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ORGANIZATION NAMED IN FEDERAL SEDITION INDICTMENTS LAUNCHES NEW PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AGAINST U.S. WAR LEADERSHIP

When the Federal Grand Jury in Washington, D.C., indicted thirty-three persons in July, 1942, and January of this year, on charges of conspiring to sabotage the morale of the U.S. armed forces, a number of organizations were listed in the indictments as agencies which had been used by the conspirators to promote their seditious intrigue. Named among these organizations was the Constitutional Educational League, a propaganda agency headed by Joseph P. Kamp of New York City, whose un-American activities have been periodically exposed in this newsletter (see The Hour for August 17 and September 28, 1940, August 16, 1941, and August 22, 1942).

The Hour can now reveal that, since the day that the Department of Justice handed down its Washington indictments, Joseph P. Kamp has not only continued without interruption but has intensified the disruptive operations of his Constitutional Educational League. Within the last few weeks, moreover, Kamp has launched a vicious new propaganda campaign, which is aimed at discrediting the war leadership of the U.S. Government and which, if successful, can have the sole effect of undermining the morale of the American people.

Kamp's Current Propaganda

The New York headquarters of the Constitutional Educational League in Room 501 at 342 Madison Avenue, are bustling with activity. A steady stream of envelopes, addressed to all parts of the country, is pouring from this central office of Joseph Kamp's subversive organization. The envelopes are filled with booklets and leaflets violently attacking the Administration, deriding the U.S. war effort and villifying prominent American anti-fascists.

The most recent of Kamp's propaganda pieces is an expensively printed, 20-page booklet entitled The Class War on the Home Front. It harps on the familiar Axis theme that the Government of the United States has fallen into the hands of "Communists". According to author Kamp, the Roosevelt Administration -- "an army of assorted Marxists" -- is furtively seeking "to undermine the American system of society and government."

Other propaganda publications, which Kamp is distributing in the thousands, incite hostility toward Jews and Negroes, slander prominent labor leaders, and in other ways contrive to stir up racial and class antagonisms in the United States. A series of special leaflets vehemently denounce well-known Americans who are making valuable contributions to the nation's war effort. One of these leaflets, entitled, "Mr. Congressman, Meet Your New Boss," villifies Richard Frankenstein, vice-president of the United Automobile Workers, and describes the war workers in his union as "Communist-CIO saboteurs." Another leaflet, headed, "Mr. Congressman, This Man Says -- You Are A Traitor," is a venomous attack on Walter Winchell, who has done much to expose and publicize the machinations of Joseph Kamp and other fifth columnists.

Aid from Congressmen Hoffman and Dies

It is startling enough that, at a time when this country is at war, the Constitutional Educational League is permitted to continue its viciously disruptive work. But even more extraordinary is the fact that the propaganda activities of Joseph P. Kamp and his League are receiving hearty encouragement and support from two members of the United States Congress.

One of these Congressmen is Representative Clare E. Hoffman, Michigan's die-hard isolationist, rabid labor-baiter and bitter anti-New Dealer, who -- according to reliable reports reaching The Hour -- is personally checking Kamp's manuscripts before publication and who is incorporating much of Kamp's propaganda in the Congressional Record (see The Hour for January 30).

The other Congressman aiding Kamp is no less a personage than Representative Martin Dies of Texas, who has recently been authorized by the Congress to continue his "Investigation of Un-American Propaganda Activities in the United States." We are informed that Kamp is a frequent visitor at the office of Representative Dies and that the Congressman has placed at the disposal of the New York propagandist a considerable amount of material from the Dies Committee files.

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SEDITIONOUS PUBLICATIONS STILL FLOURISH IN U.S.

Propaganda aiding the cause of Berlin, Rome and Tokyo continues to pour through the United States mails. Scores of fifth column pamphlets, leaflets, bulletins, magazines and newspapers, decrying the war leadership of the U.S. Government, stirring up doubts and suspicions against our allies, and fostering racial antagonisms, are spreading their subversive message among tens of thousands of Americans. The underlying strategy of these publications is sabotage of the United States war effort.

A typical example of the pro-Axis propaganda blanketing the country is a leaflet entitled, "How The New Deal Will End," which is being distributed by E. J. Garner of Wichita, Kansas. Garner, who is under Federal indictment on charges of conspiring to undermine the morale of the U.S. armed forces, formerly published the virulently anti-Semitic newspaper, Publicity. Before Pearl Harbor, as The Hour revealed on January 24, 1942, Publicity received financial support from the German Railroads, an official Government agency of Nazi Germany. Shortly after December 7, 1941, Garner's paper addressed this treasonable message to its readers: "With your loyal support and distribution to right-thinking Americans the Mongolian Jew Controlled Roosevelt Dictatorship will be smashed."

Garner's latest leaflet declares that the "new deal with its Gestapo and other un-American trappings is on the way out never to return." This state of affairs, Garner explains, has been brought about by "Jews" who -- according to the Kansas fifth column propagandist -- took over the present Administration and accomplished its ruin. Garner goes on to say that he himself is being persecuted by "Jews in the Department of Justice" because he is "Jew wise," and because he has "fought Communism and found it tied to the Jewish issue." To this pet Hitlerite canard, he adds a characteristic Nazi threat:

"If Jews do go daffy and murder somebody who is opposing Communism..., like is being talked about these days, then pogroms will break out in this country of ours overnight."

In order to obtain the widest possible circulation for his leaflet, Garner urges all recipients to buy it in quantity lots, at three dollars per hundred copies, for purposes of redistribution. He makes the same offer regarding another leaflet, which he published a short time ago, under the title: "Time to Dismantle the Jewish Gestapo (see The Hour for January 30). "Buy war bonds first," the pro-Nazi publisher cynically recommends, "then if you have something left to spare, start pouring the orders in for ... 'Time to Dismantle the Jewish Gestapo' and 'How the New Deal Will End'".

George E. Sullivan, Court Asher & Co.

Pamphlets of an equally vicious character are being widely disseminated by George E. Sullivan of Washington, D.C., whose fascist propaganda efforts have been previously exposed in this newsletter (see The Hour for September 5, 1942). Sullivan denounces President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill as proponents of an "Internationalism" which "will destroy all possibility of protecting American standards;" he refers hopefully to the day when the Russians "may throw off the Soviet yoke"; and he ridicules with gusto the war aims of the United Nations. Hewing closely to the Nazi propaganda line, Sullivan asserts that the policies of the U.S. Government are shaped by "Talmudists". In a "message" to President Roosevelt, he writes, "The fact that some of your chief advisers are leading Talmudists is naturally disturbing to many loyal Americans, who cannot understand why they (the Talmudists) still enjoy your confidence and are still taking such prominent parts in American official life".

Court Asher is another fifth column propagandist busily engaged in circulating pro-Axis, anti-Semitic literature. His seditious newspaper X-Ray, appears regularly in Muncie, Indiana. Like E. J. Garner, Asher is under Federal indictment on charges of conspiring to undermine morale among American soldiers and sailors. Asher explains the Federal action against him in these terms: "I have, as you know, been indicted in Washington for printing seditious articles, according to the Jew-Communist gang".

In New York City, Joseph P. Kamp is feverishly issuing anti-democratic pamphlets and leaflets (see pages 1 and 2 of this issue). In Chicago, Elizabeth Dilling is sending out lengthy propaganda bulletins from her notoriously anti-Semitic "Patriotic Research Bureau". In Detroit, Gerald L. K. Smith continues to issue his anti-democratic publication, The Cross and the Flag. In San Diego, California, C. Leon de Aryan is printing his fifth column newspaper, The Broom. In Wichita, Kansas, Gerald B. Winrod is publishing his subversive magazine, The Defender.

A host of other fifth columnists, scattered throughout the country, are openly distributing seditious propaganda seeking to undermine American morale and sabotage our war effort.

America has been at war with the Axis for more than a year. It is high time that the Department of Justice stamped out these treasonable, pro-Axis propaganda activities in the United States.

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KKK ATTACKS BOOK BY EDITORS OF THE HOUR

The Ku Klux Klan is distributing throughout the southern states a 22-page pamphlet, entitled "The Truth About the Book Sabotage", furiously denouncing the recent book by Michael Sayers and Albert E. Kahn, editors of The Hour. The pamphlet contains a "Forward" by Imperial Wizard James A. Colescott, who asserts that "Michael Sayers and Albert E. Kahn, alien-minded authors" are participating in a "plot" to "wreck the Klan". The balance of the Klan publication is devoted to a lengthy letter which was written some time ago to the authors of Sabotage! by Ben E. Adams, Imperial Klucan Chief and editor of the official Klan newspaper, The Fiery Cross. In his letter Adams attempts to defend the Klan against the various disclosures made in Sabotage! about this fascist organization. He evidences particular concern over revelations about Klan collaboration with the German-American Bund and Klan efforts to penetrate and disrupt unions in key war industries. Adams' letter concludes with this defiant comment: "The Ku Klux Klan was here yesterday, it is here today and it will be here tomorrow".

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