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Who are their accomplices here? The Bundists, "negotiated peace" and anti-Semitic movements—dozens of them—are today openly operating in Chicago under a variety of names, disseminating the same Hitlerite filth they always have.

The spotlight is once more upon Martin Dies, who, as usual, overlooked, or deliberately covered up, the movements that supply the Thiels, Haupts and Neubauers.

The Dies Committee which has so often promised to investigate fascist activities, paid its last visit to Chicago on Oct. 30, 1941. It was the annual dramatic show for the public, preliminary to putting in a request for a new appropriation. The committee's agents raided the home of Homer Maertz, a Bundsman and member of William W. Pelley's "Silver Shirt League," who once received wide publicity for smashing a window of the Goldblatt Brothers department store. The Dies committee seized a half truckload of pro-Axis material, including stickers reading "Gentile America says Long Live Lindbergh."

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United States entry in the war brought about a new situation for the Bund, America First and like groups. They thereupon, took on a new camouflage. As much as possible the non-German reserve of fascists is being pushed to the fore. This reporter has visited many cities recently but nowhere is there such pro-Axis audacity and defiance of the government, as here. Not even in Detroit where the KKK, Black Legion, Coughlin and Gerald L. K. Smith have long fertilized the soil for the Axis, are they as active. In Chicago they print their leaflets and hand them out in public. In one case a "negotiated peace" witness handed out his leaflet outside the jury room calling a meeting of his group. They took an active part in the election, especially in support of Rep. Stephen A. Day and Senator C. Wayland Brooks, both outspoken appeasers.

There is one explanation for their boldness. They have the protection of McCormick's Tribune. That paper follows the most outspoken appeasement policy of any in the country. No less a spokesman of fascism than Gerald Smith gave McCormick the top rating in his list of 12 "fearless Americans."

The second, and principal reason, is their feeling that they have a long time to go until the Department of Justice is really on a war footing and treats all friends of Hitler as enemy agents. While the government is marking time members of any of these outfits may soon turn to the same sort of sabotage work that Thiel, Haupt and Neubauer tried.

[In Monday's Daily Worker we will describe some of these pro-Axis camouflage organizations that have offices, meet in hotels, public and YMCA halls.]