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HISTORICAL DISTORTIONS BETRAY PRO-JAPAN PROPAGANDISTS

Every time an American Axis propagandist presents a "scholarly" thesis, "factual" data and "objective" history, one need only scratch the surface to find that these "facts" were not originally assembled by the author -- who protests too much that he is a patriotic American; rather, they come more or less directly from Dr. Paul Joseph Goebbels, Germany's Minister for Public "Enlightenment".

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For years, Charles W. Phillips of Lincoln, Nebr., has published a weekly pro-Nazi bulletin called (of all things!) "The Individualist". In the past, Phillips has concentrated his attack mainly upon each and every step of the Washington administration, likely to displease the *Wilhelm Strasse*. In his most recent issues, Phillips espouses the cause of Japan, presenting what on the surface appears a scholarly thesis, brimful of "factual" data. Indeed, he made too good a case for Nippon in recounting China's "history". The NRS Research Staff checked Mr. Phillips' assertions and found them to be a most unbelievable collection of distortions of history, borrowed from one of Germany's cleverest female propagandists who operated for many years in England, her native land.

Last July 22nd, Phillips' weekly bulletin was accompanied by a letter (reproduction on page 4) telling the recipient:

As far as the international objective is concerned, China is one of the choicest plums and will be an important issue during the post-war negotiations which will be used in an attempt to establish a new world order.

It may not be many months before definite moves toward peace will be made....The Chinese story is also one of the best illustrations of the lease-lend fiasco.

Completely ignoring America's desperate need of tin and rubber from the Netherlands East Indies, Phillips accuses President Roosevelt of imperialist designs in the Far East. In his article captioned: "Lease Lending for the New World Order -- In China", he argues:

While it has been common knowledge with many observers that China has been adroitly

fashioned into a unit of the International New Deal, it was not until the passage of H. R. 1776 and its service as an excuse for taking the the New Deal to China, that the casual reader of current events began to take notice of what was really going on in the Orient.

An NRS reporter interviewed several prominent experts on Far Eastern affairs. All agreed that Phillips' bulletin is "just so much propaganda". They were asked to answer specific charges of "The Individualist", such as Phillips' description of China's war effort as "an economic reorganization of China along collectivist lines with complete governmental control of production and consumption". One of the experts framed his reply thus:

In order to cope with the present situation in China, it was necessary for the government to institute the following measures: (1) centralization of taxation; (2) centralized administration of currency; (3) improvement of communications under government control; (4) encouragement of agriculture and industry; (5) control of foreign trade (this was necessary to combat Japanese economic offensives and to prevent war profiteering); (6) proper distribution of agricultural productions.

Like all Nazis, Phillips claims that the president of the United States desires war. Says Phillips:

Depressions, floods, droughts, unrest, debt, and everything else that could be used as a means of bringing the American people under subjection to the New Deal has already been used. But even all these were not enough. Only a war would turn the trick of furnishing a feasible excuse for the establishment of a complete dictatorship here in the United States. That is why we are being led, step by step, toward war in Europe. That is why the opportunity of lease-lending to China will also be used for the same purpose.

Chinese History, Through Nazi-Colored Glasses

Phillips goes on and on, reporting Chinese history as a Nazi historian would write it. One expert, consulted by NRS, said:

His history of China is too purposefully garbled and distorted so as to magnify every unfortunate circumstance in Chinese history while completely ignoring the tremendous progress in recent years and the heroic struggle of the past to obtain social gain, better living standards and a modern civilization in every respect.

It is just as if a man were to sit down and write the history of the United States in terms of revolution, civil wars and internal strife, injustices to the American Indians, the burning of witches by the Pilgrim Fathers, the branding of women with a scarlet "S", lynchings, bed-sheet night riders, vigilante terrorism, negro slavery, imperialistic adventures in Cuba, Panama and Nicaragua, carpet-baggery, financial panics, oil scandals, hunger marches, union gangsterism, Fordism and Girdlerism, police corruption, political machines, etc.

There may be some basis in these various unfortunate episodes in our country's past, but it certainly is a distorted picture of American history to exaggerate these events without reporting any of the virtues of the country.

Space does not permit the recounting of the many historical forgeries offered by Phillips. Only two more points should be reported. In his bulletin for July 29th, Phillips reaches the climax of his exposé with the statement that "in 1932 the Chinese Soviet government declared war on Japan". What is the "Chinese Soviet government"?

There are 28 provinces in China. The self-proclaimed Chinese Soviet government, to which Phillips refers, occupied one-half of one of these provinces. The population of this province, in 1932, was 15,000,000. China's population was and is 450,000,000. Hence, in population, the so-called Chinese Soviet government represented about three per cent of the country's entire population. Note that this was in 1932 -- one year after Japan had invaded Manchuria. Even if the declaration of war had been made by the Chinese National government, it would have been justified. This declaration of war by the Chinese Soviet government was wholly ineffective and might resemble, perhaps, a declaration of war against Germany by the Communist Party here in the United States. The effect would be the same.

Throughout his bulletin, Phillips seeks to confuse his American readers, and to make them believe that China is Communistic and so is the New Deal.

Scratch Phillips' Sources and Find Joe Goebbels

The second point in question is: "Where did Phillips get his material?" The answer was quickly found by the News Researchers. His source is Nesta H. Webster's book, "The Surrender of An Empire". ---And who is Nesta H. Webster?

One of the first Nazis to become active in England, Mrs. Webster has produced countless books and pamphlets for which material was supplied by Goebbels' Propaganda Ministry. Most of these were published by "The Britons" (illustration on page 5), a Nazi organization started in the early '20s and exposed in NRS #67.

The Imperial Fascist League of England advertised Mrs. Webster's book (illustration on page 1). As they did everywhere else in the world, the Nazis set up front organizations in London. One of these was the "Financial Freedom Committee", which distributed literature advocating Fascism. Each one of their pamphlets contained a list of "books which will give further particulars of the manner in which the downfall of the British Empire is being accomplished" (illustration on page 4). This list, too, contained Mrs. Webster's "Surrender of An Empire", and a publication by A. N. Field of New Zealand.

On October 30, 1940, NRS published an exposé on Mrs. Leslie Fry, accompanied by documentary evidence, proving her direct connection with the German Propaganda Ministry. Among the letters which were reproduced in that issue was one (on page 4) written in French by Mrs. Fry to Ubaldo von Roll, a Nazi agent stationed in Switzerland. Always suspicious, yet ready to use any willing tool, she wrote:

I am not in contact with Mrs. Nesta Webster. One must warn everyone to be careful about what one says to Mrs. Webster, because not only is her husband a Freemason, but for years she has been under the complete influence of Masonry and a Rosecrucian of the worst kind, a certain Colonel Powney, to whom she foolishly relates everything and who makes good use of the information he obtains by creating terrible mischief.

She has much information. She is useful. One ought to ask her questions but not tell her anything, nor of what one knows, nor of what one does. I do not think she does mischief knowingly, but the

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THE ANGLO-AMERICAN-SOVIET INTERNATIONALE.
THE BATTLE OF NATIONALISM VERSUS NATIONALISM.

JAPAN'S MILITARY NATIONALISTS, AS WE HAVE LONG PREDICTED, ARE GETTING THE UPPER HAND AT LAST OVER JAPAN'S MODERATES WHO LEAN TO INTERNATIONAL CAPITALISM, BRITAIN AND PARLIAMENTARISM BUT WHO ARE FINDING DAILY LESS SUPPORT FOR THEIR STAND IN THE TREND OF EVENTS.

If ever there was a nation that tried to make the grade in the Anglo-American international capitalist system, it is Japan. The trouble is that, to belong to this club nowadays, you have got to be eligible for American relief doles. The chief dole receivers, of course, are the American unemployed, the farmers, American business, and the British. The second string recipients of American doles are the South Americans, the Chinese and sundry small European nations. The Japs are too numerous, too proud, too pretentious, in short, too much of a nation and too much of a people to join our system on the same basis as the Latin Americans, The Greeks or the Chinese. They are shut out of the Anglo-American world by tariff and immigration barriers and by all sorts of discriminations. On top of this they are told that they cannot expand in the Far East. Against all this they must eventually fight. They can't join the Anglo-American world order and they can't get a sufficient hand-out from it via, W.P.A. R.F.C. or the Lease-Lend Route. It's elementary.

We understand that the Japs have had the Panama Canal closed to their ships and that a Japanese merchant vessel aground in Peru had to send to Japan to get assistance as the Peruvian and Chilean Governments cooperating with Washington refused to give it tug service.

THE NEXT JAPANESE MOVE? FRENCH-INDO CHINA, SIAM, VLADIVOSTOCK, THE PHILIPPINES? JAPANESE ACTION MUST BE DETERMINED BY EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES.

The new Anglo-American-Soviet International leaves Japan out in the cold. Japanese delay in coming to the point of aggressive action has been largely due to the influence of the Japanese moderate who see in a long war the end of their privileges and the replacement of Japanese feudalism by some form of modern socialized collectivism.

"The Individualist"

Box 373

Lincoln, Nebraska

July 22, 1941

Dear Reader:

While there are many things to write about that appear more important than the Far-Eastern question, nevertheless, as far as the international objective is concerned China is one of the choicest plums and will be an important issue during the post war negotiations which will be used in an attempt to establish a new world order.

It may not be many months before definite moves toward peace will be made. When that time comes, it will be too late to include the Chinese story in "The Individualist." Therefore, I am putting it into the record at this time and it will require about two more bulletins to cover it.

The Chinese story is also one of the best illustrations of the lease-land fiasco.

Sincerely,

Chas. W. Phillips

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LEASE LENDING FOR THE NEW WORLD ORDER - IN CHINA

We have now reached the place where we cannot fail to observe some of the far-reaching consequences of the passage of the lease-lend act. While it has been common knowledge with many observers that China was being adroitly fashioned into a unit of the International New Deal, it was not until the passage of H.R. 1776 and its service as an excuse for taking the New Deal to China, that the casual reader of current events began to take notice of what was really going on in the Orient.

Even though the average American is beginning to sense that he and his country have been taken in by the pleas of the international lobbyists that we could only defend America by shipping our defense machinery all over the world, he still has no conception of the possible full effects of "aid to China" upon himself, his government, and the rest of the world.

There are two main objectives involved in aid to China:

(1) Economic Reorganization of China

One of these objectives is the economic reorganization of China along collectivist lines with complete governmental control of production and consumption. Only in this way will China's resources and potential consuming power be fully controllable when China is incorporated into the new economic world order in which international industrialism will subjugate nationalism.

Only by the establishment of an economic monopoly that is so far-reaching that it covers enough major countries and applies to enough of the necessities of life as well as to the medium of exchange and credit, can the world's business men be assured that they will be able to hold on to the gains already made and eliminate any unlooked for competition.

(2) To Interest America In The War In The Orient

The second main objective is the opportunity that lease lending to China affords for whipping up propaganda for war in the Orient. We are being forced to have a stake in the Orient. Lease lending will provide a vehicle for making us war conscious in the East as well as in Europe. In case you have not already noticed it, an examination of the newspaper files dating back to the beginning of the propagandic drive for H. R. 1776 will also disclose a sudden spurt of activity in establishing, extending and ballyhooing innumerable Chinese war relief organizations. Taking the lead in this activity were the same characters who were also prominent in adding their prestige and influence to every step of the whole interventionist program.

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Top, extreme left: Lawrence Dennis' "The Weekly Foreign Letter". Top, left: Booklist of the "National Book Mart", Los Angeles. 2 books by Nesta Webster are advertised. Top, right: Booklist published in "The Beacon Light". 4 books by Webster are advertised. Top, extreme right: Book catalogue of "The Britons". 5 Webster books listed. Below, extreme left: Letter from Chas. W. Phillips accompanying his bulletin #133. Below left: Books recommended by "Financial Freedom Committee", London. Below, right: Front page of Phillips' "The Individualist".

result is the same and we cannot at present open our doors to possible treason. Everything must be done with intelligence and with much discretion!....At any rate, a friend of mine will go to see her, and we will write the results to you.

On March 14, 1940, NRS reproduced a facsimile of a letter written by A. N. Field, Nazi *Führer* in New Zealand, to Henry Hamilton Beamish, Nazi *Führer* in South Africa. In this letter he said:

I sent a curious item to Mrs. Webster a while back that she had not struck. All writers on the French revolution, including her, comment on the flood of pamphlets against the monarchy prior to the revolution, and the absence of anything effective in reply, hardly any appearing on the other side.

On Every Nazi Bookshelf

Field and Beamish, like Mesdames Fry and Webster, consider themselves experts in the field of pamphleteering. All four have penned pro-Nazi literature. On March 5, 1941, NRS reported and produced documentary evidence to the effect that some of Nesta Webster's writings were published by the pro-Fascist "League for Constitutional Government" of New York.

On July 2, 1941, NRS exposed John L. Riemer, proprietor of the "National Book Mart", in Los Angeles, reporting that he started an "American" political party, financed by German Consul Dr. Georg Gyssling. Delving further into NRS dossier on Nesta Webster, we find that Dr. Gyssling's Charlie McCarthy advertised her book in his catalogue (illustration on page 4).

In Atascadero, Cal., lives the star-gazer and soothsayer of the American Nazis, one William Kullgren, publisher of a monthly magazine, "The Beacon Light". Kullgren's own publication contains proof that he is tied up with all the better known Nazis in this country. He is no stranger at the Los Angeles German House, home of the German-American Bund. Kullgren carries a stock of Nazi propaganda literature which he advertises regularly in his magazine (illustration on page 5). The Webster books and pamphlets are, of course, on his list.

Phillips, however, is not the only Axis sympathizer in America, spreading pro-Japanese propaganda. With him as the advance guard of Confusionism march people like Louise Ward Watkins, who styles herself "a prominent clubwoman of Southern California" (once she was a candidate for U. S. Senator), and Lawrence Dennis.

Recently, Mrs. Watkins addressed a meeting of the "Save America First" group, often exposed by NEWS LETTER as a Nazi front. Space does not permit recounting of her speech. However, government officials will be interested to learn that during her oration she recommended the bookstore of P. D. and Ione Perkins at 1620 Mission Street, South Pasadena, Cal., "where you can get literature on the true state of affairs in Japan".

An NRS reporter followed her suggestion and visited the Japanese counterpart to the Aryan Book Store. He returned with an armful of pro-Japanese propaganda literature. The bookstore is not registered as a foreign propagandist, in accordance with the McCormack Law. NRS has brought the matter to the attention of the proper authorities.

Hitler hat Recht, Says Lawrence Dennis

Currently, the Bund's mouthpiece, "The Free American", is running a serial, *Hitler hat Recht* (Hitler Is Right). Dennis could carry the same title on each and every issue of his "The Weekly Foreign Letter", because what Hitler does, Dennis justifies; and he goes to boundless lengths to prove that Axis moves will never clash nor interfere with American interests.

With regard to Japan, Dennis, chief theoretician of American Fascism and author of "Dynamics of War and Revolution", follows the same propaganda line as Phillips. In his release for July 17th, Dennis argues that our government is intent upon establishing what he terms an "Anglo-American-Soviet Internationale". While our State Department held out hope to the very last that the moderate elements in Japan would gain control of the government, Mr. Dennis reports gleefully, in capital letters (illustration on page 4):

Japan's military nationalists, as we have long predicted, are getting the upper hand at last from Japan's moderates who lean to international capitalism, Berlin parliamentarism, but who are finding daily less support for their stand in the trend of events.

Every nation, Dennis implies, which is aided by the United States in its fight against German aggression, is not much of a nation --- but not so with Japan. It is too proud, too pretentious, to accept American doles. Says Mr. Dennis:

If ever there was a nation that tried to make the grade in the Anglo-American Internationale Capitalist System, it is Japan. The trouble is that, to belong to this club nowadays, you have got to be eligible for American relief doles. The chief dole receivers, of course, are the American unemployed, the farmers, American business, and the British. The second string recipients of American doles are the South Americans, the Chinese, and sundry small European nations. The Japs are too numerous, too proud, too pretentious, in short, too much of a nation and too much of a people to join our system on the same basis as the Latin Americans, the Greeks or the Chinese. They are shut out of the Anglo-American world by tariff and immigration barriers and by all sorts of discriminations. On top of this, they are told that they cannot expand in the Far East. Against all this they must eventually fight.

The moderates in Japan, Dennis goes on, want only to protect their privileges and prevent the replacement of Japanese feudalism by some form of modern socialized collectivism. To quote Mr. Dennis verbatim:

The new Anglo-American-Soviet Internationale leaves Japan out in the cold. Japanese delay in coming to the point of aggressive action has been largely due to the influence of the Japanese moderates who see in a long war the end of their privileges and the replacement of Japanese feudalism by some form of modern socialized collectivism.

Being a clever propagandist, Dennis tries to divert public attention from the real menace. Pretending that aggression, anywhere in the world, does not concern us in the least, Dennis states, again in capital letters:

The new Anglo-American-Russian Internationale has the American people increasingly confused. The people feel nationalistically but all current propaganda is internationalist...The president is loyal to the internationalist idea but anxious to avoid shooting. Obviously, he cannot remain loyal to that idea and avoid shooting, as the policy-making internationalist minority running things well know. AS for the

American people, they don't know what it is all about....The only idea they grasp is that of defending America by following her leader. This means following the leader's idea. The people don't understand the directing idea, which is proof that democracy is over in this country. (Underscoring by NRS)

In other words, national unity, behind the president's defense program and foreign policy, is proof that democracy in America is doomed. Two weeks later, in his release for July 31st, Dennis predicts:

The total destruction of the Russian armies....Fresh Axis overtures for peace, increasing continental support for such overtures; the supreme test -- in the late fall -- of the Roosevelt-Churchill-No-Peace-Till-Germany-Is-Crushed-Policy.

He suspects that Harry Hopkins went to Moscow to negotiate a deal for Russian bases in Siberia. Says Mr. Dennis:

Hopkin's visit to Moscow -- to ward off a Stalin capitulation; engineer a new-deal-Communist deal against Germany; work out plans whereby the Russian Comintern can be used against the Axis in Axis areas and Russian bases in Siberia near Alaska can be used by our Navy and our force against Japan.

These quotations from Dennis and Phillips reveal the Axis propaganda pattern. Every opponent of the Axis is a combination Communist and Imperialist. They know that Americans have no taste for either Communism or Imperialism. They also know that Japanese expansion threatens our interests in the East and our supply of vital raw materials. But while they stress the first, they carefully avoid reference to the second. *Hitler hat Recht!* say the Nazis, but the American people must not be fooled by these confusion-mongers.

"As from today I desire to pronounce a final ban on Nigger Jazz for the whole of German broadcasting. Anything disintegrating and tending to wreck the foundations of our civilization is certain to meet with our determined resistance. We are going to make a proper job of it, too." **Dance à la Nazi** Herr Hamadovski, Director of the German Broadcasting Corporation, (*Der Angriff*, 10/13/35)....In Tune with the Four Year Plan -- "There is a tendency in nearly all dance bands of Berlin and Hamburg to ignore, with almost vulgar recklessness, the achievement of their German colleagues. The consumption of music will now also have to fall in with the aim of the Four Year Plan, viz., economic independence." (*Das Deutsche Podium*, Munich, 10/22/37).

The Menace of the "Lambeth Walk" -- "I herewith forbid the dancing and playing of 'Swing' and 'Lambeth Walk' at any undergraduate socials or other appointments. The dancing and playing of such and similar dances, alien as they are to everything German, is incompatible with the National Socialist bearing of a German undergraduate, both man and woman." (An appeal to Heidelberg undergraduates by Dr. Scherberger; (*Frankfurter Zeitung*) 2/2/39).

"The President of the Reich Chamber of Music, and the President of the Reich Chamber of Theatre, in a joint statement, deal with the demoralizing trends in dancing. Attention is drawn to certain occurrences in social dancing, more especially to a number of new foreign dances the performance of which in Germany was not compatible with the principles of a civilization that was determined to honor and cherish its racial origins. It is declared that in these circumstances no new dances may be introduced unless a special license has been obtained authorizing the performance." (*Frankfurter Zeitung*, 7/4/39).
