

# X-Ray of In Ohio,

## 3 Sinister Figures In Buckeye State

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CLEVELAND. ~~James F.~~  
Lincoln, the fascist-minded president of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce who openly calls for a negotiated peace with Hitler is pouring funds into the campaign chest of the Republican Party Ohio.

Lincoln has been for some years past and still is the biggest financial angel of the Republican Party in this state.

At one time Lincoln was a member of the national Program Committee of the Republican Party chairman of its Finance Committee in Ohio.

But for the most his influence is strictly of the behind-the-scenes variety and is exerted through his big contributions.

### BACKS BRICKER

As a hard-headed businessman, Lincoln usually expects to get his moneys worth for every dollar spent. And he will—if Governor John Bricker and the defeatist Republican Congressmen who are running for re-election win on Nov. 3. They're the kind of candidates to whom he can give whole-hearted support.

Lincoln is one of three sinister figures who should be watched

during the hectic wind-up of Ohio's political campaign. The other two are:

Senator Robert Taft, the defeatist leader in the Senate who is coming here during the final days of the campaign to do his bit for Bricker and for the copperhead Republican Congressmen.

Martin L. Sweeney, the Coughlinite Congressman from Cleveland who was badly licked in the Aug. 11 primary by Michael A. Feighan, his win-the-war opponent, but who is still active in local politics.

None of these three men are candidates for office in this election. But that doesn't minimize their importance.

They are the spokesman for the defeatist Fifth Column in Ohio politics. They say openly what Gov. Bricker and the Republican Congressional candidates for reasons of political expediency only hint at and suggest.

### FOR MUNICH SELLOUT

Lincoln certainly has been an out and out advocate of a sell-out Munich peace with Hitler. In a letter to the Cleveland Press on Aug. 5 of this year, he said:

"All-out war means economic destruction of our country if we got to the point of complete victory by either side."

"Are we willing to pay the price of victory?" he asked,

"If we are not we had best change our attitude to that of living at peace with a Germany dominant in Europe and a Japan dominant in Asia."

### WHITNEY ISSUES BLAST

The sharpest reply to this Hitler stooge came from A. F. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood, who said in his union's paper that Lincoln had launched Hitler's peace offensive,

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Lincoln has long been an inveterate foe of the President and of the New Deal. In 1938, he announced that his corporation "wouldn't spent another dollar in this country under present conditions, and that's flat."

He actually did open plants in England, Australia and Canada where he transferred much of the work of his company.

During the present war situation, Lincoln has dodged tax payments to the government by handing out substantial bonuses to his workers ranging as high as \$50,000.

The House Naval Affairs Committee estimated that between 1939 and 1941 Lincoln had evaded payment of about \$4,500,000 in taxes.

Governor Bricker has made a great to-do about being all-out in favor of winning the war.

But he hasn't repudiated Lincoln's support. His first primary campaign meeting in Akron was addressed by Senator Curley Brooks, the Chicago Tribune's mouthpiece of disruption and defeatism.

And he has welcomed support during the closing days of this campaign from Senator Taft.

Taft was originally scheduled to come into this state for three weeks. According to informed political observers, he has been so busy fighting the President's anti-inflation program that he has had to cut the trip down to one week.

What Taft will do during his week in Ohio isn't hard to guess.

He will couple his endorsement of Bricker and the defeatist Republicans with the same kind of sniping at the war effort which has characterized his activity in Washington.

With men like Lincoln and Taft behind the Republican Party in Ohio, it is easy to see why organized labor in Ohio and other progressive forces are swinging behind John McSweeney, the win-the-war Democratic candidates and practically all the Democratic candidates in the Congressional races.

But the Democratic Party has by no means been purged of defeatists. They have concentrated in the Republican Party, but they still have foot-holds in the Democratic Party.

Martin L. Sweeney has been their outstanding representative in the Democratic Party. Sweeney was the man who said during his primary campaign:

"Let's show the Communists and some misinformed Jews that they can't get away with that in Cleveland."

Sweeney has the support of Charles Coughlin who called him "the outstanding American of all time" and of Gerald L. K. Smith.

Although beaten in the primaries by a powerful coalition of labor, small business and national minority organizations, Smith has stayed in the Congressional race against Michael Feighan—by proxy.

He entered his wife, Marie L. Sweeney, as an independent. And she has even out done her husband with anti-Semitic, Hitlerite statements about "Communist Jews."

The Sweeney strategy is to pull enough Democratic votes from Feighan to permit the Republican candidate to win.

So during the next two weeks, watch Lincoln, Taft and Sweeney. They are trying to use the elections to put over their defeatist, pro-Hitler program.