

Fascist Press Thrives Here

Justice Dept. Exposes
Subversive Sheets Ignored
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WASHINGTON, Mar. 11.—A Justice Dept. survey, the results of which have not yet been made public, shows that no less than 96 pro-Nazi, pro-Japanese publications with a combined circulation running into the millions still are flourishing in the U. S. A.

Few of these publications or their backers have ever been mentioned in any report of the Dies Committee on un-American Activities. Recently, however, Chairman Martin Dies announced that he had sent to the public printer a report on subversive publications. It is assumed that this report will cover some of the ground broken by the Justice Dept. in its study.

What to do about these publications, which back up Axis propaganda by accepting its anti-Semitic and totalitarian ideology, is a serious problem which the Justice Dept. admits it has not yet solved. Attorney General Biddle has taken the position that a free press should be maintained insofar as possible during the war. So far, he has declined to invoke the sedition laws against any of them.

So they operate more or less openly. They go on urging Americans to overthrow the elected Government of President Roosevelt and his New Deal by force. Some of them go as far as to advocate mob action and bloody revolt. Behind the Fascist press and supporting it are the same Bundists, shirt organization leaders and Christian Fronters who were in the vanguard of the isolationist movement until war came.

'Respectable' Press Aids

Recently, the Fascist periodicals have been getting some support from the portion of the respectable press which follows them part way.

Summarized, here are the tenets of faith common to all of the native Fascist publications:

¶ The "Anglo-Saxon" is a "racial" superior and is beset by the Jews and the colored races.

¶ Great Britain, not Germany, is to blame for the war in Europe.

¶ The Roosevelt Government provoked the war in the Pacific.

¶ Aid-to-Britain is a British-Jewish scheme to mulct Uncle Sam.

¶ We should quit fighting now and let Germany and Japan keep what they have grabbed.

¶ President Roosevelt, his Cabinet and Congress are all incompetent and should be overthrown.

¶ German propaganda represents truth whereas any statement by a U. S. Government official is necessarily a lie.