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CONFUSION-MONGERS UNITE TO DISUNITE

Widespread rumors of imminent peace were debunked last week by President Roosevelt as Nazi propaganda lies. Nevertheless, subversivists of all shades continue to press their campaign to disunite the United States, using "peace" as bait to enroll recruits. In the forefront of these activities stand the "America First Committee" and the "American Peace Mobilization". They were recently reinforced by "Mankind United", a religious, utopian racket.

On May 29th, last, the Los Angeles division of the American Peace Mobilization, a Communist transmission belt organization, held a mass meeting at the local subversivist hangout, the Embassy Auditorium. The gathering was well attended by propaganda-, peace- and confusion-mongers. The program, featuring leaders of the movement, included countless attempts to discredit the administration and to confuse whatever sincere thoughts the members might have had. During the course of the meeting, large quantities of literature were distributed, among them the following:

(1) Reprint of an address delivered by Reid Robinson, Vice Chairman of the American Peace Mobilization, before the American People's Meeting in New York City, under APM auspices; (2) a booklet, "Not Labor's War", interpreting -- from the Communist point of view -- labor's stand on the war question; (3) the publication, "The APM Voice for Peace"; (4) application blanks for membership to the organization; (5) a mimeographed song sheet containing pacifist, appeasement parodies; (6) a booklet entitled "What Is APM?", describing the policies of the organization, and giving the names of its national leaders. There were also announcements of many "social affairs" to be held for the purpose of raising money for the organization.

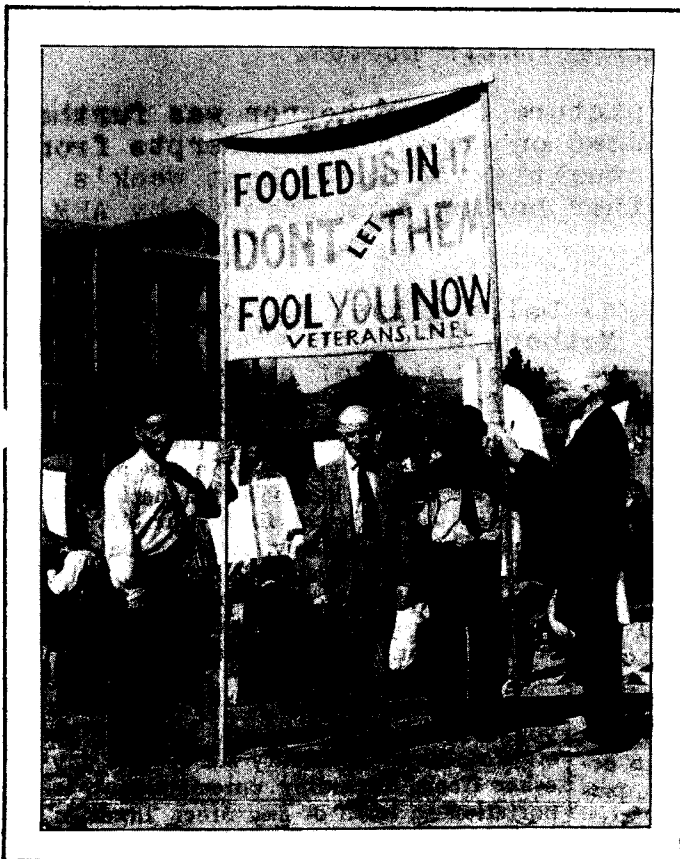
The Bogeys Will Get You....

By way of analysis, NRS herewith presents a list of propaganda bogeys developed by APM to instill fear in the hearts of Americans, and to enlist more followers to the cause of disunity.

BOGEY #1

WAR PROFITEERING

Highlight of the APM
Peace Rally was a skit



Four members of a Vet's Post, duped by "American Peace Mobilization" to participate in a so-called "Peace" Rally held on the University of California at Los Angeles campus. Bogey #10 (see story) rears its ugly head.

presented by six young men. The lines uttered in parrot-like fashion, with dramatic overtones, emphasized the lie that the present war is just a bankers' war, only a means for war profiteers to make more millions. England is fighting for survival, but the Communists want Americans to believe differently. The Peace Mobilizers state in their booklet that America is not alone in the war-profiteering game, viz.:

England is running her war to make money for the profiteers and poverty for the people....England's empire never was democratic and now is less so than ever....Aid to England has gone hand in hand with attacks on our own democracy.

BOGEY #2
IMPERIALISM

While there are susceptible prospects, a means is found to corral such gullibles into the APM fold. Hemisphere defense, to be brought about by cooperation between the Americas, is made into a fear-spreading doctrine by the claim that such a procedure on the part of the United States is nothing but imperialism. "What Is APM?" urges "a government policy which removes all economic and military pressure from South America" -- leaving the roads wide open for Nazi penetration.

BOGEY #3
WAR HORROR

Robinson's printed speech has come to be accepted as a bible by the APMers. In it, he states in part:

Today, there is no formal declaration of war, even though the fact of our involvement is growing ever more real. Today, our boys in khaki are not yet "Over There", fertilizing the red poppies of Flanders Field with their blood and blasted portions of their bodies.

At the Embassy meeting, this nauseating picture of war horror was further enhanced by the singing of parodies. Reproduced on page 6 are excerpts from "Billy Boy", in which phrases emphasize the cruelties of war. Last week's NRS published the words to "Plow Under", another horror song chanted by APM members.

BOGEY #4
CONSCRIPTION

NRS #143 reported a speech by Mrs. Della Rippe, radio director for the "National Legion of the Mothers of America". Mrs. Rippe related to her women listeners gruesome tales of army camp conditions during World War #1. APM follows suit in a four-page tabloid, "The

APM Voice for Peace", published regularly at its Los Angeles headquarters, 426 So. Spring Street. In the May 3rd issue appeared an article titled "Letters from Conscripts -- You're in the Army Now!" At right are some excerpts from it.

"Quite a few of the guys have come down with gonorrhoea, as a result of the well planned recreational program. Chief item in the program are the two houses in the town controlled by the army (unofficially, of course!). Maybe I should say this is the chief and only item on the program.

"When you get your notice, it will say that the camp has a large well stocked library. But if you want to read (if you can after working all day)—you better bring your own books and magazines.

"Do not be surprised if there are no organized sports or any other form of organized recreation. However if you are interested in a poker game or dice you will find there is a special tent erected for the purpose, and you can lose all your pay in ten minutes.

"Twenty one bucks isn't a heck of a lot anyhow. And if you find yourself writing home for more money, it won't be because you were extravagant. A man in the army spends his pay before he receives it.

"On pay day there are two tables set up. At the first, you will receive twenty one dollars. At the second, you will be presented with the month's bills . . . And by the time you've finished paying, you have left six to eight dollars,—or twenty six cents a day for other items, including entertainment, transportation to town or any other 'luxuries'."

BOGEY #5
RACE DISCRIMINATION

The same paper features a cartoon (illustration on page 3) comprising four pictures, each emphasizing a particular fear appetizer. Through one of the pictures, the Communists hope to gain followers among the Negro minority. It harps upon the theme that colored people are barred from defense industries, and that APM is backing a senate probe of the matter.

BOGEY #6
CAPITALISM In APM literature, no references are made to the economic systems of Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia, but England is portrayed as an ugly capitalist monster. Arguing that English capitalists protect their investments, whether it aids the enemy or not, the second picture in the cartoon states that no Italian shipping has been lost in this war because it is insured by Lloyds of London.

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WAR PROPAGANDA In an attempt to unify American thought, action and progress, the government is enclosing, with light and telephone bills, patriotic slogans. The third illustration in the cartoon interprets this procedure by the federal government as spreading of war propaganda.

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APPEAL TO MOTHERS The thought of another crop of Gold Star Mothers was not overlooked. The chairman of the meeting at the Embassy rendered condolences to Gold Star mothers who were present, and offered a "prayer" to the effect that there shall be no more. If it helps their propaganda "line", atheists even "pray".

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were Mrs. Leslie Fry, leader of the "Militant Christian Patriots", whose direct affiliations with the German Propaganda Ministry were proven by NRS; her former secretary, Mrs. Faith McCullough; Silver Shirter Kenneth Alexander; ex-citizen Hermann M. Schwinn, West Coast Bund leader; and others belonging to the roster of "America Next" patrioteers.

Pasadenans, well acquainted with these facts, protested against the use of the school by a man with Allen's background. The America Firsters, embarrassed at being caught again in the shadow of the swastika, quickly withdrew him as speaker.

On the same day, Bruce Tarkington Dowden, whose Nazi affiliations have been exposed in NRS #136, was scheduled to speak before an America First chapter at the Polytechnic High School, Los Angeles. The principal, William Q. Osburn, familiar with Dowden's past, refused to let him speak. Dowden threatened to take the matter to the Board of Education.

On June 2nd, the Alhambra (Calif.) branch of the America First Committee was treated to an enlightening discourse by Mrs. Louise Ward Watkins, a perennial candidate for public office and close associate of "Petticoat Stormtrooper" McCullough. Mrs. Watkins' topic was "The Personalities Behind Propaganda". Her "peace" offerings of late have been so excellent that she received the unstinted endorsement of the Japanese Consul. She said, in part:

I do not wish to refer to the dead, but I could not speak of these things if I did not mention the late Colonel House. I do this because he was the first to have a Socialist plan and work to put it into action....Another evidence of this insidious type of propaganda has been taking place concerning our national anthem. Did you know there is now a bill in committee to make "God Bless America" the national anthem?....As you know, politics are very confusing today. I myself do not know where I stand, and the more I think about it, the more confused I become. There is no democratic party; the New Deal is really the Socialist Labor Party in action. And there is no Republican Party. If the old party does not soon come out with a real program, they will find that we the people will form a new party, with new leadership. Who knows? Perhaps already among us is a man of courage and sincerity -- not a politician, but a common man who has already proved his worth. (Here cries of "Lindbergh" were heard in a great demonstration.) I do not believe this man will be of any party. He will be the people's choice.

Present at this meeting was a collection of Bundits, confusion-mongers, and some innocent souls earnestly desiring peace for its own sake. These people made their spectacular appearance at the meeting-place in a motorcade, which started from the Wilshire Boulevard headquarters of America First in Los Angeles, escorted fifteen miles by four motorcycle officers.

Immediately after President Roosevelt proclaimed a state of emergency, Mayor Fletcher Bowron of Los Angeles issued a statement that he and his administration would do their utmost to bring about unity of action in the City of the Angels. It was, therefore, apparently an oversight when these officers were ordered to escort the caravan -- consisting of many Nazis -- to a meeting at which the obvious motive was to undermine the precepts of democracy.

"Peace in our time", the motto of Munich, was the prelude to the present war. The American stooges of Hitler and Stalin are trying to blind unsuspecting people with the same catch-phrase. They are attempting to muddle the thinking of the sincere and patriotic peace-lovers, and are succeeding beyond their own expectations in making "peace" (on Hitler's terms) an instrument for the destruction of the American will to survive.

O V E R I

BILLY BOY

(Parody by The Almanacs)

Will you go to the war, Billy boy, Billy boy?
Will you go to the war, charming Billy?
It's a long ways away, they are dying every day;
He's a young boy and cannot leave his mother.

Don't you want a silver medal, Billy boy, Billy boy?
Don't you want a silver medal, charming Billy?
No desire do I feel to defend Republic Steel;
He's a young boy and cannot leave his mother.

Don't you want to see the world, Billy boy, Billy boy?
Don't you want to see the world, charming Billy?
It wouldn't be no thrill to die for DuPont in Brazil;
He's a young boy and cannot leave his mother.

Girls would like your uniform, Billy boy, Billy boy.
Girls would like your uniform, charming Billy.
They wouldn't have much chance to love me,
With six feet of earth above me;
He's a young boy and cannot leave his mother.

Are you afraid to fight, Billy boy, Billy boy?
Are you afraid to fight, charming Billy?
You can come around to me, when England's a democracy;
He's a young boy and cannot leave his mother.

Will they take you from my side, Billy boy, Billy boy?
Will they take you from my side, charming Billy?
Don't you worry, mother dear, I'm a-staying over here;
He's a young boy and cannot leave his mother.

Literature, designed to stir up disunity, distributed at recent American Peace Mobilization meeting at Embassy Auditorium.

**"Convoy Means Shooting
Shooting Means War"**

Franklin D. Roosevelt, April 6, 1941

WAR FOR WHAT—DEMOCRACY OR PROFITS ?

Once before, in 1917, the United States entered a war "to make the world safe for democracy." What did we get out of it?

We got 325,000 dead, maimed and diseased American boys.
We also got 17,000 new war millionaires.

We got Hitler and his gray Nazi hordes, trampling democracy underfoot.

We got the guys who backed Hitler: Chamberlain, Churchill & Co.

We got the British Empire, spreading slavery to the peoples of India, Ireland and South Africa.

THIS IS NOT A WAR FOR DEMOCRACY!

It's a continuation of the last world war, a war for profits, a squabble between empires over who's going to rule the world and its people.

Democracy is being destroyed in the United States, as the first step to getting us into war. Labor, civil liberties, racial and political minorities are under attack, because the war-makers know that it's an unpopular war, and that the will of the people must be circumvented in order to get them into it.

THIS IS A WAR FOR WORLD SLAVERY!

ACT NOW, AMERICA! WAKE-UP, AMERICA! OUR LIVES ARE AT STAKE!

83% of Us Want Peace . . . What 83% of the People Want They Can Have!
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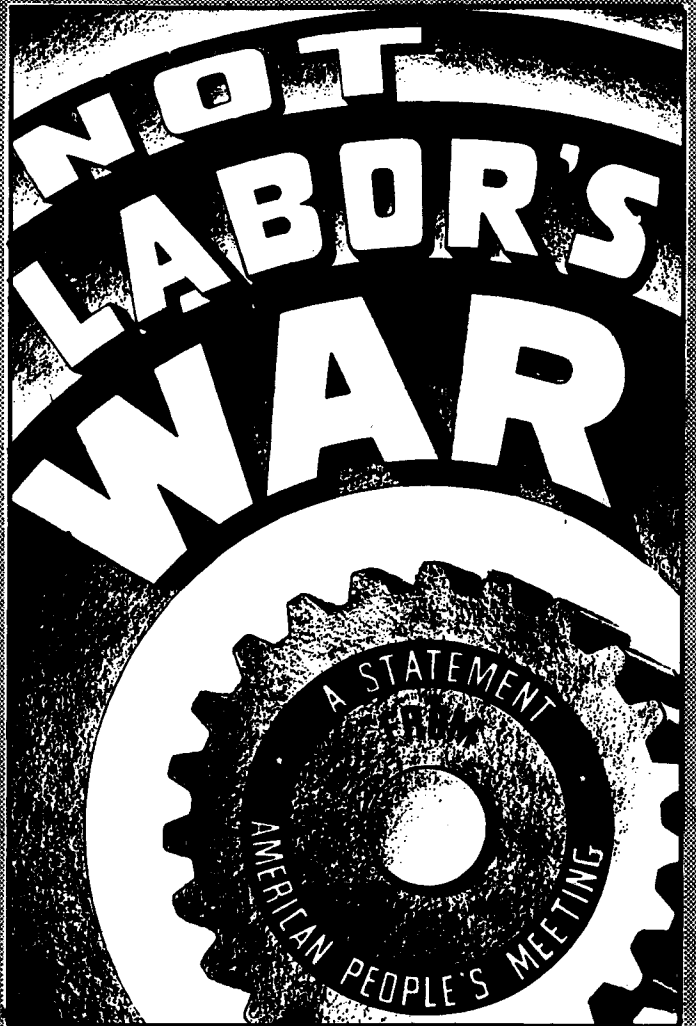
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