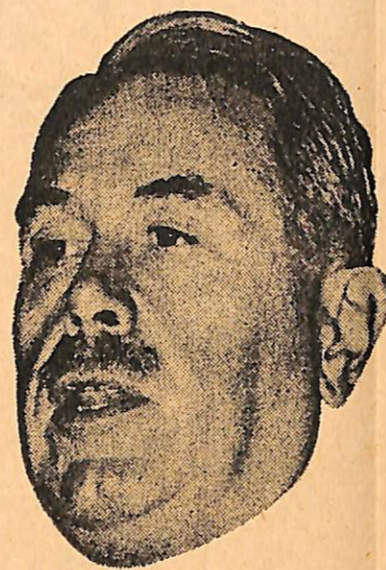
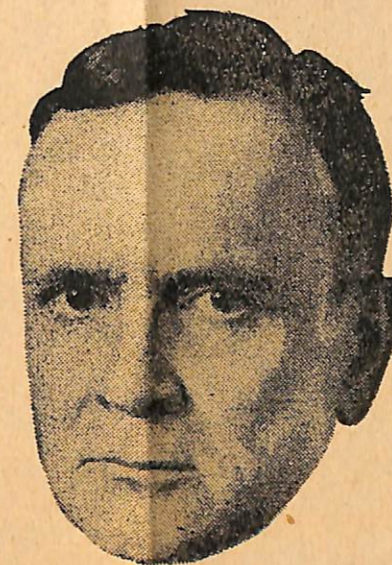




Hearst



McCormick



Patterson

And what do you call "aiding the enemy," gentlemen?

➔ You three know that "aid to the enemy" doesn't always come in the shape of a muffled figure skulking around with secret plans and code messages.

You three know that mighty handsome aid was given the enemy by flag-draped citizens in Norway and France and Belgium and all the

cans that read your papers every day.

Or suppose another fellow went around jawing about aid-to-Russia... "If thereby we strip ourselves of adequate defenses... that will be OK by the Russia firsters... no matter what calamities it may bring on us. The main thing is to save Holy Russia..."

Would you call that sly stuff "aiding

entanglements" (Hearst)... "a congress which taxes us to destruction for war purposes and then spends two billion dollars a year for boondoggling" (Hearst)... "It is too bad that social sessions in candlelight are all that the military and naval leaders of two countries can find to occupy them while they are losing the war" (McCormick)

you a moral right to claw at the policies of this nation at war. "Certainly it is not Japan which is precipitating this war with the U.S." (Hearst, Dec. 4)... "What vital interests of the U.S. can Japan threaten? She cannot attack us. That is a military impossibility. Even our base at Hawaii is beyond the effective striking power of her fleet"

gium and all the to-be-conquered others. "Our leaders are War-Mongers" . . . "We're being used by the British" . . . "We can defend ourselves" . . . "Let's not waste our blood outside" . . . "Why should we fight for the Poles?"

You know, all right. The seeping, sick phrases of dissension and distrust . . . worth their weight in airplanes to the enemy.

Now our country is at War. For our lives, we must beat the Japs and Nazis and help our Allies everywhere to beat the Japs and Nazis.

Suppose you heard today—

So suppose you heard a fellow going around now—today—among the workers in a munitions plant or Navy yard saying that our government . . .

"neglects the interest of our own America . . . in order to be a big shot and a big sap for every foreign country and every alien people in the world."

Would you say that man was hurting morale and thus aiding the enemy?

Obviously you wouldn't say it, Mr. Hearst, for you wrote those words.

On March 10, 1942, you wrote them in your papers—wrote them to aviation workers and men in Navy yards and soldiers and sailors and the other 4,000,000 Ameri-

the enemy"?

Obviously you wouldn't, Captain Patterson, for you wrote those words on February 6. And your Daily News also goes to munitions workers and soldiers and sailors and civilians. To some 2,000,000 on weekdays and 3,000,000 on Sundays.

Or let's say some people, mourning the loss of an American boy in the Philippines, told everybody in sight that this was a swell guy, that he'd never " . . . gone roaring up and down the country shouting for blood . . . it is time that those who willed the war were driven from their hiding places and sent to the front . . . to share some of the agony they have created . . ."

The old hoop and holler about "War Monger Roosevelt" again. Would you call such talk "aiding the enemy"?

Not you, Colonel McCormick, for you wrote those words in your Chicago Tribune on February 9. And about 1,000,000 Americans read it every day.

The daily drip of poison—

You three merely call all this constructive criticism, and free speech and a free press? And the ceaseless drip of poison day after day . . . "Churchill remains in power . . . because he has succeeded in dragging the U.S. into England's European

"We can not attack Germany in any effective way" (McCormick) . . . "see that (Japan) does not defeat us—as she can do if we fritter our forces away all over the world" (McCormick) . . . "A scheme to wreck the republic" (McCormick) . . . "A famous remark made by Churchill . . . might now be paraphrased to 'Give us the tools and you'll finish the job'" (Patterson) . . . "if the arsenal of democracy is stripped of too many of its own defenses it will be laid open to invasion and conquest" (Patterson) . . . "What any (American troops) were doing in Java and what they were fighting for makes an interesting question . . ." (Patterson).

Drip, drip, drip. Day after day after day. Bring the fleet home, guard our own shores, will there be elections in 1942, in 1944, the British this, the Russians that, rumors of a separate peace, this Administration has never, this Administration has always . . .

What in heaven's name do men have to do before you would call it "aiding the enemy"?

This ad speaks for angry Americans

This page speaks for millions of Americans, angry and aroused by your present tactics—whatever you call them.

They don't feel that your past record for clairvoyance and omniscience now gives

(McCormick, Oct. 27) . . . " . . . but for now and the near future it is impossible to see how Hitler is a serious threat to any nation except Russia" (Patterson, Dec. 5).

Are you any smarter now?

Sure, anybody can make mistakes. Sure, let bygones be bygones. Okay, but listen—

Today, American soldiers are dying and American flyers are crashing in flames and American sailors and freighter crews are clinging to life rafts and American workmen are straining through extra hours . . .

Today there is aching muscle and no toys for the kids because of defense stamps . . . there is the sick fear always and that waiting for a telegram regretting to inform you and the secret weeping at 2 A.M. . . .

So millions of this nation's men and women ask you three what you are up to now—today—with your endless carping, your spreading of unease, your constant spittle of suspicion of our government and allies? These millions know the difference between all that and sincere criticism.

So what are you doing? Not "aiding the enemy". Of course not. You are patriotic men. Hurrah for the Red, White and Blue.

NOTE: We do not use the phrase "aiding the enemy" in its legalistic sense. We are not talking the language of lawyers, but of the man in the street.

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