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PUBLICATION ATTACKING U.S. WAR EFFORT SUPPORTED BY SHIPBUILDING FIRM

For many months the Wilmington Post, a weekly newspaper published in Wilmington, North Carolina, has been conducting a propaganda campaign vilifying the United States war effort and violently denouncing American democracy.

The Hour can reveal that during this period the Wilmington Post has been receiving financial aid from a shipbuilding firm which is working on Government war contracts. The firm is the North Carolina Shipbuilding Company of Wilmington, North Carolina.

Goebbels' Propaganda Echoed

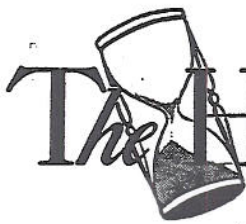
The editorial policy of the Wilmington Post hews closely to the official propaganda line of Herr Dr. Goebbels. According to O. G. Carroll, the editor of the Wilmington Post, the Roosevelt Administration is dominated by "Communists"; the war has brought "dictatorship" to the United States; and Americans who are concerned about their "liberties" must think in terms of "rebellion."

As is customary in fascist propaganda journals, violent attacks on organized labor are interwoven with racial slanders. A typical quotation, from an editorial in the Wilmington Post discussing C.I.O. organizers in Wilmington, reads:

"The cajolery of these foreign agitators to induce the colored folk to 'jine and get a mule and forty acres' has fallen flat and these birds with hook beaks which soar above the fields are revealed in their true light -- vultures."

The attitude of the newspaper toward the U.S. war effort is clearly enough indicated in the following comments on a recent ruling of a Government war agency:

"Rebellion is an ugly word. In time of war, it is serious. Yet, should some concern refuse to accept



dictation as in the above case, it should be considered in the light of guaranteeing our liberties which are threatened in a most subtle manner."

On March 6, 1943, the Wilmington Post had this to say about the U.S. war effort:

"What justification have we to fight and sacrifice in our war against Hitlerism when we are following many of his precepts right here at home? The upheaval to come in next year's election will not be a simple evolution; it will be a revolution and it will be the New Deal that goes to the guillotine."

And the issue of the Wilmington Post which appeared on March 13 featured an article, "Absenteeism and Army Expansion," containing this revealing observation:

"Hitler may be insane, but he has more common sense in dealing with this problem than many of our higher-ups in Washington."

It is quite fitting that a newspaper expressing such opinions as the above should openly subscribe to the Hitlerite concept of democracy's decadence and the need for society being ruled by an elite few. Here are the Post's views on this subject:

"We still have that 'radical' idea concerning franchise. We do not believe that every person should have a vote equal to some other person. Why should a man like Henry Ford have his vote paired against that of a guttersnipe?"

Where the Wilmington Post Gets Its Financial Support

The Hour has learned that the Wilmington Post has been receiving financial assistance from an agency operated and subsidized by the North Carolina Shipbuilding Company. This agency is the Cape Fear Shipbuilders Association, a pseudo-labor organization formed by the North Carolina Shipbuilding Company to prevent the authentic unionization of its shipyards. Only a few weeks ago the National Labor Relations Board ordered the North Carolina Shipbuilding Company to discontinue its illegal support of the Cape Fear Shipbuilders Association.

The Hour can reveal that the Wilmington Post has been getting approximately \$200 a week from the Association -- that is, from the North Carolina Shipbuilding Company.

The North Carolina Shipbuilding Company is working on U.S. Government contracts, and is being paid by our government to build ships to help win this war against the Axis. Nevertheless, the North Carolina Shipbuilding Company does not hesitate to give financial aid



to the Wilmington Post, which slanders the U.S. Government, decries our war effort and spreads propaganda of great value to the Axis.

The Hour recommends that the North Carolina Shipbuilding Company make an immediate choice as to which it intends to support: the U.S. war effort against the Axis, or the Wilmington Post propaganda campaign against the U.S. war effort.

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PRO-NAZI GERMAN-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER
STILL PUBLISHED IN UNITED STATES

The Hour urges that the Federal authorities conduct an immediate investigation of Reverend Paul H. Land and the pro-Nazi German-language newspaper which he edits and is currently distributing in the United States. The name of the newspaper is Einwanderers Freund (Immigrant's Friend). Its pages are filled with seditious propaganda denouncing the war aims of the United Nations and defending the interests of the Axis. "If we [America] win the war," Einwanderers Freund declares in a recent issue, "the Jew and the Bolshevik will win the peace."

Reverend Land, nervous, middle-aged and with a pronounced German accent, is something of a man of mystery. For about ten years, with no apparent means of support, he has maintained an office in Room 205 at 245 West 34th Street in New York City. According to Reverend Land, he is associated with the Port Mission of the Evangelical Church of the United States. The Mission supposedly operates two harbor missions in this country, one in New York City and one in Baltimore, and a third in Honduras.

Reverend Land claims he is distributing old clothes among needy seamen. As if in proof of this contention, several bundles of worn clothing are prominently displayed in his New York office. But the men along the waterfront know remarkably little about Reverend Land. Almost without exception, American seamen when questioned say they have never heard of the Reverend and his professed charitable activities.

Certain German seamen, however, can doubtless provide interesting information about Reverend Land. We are told that the Reverend periodically visits Ellis Island to see various German prisoners there.

Einwanderers Freund, the four-page German-language newspaper which Reverend Land brings out once a month, contains on its masthead the remarkable statement that four of its "Key Correspondents" are located in Nazi Germany. Here are the names and addresses of these "correspondents": in Bremen - Pastor Heyne, President of the Emigrants Mission, General Ludendorff Strasse 38; in Hamburg - Pastor Dr. Hennig, Emigrants Mission, Rautenberg Str. 11; in Berlin - League for Evangelical Emigrants Aid, Monbijouplatz 10, Berlin N.24, Germany; in Vienna - Home of the Evangelical Town Mission, Langeasse 13, Vienna VIII; Christian Association of Young Men, Vienna VII, Kenyongasse 15.

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Every issue of Reverend Land's paper is filled with flagrant Nazi propaganda. The United States is accused of having "stolen" German patents. Great Britain is violently attacked. "Haggling Jews" are pictured as having involved America in the war. In an article dealing with the Nazi treatment of the populations of occupied countries, Reverend Land observes:

"They [the Nazis] cannot crush the resistance of the conquered people by being soft-hearted. You cannot handle Poles and Czechs with kid-gloves any more than the Serbs and Slovenes in the Balkans."

The January 1942 issue of Einwanderers Freund contains this typical piece of Axis propaganda:

"In reading about all the heroic feats reported by the British newspapers, as for instance, how a Yank plane disposes of 10 Germans in 4 minutes; how an American plane shoots down 32 Japanese at a time; how the Russians have killed more than 10 million Germans, etc., the question automatically arises: How come our army and political leaders talk about a 'long and bitter war' in other words, more than 50% are lies."

Reverend Paul Land's operations on the waterfront are obviously not limited to the distribution of old clothing among needy seamen. The Reverend, who is so busily circulating seditious propaganda, is also doubtless accumulating shipping information of special interest to his "Key Correspondents" in Nazi Germany. The Department of Justice would do well to pay a visit to Herr Reverend Land.

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THE HOUR SUSPENDS PUBLICATION

With this issue, The Hour is suspending publication. Other writing commitments - and particularly the fact that the editor of The Hour is working on a new book with Michael Sayers - make it necessary for the editor to discontinue this newsletter at this time. (Regular subscribers will be advised in the near future regarding the issues still due on their subscriptions.)

The first issue of The Hour appeared in April 1939, as the official publication of the American Council Against Nazi Propaganda, of which the late William E. Dodd, former Ambassador to Germany, was Chairman, and for the past four years The Hour has devoted itself to exposing fifth column organizations and individuals operating in the United States. In a number of cases, Government action has followed the disclosures which have appeared in this newsletter.

The Editorial Board of The Hour wishes to take this opportunity to express its deep appreciation to those readers of the newsletter who, by their warm interest in The Hour and their continued support of its work, have done much toward making this publication possible.

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