

Sikorsky Hires 2 Who Wrote For Nazi Press



Two key engineers employed at the Sikorsky Aircraft Corp. plant at Stratford, Conn., where Government war orders are being filled, have pro-Fascist records.

They are V. V. Koodrov, who holds a supervisory position in the tool room, and V. M. Ilyn, formerly of the blueprint department, whose current job won't be disclosed by the company.

Before Pearl Harbor both wrote for the Russian-language daily newspaper *Rossiya*. On Apr. 3, PM revealed that *Rossiya* had printed Nazi propaganda before and after our entry into the war.

The Fascists themselves have shown where *Rossiya* stands.

¶ A Tokyo publication described it as "the mouthpiece of Russian Fascists in the United States."

¶ The German-American Bund said it was "an organ of the Fascist union."

'Truth and Faith'

The Nov. 7, 1941 issue of *Rossiya* carried this contribution from Koodrov:

"The paper (*Rossiya*) has borne the cross of truth and faith. . . . Many drops of truth have fallen from its pages into the soul of the reader. . . . A bow to the heroic struggle and work of the paper and to its editor, Nikolai Pavlovich (Rybakoff). . . ."

Koodrov wrote for the publication even after Pearl Harbor, but avoided political subjects.

Ilyn formerly was editor of the anti-Semitic Russian language magazine, *The Whip*, which praised and urged support of activities sponsored by *Rossiya*. *The Whip* frequently carried ads promoting the Russian-language periodical *The Fascist*, published by Anastase Vonsiatsky.

Both publications have suspended publication, and Vonsiatsky's estate near Hartford recently was raided by the FBI.

PM questioned the assistant chief of personnel at the Sikorsky plant about the employment of Ilyn and Koodrov.

He agreed that Fascist sympathizers should not be permitted to work in war industry plants, but insisted that there were good reasons—which he did not explain—why Ilyn and Koodrov should keep their jobs. And he added:

"They should get after Communists and fellow travelers. They have gotten patriotic, but we should get after them."