

For Immediate
PRESS RELEASE

From the Office of:
CONGRESSMAN JOHN M. COFFEE (Dem.)
6th District of Washington

SEES U. S. AIDING AXIS WHILE AXIS HINDERS DEFENSE PROGRAM OF U. S. A.

Representative Coffee of Washington Asks Congress Inquiry

WASHINGTON, Declaring that Americans are helping Axis Powers wage war while these Powers are hindering the national-defense program of the United States, Congressman Coffee of Washington today urged the House Rules Committee to pass out his resolution for a joint Congressional investigation.

Asserting that huge quantities of war materials were reaching Germany and Italy from the United States through third parties or "dummies", the Congressman said we were "more of an arsenal for the Axis than an arsenal for Democracy."

"American and even British companies are selling supplies to the Axis against the spirit of our defense effort if not against the letter of the law." He pointed to the recent renewal of a contract wherein American and British oil companies are delivering millions of barrels of oil to Japan from the Netherlands East Indies. He called attention to the persistent exports of oil to Japan from California and of oil deliveries by American and British companies from South America and the West Indies to "neutral" African ports.

"Trade in war materials is the least of our dealings with Axis Powers", Congressman Coffee asserted. "American companies are participants with these Powers in international patent pools, insurance pools, shipping pools, cartel agreements, gold purchases, and financial arrangements whereby money, credit, and intelligence are exchanged solely to the advantage of "double-dealing patriots" in America and their Axis partners."

"We know now, how certain business interests dealt with the enemy during the first war. But neither the Congress nor the Public knew what was going on behind the scenes until years after that fateful war was over. An investigation of present conditions now may lead to measures which could shorten the war by several years. Indeed it might result in changing its entire outcome. On the other hand, an apathetic attitude towards the double-dealing situations which now exist may lead to disaster," the Congressman concluded.