

Berlin Funds Aid America First, Letter Reveals

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This is the final article in a series on fascists in America:

Proof that Hitler Germany is financing Fifth Columnists in America is contained in the latest issue of "The Hour," an anti-fascist information service.

This evidence involves the America First Committee in the network of Nazi conspiracy.

The evidence is contained in a section of a letter to Edward James Smythe, an active Nazi contact man and professional anti-Semite, who has lauded Adolf Hitler as "the 20th Century Messiah."

The letter was written by E. J. Garner, editor of a Nazi propaganda weekly, "Publicity," of Wichita, Kansas, which specializes in pro-Axis, anti-Roosevelt and anti-Semitic material.

Garner was acknowledging the remittance that Smythe was transmitting to him from the "German Railroads" and assuring the Nazi contact that he was giving cooperation to the America First Committee.

His letter, dated Dec. 9, two days after the Pearl Harbor attack, and written on the stationery of his paper "Publicity," contains this statement:

"Received from you this a. m. three letters—one enclosing the folder of 'The America First Committee'—one with the copy for the column—the other letter and remittance from the German Railroads. Will write the America First Committee assur-

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ing them of our cooperation and will also write the German Railroads people and solicit some advertising from them."

The Jan. 8 issue of "Publicity" threatens death to the Jewish people. In a violently inflammatory attack on the front page of the paper the Nazi editor says the Jewish "death rate of the year will surpass anything in the history of the world. . . .

"The people of America," he continues, "will become Jew-conscious to a serious degree and much violence will result. Jews will begin to realize that America is not the 'Promised Land' for them, and will migrate to Palestine."

Gerald B. Winrod, the prairie Hitler from Wichita, Kan., who calls himself "Reverend," is another fascist who works for the Axis in the name of religion.

The New York Post reports that on Dec. 23 (16 days after Pearl Harbor), Winrod mailed out thousands of copies of "A Prayer to Almighty God in Time of War," which, the Post says, "spoke kindly of the Japanese."

Winrod's fascist organization, the "Defenders of the Christian Faiths," defended Hitler for years before the attack on America.

Winrod became a Nazi propa-

gandist the year after Hitler came to power. The shabby, free-lance evangelist began turning his sermons into tirades against Catholics and Jews. He went to Germany in late 1934 on mysterious finances, came back with a fat check book in February, 1935, and began publishing "The Revealer," a pro-Hitler paper.

Winrod's "Defenders" are part of a far-flung Fifth Column that menaces America.

In the book "Secret Armies" John L. Spivak has told of Winrod's close contacts with Nazi representatives; his intimate relationship with Silver Shirt Pelley, his ties with pro-Nazi anti-Semites like Harry A. Jung of the American Vigilant Intelligence Federation, James True of Washington and the Gold Shirts of Mexico and the help he got from William J. Cameron, Ford's confidential secretary, who gave him money to publish the forged "Protocols of Zion."

Winrod operates in Latin America as well as the United States of America. His Spanish division headquarters in Puerto Rico is said to work with the Spanish Falangists who are conspiring for the Axis in 21 American republics.

Jung, operating from an office in the Chicago Tribune Tower, got into the Nazi racket some time before

Winrod.

He has given hearty cooperation to Congressman Martin Dies' "investigation" of progressive labor organizations and has been distributing the "Protocols" and other fascist propaganda with the utmost persistence.

William J. Cameron works through the Anglo-Saxon Federation, an anti-Jewish organization. When Cameron edited Henry Ford's "Dearborn Independent" in the early 1920's the magazine was the chief mouthpiece for anti-Semitism in America.

KELLY, EX-MAJOR

John Eoghan Kelly, former major in the Army Intelligence Service, "has played a major role in the Fifth Column movement in the United States" for some time, reports a recent issue of "The Hour," an anti-fascist information service.

Kelly spreads Axis propaganda through the mis-named "Patriots of the Republic." After returning from a visit to Germany in 1937 he boasted of a conference with Heinrich Himmler, Gestapo chief. Later he was employed in America by the Spanish Library of Information, which distributes Axis propaganda.

Kelly's collaborators include such fascist propagandists as Father Coughlin and Father Edward Lodge Curran of The Table and he main-

tains contacts with the Christian Front.

Fortunately the army voided his commission last August.

KLAN IS PRO-AXIS

The Ku Klux Klan attacks the war while making a gesture of support.

Imperial Wizard James A. Cole-scott in an article in the Fiery Cross predicts a day of "reckoning" against the people who went to war with the Axis.

Catholics, Jews, Negroes and Communists are slandered in the Fiery Cross. In the last month also the Tocsin Publishers of 511 W. 113th St., New York, have been distributing an anti-Catholic book called "The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan" which says the "KKK is needed to combat Romanism."

PREDICT DEFEAT

Nevertheless the anti-Catholic Ku Klux Klan seems to get on well with Father Coughlin's Fifth Column movement. Secondary differences are not allowed to interfere with the main Fifth Column objective, the disruption of the war effort against Hitler and the rest of the Axis.

The Nationalist Workers League of Detroit, an aggressive pro-Nazi government, predicted the "probable total defeat of Great Britain and the USA within 60 days" in its Dec.

24 news letter, 17 days after Pearl Harbor.

This Fifth Column organization takes the Hitler line that the war against fascism is a war for the Jews.

"Both the Nationalist Workers League and the Ku Klux Klan, with which it cooperates, stress anti-British and anti-Soviet propaganda for the purpose of splitting Americans from the allies they need.

The League vilifies Britain, China and the Soviet Union as "our treacherous foreign allies" and calls Churchill "part-Jewish."

The Klan's "Fiery Cross" in Detroit denounces Roosevelt's pledge of a billion dollar loan to the Soviet Union.

OTHER AGENTS

For the same reason Gerald L. K. Smith, a fascist organizer who stems from Ku Klux ideological roots in Louisiana, finds no difficulty in working with Coughlin in Michigan and elsewhere, and both of them work with the agents of Henry Ford.

Likewise Mervin K. Hart, secretary of the American Economic Council, a notorious anti-Semite, works with Catholic and anti-Catholic fascists.

Hart organized meetings and organizations for General Franco during the Spanish war with the aid of Father Coughlin and a wide assortment of Ku Kluxish "patriotic" groups as well.

Their "patriotism" is of the kind that Dr. Johnson called "the last refuge of a scoundrel."