# NEWS LETTER

Published by News Research Service, Inc.,

727 W. Seventh Street, Los Angeles, California

Space permits only highlighting of news. More detailed information is available to serious Students and Writers.

Volume V. #134 - March 12, 1941

## HITLER'S HELPERS -- AND SOME DON'T EVEN KNOW IT!

Verne Marshall of the No Foreign War Committee of New York City and Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is scheduled to speak at the Los Angeles Shrine Auditorium on Friday, March 14th. In many of the details accompanying its preparation, the rally is symptomatic of the fact that Hitler has enthusiastic volunteers at his actual disposal throughout the United States. Many of these auxiliary legions are unaware that they are serving subversive ends; indeed, they consider their exertions as manifestations of undiluted patriotism. Others, again, being predatory propagandists, muscle in on the "Cause" of militant



## Happy New Year?

The answer lits with you. The answer at this moment will be found what YOU whink, in what YOU want.

If YOU want PEACE, quick action NOW will save it!

If YOU want PEACE, just action NOW will start in!

Help the No PIGENCE WANT COMPUTE: in in fight to the last direb,

to full the inter-entionists, the etable-mousers, she deceptionists in their
hearth, diameted compagin to start this country shouthing. Add the power
of YOUR WILL to that of the alarmed, but hereafter instinctional and

unrem-tiled U.S. efficience who howe the brant of sar which collers start,

beinger will the work MAJORITY remain belighes and may shift an

exercetive minority, with megaphones and money, shouty for war. What should you do?

Immediately take those steps:

1. Send a CVIEBBITON to the NO FOREIGN WAR COMMITTE,
take used by tw. for you, in striking specifity against those who insidemoley plan for our distriction unsubstanced in sea, Give to the point of
ascrafer. Give 2008. Address your contributions to use Treasure,
fisher A. Lancaster. (Evry penny in contributions will be acknowledged and evantably remeded. A form of Certified Public Accountants
will render an acrounting of our receipts and disbursements, weekly.)

forlay, wire or write President Rosecvelt, yone Senators and Representatives in Washington, D. C., that you expect them, as yone-elected public servants at Washington, to keep this country OUT of any foreign war.

3. In your o'n a community make your voice heard, your wishes left among your friends and associates. Write to your hearl press. Become a counter-force, in and by yourself, as you champloo what You BELIEVE 18. Do it now, or arver, Join with the millions who are joining with na.

N. Do it now, or never, John with the millions who are joining with no. One work age include, following no averagenare of the National Calabana One who age included the ACC CAMBOR AND COMMITTEE, a following advertisement appraising for America's response against the term of the properties of the America's report against the Calabana C

There is evidence to show that the 'NO FOREIGN WAR campaigns ran and will succeed in its fight to prevent the country we have from being dragged into the degradation and despair of foreign war. Success will be assured IF YOU DO YOUR BIT NOW.

Whether this will be a HAPPY NEW YEAR depends upon your own DETERMINATION to keep America at peace.

VERNE MARSHALL Chairman

## NO FOREIGN WAR COMMITTEE

New York City Cedar Rapids, Iowa

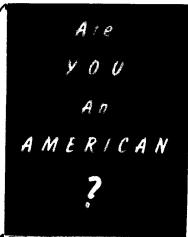
lobert A. Leasueter, Tree 10 PORRIGH WAR COMM low York City, or Coder B.

Reproduction of Verne Marshall's full-page advertisement which appeared on New Year's Day in the nation's press; also in William Griffin's "New York Enquirer".

isolationism because they regard it as the most profitable political racket of the moment.

Many are the political tyros who fell under the spell of Verne Marshall when that Iowan put himself on the political map with Blitzkrieg impetuosity. One week mere editor of a Corn Belt newspaper, the next week found him on the front pages of all the dailies from coast to coast, sharing -or perhaps doing even better! -the spotlight with his No Foreign War Committee. The New Year spirit proved especially conducive to focusing attention on Marshall and his Committee. lent itself admirably to maudlin exploitation in a nation-wide. money-no-object advertising campaign (illustration on this page) carried on in 130 newspapers. comprising a circulation of sixteen million readers.

Among the carefully chosen papers which carried Marshall's ad was The New York Enquirer. published and edited by William Griffin. Known as an intransigent Irishman, Griffin maintains close contact with those Irish groups which are fanatically resolved to leave no stone unturned to hurt and hamper Great Britain in her present life-and-death struggle.



Reproduction 01 front cover o J pamphlet containing reprint of Griffin's editorial in The New York Enquirer. which was widely dis tributed Charles B. Hudson, and under Representative Clare B. Hoffman's franking privilege.

Griffin's interest in supporting the Marshall movement became manifest when, to intensify the effect of Marshall's full-page ad in The Enquirer, he went so far out of his way as to plug the No Foreign War Committee by means of a two-column editorial. Prominently displayed on the front page, it was worded as follows:

#### NO FOREIGN WARS!

Special attention is drawn to the full-page advertisement of the No Foreign War Committee which appears on page 5.

Under the fearless and brilliant leadership of its chairman, Verne Marshall, this organization is performing vital service to the cause of keeping America out of war and keeping her American.

Read and respond to its patriotic and masterly message for the New Year!

Even important advertisers are rarely given such editorial front-page boosts, unless the editor has his private reasons.

## Uncle Sam Paid the Postage

Like other anti-British Irishmen, Griffin puts great stock by the fact that he is an American citizen. It was in this spirit that he wrote an editorial for The New York Enquirer which subsequently was read into the Congressional Record by Clare E. Hoffman, a Representative

from the State of Michigan. The editorial, thus dignified by publication in the official parliamentary annals of the United States, was subsequently reprinted -- "Not at Government Expense"! as it is usually phrased -- and enclosed by Charles B. Hudson of Omaha, Nebr., with his "America In Danger" bulletins. Next it was scattered across the width and breadth of the United States under Hoffman's franking privilege. The tenor of Griffin's editorials reveals itself graphically in such statements as the following:

It has become a major crime in the United States of America to be an American.

Those who speak and act as Americans should, are instantly pounced upon and besmeared as dupes or agents of foreign powers hostile to the Republic.

This mode of attack upon American patriotism

In our contest to succor America it is vital to bear in mind that when Britain seeks to have us fight her battles and pay her war losses she is actuated solely by an anxiety to do what will redound to her own benefit.

We must honor her for eternally serving her own interests. If we allow ourselves to be exploited by her, the fault lies with ourselves. And the remedy likewise lies with ourselves.

No one will have the temporary to see that

There is no novelty in the laughable albeit treasonable fallacy that Britain is America's first line of defense. In the War of Independence, George Washington and his fellow Americans were told the same thing when they were admonished that our country could not exist alone, that it needed the protection and care of England if it were not to become the prey of some other European power.

But George Washington and his compatriots were men of thought, devotion and action, and they simply scorned this damnable heresy. The sagacity of their steadfastness is there for all to see.

And now, in the twentieth century, when we are by far the greatest nation of our day or any other day, the American people are being asked to believe that Britain is our first line of defense and that Britain is fighting our battle.

The simple truth of the matter is that Britain herself does not believe these things, and she rightfully holds in contempt all those who do believe them.

There is nothing that Britain would not give at



Like many another militant isolationist, Griffin either does not know that he is doing Berlin's dirty work or he thinks that, in the long run, he will get the best of the bargain. His readiness to play ball with the Nazis is conclusively evidenced by a letter (illustration on page 4) written on July 28, 1939, by Manfred Zapp, manager of the American office of Transocean Service. One of the exhibits of the official Dies Report, it was addressed to Heribert von Strempel, Counselor of the German Embassy in Washington, and ran (translated) as follows:

Dear Strempel: I want to inform you today that it has come to my know-ledge that Mr. Griffin, managing editor of The New York Enquirer, a leader of the Catholic Irish of New York, is leaving for Germany next Wednesday on an American steamer. Unlike his brother, he is not progerman. Perhaps this fact should be called to Berlin's attention so that he falls in with the right people. Griffin travels as private citizen, and his trip is one to collect personal information. (Emphasis by NRS) Sincere greetings and Heil Hitler.

Yours, Manfred Zapp.

Of course, Nazi agents in the United States employ such widely divergent and crafty tricks that it is impossible to state with authority what Zapp realmeant when he apprized Berlin of Griffin's imminent arrival. However, Nazi cunning frequently makes use of a certain technique which, among diplomatic shysters, is generally referred to as "the mirror method" in that it reflects in reverse, as it were, what the writer really has in mind.



To be mentioned in the same breath with Marshall became rather embarrassing -- and so Lindbergh, Armstrong and others shook off the Iowan.

## Marshall Doesn't Marshal Any More!

Despite the gigantic advertising campaign carried on by the No Foreign War Committee, and the deafening noise with which Marshall had launched himself and his "Cause", the movement became increasingly discredited. At its incep-

1941 Los Angeles, California DEAR SENATOR DOWNEY I am very desirous that you vote "No" on the Lease Lend Bill It you vote otherwise, I shall be greatly disappointed if it passes and t am depending on you to vote against st You know as well as 1 do that this bill, if passed, means our entry into the present war i am unafterably apposed to any foreign entanglements Again, I say, YOTE 'NO I am a citizen taxpayer and a roter. Your decision on this bill will determine how I shall vote when you come up for election again. You vote "No" now or I shall vote "No" later on. Yours very fruly,

Facsimile of form letter with which California Totalitarians aimed to highanti-H.R.1776 pressure senators.

tion, such super-isolationists as Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh and O. K. Armstrong had been only too willing to have their names coupled with Marshall's. Before long, however, they took pains to make it clear to the general public that they wished to put as much distance as possible between themselves and Marshall and his No Foreign War Committee (illustration on page 3).

Marshall reached the turning point of his mete-oric career around the middle of January, when he was scheduled to make a nation-wide radio address over the Mutual Broadcasting System, comprising 172 stations from coast to coast. Originally, this address was to come off with great pomp and circumstance in the course of a mass meeting to be held at the Lost Battalion Hall in New York City's borough of Queens. The rally was sponsored by a group calling itself "The New York Committee to Keep America Out of War". It was headed by Judge Herbert A. O'Brien -- palpably an Irishman as intransigent in his anti-British leanings as Griffin and others.

28. Juli 1939.

Herrn Legationsrat Heribert von Strempel, Deutsche Botschaft, Washington, D. C.

Lieber Strempel i

Ich moechte Ihnen heute mitteilen, dass ich in Erfshrung gebracht habe, dass Mr. Griffin, " managing editor of the " New York Enquirer " - ein kathelischer Irenfushrer in New York, der im Gegensatz zu seinem Bruder nicht sehr deutschfreundlich ist, am naschsten Mittwech auf einem amerikanischen Dampfer nach Deutschland fachrt. Vielleicht kconnto Berlin darauf aufwerksam gemacht werden, dass er in die richtigen Haende faellt. Griffin reist als Privatmann und ist auf einer persoenlichen Informationsreise.

Hergliche Gruesse und

Heil Bitler !

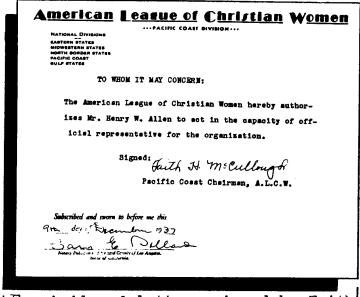
The

Manfred Lapp

of letter by Manfred Zapp of Facsimile Transocean to von Strempel of German Embassy. Translation on page 3.

Judge O'Brien's activities have meanwhile come under close scrutiny. His appointment to the Children's Court was candidly deplored by Mayor La Guardia as a "beaut' of a mistake". On February 25th, a resolution was introduced in the Senate of the State of New York, calling on the Appellate Divisior to undertake a "thorough and complete investigation" of alleged un-American activities and conduct of Judge O'Brien, charging the jurist with being

> a consistent and conspicuous promoter of faction along racial and religious lines (who) at public meetings lent his high title of judge as a touch of respectability for organizations and purposes of the shabbiest, most demagogic character; and that at these meetings his language has been intemperate and undignified, his associates have included cheap and discredited promoters; the atmosphere at these meetings at which he



Facsimile of letter, signed by Faith H. McCullough, authorizing Henry Allen to act as representative of her organization.

has presided has reeked with prejudice, synthetic hate and bigoted distortion....

Marshall, realizing that the Queens crowd was thoroughly discredited, refused to jeopardize his standing still further by addressing the rabble in person; yet he could not back out without losing the following of divers and assorted hangers-on. Accordingly, the Iowa editor decided not to make his address from the rostrum, but to deliver it in the privacy of MBS' New York City studio ... with five detectives of the Alien Squad as bodyguard! In this way, his harangue could be heard not only via a national hook-up, but also by means of a loud speaker at the Lost Battalion Hall in Queens. There, an audience of some 1500 had assembled, and Marshall joined them as soon as he was off the air, thus performing a neat bit of fancy straddling.

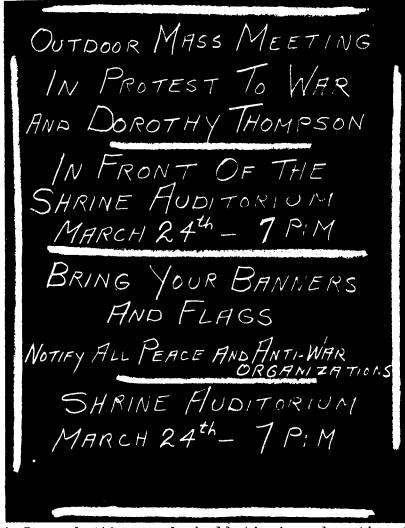
## Sportpalast Method a "Natural"

Unlike the Queens rally where "self-starting" subversivism supplied the required hate atmosphere, other anti-H.R.1776 meetings were artificially brought to a boiling point by applying the Sportpalast technique. This trick, which is Goebbels' own and original invention, consists in infiltrating unsuspecting audiences with small groups of men and women who, in response to certain cues, will break into supposedly spontaneous exclamations, not unlike a "claque" hired by second-string tenors and divas.

Goebbels' Sportpalast formula was put into effect at a recent meeting in New York City, arranged by the "America First Committee" and the "Keep America it of the War Congress". The rally was honeycombed with members of Joe Mc-lliams' anti-Semitic American Destiny Party. They made a determined effort to inject themselves into the united isolationist front by judiciously intermingling with the audience. Platoons were also recruited from the Christian Front, the Christian Mobilizers, the Americagerman Bund, and other groups that have made reputations of sorts for themselves as haters and baiters in the interest of anti-democratic and pro-totalitarian "causes". Boos, hisses, and such shouts as "Down with the Jewsi", "Down with Rosenfelti", greeted the mention of any person not enjoying the approbation of professional subversivists or ignorant isolationists.

A variation of this technique was recently employed in Los Angeles, when H. V. Kaltenborn's lecture was "picketed". Of course, the demonstration proved rather unsuccessful, but only because a cloudburst dampened the truculence of militantly enthusiastic isolationist shocktroopers. However, the Sportpalast technique will get another tryout in Los Angeles when, on March 24th, Dorothy Thompson is to speak at the Shrine Auditorium. Subversivists of all hues are being mobilized to this end, among them heelers of the T. W. Hughes cell. At their regular meeting last Sunday, a handwritten bulletin (illustration on page j) advised them to be on their toes to do their stuff when Miss Thompson comes to town.

In the pursuit of their activities, predatory propagandists and America-german Nazis have popularized the Sportpalast method to such an extent that,



Reproduction of bulletin board notice mobilizing T. W. Hughes' "Save America First" cohorts to sabotage Miss Dorothy Thompson's forthcoming Los Angeles lecture.

in many great cities -- for example, Los Angeles -- this technique has developed into "a natural". Indeed, by now they are so sure of drawing a following of elements, ever ready to cheer when anti-democratic tenets are advanced, that an organization such as the "America First Committee of California, Inc." printed on its leaflets this injunction:

Specifically barred from membership in the America First Committee are individuals connected directly or indirectly with the Communist Party, German-American Bund or any other organization whose doctrines are subversive to the best interests of the United States of America.

During the last two months, weekly meetings have been held at the Southland headquarters at 3150 Wilshire Boulevard of the "America First Committee", which completely bear out the fact that the Sportpalast technique has become an integral part of subversive procedure. By now, Southern California haters and baiters have so infused unsuspecting fellow-travelers with their poison that they can depend upon their assistance without even prompting them. Acting on their own volition, these misguided souls are ready, willing and able to do the spadework required to inaugurate, or carry on, one or the other of the many anti-democratic movements now frantically pushed by cliques who hide behind, and cash in on, militant isolationism. Among them are

the devotees of G. Allison Phelps, who can always be thrown into action whenever "extras" for some demonstration are needed. For example, the Phelps shocktroopers will be in evidence at the Marshall meeting in answer to a mobilization call issued last Sunday during Phelps' regular KMTR radio broadcast.

### Among Those Present

It is misguided volunteers who prove themselves easy marks when drawn into the orbit of a spellbinder of the Phelps type, who furnish an inexhaustible quota that can be depended upon whenever Doktor Goebbels' Sportpalast technique is to be employed. They are re-enforced by those vultures of democracy who never overlook a good "patriotic cause" to turn a dishonest penny. Currently, many of these predatory propagandists gravitate towards the No Foreign War Movement. Some of their most prominent representatives attended preparatory meetings in which arrangements for the Shrine Auditorium mass meeting were discussed. Some of these conferences took place at the sumptuous Pasadena mansion of Mrs. Louise Ward Watkins who frequently -- for instance, last Sunday -- appears as guest speaker at Hughes' meetings. Others were held at the Los Angeles headquarters of the "America First Committee".

Assembled around the conference table were such outstanding anti-democrats as Hughes, H. J. Whitmore, Edward Ross, Chester B. Anderson, Harold A. Sparling,

Kenneth Alexander, and Mrs. Faith H. McCullough. To furnish short excerpts from NRS dossiers of these professional patrioteers:

T. W. HUGHES: Repeatedly defeated at the ballot box, he now exerts himself as head of the "Save America First" group, conducting weekly forums at the Embassy Auditorium. These rallies are regularly attended by all the top Nazis of Southern California. Details as to Hughes' background were given in NEWS LETTER of August 21, 1940.

H. J. WHITMORE: Head of the local Coughlin group known as the American Honest Money Legion -- exposed in NEWS LETTER of February 8, 1940 -- until the Lend-Lease Bill was passed he circulated a letter (illustration on page 4) addressed to U. S. Senator Downey. This petition was widely distributed not only by Whitmore himself, but also by the Hughes group. It was couched in a language as threatening as that which the German American National Alliance employed when intimidating Congressman Hook as described in NEWS LETTER of June 6, 1940.

EDWARD ROSS: A member of the Board of Directors of the "American Freedom Associates", which is headed by Edith Shol, "Printer to Los Angeles Nazis" by ex-citizen Hermann M. Schwinn's appointment.

CHESTER B. ANDERSON: Head of the Royal Order of American Defenders, recent outgrowth of the Ku Klux Klan as described in NEWS LETTER of February 5, 1941.

HAROLD A. SPARLING: At the head of "True Americans", he recently promoted a mass meeting at the Los Angeles Philharmonic Auditorium, at which he proposed an anti-H.R.1776 march on Washington. Sparling's Nazi antecedents were described in NEWS LETTER of January 27, 1941.

LOUISE WARD WATKINS: She has always professed pro-Axis leanings, and is well known in Southern California as chief apologist for the "New Order in the Far East". The Japanese Consul at Los Angeles considers her a most valuable pro-Nipponese mouthpiece.

KENNETH ALEXANDER: Always extremely active in promoting National Socialism in this country, he has for years been William Dudley Pelley's Southern Caliornia representative of the Silver Shirts. NEWS LETTER of December 11, 1940,
axposed Alexander as one of the Nazi conspirators who tried to muscle their way into the Willkie Club of Los Angeles County.

FAITH H. McCULLOUGH: Most outstanding of the past performances of this "Storm-trooper in Skirts" is the fact that she served as secretary to Mrs. Leslie Fry, who fled the country after NEWS LETTER had exposed her direct tie-up with the German Gestapo. It was Mrs. Fry and Mrs. McCullough who sent Henry Allen (illustrations on pages 5 and 8) on a cross-country tour to lay the ground for a unification of all subversive groups with Major General George Van Horn Moseley as the proposed "leader on horseback". As far back as three years ago, when Allen was arrested in San Diego, Federal authorities found in his possession evidence incriminating many potential American Quislings. Mrs. Fry's divers organizations received abundant financial aid from Mrs. W. K. (Elizabeth) Jewett, a wealthy Pasadenan who also contributed to the Americagerman Bund.

As Mrs. Fry's secretary, Mrs. McCullough regularly placed printing orders for subversive literature. Accordingly, it was she who recently made arrangements with Mrs. Shol to print a pamphlet entitled "Union NOW...Treason!", to be distributed widely at all subversivist group meetings.

The profound importance of the contact maintained between Mrs. Shol and Mrs. McCullough is also brought to light by the fact that it was the former who printed a pamphlet (illustration on page 8) entitled "Americans Awake!

Your Country is at Stake!" According to NRS information, three separate editions of this pamphlet came off Mrs. Shol's press. The first was allegedly written by one William Fiske; the second was supposedly authored by one F. Ermenstraut; the third printing, somewhat larger than the first two, carried the name of John Morrison on the title page. However, right along, Mrs. Shol sought to create the impression that the original, as well as the enlarged versions, had come from her pen.

MILITANT CHRISTIAN PATRIOTS Glomiale, Calife TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The Militant Christian Patriote hereby authorize Mr. Houry W. Alles to set as their official representative. Signeds WILLIAM CHRISTIAN PATRIOTS. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th dr. December 1937 Sing & Pall me

Facsimile of Mrs. Fry's letter of authorization, assuring Henry W. Allen of "safe conduct" in subversivist circles.

It is noteworthy that merely in the first two editions of this multi-authored pamphlet, there occurs on page 7 the following paragraph:

1 la for a very sommorar succession. Major General George V. H. Mosley, William D. Pelley, Robert E. Edmondson, George E. Deatherage, James True. Donald Shea, brilliant and courageous Father Charles E. Coughlin, Mrs. Leslie Fry, Gerald B. Winrod, Mrs. W. K. Jewett, Geo. B. Fisher, Dr. John R Brinkley, Chas. B. Hudson, E. N. Sanctuary and their co-workers and associates, whom the Dies Committee has tried to frighten, are virile, liberty-loving Americans who are laboring unselfishly to safeguard and preserve representative govenment. They are not firsting the as- but we

As reproduced above, the roster of subversivists also listed Mrs. Jewett. ever, her name appeared only in the first two versions; in the last, it was eliminated....a fact which makes the original inclusion all the more significant. As to Mrs. McCullough's latest printing order subversivist circles. given to Mrs. Shol, "Union NOW...Treason!", the article first appeared in "The Broom" of San Diego, published by C. Leon de

Aryan, an American citizen of Rumanian birth. A member of the United States Army prior to World War I, he was court-marshaled and, subsequently, dishonorably discharged on February 10, 1914. NEWS LETTER of July 31, 1940, gave further information on The Broom. Another paper which published "Union NOW...Treason!" before it was reprinted in pamphlet form was "The Leader" of San Francisco, a paper which styles itself as an "American Weekly for Irish and Catholic News".

> Here, again, the same pro-Reich, anti-English tieup which prevailed during World War I manifests itself. Once more, opportunistically inclined Americans of Irish descent and birth are goose-stepping with swastika-imbued Americans of German descent and birth. each fondly hoping that such an unnatural political marriage of convenience will help the one at the expense of the others.

In reality, both factions prove to be Hitler's Helpers....even if they don't know it!

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

AMERICANS AWAKE! YOUR COUNTRY IS AT STAKE



BY F. ERMENSTRAUT

Reproduction front page of pamwhich Mrs. phlet Edith Shol put out under three different pen names.

> Index to additional information on names and facts mentioned in NEWS LETTER will be furnished quarterly.