

Organizations Named By Grand Jury Still Active

Continue To Publish Subversive Propaganda In New York City

From "THE HOUR"

Last month the Washington Federal Grand Jury investigating Axis propaganda activity in the United States handed down an indictment listing a number of individuals, publications and organizations as participants in a conspiracy to promote "re-volt and disloyalty" within the U. S. armed forces. Included in the list was an organization called the Constitutional Educational League. The head of the League is a man by the name of Joseph P. Kamp.

On August 21 the editor of The Hour visited the New York headquarters of the Constitutional Educational League, a comfortable suite of offices locat-

ed at room 501, 342 Madison Avenue, New York City. Decorated in a "patriotic style reminiscent of the late German American Bund headquarters, the League offices sported a huge American flag covering one entire wall. A batch of Joseph Kamp's subversive pamphlets, of titles such as "How To Win The War . . . and lose what we're fighting for," adorned the opposite wall.

The offices were the

scene of hectic activity. Stamped and addressed manila envelopes were piled high on the desks and floors. They contained Joseph Kamp's latest piece of fascist propaganda — a pamphlet entitled Native Nazi Purge Plot—The Conspiracy Against Congress. A couple of burly stormtroop-type men wandered in and out of the office foyer, suspiciously eyeing the editor of The Hour who was being told by a Miss Griffith that Mr. Kamp was not in.

After buying a copy of Native

Nazi Purge Plot, the editor of The Hour left the office of the League and called Joseph Kamp on the telephone. The following conversation took place.

"Mr. Kamp, this is Albert Kahn, editor of The Hour. I was up at your office a short time ago but I was told you weren't in. I'd like to see you."

"What about?"

"I'm writing an article on the fascist propaganda you're spreading and there are a couple of questions I want to ask you."

"Like what?"

"Well, for one thing, I want to get your explanation for cooperating with William Dudley Pelley.

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who was just sentenced to prison because of the seditious propaganda he was spreading. I believe you helped him distribute 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 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

We have carried a number of articles exposing the subversive character of Kamp's work. 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." Some of the individuals listed by Kamp as subversive were Robert H. Jackson, Harry Hopkins, David Sapoos, Francis 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 this 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 steering the Washington Federal Jury's investigation of Axis propaganda. According to Kamp, 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 the *Communist Daily Worker*."

FACTS ABOUT ROSSIYA

Recently we 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. Semenov, both Russian fascist emigres. Rodzaevsky is Fuehrer of the Russian Fascist Union, with headquarters in Harbin, Manchukuo. Semenov is head of an army of fascist Russia nemigres. Semenov's army of traitors, which is based on 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.