

Anti-Semitic Leagues Rise In Midwest

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Anti-Semitic "gentile leagues" are being organized throughout the Midwest by isolationist operators in an attempt to create sentiment for a negotiated peace, The Post learned today.

The FBI and police in several central states are investigating these new propaganda groups in an effort to learn whether they are inspired by Nazi agents.

The most important league is the Gentile Cooperative Assn., which is now being organized in Chicago by a small group formerly engaged in publishing Republican literature of various sorts.

Five Million Members Sought

Officially dedicated to a "Gentile peace" and a "buy Christian" propaganda drive originally begun by Father Coughlin's Christian Front, the Association has begun a campaign for 5,000,000 members. Association membership is offered at \$100.

Eugene R. Flitcraft, the Association's director and former publisher of The Young Republican, told reporters that the Gentile Cooperative was set up "to halt growing Jewish power" in the country. Later he told The Post that he was "not anti-Semitic but pro-Gentile."

From Flitcraft's headquarters at Room 908, 30 N. LaSalle St., his agents are preparing to distribute a huge truckload of literature and membership cards. He said that the Association soon would begin publishing The Gentile News, a newspaper which will urge Gentiles "to do all in their power to win the war first on the home front."

Old Technique Picked Up

The Association's membership blanks and statement of principles state that Flitcraft's group will campaign for "the boosting of Gentile products . . . the perpetuation of Gentile business ethics and ownership . . . and the returning of Gentile Servicemen back to their old jobs."

This indicates that Flitcraft has picked up the techniques of America First Party boss Gerald L. K. Smith and Christian Mo-

bilizer Fuehrer Joseph McWilliams. They have been trying to attract returning war veterans to their political organizations.

Another new anti-Jewish club, The Gentile League of Wisconsin, is now being investigated by the FBI and the state police. It was organized in Watertown, Wis., by Arthur Friede, a convicted operator of a house of prostitution.

Investigation Launched

The Wisconsin League was set up on Jan. 18 by Friede and two other Watertown business men "to combat those forces seeking to undermine the American way of life," according to its incorporation papers. Gov. Walter Goodland immediately directed an investigation of the League's activities and finances.

Meanwhile Donald Shea, close associate of Japanese, German and Fascist propagandists, is reorganizing his old Gentile League, on which the other operators appear to be patterning their anti-Jewish activities.

Busy With 'Mothers' Scheme

Excluded from the Eastern Defense Area by the Army Exclusion Board last year, as dangerous to war production and internal security, Shea is working closely with the midwest isolationist and anti-Semitic "Mothers' groups."

Recently he lectured for the "We, the Mothers, Mobilize for America." This organization operates a network of women's units throughout the country. This propaganda network is campaigning for a negotiated peace with the Nazis before the planned invasion of northern France.