of war should be tried and convicted and deservedly punished for the highest of all crimes against heaven and humanity.

Mar. 5, 1942

And now, friends and fellow citizens, we "barbarians" are being given a taste of our own "mysterious medicine" by the Japanese.

Which will probably teach us to be a little less greedy for trade and gold hereafter, and a little more intelligently disposed to mind our own business and protect our own people and rest content with the health and wealth and happiness that are to be found in our own rich and undeveloped land.

That is, if the politicians of our blessed America do not, like the politicians of medieval Japan, tax all prosperity out of existence and destroy the health and happiness of the people and, like the half-wit Regent Takatoui, give the country over to the dogs.

Mar. 9, 1942

In a few days Japan will be at the gates of India. Will India open those gates to let in Japan — and freedom?

Premier Hideki Tojo of Japan has pledged

freedom to India, and has pledged Japan's assistance to India in securing freedom.

Will India refuse to accept freedom at the hands of Japan. . . ?

Mar. 10, 1942

Of course this Administration has never been conspicuous for telling the public the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

As a matter of fact, it is difficult to recall many instances since the unhappy day of its birth and being where it has related any unvarnished fact or performed any solemn promise or sacred pledge.

However, the public seems to like a good line of blather. . . and this land of ours is a republic in which the preference of the people prevails.

So was France.

Mar. 10, 1942

Poor boys (on Bataan) fighting battles they were promised they would never be sent to fight.

Mar. 12, 1942 (Editorial on medieval Japan)

The whole population was regimented to a degree that would gladden the heart of a New Dealer.

All of the established classes were decreed to remain then and thereafter separate and distinct.

Once a farmer always a farmer, one generation after another without deviation or variation.

He (the farmer) was told, too, how to regulate the minutest details of his life, such as the shaving of his beard and the wearing of his cotton clothing.

You see, folks, the New Deal is not a New Deal after all.

It is an old deal, and a shabby deal worn threadbare in past usage.

Mar. 19, 1942

Let us stop distributing our ships to every section of the seven seas to the destruction of our navies and disaster to ourselves.

Let us stop subsidizing all the greedy and ungrateful nations of the universe that hold out a mendicant hand for lend-lease alms.

Our White House was burned once, but by the Anglo-Saxon race, an English-speaking people.

Mar. 23, 1942

When America denied oil to Japan the absolute necessity of obtaining it somewhere became urgent and the war for conquest of the East Indies was precipitated.

So the war is now our war as well as England's.

If England loses we might also lose.

Many a man trying to rescue a drowning friend has been drowned himself.