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that notorious anti-Semitic forgery, the Benjamin Franklin letter."

There was a long pause at the other end of the wire. Then, in a voice that was almost in a shout, Kamp said excitedly, "I don't want to be interviewed, understand? I don't intend to answer any of your damn questions, see? You're on one side of the fence and I'm on the other. Why the hell should I argue with you!" And he hung up.

### Kamp's Record and Current Activity

The Hour has carried a number of articles exposing the subversive character of Kamp's work (see The Hour for August 17, September 28, 1940, and August 16, 1941). Until 1937 he was executive editor and publisher of the fascist magazine, Awakener. One of the contributors to this publication was Lawrence Dennis, author of The Coming American Fascism and writer for Today's Challenge, the magazine which was published by the Nazi agent Dr. Friedrich Auhagen. When the Awakener discontinued publication, a letter from Kamp to one of his followers revealed that the work would be carried on by the Constitutional Educational League.

Under Kamp's direction, the League has specialized in distributing violently anti-democratic and anti-labor propaganda. A typical example of this propaganda was the pamphlet Kamp published in 1940, entitled The Fifth Column in Washington, which asserted that the United States Government had fallen into the hands of "bolsheviks" and "fifth columnists." Among the individuals listed by Kamp as subversive were Robert H. Jackson, Harry Hopkins, David Sapos, Frances Perkins and Harold L. Ickes. The pamphlet included hundreds of other names, the great majority of which were -- not accidentally -- noticeably Jewish.

Another booklet written by Kamp was entitled Join the CIO -- and Help Build a SOVIET AMERICA! According to the author, this particular diatribe against organized labor reached 2,200,000 Americans.

The Ku Klux Klan, the Christian Front, the National Workers League and other native fascist and pro-Axis organizations have been the most enthusiastic distributors of Kamp's works. Many copies of Kamp's neatly-printed propaganda pamphlets are distributed free of charge. The Constitutional Educational League always seems to have ample cash on hand, although the exact source of its income remains something of a mystery.

### Kamp's Latest Effort

The pamphlet which Kamp is now distributing through the United States mail under the title of Native Nazi Purge Plot seeks to undermine morale (and thus obstruct the war effort) by stirring up doubts and misgivings regarding the war leadership of the Administration and by spreading slanders against organizations and individuals working to support the war effort.

In this pamphlet Kamp singles out for vitriolic attack Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry Hopkins, Mayor Fiorella LaGuardia, Arthur Upham Pope (described as a "rabid apologist for Dictator Stalin"), William P. Maloney and other such distinguished supporters of the war

effort. Significantly enough, the most violent passages in the booklet are directed against William P. Maloney who, as Special Assistant to Attorney General Biddle, is so effectively supervising the Washington Federal Grand Jury's investigation of Axis propaganda. According to Kamp, the Special Assistant to the Attorney General is "a juvenile Vyshinsky-Himmler who is prostituting both his profession and his official position to be a satisfactory hireling ... a rank amateur who gets his leads from Communist Daily Worker."

### Kamp on The Hour

A large section of Native Nazi Purge Plot is devoted to attacking and labeling "Communist" such anti-fascist organizations as Freedom House, Council for Democracy, Anti-Defamation League and Friends of Democracy.

Kamp feels particularly bitter about the work of The Hour. He says, "Another sniper at Congress is THE HOUR. A Communist 'party-line' weekly, it is dangerous ... not so much for the volume of its propaganda ... as because its material ... receives a widespread circulation. THE HOUR was set up originally by an organization called the American Council Against Nazi Propaganda, Inc. On its boards and committees were such well-known Communists and fellow travelers as Franz Boas, Lewis Mumford, Frank P. Graham, Gardner Jackson, Archibald MacLeish, and Dr. Frank Kingdon. THE HOUR is edited by Albert E. Kahn .... Mr. Kahn is now writing a book which charges that certain Congressmen are part of a Nazi plot to sabotage American morale. The book, entitled 'SABOTAGE,' will be published by Harper."

Despite the Department of Justice having made public an indictment charging Kamp's organization with participation in a plot to sabotage morale in the U. S. armed forces, Kamp continues to spread his disruptive propaganda throughout the country. It seems clear that further action on the part of the Government authorities is immediately necessary.

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### FACTS ABOUT ROSSIYA

On March 21 The Hour revealed that a number of fascist foreign-language publications were continuing to spread Axis propaganda in the United States. A particularly vicious role, we pointed out, was being played by Rossiya, a Russian-language newspaper published in New York City, and edited by "Nikolai B. Rybakoff, a White Guard Russian who gloats over the victories of Hitler and Hirohito; slanders the United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union; and calls for the extermination of 'Jew-Communists' in this country."

As early as August 31, 1940, we had disclosed that Rossiya was printing material sent into the United States by key Japanese agents. Two agents we named were Constantine Rodzaevsky and G.M. Semenovoff, both Russian fascist emigrés. Rodzaevsky is Fuehrer of the Russian Fascist Union, with headquarters in Harbin, Manchukuo. Semenovoff is head of an army of fascist Russian emigrés. Semenovoff's army of traitors, which is based in Japanese-controlled territory in readiness to participate in an attack on the Soviet Union, numbers 150,000 and constitutes an official section of the Japanese Army.

As this issue of The Hour goes to press, with the United States in its ninth month of war, the Axis-inspired sheet Rossiya continues to be published at 480 Canal Street, New York City, and to circulate seditious propaganda seeking to expedite victory for Berlin, Rome and Tokyo. *The contents of The Hour are not copyrighted and may be freely reprinted*

## NEW FASCIST PROPAGANDA TECHNIQUE

The Hour recommends that Military Intelligence conduct an immediate investigation of Top Kick, a new "comic" magazine which is intended for distribution chiefly among members of the U. S. armed forces. The magazine is published by the Charles Publishing Co., at 831 Guardian Building, Cleveland, Ohio. The editor is listed as "Jack Dinsmore."

Purporting to be a magazine which provides "Comedy Relief for Days of Stress," Top Kick varies its semi-pornographic jokes with propaganda which can have the sole effect of undermining confidence in the army leadership, stirring up misgivings about the U. S. Government and fostering doubts against Great Britain and Russia. The September issue of the magazine carries on its cover a cartoon labeled "The Strategist"; a crudely caricatured U. S. army officer is portrayed sitting with his feet propped up on a desk, dictating to his secretary; under the secretary's chair lies a book entitled Karl Marx; through a window can be seen the Capitol dome. The inferences of the cartoon are obvious. Additional propaganda, posing as humor, contained in the same issue reads as follows:

"Well the collegiate economists who are stinking up the Government have a theory to explain every unfortunate defeat ever suffered by their Russian cronies. 'The Germans had more planes' is their theory. 'Wars are won solely by superiority in machinery,' these radicals insist. ... That's a lie. And it's a lie calamitous to our America. You can't fight on shavings and win a war with a lying theory. ... It is ridiculous to think that the fractional portion of the German army had a superiority in numbers or in equipment to the total man-power and equipment of the Communists, helped, as they were by America and England."

Other jokes hold up to ridicule the work of the Office of Civilian Defense and the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps. A British General is described as having sent this telegram to Churchill: "We advance ... backwards." A number of supposedly witty stories have anti-Semitic overtones.

The Hour learns the real name of "Jack Dinsmore," the editor of Top Kick, is Charles Rothman. It should be enlightening to discover Mr. Rothman's exact motive in spreading such propaganda among U. S. soldiers and sailors. \* \* \* \* \*

## ARREST OF WOZNIAK

Readers of The Hour will be interested to learn that the federal authorities have arrested Theodore Wozniak, key World War I saboteur who set off the explosion at the Canadian Car and Foundry Company at Kingsland, N.J., on January 11, 1917. The famous Kingsland fire, resulting from Wozniak's work, was the largest sabotage job of the First World War.

On April 5, 1941, we mentioned Wozniak's name in connection with a railroad wreck in Pennsylvania which had been caused by sabotage on March 16, 1941, and had resulted in the death of five persons. Subsequent to this report of ours, Wozniak visited the offices of The Hour (see The Hour for April 26, 1941). During the conversation between the editor of The Hour and Wozniak, something dropped from the latter's sleeve. He picked it up quickly. It was the blade of a hack saw, about a foot long. Before leaving our office, Wozniak recommended we use "caution" in any future mention of his name.