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LOS ANGELES NAZIS PREPARE FOR LINDBERGH RALLY

A new political party is about to emerge on the American scene. Its spokesmen will include Appeasers, Fascists, Communists, Nazis, Pacifists, so-called Isolationists, Coughlinites, and professional Patrioteers. Membership will consist of all elements bearing the same labels. Prominent speakers are now touring the country, addressing mass rallies, conditioning the public mind to follow the soon-to-be-unfurled party banner. As yet, no official announcement of plans has been made, but message-bearers have been instructed to allude cautiously to the advent of this organization, and to report -- to the powers behind the scenes -- the mass reactions to these subtle hints.

Ex-Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, leading the vanguard of speakers, is scheduled to speak on June 20th, at a mass meeting at the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles. His appearance will put the finishing touches to the conditioning process of Angelenos, subversive and otherwise. The following exposé concerns itself, mainly, with Los Angeles, but NRS correspondents report that similar activities prevail everywhere in the land. Lack of space, however, prevents the presentation of details. All indicate how the public mind is to be prepared for acceptance of the new appeasement party.

The Lone Eagle Swoops to Conquer

Two days after President Roosevelt declared a national emergency, Lindbergh addressed a mass meeting in the Philadelphia Arena. More than 16,000 persons, inside the hall and out, booed and hissed the name of the President. Adolf Hitler's name was cheered by this vast throng, which fanatically declared itself against any aid to Great Britain, any preparations that will lead us into war -- even a defensive war.

Present at this meeting, among others, were Heinrich Schafhausen, German Vice Consul; Peter Kreckmann, manager of the North German Lloyd offices; Reverend Sigmund von Bosse, one-time president of the "German-American National Alliance" (which NRS exposed in #133); Captain William Schmidt of the Philadelphia German Societies; Dr. Bessie Burchett, a school teacher recently expelled when she displayed anti-Roosevelt and pro-Nazi placards in her classroom; Kurt Gepfert, president of the *Rundfunk Klub* (German Radio Club); Thomas A. Blissard, chairman of the "Committee for the Preservation of Con-



stitutional Rights", the Coughlinite organization of this city; and representatives of various Mothers groups.

Climax of the evening was Lindbergh's question, slyly put: "Is it not time for us to turn to new policies and a new leadership?" Nazi heilers and their fellow-travelers shouted their enthusiastic *Ja!* His call for new leadership reverberated all over the nation. "America First" speakers, everywhere, repeated it, and many commentators referred to it, including Westbrook Pegler, who said:

I want to know just how Lindbergh will turn the trick (of a new leadership) without resorting to the method used in all European countries which changed leaders to avoid trouble, and found themselves on leash to Hitler.

The "Philadelphia Record" saw the significance in the flyer's statement and treated it appropriately in a featured cartoon (illustration on page 1).

When put on the spot as to what he meant, Lindbergh tried to crawl out from the dead give-away of his own words, by saying:

Neither I nor anyone else on the America First Committee advocates proceeding by anything but constitutional methods. It is our opposition which endangers the American constitution when it objects to our freedom of speech and expression.

On June 10th, Drew Pearson and Robert S. Allen, writing in "Washington Merry-Go-Round", pointed out that some America First generalissimos are trying to get rid of pro-Nazi elements in the organization. At the recent Lindbergh meeting in Madison Square Garden, John T. Flynn of the New York branch of America First, took the platform, denounced the presence of Joe McWilliams and other Fascists, and asked them to leave. Flynn and his supporters have been unable to get any help from America First platform stars, and little headway has been made in the purification of the committee. "Christian Front" leaders are now gunning for Flynn's scalp.

The attack upon real Americans, who sincerely believe in isolation, but who would have no truck with the Nazis, is just getting under way. Father Coughlin immediately made himself their spokesman. Said he in a back-page editorial in Social Justice of June 9th:

For some time, dire rumors have been circulated about certain individuals who take it upon themselves to act on behalf of the America First Committee. The purpose of this comment is not to blast the America First Committee, but to ask the responsible heads of the Committee -- including General Robert E. Wood -- to make a pronouncement before radicals within the ranks of the America First Committee succeed in splitting the organization into a thousand segments.

Recently, Mr. John T. Flynn of New York went out of his way to assail Mr. McWilliams seated in the audience of an America First meeting at Madison Square Garden. Why? Social Justice holds no brief for Mr. McWilliams. But the point is, if the America First Committee decides to accept only those whose lives, religion, philosophy, associates, business partners, etc., are streamlined to fit the definition of America Firstism as concocted by Dorothy Bromley, then the America First Committee will soon develop into the "America Last" Committee....

If Father Coughlin's friends are not pleasing to the America First Committee, then it is high time for the Christian Front to go outside the catacombs where it has been slumbering for some time.... Definitely, the pro-Marxists, Dorothy Bromleys and others want the America First Committee

Colonel Lindbergh

CHEER up, brave son of a brave father!

Blood tells. And it told in your recent activities.

Your father knew the score.

Your father fought the Warburgs, the internationalists and the war-mongers.

Your father was almost censored out of existence when his books were pulled from the library shelves and his name was desecrated by Jezebels.

Cheer up, brave son!

The Winchells who poured vinegar into your wounds are the same puppets who danced before the Annases and Caiphases — the same puppets who poured vinegar upon the lips of the Crucified Christ.

The brave secretary who slapped you was brave because he stood in the shadow of his master — brave like the secretary who slapped Christ's face in the hall of judgment for having dared tell the truth.

The boiling press — boiling with revenge — and the rabble-rousing radio that scourged the naked back of your reputation was long foreshadowed in history by the stupid stooges of a Pontius Pilate who tore the tender flesh of Christ in a dungeon — tore it with their scourges to appease the scribes and pharisees.

Cheer up, brave son.

Your lonely flight across the uncharted airways of the Atlantic won you fleeting fame.

Great as it was, history will call it insignificant to the lonely fight you have made against the storms, the thunders, the livid flashes stirred up by an angry Zeus, who thinks himself supreme.

And you have fought him by your suffering, by your chastisement, by your dishonor — as Christ fought the pagan gods of old by His suffering, by His chastisement, by His dishonor.

Cheer up, thou noble son!

We decent people of America have no voice with which to support you; for Pilate's hall and the hall of judgment are both crowded with suborned enemies cowardly with hatred.

We decent people of America have no newspapers to offset the rabble shouts of those who cry, "Give us Barabbas! Away with Christ!"

Cheer up, thou noble son!

Today you are scourged, spat upon, crowned with thorns.

Tomorrow, you may be wending your way to Calvary, there to be crucified by court order between thieves.

Cheer up, thou noble son!

Others have walked that way — the way of the cross.

All down the centuries — since Calvary's day — others constantly walk it to be crucified by the same powers, to be martyrs to a cause — and to be vindicated eventually.

For, after Calvary there always comes an Easter morn.

After Calvary, there is always an angel to roll back the stone under which your enemies think they have buried you.

After Calvary, there is always peace — and victory.

Cheer up, thou noble son!

Millions in days to come will hallow your name.

Your greatest moments are still before you — the moments of the resurrection from the grave of dishonor in which a progeny of liars think they have buried you.

Social Justice editorial of May 12th last, comparing sacrilegiously Lindbergh with Jesus Christ. The Coughlin publication is sold at practically all America First Committee meetings.

rent in twain....As you remember, the National Union for Social Justice went through the same turmoil now being experienced by the America First Committee. The Communists joined our ranks. And the Communists split the organization from within.

Social Justice is on sale at practically every America First rally throughout the nation. What the paper stands for is best revealed in a startling editorial, captioned "Colonel Lindbergh", in the May 12, 1941 issue (reproduced at left). This editorial -- sacrilegious to the extreme -- compares the once lone eagle to Jesus Christ, setting him upon a pedestal to be worshipped by the duped masses.

"We" -- Lindbergh and Ingalls

On June 10th, Laura Ingalls, famous aviatrix, addressed a meeting of the Los Angeles division of the "National Executive Committee of the Mothers of America to Keep the United States Out of War", whose national chairman is Cathrine Curtis. The audience was liberally sprinkled with people whose names are familiar in the files of government agencies concerned with the investigation of subversive activities. Miss Ingalls aroused her listeners when she revealed a plan to fly over Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, Detroit and Washington, D.C., with other flights to be arranged as the plan nears completion. She intends to take to Washington a large batch of petitions for presentation to President Roosevelt. In explaining this, she said:

The plan is that I shall fly the petitions you are now filling, to Washington, where Cathrine Curtis will present them to the President; and if she does not, I will take them in the back way myself. I have always been able to reach anyone I really wanted to. I suggested this to a Mothers' Rally in San Francisco, and Mrs. Henry Morris' group is going to cooperate, too. I will also call upon Mrs. Rosa Farber to join us in this. We will be able to get publicity because airplanes are news. (Mrs. Morris, daughter of Mayor Rossi, is head of the Curtis group in San Francisco. Mrs. Farber is head of the Detroit group and closely affiliated with Coughlin.)

On June 12th, Miss Ingalls spoke before the Women's Activities Group of the America First Committee, at Los Angeles headquarters. She endorsed a United Europe under Hitler, although she was careful in the phrasing of her recommendation. Calling for "vulgar, fanatical action on the part of mothers whose job it is to inject themselves in the controversy", she argued: "For us women, the issues are clear-cut. We are not interested in what happens in Europe. All we are interested in is seeing our boys live, instead of fighting and dying."

Of course, the flyer carefully avoided to point out that the developments in Europe concern us greatly. Her policy evidently is not to let the right hand know what the left is doing, for she added:

We need an American symbol of unity. We ought to adopt an American salute -- the outstretched left arm. This is the old Indian salute, and therefore, purely American, and no one can accuse us of being Nazis, for the Nazis use the right arm.

After the meeting, the aviatrix spoke to a group of women, reminding them that the swastika is an old Indian sign, therefore American. She showed them a bracelet she was wearing, containing many swastikas as part of the design.

Miss Ingalls is not a newcomer among those who would sell out to Hitler at any price. Four weeks after this war got under way, she clamored for a new Munich. This time England was to be sold down the river. America was spared for later.

On September 27, 1939, Laura Ingalls -- always publicity-hungry and inclined to do the dramatic -- created a national stir when she dropped appeasement pamphlets from an airplane over the White House zone. The Civil Aeronautics Authority suspended her license for two violations. Investigation revealed (illustration on page 6) that Miss Ingalls was flying in the interests of a committee headed by none other than Cathrine Curtis. The next day both women appeared and demanded to be admitted to a meeting of the Foreign Relations Committee. When refused entry, Miss Ingalls burst into a denunciation of the government, exclaiming:

And this is the government of the United States! I can't understand it! Imagine! Holding hearings behind closed doors! This is a dictatorship already!

Nazis And Copperheads

Several hours after Miss Ingalls' Los Angeles address, Mrs. Louise Ward Watkins took up where the former left off, presenting another peace-at-any-price harangue, similar to that reported by NRS a week ago.

Very dramatically, it was announced at this meeting that ex-Colonel Lindbergh will speak at the Hollywood Bowl on Friday night, June 20th. Members were told that the Bowl was obtained at a very low cost "because the management looks with much favor upon our cause". Admission will be free. Immediately, machinery was set in motion to prepare for an overflow attendance. Nazis who were at this meeting forthwith reported to their own organizations that the lone eagle is winging westward and "it is up to us to make the most of it".

Los Angeles Nazis received the news of Lindbergh's coming with great joy. Typical is the reaction of the "German-American Alliance" (also known as "German-American League"), headed by Dr. H. A. Gebhardt, attorney for the German Consulate. On Sunday, June 15th, the Alliance held a Folk Festival at Hindenburg Park. The Los Angeles Times reported: (See text on next page)

Park Opened to Germans

Two Thousand Gather
in Hindenburg Park
at La Crescenta

LA CRESCENTA, June 15.—Hindenburg Park, owned by the German-American League of Los Angeles, was opened today for the summer season when 2000 persons paid admission to the grounds for a festival and to

CHEERS FOR LINDBERGH

Cheers and applause greeted remarks by Robert Patenge, chairman of the day, when he

announced that Charles Lindbergh would speak in Hollywood Bowl Tuesday night.

Many buttons "I Am a Copperhead, Too" were worn in answer to President Roosevelt's remarks that Lindbergh was a Copperhead.

Next Sunday children who have been attending the Saturday school to learn German will hold their annual picnic in the park.

At Bund headquarters, under ex-citizen Hermann M. Schwinn's direction, great quantities of literature were readied for distribution, among them

batches of reprints of Lindbergh's "Letter to the American People". Originally published in Collier's Magazine, this was reprinted by Edith Marion Shol (illustration on page 6). Mrs. Shol is editor of the American Freedom Magazine, head of the American Freedom Association, and her Nazi activities, already described in detail in previous NEWS LETTERS, include the printing of literature for Los Angeles subversivists of all sorts.

Another propaganda missile is a cartoon recently released by Chicago Nazis. It is a sequel to the drawing reproduced in NRS #143, captioned "The Betrayal", showing Uncle Sam nailed to a cross that symbolized the Lend-Lease Bill. The follow-up picture (illustration on page 6) shows multitudes of Americans being led through the portals of the United States Constitution by Columbia, by America First, by Crusading Mothers, and "patriotic" groups. It states that it is "The Answer to the Betrayal (H.R. 1776) of the Internationalists, Money Changers, Social Experimenters, War Mongers". It was drawn by a prominent Chicago artist of German origin, whose past affiliations with Nazis are well known. Mis-spelling of certain words has a German flavor, as for instance, "hypocrisy" being spelled "Hypocracy". Original sponsors of these cartoons include Elizabeth Dilling and Newton Jenkins, whose Nazi activities are well known.

Also among the planners for the Lindbergh rally are F. K. Ferenz, notorious as exhibitor of Nazi propaganda pictures; Ellis O. Jones, founder and head of the "National Copperhead Association"; and Bruce Tarkington Dowden, America First Committee speaker recently found guilty by a Los Angeles jury, of assault and battery.

The local Communists, too, set wheels in motion to exploit the Lindbergh rally for Moscow's benefit. Word was sent out to the Comrades to "bring themselves and friends". At the time NRS went to press, Communist bigwigs were debating whether or not to distribute only literature of their front organization, the "American Peace Mobilization", or other Red propaganda material as well. Proof of the collaboration between Communists and America Firsters is contained in a letter (reproduced on page 6), written by Judy Dunks, secretary of the "State, County and Municipal Workers of America, C.I.O., Local 246", Los Angeles. This is one of the most active Communist set-ups known as such to government investigating agencies. The members are so pleased with the disunifying activities of America First that they eagerly offer their assistance to William T. Dodson, Executive Secretary of the America First Committee.

Communists, Nazis, America Firsters, et al., are busy as bees, setting the stage for the Lindbergh landing. It is already obvious that subversivists of all stripes and their fellow-travelers will constitute the majority of the audience. If Lindbergh desires to publicly repudiate and castigate the subversive elements which have become part and parcel of the America First Committee, and which will be strongly represented at the Hollywood Bowl, the editors of NRS stand ready to supply him and the America First Committee headquarters with a list of their names and a detailed history of their past activities, backed up by evidence which will stand up in courts of law.

OVER!



US' WANT
Laura Ingalls Drops Peace Pleas Over Capital, May Lose License

Woman Flier Is Charged by CAA With Breaking Law—Pamphlets Meant for Congress Fall Near White House

Special to The New York Times.
 WASHINGTON, Sept. 26—The Civil Aeronautics Authority tonight ordered Laura Ingalls, aviatrix, to show cause why her license should not be revoked for dropping from an airplane peace pamphlets in the neighborhood of the White House. The incident took place this afternoon.

Officials of the CAA said that Miss Ingalls had been guilty of violating two provisions of the civil air regulations. One prohibits dropping any material from an airplane upon any municipality without permission of the CAA and the municipal authorities. The other involved flying over a restricted zone which includes the White House and a majority of the important government buildings.

It was stated that Miss Ingalls was flying in the interests of the Women's National Committee to Keep the United States Out of War, recently reorganized with headquarters at 535 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Catherine Curtis is said to be the head of the committee, which is sponsored by the Women Investors in America, Inc.

Miss Ingalls flew over the capital for two hours before landing at the Washington Airport, where CAA inspectors immediately questioned



Laura Ingalls
 Times studio, 1937

ing taken to guard the White House and other public buildings.

Noted for Flying Records
 Miss Laura Ingalls, to explain

Top, left: Cartoon spread by Nazis throughout U.S. to discredit administration; Above: New York Times article showing Ingalls' activities in 1939, and her ties with Cathrine Curtis; Bottom, left: Letter showing cooperation between Communists and America First; Below: Lindbergh's letter to "Americans" reprinted by E.M.Shol, head of Nazi organization calling itself, of all things: "American Freedom Association".

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April 30, 1941

Wm. T. Douson, Executive Secretary
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Dear Sir:

Your communications regarding Peace Rallies and other related activities are brought regularly to the attention of our membership. The union has instructed me to request that you continue to send us this information.

Our local has gone on record in opposition to United States entrance into the war. At our last meeting we passed a resolution particularly opposing the use of convoys -- by any name.

Sincerely yours,

J. Duks
 Judy Duks, Secretary

A LETTER TO AMERICANS

By CHARLES A. LINDBERGH

Charles A. Lindbergh, Lone Eagle of the transatlantic flight, asks searching questions in this eloquent article. We take pleasure in presenting his powerful statement of the isolationists' position.

EDITOR, COLLIER'S.

(EDITOR'S NOTE—Special permission (jointly) was given by Collier's Weekly and Charles Augustus Lindbergh to Edith Marion Shol, editor of American Freedom Magazine, to reprint this startling and educational article. The sub-heads are ours and we have written a short article as a finale.)

To Everyone Opposed to Our Entry into the War

governments of France and England had when they declared war on Germany. The interventionists call on us to fight, and then their responsibility ends. They offer no feasible plan for victory.

Situation in America Similar to France and England

I ADDRESS this letter to every man and woman in America who is opposed to our country's entry into the European war. I write because we are being led toward that war with ever increasing rapidity, and by every