

Rep. Voorhis Defends Pro-Fascist Miss Utley

Rep. Jerry Voorhis of the Dies Committee, that notorious group's "liberal" false face, yesterday attempted a double-barreled maneuver aimed at whitewashing a pro-fascist and at the same time smearing the Communist Party.

An absurd dispatch from Washington, carried by the United Press yesterday, reported that Rep. Voorhis asked the Attorney-General to "disregard the former Communist activities "of Freda Utley."

Freda Utley has never been a Communist, the Communist Party happily reports. The story declared that Miss Utley had, at some time in the past, "embraced Communism." Communists yesterday were emphatic in declaring that Miss Utley's "embrace" was never reciprocated.

NAZI AGENT'S WORK

Far from being a Communist, the facts are that the English-born Miss Utley of late has been doing a Nazi agent's work in this country. In the Hearst press and in magazine articles Miss Utley has

been a champion of a negotiated peace with Hitler.

As late as Nov. 16, three weeks before Pearl Harbor, Miss Utley, writing in Hearst's Journal-American, was attempting to lull America with precisely such a proposal. "Peace," she said, "might give a chance for other elements in Germany to assert themselves."

A month earlier she stated the Nazi case even a little clearer in an article in Readers Digest.

"A peace," she wrote, "though it would leave the continent of Europe under German domination, would at least save Britain and her Empire." A little later she said that Americans could have from Hitler "the surest guarantees of America's future safety" by "not insisting on the impossible aim of freeing the continent of Europe by war."

Those quotations not only prove that Miss Utley is not a Communist—they prove pretty clearly what she is. This is the Lindbergh line, the Coughlin line, the Norman Thomas line and the Hearst line. It is precisely what Hess was sent

to England to preach: the line that "peace" could be had by dealing with Hitler.

It was an argument to which Wendell Willkie replied, summarizing the convictions of all patriotic Americans:

"We cannot negotiate a peace at all UNTIL HITLER IS DEFEATED."

So much for Miss Utley. As to her "protector," Rep Voorhis, be it remembered that, posing as a "liberal," he has been Dies' trusted finger man in smearing innumerable patriotic Americans.

A few weeks ago when the clouds of pro-Nazi suspicion hung heavily about Dies after Rep. Vito Marcantonio had exposed how the notorious committee had shielded fascists, Rep. Voorhis donned his "liberal" face to lead the fight for more funds to keep the Committee alive.

And so yesterday Voorhis emerged as the apologist for a woman with a record written in the ink of the Hearst press of peddling the Hitler line in America.

That's who Voorhis is.