

# Standard Oil 'Clears' Itself

*PM* **Misleads Customers in  
Explaining Nazi Tieup** *4/17/42*

The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey is busy misleading its customers about the nature of the company's relations with I. G. Farbenindustrie, *PM* learned yesterday.

The misinformation is contained in an eight-page single-spaced letter sent to retailers of Standard products by R. T. Haslam, vice president.

Standard's denial that its participation in the international cartel crippled production of synthetic rubber is based on testimony of W. S. Farish, president, and Frank A. Howard, vice president, before the Senate Truman Committee.

The letter did not point out that the testimony of these two men was contradicted by Secretary of Commerce Jones and other Government officials.

The prize deception, however, was the concealment of the fact that the charges against Standard were made by Thurman Arnold, Assistant U. S. Attorney General.

In the letter, Arnold was referred to merely as "a Truman Committee witness," which to an unformed reader could mean any type of crank.