

Jew-Baiting Held Key Policy Of Gerald Winrod's 'Defender'

(Editor's note—Scores of verminous little sheets, each with a few thousand readers, are gnawing away at the faith and unity of our people, whispering defeat and clamoring about "freedom of the press." Their common policy—"made in Germany"—is to turn Americans against one another, and to split America from the United Nations. This is the eighth article of a series about these papers.)

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Gerald B. Winrod, who was called here last week to be questioned by the special grand jury on Axis agents, issues a magazine called The Defender, in Wichita, Kans.

At the grand jury chambers, Winrod found himself at home in the company of the editors of America in Danger and Publicity, with whom his publication has maintained cozy professional relations.

They regularly pick up material from The Defender, as do The Beacon Light, The X-Ray, The Broom and dozens of others of the vermin press.

Jew-baiting has long been one of Winrod's key policies, and he found that it fitted smoothly into the pro-Nazi line he has followed for a decade—and with real vigor since he visited Germany a few years ago.

One of the frequent contributors to the Defender has been Jacob Thorkelson, former Representative from Montana, whose franks were used by the Viereck Nazi propaganda machine.

It was Thorkelson who professed to expose, in the Defender, a "plot" by which England was going to draw the United States back into the empire.

Along these lines, Winrod fought every proposal that contemplated any step that would embarrass Hitler's efforts to force his "new order" upon Europe.

Since America entered the war, Winrod has toned down his general propaganda, and gone back to hammering away at his anti-Jewish policy with a vigor worthy of Der Angrieff.

Last week he announced that he would run for the Senate, although he was branded a pro-Nazi and defeated in 1938. The issue this time, he stated, is that an international conspracy caused the war and is trying to seize the Government.

He claims the Defender has 100,000 readers. They receive the magazine through the United States mails.