

Copper Trust Behind Thorkelson Fascist Tie

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BUTTE, Montana, June 10.—The open association of Congressman Jacob Thorkelson, Republican, from this state with the fascist General Moseley has aroused deep resentment here, even though it has occasioned no surprise in labor circles.

Republican Party leaders, by maintaining a studied silence on Thorkelson's alliance with the fascist, bigoted forces at Washington, give him a clean bill of health.

The press here, the Montana Standard and other papers, have practically censored the revelations of Thorkelson's fascist affiliations, with the exception of a single, brief mention from the Associated press.

The Republican Congressman from western Montana was elected with the help of the Anaconda Copper Mining Co., the anti-New Deal Senator Wheeler and Governor Ayres all working in cooperation to defeat the progressive, Jerry O'Connell.

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Now that he has become nationally known as a spreader of anti-Semitism, working with the notorious Moseley, Thorkelson's true colors are known.

In the labor-progressive camp, Thorkelson is flayed by the "Miners Voice," official organ of the Butte Miners Union, which likens this Tory Republican to the Nazi Goebbels, "one of the choicest bits of reactionary driftwood tossed up by the political backwash."

But, it concludes, "1940 is just around the corner."

It is of special note that Thorkelson had run his campaign on a ferocious red-baiting drive, appealing with false slogans to the Catholic people.

SUPPORTED THE THORKELSON

"Preserve religious toleration by voting for Thorkelson," wrote the Catholic "Register" of October, 1938. Thorkelson's alliance with the Nazi-supporting forces aligns him directly with the persecutors of the Catholic people in Germany and Austria.