

U. S. at Last Awakens to Danger of Axis Spies

(Editor's Note: This is the last of a series of articles on Nazi propaganda methods in the United States and the cure therefor.)

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Awake at last to the dangers within her shores, nearly every major Federal agency is today keeping "an FBI" on suspected propaganda artists, saboteurs and Axis fifth columnists.

That is one of the major results thus far of the special Federal grand jury investigation into subversive activities: the focusing of everyone's attention on the need for keeping close watch over all possible danger points.

Whether the Justice Department will recommend to Congress, or follow it as a matter of policy in the Department, the establishment of a permanent group to eye Nazi activities, is something the Attorney General and his aides have yet to indicate.

But, there's activity underway on Capitol Hill, where several senators and House members are watching and waiting to see what all will be turned up by the grand jury and what, if any, suggestions may come from downtown as to what to do about it.

CONSTANT WATCH NEEDED

A constant surveillance would crush the destructive campaigns before they get rolling, in the measured judgment of executive and legislative experts who've been watching. As one put it with a "don't quote me" admonition on Capitol Hill:

"We've let these people get so strongly entrenched they are triply hard to blast out. In the past, no consistent effort has been made to keep up with their activities. As I understand it, the Justice Department is doing just that now, with the FBI serving as the watchdogs.

"There should always be some agency in government in operation checking on them, watching their handiwork, having ready access to facts for presentation to the American people. Perhaps the step should go a little farther; an agency to combat such propaganda artists right here at home with our own people might well be part of such work.

BEST PLACE TO START

"After all, where best to start counter-propaganda campaigns than the source of its emanation; i.e., if we know what the opposition is up to, we can move in swiftly to offset it."

This particular spokesman, one of the ranking Republican members of the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee, felt he should not speak his piece in public right at this time until he's ready with a bill on the subject. He also wants to investigate to find out just what this Government is now doing.

Perhaps this will save him some trouble:

1. Col. "Wild Bill" Donovan and his office of information, the super-duper press-agency of the Government, is toiling night and day to have all the material at hand for counter-attacking propagandists anywhere in the Western Hemisphere.

FEEDS PRESS AND RADIOS

2. Nelson Rockefeller's Committee on Pan American Relations is feeding daily a steady stream of material to press and radio, particularly the latter for short-wave transmission to the Spanish language countries to the South.

3. Army and Navy Intelligence, of course, are right on their toes to find out where danger spots might lie.

4. The Agriculture Department is trying to keep our farm population well posted on what's up and who's doing it.

Meanwhile, the special grand jurors speed along their road, fathoming the intricate maze of Nazi methods thru a torturous course of inter-related organizations, organized literary sabotage, and tracing where the money is coming from and how it's being used.