

# VOICES OF DEFEAT

While our country fights for its life, some Americans sow lies and hate inside our lines. They abuse free speech and spread Hitler's propaganda. But they are easy to handle once their communities are aroused

On March 27, Attorney General Francis Biddle ordered the first prosecutions for sedition against American citizens in this war. He directed that George W. Christians of Chattanooga, founder of a Fascist organization called the Crusader White Shirts, and Rudolph Fahl, a former Denver high-school instructor, be arrested on charges of attempting to influence men in the U. S. Army by disloyal and seditious statements. Specifically, Christians was accused of sending to officers at Camp Forrest, Tenn. a communication containing such questions as these: "What are we fighting for? Do we die for dollar domination . . . ? Do Germany, Italy and Japan have the right to fight for freedom from our economic strangulation?" Fahl was charged with telling officers at Lowry Field, Colo. that they were not fighting for democracy, and that they were "suckers" to be in the Army.

The Department of Justice in the last fortnight has shown other signs that it is getting tough. Mr. Biddle on March 25 announced a plan to take American citizenship away from naturalized foreigners who have been members of such disloyal organizations as the German-American Bund. He acknowledged that the written word in this war was more dangerous than in World War I and that, in consequence, a seditious utterance may have to be considered the equivalent of a seditious act.

"Sedition," according to Webster's dictionary, "is conduct which tends to treason, but which falls short of it for want of an overt act." In the U. S., with its Constitutional guarantees of free speech and a free press, the problem of combating wartime sedition has always been a difficult one. During the Civil War, President Lincoln "suspended" civil rights and arrested scores of seditious politicians and propagandists. In the first World War the charge of seditious utterances was made in hundreds of cases under the Espionage Act of 1917, wherever it could be said that such utterances interfered with war activities. Many of these cases were admittedly harsh and unfair, and a tradition has grown up among liberals that the Wilson government misused its war powers and was much to blame for suppressing free speech.

Mr. Biddle, the Attorney General in this war, is determined that no such charge shall be made against his regime. He sincerely believes that "men should never under our law be prosecuted for their opinions, however they may disturb the beliefs we cherish, or oppose the moral assumptions that most of us share." He began the war with a comparatively mild policy. When two local U. S. Attorneys made arrests for sedition in December, he ordered them to let their prisoners go free. Now, with the U. S. in its fifth month of war, there are signs that he is stiffening his attitude.

The fact is that subversive doctrines are widespread in the United States today. They are doctrines of hate and lies against America, its leaders, its war aims, its allies and its democratic way of life. The men and women who spread these doctrines are simply echoing Nazi short-wave broadcasts from Berlin. They want the same thing that all our enemies want—to knock America out of the war or end our fight against world aggression.

LIFE believes that a good deal of bunk has been written and printed recently about the morale of the American people. The morale of the American people, as a whole, is high and tough. It is in a mood for vigorous action. But there are always a certain number of yapping dissidents about the feet of a great nation marching to war. LIFE's editors and correspondents, with the aid of trained investigators, have prepared this article, not to frighten Americans with bugaboos but to make them mad enough to see to it that their officials take the necessary action.

One of their doctrines is anti-Semitism, which has always been Hitler's favorite weapon. Their grotesque attacks and slanders against Jews are part of a deliberate propaganda strategy to stir hate and suspicion and discord that the Nazis have used again and again in Europe.

If these propagandists were German, Japanese, Italian, or any other kind of alien, it would be easier to deal with them by law. But they are American citizens, enjoying the right of free speech. LIFE also has the right of free speech, and in this article LIFE proposes to name names and describe some of the activities that are going on behind our lines.

## Southern California

Let us begin with the Los Angeles area of Southern California, which is in a military zone, and has already been shelled by the Japanese enemy. On Thursday evening, Dec. 11—four days after the U. S. was plunged into war by the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor—a public meeting was held in the Embassy Auditorium in Los Angeles. About 200 people were present. The self-styled chief of the National Copperheads, one Ellis O. Jones, made a speech. "The Japanese have a right to Hawaii," he shouted. "There are more of them there than there are Americans. . . . I would rather be in the war on the side of Germany than on the side of the British." The main address came from a slick-haired, ranting orator named Robert Noble.

"Our country has not been attacked," he cried. "Japan has done a good job in the Pacific. . . . I believe this war is going to destroy America." Noble praised Adolf Hitler, who had proclaimed his war on the U. S. less than 24 hours before. While speaking of Hitler he declared his previous statement "still goes." This statement was one which Noble made, under oath, before a legislative committee, that "We are for Germany and for Hitler." At the close of the meeting the audience, whipped on by Noble and Jones, voted to "impeach" a wax-faced dummy of President Roosevelt.

The same night Noble and Jones were arrested by the office of U. S. District Attorney William F. Palmer in Los Angeles, charged with sedition. On Dec. 22 they were released on orders of the Department of Justice, telegraphed from Washington, and almost immediately resumed their campaign of pro-Axis and anti-American agitation. Their organization, The Friends of Progress, held weekly meetings in a downtown auditorium in Los Angeles up through March. At

these meetings handbills have been distributed which begin: "Young Man, your lowest aim in life is to be a good soldier," and go on to offer advice to anyone on "how you can individually (legally) keep out of the war effort." From the platform Noble has repeatedly expressed his admiration for the enemy—"I am for the Axis powers because they are the liberators of the world"—and his contempt for Americans—"MacArthur and his men are not heroes but fools." On Feb. 11 he declared: "Germany and Mr. Qvisling are doing a fine job of liberating the Norwegians from the aggressions of England." On Feb. 23 he told a California legislative committee that "the Japanese did the proper thing under the exigencies of the time" when they bombed Pearl Harbor. "The war has been won by Germany in Europe and it's all over in the Pacific and we might as well come home," he added.

This theme, a favorite on the Nazi short-wave broadcasts to the U. S., is stressed again and again at the Noble-Jones meetings. One of their notices for March contains this line: "ACTUALLY we are having MORE FUN THESE DAYS than we have ever had. The thing is ONE GRAND BIG LAUGH continually BECAUSE we know this war is over (especially for America)."

Noble deserted from the U. S. Navy in 1917 and was later dishonorably discharged. He has been connected with pension-pressure groups in California, has a bitter, rancorous tongue, and is viciously anti-Semitic. His "associate," Ellis Jones, founded the National Copperheads to support Charles A. Lindbergh. Jones has been writing and publishing a bulletin of Copperhead Notes filled with sarcastic sniping at the Army and Navy. Finally, on March 31, warrants were issued for both Jones and Noble by California authorities because of a "Copperhead Note" which read, in part, "General MacArthur's desertion of his troops in the field is probably the smallest and cheapest Dunkirk of a long series." State Attorney General Earl Warren ordered them held on a charge of criminal libel. "By no stretch of the imagination can this be considered an exercise of the right of free speech," he said. Before the state warrants were served, Federal agents rushed in and again arrested Noble and Jones on sedition charges.

Other groups with similar aims remain in the Los Angeles area, including the World Events Forum, the National Legion of Mothers and Women of America, Christian American Guards and certain active units of the former America First Committee. The World Events Forum is headed by A. M. Windhorst, who announced at one meeting: "Roosevelt is a Jew, and so is everyone who ever came from Holland!" Another Forum speaker boasted that he had been arrested as a German spy in the last war, and was cheered when he declared: "Queen Victoria's children were all bastards." One Benjamin Franklin Ballard, organizer of the American Guards, blurted: "The Jews and all who follow them will be crucified like rats as soon as we real Americans get together."

Two publications printed in Southern California are circulated widely among pro-Nazi organizations. The Broom is a rowdy weekly published at San Diego, where there is an important





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## YELLOW-WHITE RACE WAR MAY BE NEXT

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## F.D.R. Whitewash Seen in Report of Truman Committee

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## Dissension Threatens British Fighting Forces

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*Sugar Shortage Created in Washington*



A FEW PREDICTIONS  
OF FUTURE  
EVENTS

AMERICANA CONTEST  
STILL OPEN TO  
ENTRANTS

AMERICANS PAY MILLIONS  
TO FOREIGN INSURANCE  
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FATHER COUGHLIN'S "SOCIAL JUSTICE" IS PUBLISHED IN ROYAL OAK, MICH.

### VOICES OF DEFEAT (continued)

Navy base. Typical headlines read: DE VALERA RESENTS AMERICAN INVASION and NAVY CONSUMES TOO MUCH BOOZE ON LIBERTY. *The Broom* recently made the "discovery" that the V for Victory sign was really a Jewish symbol and stands for "violence, vengeance and sabotage." The other publication is a monthly called the *Beacon Light*, from Atascadero, near Camp Roberts, California's largest Army Camp. Its editor, William Kullgren, uses astrological double-talk to put across ideas that are filled with the smell of blood. One of these is pogroms for the Jews of America. Another is sudden death for President Roosevelt. In his January issue Kullgren wrote: "If he [the President] carries out the indications of his chart, he will set in motion forces that will destroy him. . . . There is grave danger of assassination. . . . If the people fail to act I am satisfied that divinity will act, possibly through a stroke or something similar, but it will be sudden. . . . Which of the two courses [death or impeachment] will take place I am not prepared to say. I prefer to paint the picture to show you the forces in operation and to leave the responsibility with you. . . ."

This is crackpot talk, of course. But in time of war, especially an all-out war for national existence, crackpots who spread enemy propaganda are a dangerous luxury. The Americanism Committee of the American Legion's 17th District, in Los Angeles, has investigated some of these groups and has just issued a report, which concludes: "All up and down the vital Southern California coastline there still exists a shrewdly laid network of enemy propaganda activity, eating away at civilian and military morale, and attracting subversive-minded individuals amongst whom recruits for espionage and sabotage are most readily found. While the public is apathetic, lulled by a false sense of security into the belief that we are a 100% united people, enemy propagandists grow in number and boldness. Their public meetings are multiplying and their inflammatory speeches are delivered before audiences of increasing size and growing bitterness. . . . They must be stopped now."

### Chicago

The former capital of Midwest isolationism is seething today with defeatist and seditious groups. They hold public meetings, distribute propaganda, and carry on a program of hate that is a threat to American unity. One such organization, *We, The Mothers, Mobilize for America, Inc.*, claims 15,000 members in 32 States. At a meeting of

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## All Past Perils To America Brought Forth A Man Of Destiny

In The Present Perilous Times For America, Who Will Come Forth? Or Has Man So Completely Failed That God Will Be Forced To Take Over? "Man's Extremity Is God's Opportunity." Can Anyone Answer?



# WALTER WINCHELL LIED!

S. Downey Asks An Investigation Hoffman Swats Dangerous Plan

E. J. GARNER'S WEEKLY NEWSPAPER "PUBLICITY" COMES FROM WICHITA, KAN.

### VOICES OF DEFEAT (continued)

their South Side Division on Feb. 24, Mrs. Agnes Waters, a professional Mother from Washington, made the familiar demand that President Roosevelt be impeached or court-martialed because of Pearl Harbor. "If it is not possible to do that I do not know what to do, but for the crime of stripping our country of its defenses in such a shameful manner, he ought to be killed!" she cried. One man and several women in the audience echoed, "Let's do it!" Mrs. Waters then warmed up to her subject. "There are 200,000 Communist Jews at the Mexican border waiting to get into this country," she screeched. "If they are admitted they will rape every woman and child that is left unprotected." Sugar rationing, she went on, "is just Barney Baruch's Jew plot left over from the first World War to communize America." At the end of the meeting she urged: "Go out and influence the people. Elect Congressmen this fall who will impeach Mr. Roosevelt."

National President of We, The Mothers is Mrs. Lyril Van Hyning, a descendant of George Rogers Clark, with a son in the Air Corps and a daughter who is running in the Republican primaries for the Illinois State Senate. "Our battle really began with Pearl Harbor," Mrs. Van Hyning told a LIFE reporter. Her speeches stress the "privations" of the war. "Your automobiles are being taken from you—that means you are going back to peasantry," she told a Mothers meeting on March 16. "Sugar rationing condemns you to servitude." The war, she says, was brought about by President Roosevelt and the New Deal—"wolves in sheeps' clothing of democracy." It is being fought for the benefit of Great Britain—"our ancient enemy." The Japanese are a "reasonable people," Mrs. Van Hyning told Reporter Frank Smothers of the Chicago *Daily News*, and there should be a peace conference called between the U. S., Germany and Japan now "before the boys are killed."

We, The Mothers is an arsenal of rumor and petty gossip directed at the American war effort. When a LIFE reporter visited its offices recently one chairman, Mrs. Mary Tappendorf, was excited over the plan to raise a women's Army auxiliary for war duty. "What do they want with girls in the front lines?" she demanded. "I'll tell you—it's SEX—and that's Mrs. Eleanor's idea, too. They teach it to the boys in the Army. They tell them they'll go insane without it. The Administration has sold out the flower of our womanhood. . . ."

Hatred for America's allies in the war is fostered by another Chicago organization, the Citizens' Committee, headed by lawyer William G. Grace. Grace is a solid, red-faced Irish-American who fought in the last war. His Citizens Keep America Out of War Committee sponsored an appeasement speech by Charles A. Lindbergh at Soldier Field, Chicago, on Aug. 4, 1940. Now, with its name shortened, it holds weekly meetings which draw from 300 to 500 persons. Audiences lustily boo mention of England, Russia and President Roosevelt. At a meeting on March 15 a Lutheran clergyman spent three-quarters of an hour relaying anti-Russian propaganda of the kind that comes by short wave every night from Berlin. "Do you know that in Russia children between the ages of 11 and 15 are encouraged to be immoral and most of them have social diseases?" he asked.

Lease-Lend to America, which has a home office in Chicago and claims branches in Iowa, is principally active in promoting "negotiated peace" talk. Its chairman is Ralph Byers, who announced on Jan. 22 a plan to hold "peace meetings" all over Chicago. Printed releases from his office propose that the U. S. and Germany reach a peace agreement with President De Valera of Ireland as mediator.



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Byers' releases contained detailed statistics on "the cost of filling a coffin by war methods," which he figures at \$150,000. They suggest that the "interests which planned us into this war . . . now plan to continue the slaughter until it can mean all the profits of a trillion-dollar war effort by our nation."

These Chicago groups and others send speakers to the Patrick Henry Forum, which meets in the Lincoln Room of the La Salle Hotel. This Forum is the gathering place of violent Anglophobes and anti-Semitic crackpots in Chicago. Its chairman, an insurance broker named Martin J. Higgins, electrifies his audience with announcements like: "I have just investigated the racial background of Mrs. Anthony Eden, wife of the British Foreign Secretary. She is JEWISH. Her name is Litvinov, alias Finkelstein!"

Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, who organized an early Mothers group in 1941, lives in Chicago and conducts a Patriotic Research Bureau in a Loop office building. She offers copies of her *Red Network* and *The Red Record of the Roosevelt Family* at \$1.25 for the two, and boasts that she is the real author of *The Octopus*, a yellow-covered compilation of anti-Jewish slanders. She also publishes a mimeographed bulletin for a national mailing list running into the thousands. Since Pearl Harbor this bulletin has been peppered with headlines and slogans like "THE RED BUTCHER ALLIES" and "HONEYCOMBED WITH TRAITOROUS ENEMIES OF OUR AMERICAN REPUBLIC AT HOME, CAN AMERICA WIN A WAR ABROAD?" In her January bulletin Mrs. Dilling recalled a visit she had paid to "leprosy-cholera-famine-ridden China." "Little boats with dirty pieced sails, the only homes of their owners, struggle to get near the garbage slop chutes of one's ship as soon as it docks," she wrote. "Looking through binoculars at the garbage descending the chute, Albert [her husband, who is now suing for divorce] would call out for our amusement, 'There come those olives we left at dinner last night. There is that piece of ham I didn't eat this morning!' We took movies of children and parents sitting sorting over and eating this garbage on their little boats."

On the other hand, in February, Mrs. Dilling reported that "The Germans were the best-fed, best-housed, most powerful, pink-cheeked, united and hopeful people in Europe while we were being told they were starving and ready to revolt." She is carrying on a campaign to defeat all Congressmen who voted for Lease-Lend, and to elect a Congress that will impeach Roosevelt. "This is a Jewish war," she told a LIFE reporter recently, "I don't doubt that I will be sent to a concentration camp but I WILL NOT BE SILENCED."


In Chicago these groups receive aid and comfort from the Chicago

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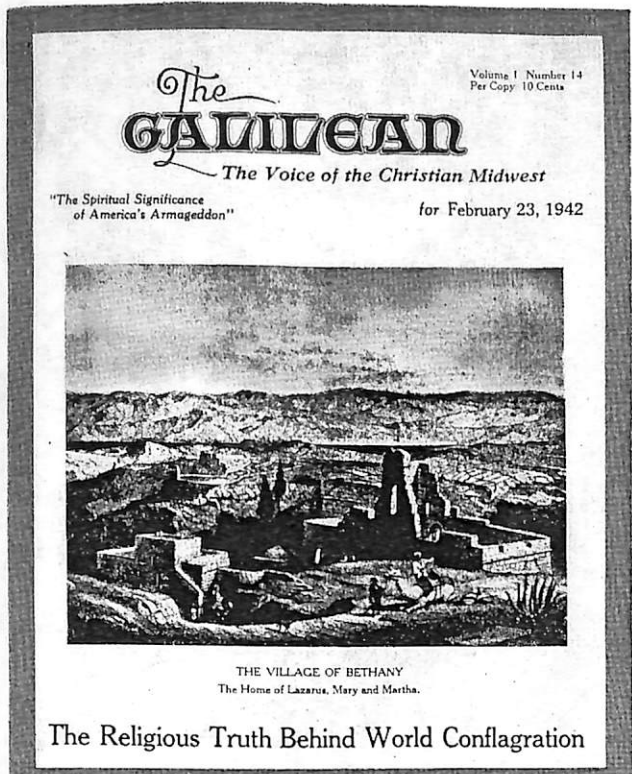
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REV. GERALD B. WINROD'S MONTHLY "DEFENDER" IS ALSO PRINTED IN WICHITA







PELLEY'S "GALILEAN" RECENTLY SUSPENDED BECAUSE OF POST-OFFICE TROUBLE

### VOICES OF DEFEAT (continued)

*Tribune* of Colonel Robert R. McCormick. The *Tribune* is widely quoted and mention of its name is cheered at meetings of pro-Nazi and defeatist groups throughout the country. Like Noble in Los Angeles and Mrs. Waters of We, The Mothers, the *Tribune* has given currency to talk about impeaching President Roosevelt. A *Tribune* dispatch from Washington, dated March 8, sought to give an impression that public opinion in both England and the U. S. had reached a breaking point, and pointed out that "Our President is removable only by the long process of impeachment."

Earlier the *Tribune* had placed the blame for the Pearl Harbor disaster flatly at Roosevelt's door, and on Feb. 9 published a ranting editorial declaring: "It is time that those who willed the war were driven from their hiding places and sent to the front, where they can share some of the agony they created." In Congress the next day Representative Raymond McKeough of Illinois read this editorial and declared: "I challenge Colonel McCormick's patriotism and I say that that language, at this time, makes him subject, at least to thinking people, as being guilty of treason, and I so charge him."

The particular hero of the *Chicago Tribune* and its assorted following today is Representative Clare Hoffman of Michigan, who once proposed impeaching President Roosevelt for leading us into war "by deception," and on Jan. 27 called the A. E. F. in Ireland "a suicide squad." It was Hoffman who ferreted out information on a bomb-proof shelter which was being built for President Roosevelt and the White House staff, and spread on the *Congressional Record* a description of the shelter and its approximate location. This story was given wide prominence by the *Tribune* and several pro-Nazi weeklies. Hoffman's speeches are reprinted by thousands and distributed by the groups described in this article.

### Detroit

WHO STARTED "SACRED" WAR? asked *Social Justice*, widely circulated organ of Father Charles E. Coughlin, on the front page of its issue for March 16. On page three readers found the Coughlin answer: Jews. "Soon nine years will have elapsed since a worldwide 'sacred war' was declared on Germany, not by the U. S., not by Great Britain, not by France, not by any nation; but by the race of Jews," said *Social Justice*. Guilt for the present war belongs to the Jews who organized a boycott against their Nazi tormenters in 1933. *Social Justice* continued: "We repeat that for persecutions suffered by 600,000 Jews in Germany the world was catapulted into a 'sacred war' of economic boycott. The object of the war was to destroy Germany's

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# THE CROSS AND THE FLAG

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**FOUNDED BY GERALD L. K. SMITH**

GERALD L. K. SMITH'S NEW MONTHLY BEGAN PUBLICATION IN DETROIT IN APRIL

export trade upon which her 'very existence' depended. Only an irrational man would deny that such an economic war would inevitably lead to a bloody, physical war."

Cold-blooded Nazi excuses for persecuting Jews are presented to American readers by the editor of *Social Justice*. "It is true," he says, "that Hitler placarded their shops; ostracized many Jews from professional ranks; instituted, in some instances, concentration camps for what Hitler thought to be the more dangerous Jews. But why did Hitler practice such extremities? All civilization knows that, following the first World War, wealthy Jews from America, Britain, France, Holland, Galicia and elsewhere moved into Germany with their valuable money and purchased property which was represented by worthless inflated German marks. Indeed, the Jews became the aristocrats of Germany. . . ."

Father Coughlin's *Social Justice* is today probably the most widely read mouthpiece of this type of Nazi propaganda in the U. S. Its circulation is around 185,000. It is sold on street corners and church steps in many American cities. For several weeks after Pearl Harbor it steered a cautious course, exhorting its readers to buy defense bonds and JOIN ALL PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATIONS. But by Feb. 9 it felt secure enough to smear the A. E. F. in Ulster with this provocative headline: UNITED STATES INVADES IRELAND. On March 2 it published an article on Donald M. Nelson and the Jews, describing a visit which the new chairman of the War Production Board had made to a Jewish synagog during Yom Kippur. This was picked up and reprinted in the anti-Semitic press.

Father Coughlin's photograph and name appear on the front cover of every issue of *Social Justice*, but lately he has seemed anxious to dodge personal responsibility for what appears in its pages. Stock of the company that publishes it is in the names of his aged parents and the editorial work is done by an employe named E. Perrin Schwartz. Coughlin himself has told interviewers that he has "nothing to do" with the paper, an obvious bit of fakery. Since he stopped broadcasting in 1940—reputedly on orders of his church superiors—he has assumed a martyrlike attitude which *Social Justice* describes as "fastened to a pillar, while killers apply vinegar to his torn body." But there is still a great deal of venom and hate left in Coughlin, and more of it is coming out each week in *Social Justice*.

The Reverend Gerald L. K. Smith, oldtime rabble rouser for Huey Long's Share the Wealth Clubs and Silver Shirt organizer, also lives in Detroit and makes a fair living from his Fascistic organization, the Committee of 1,000,000. He reaches thousands by Sunday night broadcasts and has staged several "Patriotic Rallies" since Pearl Harbor. Smith claims 3,000,000 members for his organization which






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occupies a whole floor in the Industrial Bank Building and employs about 30 full-time clerks. Recently Smith has given his followers a new rallying cry—"Christ First in America." His addresses on the war are filled with attacks on President Roosevelt, England and Russia. In handbills for his meetings he asks such questions as "Will red-blooded Americans like you and me have the courage to run the Reds out of Washington, lock up the racketeers, outlaw Communism and develop a national unity that will really win this war. . . ?"

In April he began publication of a new magazine, *The Cross and The Flag*, which demanded that the U. S. Fleet be brought back to American shores to fight a purely defensive war. This publication is making a bid for leadership of all former isolationist elements in the U. S. It proposes that President Roosevelt appoint Isolationist Senator Gerald Nye as Secretary of State and expresses regret that the America First Committee was disbanded. Its war policy is almost identical with that offered on March 26 by the Axis propaganda station DEBUNK, which masquerades as American: "We can protect our interests here at home if we AT ONCE stop sending war materials abroad. We can be invulnerable at home."

Both Coughlin and Smith have talked with the organizers of the National Workers League, a pro-Nazi outfit which is recruiting members in Detroit, Pontiac and other arms-making centers. The League is a small but extremely purposeful group that has collected leftovers of Detroit's old Black Legion, the Silver Shirts, Volksbund and Christian Mobilizers. It issues a weekly *Nationalist Newsletter* which announced on Dec. 24: "The Asiatic war picture indicates the probable total defeat of Great Britain and the U. S. A. within 60 days." Another letter lists George E. Deatherage, organizer of the Knights of the White Camellia, as a National Committeeman of the League.

Garland L. Alderman, secretary of the League and former America First chairman in Pontiac, was questioned by the Dies Committee in Washington in January. On Feb. 20 he returned to Detroit and told members of the League what had happened. Chairman Dies asked him what the League stood for, said Alderman, and he replied: "We would like to ban the Jews and emphatically burn them out. . . . The Jews control the White House, the President is a Jew, his wife a Jewess, and Jews are running Washington and the nation. What I said in Washington, I am willing to state here—to get rid of the Jews we will have to burn and kill them off. I have a constitutional right to say this and I am saying it."

Agents of the Dies Committee also raided the home of Parker Sage, treasurer of the League, and found \$1,200 in \$100 bills, together with uncashed pay checks which Sage had received as a tool-and-die maker. His records indicated the League had spent \$15,000 on propaganda during the last six months of 1941.

**The Midwest**

Scattered across the central area of the nation, from the Alleghenies to the Rocky Mountains, are other organizations, individuals and printing presses which are busily spreading German propaganda about the war, and discrediting America's cause. The weekly newspaper, *Publicity*, published by E. J. Garner, in Wichita, Kan. is typical. *Publicity* is sold at meetings of pro-Fascist organizations from New York to Los Angeles. Its claimed circulation is around 5,000 in 48 States. On Dec. 11, its first issue after Pearl Harbor, it declared: "The Japs did Sunday just what Secretary of State Hull and his war-mongering pal, Lord Halifax, of London, have been longing for—they attacked Honolulu and the Philippines. Now the U. S. has a WAR on its hands. So then what?"

*Publicity's* answer to this is the same as Adolf Hitler's and Father Coughlin's—attack the Jews. Its columns in recent weeks have been filled with Jew-baiting gibberish and it prints savage letters from readers suggesting that "there is only one way Jews or Japs could be assimilated; and that is for all males of those nationals, unto the fourth generation, to be emasculated. . . ." Other letters attack "the Money-Changers and their damnable Defense Bond racket. . . . We are in this war because of the money-racketeers and the crooked-bankers and for no other reason. . . ." Garner himself is a 78-year-old Iowan, begrimed with printer's ink and hate. He told a LIFE reporter: "Every war this world has ever had was caused by the Jews."

Also out of Wichita comes the *Defender*, an innocuous-looking religious journal published by the Rev. Gerald Winrod. Winrod is one of several Fundamentalist preachers from the Midwest and Far West who were quietly taken to Germany and entertained at Nazi expense since Hitler came to power. His *Defender*, with a claimed circulation

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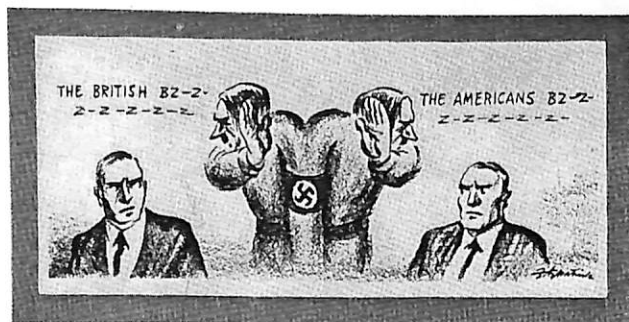
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Jewish symbol dating back to "the feast of Belshazzar." It recently ran a lengthy article on the death of Lincoln, blaming it on "sinister Jew financiers of Europe."

On Feb. 21 it attacked the American Red Cross volunteer blood-bank program, which is saving the lives of hundreds of wounded men on the battlefield, under this headline:

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Court Asher, the publisher of *X-Ray*, is a half-literate ex-bootlegger who once served as a private airplane pilot to D. C. Stephenson, head of the Ku Klux Klan in Indiana.

*America in Danger!* is the name of a mimeographed newsletter distributed from Omaha, Neb., by Charles W. ("Poison Cup") Hudson. (Hudson once snatched a paper cup of water from a witness before the Dies Committee with the exclamation, "That might be poisoned!") In recent weeks Hudson's letters have been filled with attacks on the Jews as the instigators of the war and predictions that by 1944 the Yellow Race "led by those who call themselves Jews" will attack the White Race. Hudson apparently recognizes the dangers of his type of propaganda, for in one issue he warned that if any copies of his publication were received in Army camps "I did not send them."

The United Mothers of America, located in Cleveland, is similar in aims and methods to the Mothers of Chicago and Los Angeles. They hear the same speakers and circulate the same variety of poisonous gossip. At a March meeting of the Cleveland Mothers, for instance, a speaker from the floor declared that draftees were being "forced" onto boats for service overseas and were being shot for refusing to go. It was also stated that only draftees could be made to serve in the A. E. F.—that "seasoned Army men" refused. Certain Mothers also exchanged information about what regiments were sailing and when. These Mothers distribute the Congressional speeches of Clare Hoffman and the propaganda issued by Mrs. Agnes Waters, of Washington, which contains statements like "The coup that was so successfully pulled at Pearl Harbor was an inside as well as an outside job and it was but part of an international plot to get us into the holocaust of World Revolution."

**New York City**

Newspapers like *PM* and the *Post* in New York have been extremely vigilant in exposing pro-Nazi and defeatist organizations, and there has been less activity of this kind in New York than in most other cities. But there are a number of small New York organizations of a subversive nature which attempt to work quietly and avoid publicity. Among these are "splinter" remnants of the Christian Front, Christian Mobilizers and America First Committee. One Nazi organization that remained intact after Pearl Harbor is the Citizens Protective League, headed by Kurt Merrig. At a meeting of this group on March 9, in a hall in Yorkville, speakers attacked the U. S. for being in the war and presented arguments for Germany and Japan. Mrs. Livingston Rowe Schuyler, an active America Firster, spoke on Japan. "Japan is the only civilized nation in the Orient," she said. "The Chinese are not civilized; they have no culture; they do not know what democracy is. If Japan had been given control of China, she would have made China a powerful nation and made a garden paradise out of her. Wherever the Japanese go they transform even barren ground into a garden." Horace Haase, who headed the Brooklyn speakers bureau for Amer-



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Since early in March Haase has been promoting an organization called Americans For Peace, with offices at 1165 Broadway. The purpose of this group is officially given as "the earliest possible ending of the present conflict," and "justice for all nations—whether ally, neutral or enemy." The real aim of Americans For Peace, of course, is to break down the united American war effort. In private conversation Haase has explained how this would be done. Small "peace" groups, led by comparative unknowns, are to be organized in various localities. They will carry on their work locally and not seek to form a national organization. They will carry different names and appeal to all kinds of political prejudice. Haase has used the Brooklyn mailing list of America First to circularize more than 400 chapter chairmen and other leaders in this movement.

Generally speaking, the top rank America Firsters have lived up to their pledge of last December to work for American victory and unity in the war. General Robert E. Wood, former national chairman, is in an Army Ordnance position in Chicago. So is his colleague on the national executive committee, General Thomas Hammond. R. Douglas Stuart Jr., the young "founder" of America First, is in the Army and so is America First's leader in Boston, Tudor Gardner. Charles A. Lindbergh, America First's national hero, has gone to work for Henry Ford at his Willow Run bomber plant. Lindbergh made one appearance among America Firsters after Pearl Harbor at a party given Dec. 17 by Edwin S. Webster, secretary of the New York chapter. He spoke on his favorite theme—the "Yellow Menace." He pictured China and Japan as "really bound together against the White Race." He regretted that Britain and Germany were not fighting together against Russia and remarked, "Britain is the real cause of all the trouble in the world today." He advised that America First "keep on the alert" and predicted it would "again be a political force."

Lawrence Dennis, author of *The Coming American Fascism* and friend and associate of German Nazis, is still publishing in New York the *Weekly Foreign Letter* which is considered the intellectual guide of Fascist thought in the U. S. Subscriptions to this *Letter* are \$2.4 a year. Dennis' propaganda since Pearl Harbor has taken the line that the U. S. is now committed to a war of "incalculable duration," from which everyone in the world will benefit except Americans. The only possible purpose and outcome of the war, says Dennis, is "an international socialist Utopia." Stalin, he writes, "sees that America and Britain are committed to waging his war or the war necessary for the triumph of communist world revolution. . . . His present strategy, therefore, is to let Roosevelt and Churchill fight his war all over the world, realizing that his main task is to keep the communist internationalist torch burning and limit Russia's effort to national defense until the Red armies are able to occupy the ruins of western Europe." This picture of Russia's part in the war is a familiar one to persons who have taken the trouble to follow short-wave broadcasts from Berlin. Recently, German propagandists broadcast from Smolensk to Russian soldiers: "You are fighting for American and British capitalism," and then turned around to tell the U. S.: "If America is not on guard, she will soon turn altogether Bolshevist."

In the months just before Pearl Harbor, Dennis was in constant touch with the German Embassy in Washington. He entertained high German officials at dinner and garden parties and received from the Embassy confidential propaganda material, some of which referred to President Roosevelt as a Jew. Recently Dennis sought to obtain a commission in the U. S. Army but was rejected when some of these facts became known.

Joe McWilliams, the bully-boy of American Fascism, has shown a surprising white feather since Pearl Harbor. He disappeared from his New York haunts and has been reported in various parts of the country, including Texas and Chicago. On Feb. 16 he addressed an enthusiastic meeting of We, The Mothers in Chicago. But when his name was called on March 19 in a New York Magistrate's court, his attorney pleaded he was out of town on business. He said McWilliams had invented "a half-rubber for women's shoes" and was out "trying to make contacts."

#### Boston

The Christian Front, headed by Francis P. Moran, remained active in Boston after its virtual disappearance in New York early in 1941. On Monday, Dec. 8, the day after the Pearl Harbor attack, Moran addressed 500 of his followers at a meeting in Hibernian Hall. He

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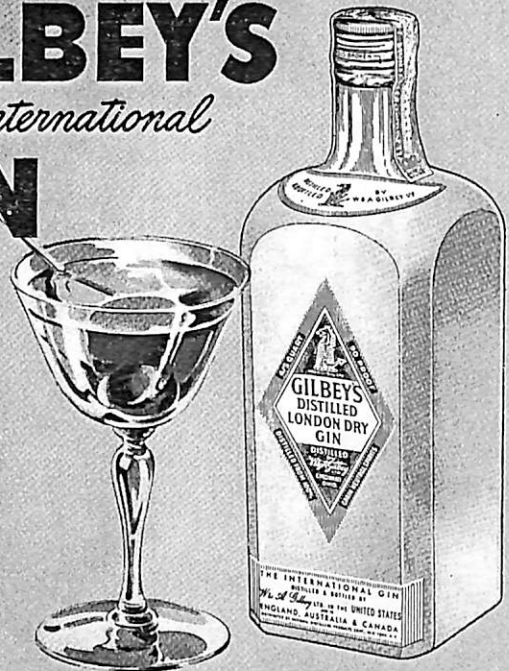
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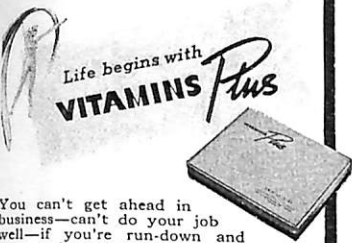
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declared that the Christian Front would "fight Japan to the bitter end," but not Germany. He added, "We believe in the America of Washington, not the Jewish democracy of Roosevelt." He announced that "after the war is over," the Christian Front would insist that the President be impeached. He praised Argentina for remaining neutral. He insisted the sending of lease-lend materials to England or Russia be stopped, and if they were not stopped that the Army and Navy should take matters into their own hands.

At another meeting on Dec. 22, Moran again attacked the President, declaring: "This is a Roosevelt war." He again threatened that after the war the Christian Front would "take care of Roosevelt." On Jan. 5 at a final meeting, he delivered a lengthy harangue against "war-mongering, chiseling Jews, Communists or New Dealers."

On Jan. 6, following complaints from the American-Irish Defense Association and other patriotic citizens, Boston police and Federal agents descended on Moran's headquarters. They seized 11,000 pieces of printed propaganda from Flanders Hall, the publishing house which printed the work by George Sylvester Viereck, convicted Nazi agent, and other material which was forwarded direct from Germany. Moran admitted that he had bought these on a "tip" that Flanders Hall was going out of business and planned to destroy its stock. After a talk with Police Commissioner Joseph F. Timilty about this and other matters, Moran announced he was disbanding the Christian Front for the duration of the war and offered to prove his Americanism by selling defense bonds.

What Boston did to abate the nuisance of Moran can be done by any other city in the land. All that is really required are spontaneous demands by local citizens and their patriotic organizations upon their public officials to silence these discordant voices of defeat. Already the Department of Justice is beginning to move nationally against the worst offenders but Boston's example offers an excellent opportunity for other municipalities to deal with this local problem locally. The defeatists and disunionists will try to take refuge behind the privileges of free speech. But let it be remembered that the laws of free speech contain no provision which permits a little group of spiteful men to indulge in unbridled abuse and falsehood in an attempt to thwart this nation from winning a victory over its enemies.



No issue is too trivial for organizations opposing the U.S. war effort. This group from We, The Mothers paraded to Chicago's City Hall on March 17 to protest sugar rationing.