

CHICAGO: U.S. HUB FOR NAZI GROUPS

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CHICAGO, July 5.--The parade of nearly 200 active leaders of defeatist organizations before the Federal grand jury here has centered the spotlight upon Chicago as the hub of a nation-wide network of plotters to disrupt the war effort.

The grand jury has been in session since April 24 and is still going strong.

Three of the saboteurs Hitler sent back to this country by submarine sprouted out of the filth of this city's pro-Axis movements.

While the people are hopefully awaiting indictments, Hitlerite outfits of every variety work without let-up.

Their "negotiated peace," anti-Semitic, anti-British red-baiting and openly pro-Hitler leaflets reach thousands.

Heading some of the organizations are persons in high places with substantial financial backing. One of the witnesses the grand jury heard is Nelson Hewitt, a Navy officer, a former "investigator" for the organization operated by the violently pro-fascist Elizabeth Dilling, author of the "Red-Network," "The Record of the Roosevelt Family," and the collection of anti-Semitic material called the "Octopus."

Heard by the Grand Jury so far are most of "the negotiated peace" outfits which have cropped up in recent months or old organizations that have put on a new false-face since Pearl Harbor.

Several dozen members of the "We, the Mothers, Mobilize for America, Inc." came before the grand jury. With headquarters at 37 West Van Buren St., and branch meetings in several parts of the city this movement is of a violent anti-government character and anti-Semitic. Their task is to pre-

personally has been speaker before the "Mothers" and has listed their leader as speakers in his meeting on May 5.

Another gentleman who testified, is Martin J. Higgins, an insurance broker, who conducts the "Patrick Henry Forum" weekly at 209 West Jackson St. The forum is a sort of coordinating link for all the voices of defeat here. Its speakers are the most violent anti-Semites, Roosevelt-haters and helpers of Hitler. Higgins is quoted as declaring at an America First meeting last October that "our boys are being sent to the slaughter pens of British Israel and our problem is not to stop Hitler, but to stop Roosevelt."

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Roosevelt, Communists, and other win-the-war forces.

She, as most of the fascist mouth-pieces, operate as crackpots. It is part of the technique to reach the twisted minds that make up the active corps within fascist organizations. Hitler too was classed in the lunatic fringe at one stage of his rise.

Those are only a few of the defeatist groups in the Chicago area. The recent spurt among them for

a "negotiated peace" may have been stimulated by a breakfast gathering on April 30 at Stevens Hotel called by national leaders of the dissolved America First. The letter for that meeting signed by W. Gibson Carey, Jr., of the Yale and Towne Manufacturing Co. said that "joining with me in this invitation" are Gen. Robert E. Wood, president of Sears and Roebuck and president of America First and several other ranking America Firsters.

CONVENTION PROGRAM
Anglo-Saxon Federation of America
Chicago Area Chicago, June 24-28, 1942

Another Fascist Menace: The announcement, reproduced above, of the four-day convention held in Chicago by the Anglo-Saxon Federation is further evidence of spreading anti-Semitism in the United States. This outfit with headquarters at 332 S. Michigan Boulevard, Chicago, was founded some years ago by W. J. Cameron, vice-president of the Ford Motor Co. The federation spreads the anti-Semitic rot that "House of Israel" is made up only of the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic races.

grand jury. With headquarters at 37 West Van Buren St., and branch meetings in several parts of the city this movement is of a violent anti-government character and anti-Semitic. Their task is to present a women's front for anti-war disruption. Sugar rationing is one of their targets. Once they organized group to picket against sugar rationing and carried a sign calling for boycott of registration.

Some samples of the sort of stuff the incorporated mothers peddle were furnished by Mrs. Lyril Van Hynning, their president. In one of her speeches she referred to the President as "Mr. Rosenfeld and his satellites."

DEFENDS HITLER

"Hitler never claimed interest in any territory other than central Europe. He wanted to bring those people together and keep the English monetary interests out of there," is another thought she expressed.

Another member, Agnes Waters, addressing one of the organization's meetings here, said: "Roosevelt ought to be killed" as several from the audience shouted, "Let's do it." Sugar rationing, she said, is "Barney Baruch's Jew plot."

The "mothers" were the most ardent campaigners for Senator C. Wayland Brooks and Rep. Stephen Day, both isolationist Republican candidates.

Vice-president of the national committee of America First, Mrs. Janet Ayer Fairbank, prominent socialite, undoubtedly was an important witness. While Gen. Robert E. Wood, was president of America First, she is credited with being one of the actual practical directors of the organization. To her and Mrs. Dilling goes much of the "credit" for bringing the "mothers" into existence. Her home at Lake Geneva, Wis., is headquarters for isolationist publications.

WILLIAM GRACE CALLED

William J. Grace, former assistant state attorney, was subpoenaed as chairman of the "Citizens Committee." His group was once called the "Citizens Keep America Out of War Committee." He is a past state commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and operates an office at 82 W. Washington St. Until suppressed, Father Coughlin's "Social Justice" was the preferred publication at his meetings. The President and what he calls "communism" are his pet hates. His latest hobby is to talk of a "negotiated peace."

Another associate of Grace, also a witness, was Avery Brundage, member of the Citizens Committee and president of the LaSalle Hotel Corp. The LaSalle Hotel is the principal hangout and meeting place for isolationist groups. Brundage will be remembered for another good turn to Hitler. That was in 1936 when he was chairman of the American Olympic Committee for the games at Berlin. He fought the movement to boycott the games.

While in Berlin during the games, he said, he saw Hitler "every day." Brundage and Grace were the principal promoters of the Soldiers Field Lindbergh anti-war rally here.

AMERICA FIRST ANGEL

Another of the witnesses was William H. Regnery, millionaire said to be one of the "angels" for America First.

An outfit, represented on the witness stand by Ralph E. Byers, carries the name "Lend-Lease to America." Byers attempted to hold meetings for a "negotiated peace," and passed out his leaflets outside the grand jury room.

"Let America's policy be determined on the banks of the Mississippi rather than on the banks of the Thames," is the Byers approach.

He claims there is no anti-Semitism in his organization. But he

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McWILLIAMS ACTIVE

One of the latest of the crop of Hitler-aid outfits, the Midwest Monetary Federation, has set up headquarters at 127 N. Dearborn and New Yorkers will be interested to know that Joe McWilliams is the teacher. He has not yet been subpoenaed, but faces a trial on a draft charge. The movement is essentially an attempt to promote Coughlin's program which, it will be remembered, harped on the "monetary question."

McWilliams is second to none for anti-Semitic viciousness. In New York he surrounded himself with hoodlums and deliberately provoked riots through his street corner rallies.

Two churchmen, too, were in the parade of witnesses. Rev. Herbert J. Brodt of the Peace Memorial Evangelical Church, was frequently a speaker at the meetings of Hitler aid organizations. The old time fascist evangelist Rev. J. Frank Norris, Baptist, was the other. In recent years Norris preached in Detroit.

Among the old hands to appear before the Federal Grand Jury, are Mrs. Dilling and Newton Jenkins, the latter at the Washington hearings. Jenkins is now leader of the "Prairie State Republicans" and issues a mimeographed sheet from his office at 32 S. Clark St. Jenkins is a veteran preacher of anti-Semitism in the country and often addressed Bund meetings. In 1904 in his outline for a "new order" in America, titled "I've got the remedy," he called for friendship with Germany and Italy and that "Jews will not be admitted into this party of the nation." He added:

"I will take these Jewish refugees and their cheap noisy false mongering stooges and drive them back into the country whence they came, to face the music at the hands of those governments that now await them. Any who refuse to go back will face worse treatment here," declared his program.

BROOKS AND JENKINS

Recently newspapers here printed a letter from Republican isolationist Senator C. Wayland Brooks, to Jenkins, which said "I do appreciate your constructive suggestions and the many fine things you have done for me in the past and that you are now doing. At the very first opportunity I hope you and I will be able to sit down and discuss plans for the fall campaign. This I will look forward to."

Still another old time anti-Semite who looks with pride upon the network of defeatists here, is Harry Jung. He operates the "American Vigilant Intelligence Society" with offices in the Tribune Tower. Jung is a bosom friend of Col. Robert R. McCormick, publisher of the Tribune. Some years ago the Tribune handed out high plaudits to this anti-Semite and red-baiter. Jung has not been subpoenaed yet.

Mrs. Dilling and her husband have been receiving columns of publicity for weeks recently here in reports on their divorce trial. The stories were written to entertain the public. The average person you meet will dismiss her as a crackpot. That of course does not mean that she is unimportant in the network of Hitler aid outfits. She operates the "Patriotic Research Bureau" at 8 S. Dearborn. But this woman has a finger in almost every fascist rat hole here. A mass of evidence was introduced by her husband's attorney Maurice T. Weinschenk, showing her connection with the leaders of all the above organizations and many more. She ranks with the most prominent slanderers of Jews,