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Dear Mr. Harap,

Thank you for your kind letter, and for the back issues of your magazine, which I found interesting.

Whether or not I can supply you with a story for your June issue depends on when it closes. I expect to leave town Thursday late in the morning and will return for about 5 or 6 days. However, I might be able to do something while I am away.

Several things occur to me. One is a story on the current grand-jury investigations of the "vermin" press to show the following things:

The job is necessary now, with the country at war, because it wasn't done before the war. It is a good job that is being done by the D of J.

But it was the function of the Dies committee to have done this job. It received, up to the beginning of this investigation, \$385,000 for this purpose, which it spent instead, spreading diatribe, trying to break unions and union leaders (now waging a successful fight on the production front, a fight that would not have been possible had Dies succeeded), sniping at the administration and its program and allies (USSR, Great Britain, China), and failing or refusing to investigate the very persons and publications now investigated by the grand jury, even after the Dies committee had knowledge of them. First, the committee, officially, took the position that these persons and publications constituted no menace; then it whitewashed them. Several examples to be given. In this connection, several examples from the committee's record and reports, either in the text or photostats.

The committee failed to call before it a single one of the grand-jury witnesses (I have a complete list of the committee's witnesses and can compare it with the grand-jury list), and failed to investigate a single one of the publications (In connection with Social Justice Dies announced to investigate Coughlin "would necessitate a redefinition of the word 'un-American'" and Noah Mason said there was "no evidence Father Coughlin was connected with any un-American or subversive activities" - these are approximate quotes-I have them verbatim).

There are other who should be called by the D of J, for instance, Edward James Smythe, who was called before the Dies committee and failed

or that I, as a reporter, should be allowed to publish this contempt. The committee  
has not only refused to do anything about this contempt, which is a violation  
of journalistic ethics, but it has also refused to publish this first, which will  
obtain. Instead of doing something, Dies made an effort to  
whitewash Smythe and his backers, whose names Dies professed to  
know. I have several reports and pieces of Smythe's, several  
of which are going to be given to the press, which has asked for them.  
In one of these, a letter written  
and published in which he had exposed Smythe, he says many nasty  
things like these: "Nazism and Hitlerism is Protestantism in  
action, the highest form of Christianity.... We will strike like  
a lightning. We will ask support of Hitler, yes we may do so, if we  
need help. We will destroy Judaism and Communism in America. We  
will also destroy Romanism here as Hitler has in the New Germany.  
If I (Hitler) was a great living Christian since Jesus Christ...  
I would destroy them one and all, even if we have to use machine  
guns to do it. On the other hand he admits he is a Nazi agent,  
except he hasn't gotten any money for it.  
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backers, financial and otherwise, of these native nazis and their  
papers are and have been (The D of J has the Social Justice list).

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and trials are an internal front against Hitler and his American  
would-be fifth column.

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photostatic copies of some of the original papers, showing the patents  
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chairman is Congressman Charles Kramer of Calif., sponsor of many Nazi-like  
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of Nazi control of American production through patent and cartel arrange-  
ments, issued as "blackmailers" the writer and publisher of a series of  
articles on this subject, and has since then suppressed the transcript of  
the open hearings. After this, Kramer tried to get his committee to issue  
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them.

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