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# NAZI PATRIOTEERS UNDER GEORGE WASHINGTON'S CLOAK



mulating the proverbial wolf in sheep's clothing, predatory Nazis try to exploit America's devotion to the Father

of the Country by hiding under Washington's cloak. Nothing would suit the Hitlerites better than if the United States would revert back to the horse-and-buggy age by observing Washington's teachings to the very "letter that killeth" instead of interpreting them in a "spirit that giveth life".

#### WHO BACKS G. ALLISON PHELPS?

For the past six months, radio "philosopher" G. ALLI-SUN rHELPS, who calls himself the "Paul Revers of 1940", has been holding forth daily over Radio Station KMTR, Los Angeles.

At one time Phelps plugged through his broadcasts a popular priced shoe-line, talking to his audience of housewives and shut-ins, about bees; flowers, of birds, stars and of the moon. A vicious attack on the Christian Science Church lost him his sponsor. However, he continued his radio program of "American life" with a daily appeal for the nickels and dimes of his "public". He found that only demagogy can attract real money and the "homely philosopher" became over night the rabble rouser of the lumatic fringe, the frustrated and the discontented.

Phelps discovered that America had two enemies: Great Britain and the Hollywood Motion Picture Industry. He became a 110% American, intent upon driving the British Redcoats out of the country. Warning that foreigners were taking over his beloved America, he adopted the slogan: "America for the Americans!". "England is fighting an imperialist war", Phelps proclaimed, "and those who want to aid her are traitors and warmongers".

While the Nazis are hiding under the cloak of George Washington for the purpose of camouflaging their nefarious activities (as shown in this issue), G. Allison rhelps rides the ether waves as the new raul Revere.

WHO AND WHAT IS BEHIND THIS RADIO "PHILOSOPHER"?

Foolishly, Phelps himself provided a number of clues to the answer. They are now being checked by our Research Staff. The whole story will be as startling an exposure as has ever been presented by NRS. Watch for it in an early issue!

Since the very inception of Nazi propaganda in the United States, Goebbels' minions have strained every effort to exploit George Washington for their own purposes. NEWS LETTER has repeatedly furnished proof of this technique, among others on May 8th last, by reproducing the Washington-emblazoned front cover of the "Camp Sutter Pioneer", a Bund monthly catering to the American version of Hitler Youth.

Exploiting a bogus super-patriotism, Bundits, drumming up trade for a swastika-infused George Washington birthday celebration, brazenly captioned a handbill (illustration on page 2) as follows: "The Spirit of George Washington Shall Never Die!" But in the same leaflet, they betrayed themselves and their Totalitarian orientation by adding: "Free America of Warmongering British Pro-

paganda".



St. Louis Star-Times

In their ghoulish exploitation of George Washington's memory, Nazi propaganda pincers are closing in on two important objectives: (a) obstruction of the United States to render effective aid to Great Britain and other embattled democracies; and (b) sabotaging the progress of America's own preparedress to protect herself against complete annihilation as the Last Refuge of Democracy.

Spadework for digging the grave of American liberties is carried on by Nazis and other Totalitarians by joining, and exploiting, every movement which promises to aid and abet appeasement in one form or another. To this end, the hue and cry of "Warmonger!" is incessantly reiterated for the purpose of throwing a scare into the hearts of the gullible and the guileless.

Currently, Nazis and fellow appeasers are making the most of the Lend-Lease (H.R. 1776) Bill by tarring everybody in favor of it with the warmonger stick. They intensify their efforts in the same measure in which popular polls, newspaper editorials, radio debates, etc., unequivocally indicate that the great majority of the American people is in favor of Bill 1776. The utter voidness of the warmonger-alarm of the appeasers becomes strikingly evident from the fact that even Joseph B. Kennedy unhesitatingly stated before the Foreign Relations Committee of the House that England must be given all aid possible and that "anyone who says that Roosevelt wants war is crazy!"

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Reproduction of one of the many leaflets by which Bundits seek to hide under Washington's cloak. George

According to Tested Formula

Parallelisms of pre-Munich Great Britain and pre-preparedness United States are becoming increasingly evident every day. Indeed, the resemblance to Nazi procedure goes so far that Hitler minions in the United States currently assume the selfsame air of slandered innocence manifested by the identical type of intellectual stormtroopers in the Great Britain of 1939. When, at that time, the British Government finally decided to show the door to nine Nazis of both sexes, Hitler's Völkischer Beobachter was very much incensed. On May 2, 1939 -- a mere hundred and twenty days before Hitler swooped down upon Poland, when the German war machine was warmed up and ready to be thrown into gear at a second's notice: -- Hitler's mouthpiece printed an editorial (illustration on page 3) entitled: "Rotten!" In the course of it, such assertions occurred in prominently spaced and bold type as:

....Accordingly, Sir Samuel Hoare and his people know that the Regional groups of the (Nazi) Party, the Women's Auxiliary (whose chairwoman, too, was expelled) and the German Labor Front on British soil

were absolutely harmless and innocuous organizations.... We repeat once Nine decent German men and women who, on more with painstaking care: British soil, attended to their work in a peaceful and correct manner, were chased out of the country because the British Government does not dare to resist baiters, and to declare openly that German organizations in England are blameless -- absolutely blameless! There seems no need to stress the fact that the German Fatherland will not dismiss without a suitable answer this rotten treatment of foreign-country German racial comrades at the hands of a great "humanitarian" nation.

Although the Völkischer Beobachter thought it "rotten" of the English Government to free itself of this handful of dangerous termites, the fact remains that Nazi organizations, honeycombing the United Kingdom, were almost as well organized as those which, at this writing, are dragging their nets all over the United States. Indeed, every Nazi agency in England has its current counterpart in the United States

In England, there were the Brown Houses, with the most important of them all located first in some nondescript London neighborhood, but subsequently moved into a building formerly occupied by the Austrian Legation in fashionable Belgrave Square; in the United States, in such cities as comprise strong cliques of American citizens or residents of German descent, German Houses

In England, the German Labor Front 1) maintained cells; its United States counterpart is organized as the Deutsche Berufs-Gemeinschaft (German Guild Association).

What was known as the Anglo-German Fellowship in pre-war Great Britain, found its duplicate in the United States as the American Fellowship Forum 2). The Anglo-German Comradeship has its replica in the Kyffhäuser Bund 3). The Anglo-German Circle compares with the Steuben Society 4). Instead of the Anglo-German Academic Bureau, the United States is afflicted with the German University Service 5) of New York City. The place of the Anglo-German Review in the United States is taken by "Facts in Review" (illustration on page 6), a publication of the German Library of Information.

#### VÖLKISCHER BEOBACHTER

# Schäbig

Berlin, 1. Mai.

Die Ausweisung der neun deutschen Mänsner und Frauen aus England hat eine Borsgeschichte, die ungefähr aenar so elt ik wie dritte Vic. Son eritte Vic. Son eritteiligst jede Austunft erreilt, die vom britischen Innenministerium und seinen Organen verlangt wurde. Sir Samuel Hoare und seinen Leute wissen die Frauenschaft (deren Leiterin gleichfalls ausgewiesen wurde) und die Deutsche Arbeitssfront auf britischem Boden im Sinne des Gastlandes völlig harmlose und ungefährliche Organisationen sind. Wenn trokdem zu dem Mittel der Ausweisung geschritten wurde, so ist das

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zeichnet!

Wir stellen nochmals ganz genau sest: Reun anständige beutsche Männer und Frauen, die auf britischem Boben in fried-licher und forretter Weise ihrer Arbeit nachzgegangen sind, werden aus dem Landzgezangt, weil die britische Regierung es nicht wagt, den hehern Widerpart zu bieten und ofsen zu erklären, daß die deutschen Organisationen in England sich nichts — aber auch nicht das geringste — zuschulden kommen ließen. Es muß wohl nicht besonders bestont werden, daß das deutsche Mutterland diese schandlung seiner ausslandsdeutschen Boltsgenossen "humanitären" Nation unwürdige Behandlung seiner ausslandsdeutschen Boltsgenossen nicht unbeantswortet lassen wirt.

Reproduction of a "Völki-scher Beobachter" editorial, proclaiming the complete innocence of subversive Nazi groups in pre-war Great Britain.

Translation on page 2.

Sir Oswald Mosley's newspaper, "Action" (illustration on page 7), was exactly what the Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter still is in the United States -- just as Mosley's Black Shirts compare to the Bund's Stormtroopers. Indeed, the Bund frequently distributes in pamphlet form extensive reprints from "Action" which, incidentally, was highly recommended by Goebbels' "World Service", as proved in NRS.

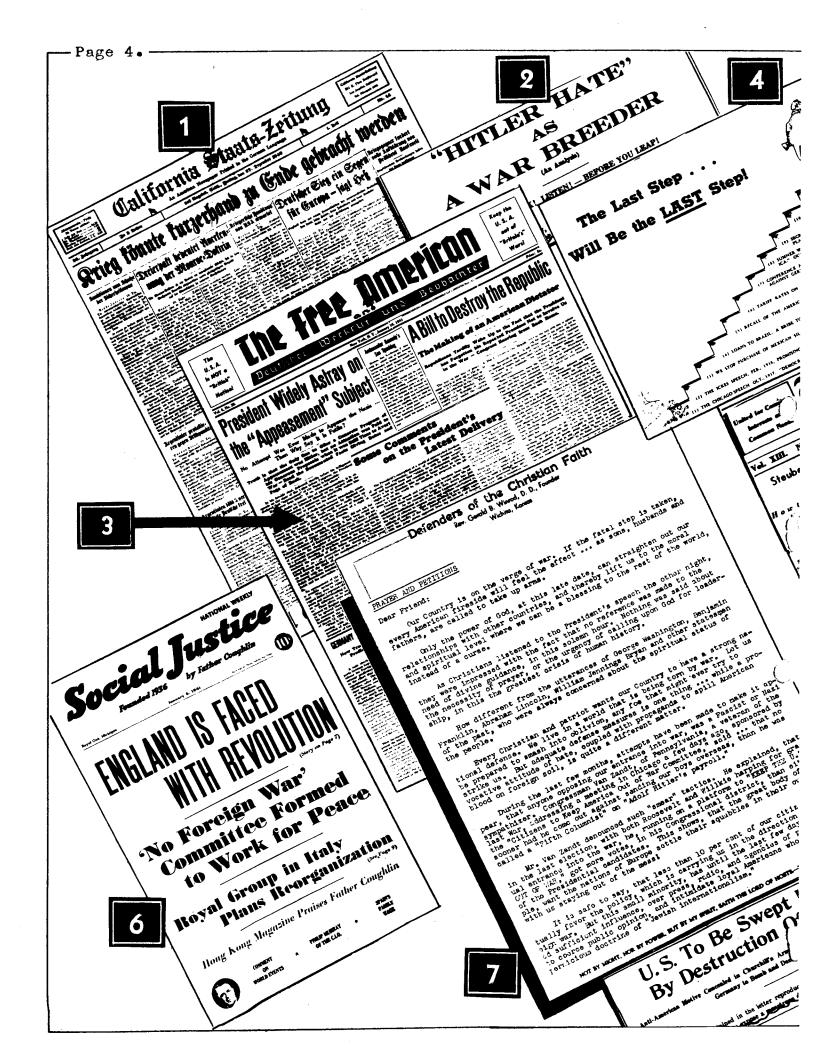
In England, the exceedingly influential Anglo-German Link was the equivalent to the current German-American National Alliance 6) -- and so on, ad nauseam, with each organization or publication threatening to become one more nail in the coffin of American Democracy.

### It Worked Once....

Following the propaganda pattern which proved so extremely successful in England and other European countries, Nazi agents in the United States, magnet-fashion, systematically draw towards themselves obstructionist "movements" of the most divergent character. Whether they be political crackpots or demagogic schemers -- all is grist that comes to the Nazi appeasement mill.

An idea of the wide range of propaganda bedfellows who, ofttimes inadvertently, permit themselves to be enlisted in Nazi anti-preparedness
campaigns against the United States, is best conveved by a random collection of leaflets, newspapers, pamphlets, etc., from NRS files (illustrations #1 to #12, on pages 4 and 5). These
"paper bullets" are partly propelled by unsuspecting, well-meaning Americans who allowed themselves
to be caught in the Nazi propaganda net, and partly by those who have boarded the swastika bandwagon in anticipation of Totalitarianism taking
over the United States.

While some of these publications have only a





limited appeal, others enjoy nation-wide distribution; it may be assumed that their combined total circulations amount to millions upon millions. They cover so many divergent groups that they necessarily embrace an enormous field. Very few of these publications advance arguments clearly smacking of Nazism and, of course, not all pro-Nazi publications are as outspoken as, for example, the California Staats-Zeitung (#1), whose front pages compare, in jubilant expectancy of approaching victory, to those of the Völkischer Beobachter and the Berliner Börsen Zeitung. This stunt is easy enough to perform in view of the fact that the California Staats-Zeitung 7), like many other "American Newspapers Printed in the German Language", syphons its pro-Reich enthusiasm from Goebbels' "Transocean" dispatches.

However, without recourse to "Fatherland" enthusiasm, and merely by exploiting appeasement for the sake of opposition, Robert Edward Edmondson 8) joins the circle of Nazi auxiliaries by pronouncing "Hitler Hate as a War Breeder" (#2).



Reproduction of "Facts in Review" and "Anglo-German Review". While the latter was discontinued with the outbreak of Hitler's War, the former, which is its American counterpart, is still widely circulated each week in the United States. Story, page 3.

That "The Free American" (#3) is completely attuned to appeasement is easily explained by the fact that, despite its patriotic-sounding name, it is in reality the Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter which is still -- albeit inconspicuously -- admitted on its own front page.

Such one-night stand politicians as T. W. Hughes, intentionally or not, support the Nazi cause by propounding that the United States, step by step, is sticking its neck into a noose prepared by Great Britain (#4). This dire prophecy is emphasized by Edmondson's warning (#10) to the United States not to try to "Defend American Seas" (#5). This is a leitmotif repeatedly exploited by Coughlin's "Social Justice" (#6; #11), by means of conjuring up the warmonger bogey.

In a company anxious to cater to potential obstructionists, such a man as the "Reverend" Gerald B. Winrod naturally is represented, casting himself with his "prayer and petitions", into the role of a a leader of the "Defenders of Christian Faith" (#7).

Nor is it at all surprising that the "Steuben News" (#8) -- "A Newspaper for Patriotic Americans" -- excels in raising the ugly spectre of war, analegatator" 9), another periodical whose contoors (#9)

ogous to "Scribner's Commentator" 9), another periodical whose cartoons (#9) play on the "Stay Out of War -- Or Else..." theme.

When the Nazi appeasers go to work, they don't shrink from exploiting even mother love. Accordingly, "Mothers of the United States of America" (#12) in-advertently render yeoman service for *Herr* Hitler by throwing themselves into the breach against what they facetiously call the "William Allen White Committee to Leave America Defenseless by Aiding Britain".

Another group exploited by the Nazis for their own ends is Verne Marshall's "No Foreign War Committee", an organization which has been rather proud of the fact that it derives support from the most divergent quarters. And so it does! According to information in the possession of NRS, Verne Marshall's Committee has been given access to, and energetically launched upon the exploitation of, extensive mailing lists of Coughlinites. Doubtless, in that particular field, it will find the soil of appeasement well prepared inasmuch as Coughlinites,

-- either radio listeners or readers of Social Justice -- consistently have been spoon-fed with Goebbels propaganda, as repeatedly pointed out in NEWS DETTER.

Verne Marshall also has drawn into his "No Foreign War" orbit such antidemocratic appeasers as the Japanese and such blind Anglophobes as "Free Ireland Sympathizers". As regards the latter, it almost would seem that the clock of history has been turned back a full quarter of a century to a time prior to America's entry into the Kaiser's War. Then, a noisy section of the Irish element in the United States worked overtime, not so much for the sake of a German victory as in the interests of a smashing British defeat, assuming that such a development would vouchsafe a free Ireland.



Reproduction of Sir Oswald Mosley's "Action". -- Inset: Reproduction of the Bund-circulated handbill reprinting an article from "Action". Story on page 3.

#### Counter-Attacks Launched

However, the appeasers not only use the warmonger bogey to paralyze American preparedness, but also to launch counterattacks, with their activities extending throughout the forty-eight states. One of their objectives is to break up meetings of groups opposed to blind isolationism. To cite just one typical example:

On Wednesday evening, January 15th, Verne Marshall spoke before the New England Town Meeting which is broadcast over the Colonial Network. On the Sunday night preceding the broadcast, there was a meeting of the Social Justice Guild at Hibernian Hall at which members were urged "to attend the Town meeting and make known" their presence. Among those present at the meeting were Francis P. Moran, director of the Christian Front of New England, and Edward J. Maher, leader of the Social Justice Guild. The Boston police identified the hecklers of Mayo Shattuck, vice-chairman of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies, as members of the Christian Front, the

Social Justice party and the Socialist Workers party. The heckling of Shattuck was so pronounced that Marshall made two or three attempts to stop it with a plea for sportsmanship. Nevertheless, the heckling became so uncontrolled at one time that the moderator, Philip Cabot, threatened to cut the program off the air. Two riot squads were called to maintain order, and the police had to escort Shattuck from the hall.

In their New England locality, Moran and Maher have successfully terrorized many meetings which did not appear to them to be 100-percent in favor of
appeasement. Moran, also a Coughlinite of note, prides himself on his disapproval of democracy as a form of government. He has often made the statement
that "Democracy is the same as going to hell".

In the same way in which Moran and his Christian Fronters drum up trade for the Verne Marshall meetings in the Way-Down-East region, on the West Coast it is T. W. Hughes who regularly exhorts his listeners -- many of them notorious Nazis -- to be sure to attend every "No Foreign War" meeting. At his regular Sunday night lectures, he makes it a point to announce all meetings of this type.

Another appeasement auxiliary is managed by Elizabeth Dilling 10) of the "Patriotic Research Bureau for the Defense of Christianity and Americanism."

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In the hope of rallying followers to her cause, she reports to them in her regular weekly release:

I addressed briefly a mass meeting of about 1000 of the sound ditigons' Keep America Out of War Committee at the La Salle Hotel last Priday night. What a crowd! They raised the roof and kept it up until I arose from my sent to wave to thom, and afterwards people came up and talked. It was 2 A.K. before we get to bed! I sat yext to a Russian who told me personal tales of the wholesale murders his family had gone through there, and he said, "They will slaughter like that in America if people do not wake up!"

other one-night stand politician, also exerts himself as a preparedness baiter. On Sunday, January 19th, he appeared at a radio forum via Station KFAC, Los Angeles, accompanied by Andrae Nordskog, an Aryan Book Store protege and one of the charter members of the "Action-eers", the Los Angeles Coughlinites' local which later sought to hide its identity under the designation of "American Honest Money Legion". At the KFAC radio forum, Sparling opposed Marshall Stimson and Marion Batey, speaking in favor of the Lend-Lease Bill. Sparling had packed the audience with his cohorts, who wildly applauded all his statements, including one in which he hinted at the possibility of a President of the United States proving a traitor to his country.

Another most militant appeaser is Charles B. Hudson 12) who, in his "America in Danger" release of December 30, reports enthusiastically about the

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progress made by the "Cedar Rapids (Ia.) patriot-newspaper-editor, Verne Marshall". He emphasizes that newspapers which disagree with Marshall and his "No

Foreign War Committee" are the same which editorially

Eventually, Hudson propounds this conclusion:

> Verme Marshall is receiving suggestions that something more potent is necessary now then petitions and telegrams sent FUR & Congress re keeping out of war, reminding him that in the Neutrality and Destroyers controversy both deliberately ignored flood of protesting mail and protests of patriotic women organizations. Him mass demonstrations at Washington - peaceable - calling upon Col.Lindburgh or Conl.Mosoley to assume national leadurable urged as only way now at this late date to keep us cut of war.

## Appeasement Talk is Smokescreen

What the Nazi prompters of the diversified appeasers anxiously suppress is the fact that emasculation and delay of H.R. 1776 would not only throw victor into Germany's lap but, at the same time, deprive the United States of much valuable time which should be utilized in building up her own defenses against the Third Reich's ultimate onslaught on the Western Hemisphere. Hitler's General Staff, quintessence of circumspection, is well aware that American defence materials would find a testing ground in Great Britain's war...analogous to the testing ground which the Totalitarians created for themselves when they plunged Spain into bloody civil war. It is to prevent the United States from the Nazis and their appeaser-stooges do everything in their power to hitch the United States to the horse-and-buggy era. Conjuring up the spirit of George Washington and deliberately misinterpreting his teachings is one method -- and,

Appeasement talk is a verbal smokescreen, designed to prevent prospective victims from observing the rapid advance of their Totalitarian enemies. That technique is now being persistently applied in these United States.

For additional information on names and facts, see NRS back issues as follows: 1)-#122; 2)-#118; 3)-#87; 4)-#110; 5)-3-1-39; 6)-110; 7)-#123; 6)-#121; 10)-#121; 11)-#107; 12)-#109.

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