

# NEWS LETTER

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## STORMTROOPERS IN SKIRTS

"More deadly than the male", the female of the Nazi species has become a formidable weapon of anti-Democratic subversivism. Stormtroopers in skirts, constantly growing in numbers and in ever-increasing efficiency, are ably supplementing -- wittingly or not -- Hitler's aiders and abettors in the United States.

Employment of Petticoat Platoons dates back as far as 1933-34. Those were the halcyon days of the Silver Shirts of Southern California. In their own termite-like fashion, they proved themselves pioneers in enrolling women as members, but this new departure did not come about as an independent emancipatory act on the part of the "weaker sex".

Indeed, it was inaugurated as one strategic trick which -- imposing on the American male's inborn gentlemanly instincts -- would permit the distribution of hate-and-bait literature without getting the Silver Shirts into too much hot water. Tests had demonstrated that, almost without fail, women could dispense with immunity the vilest subversive tracts while men were often handled roughly and occasionally arrested.

When it became clear that the hand that rocks the cradle -- and is generally not suspected of rocking the fundamentals of Democracy -- could be used so effectively to foist upon the uninitiated sheaves upon sheaves of poison pamphlets, Southern California Silver Shirts proceeded to enroll women....the more the merrier (illustration on page 2). Among those who heeded the call was one Mrs. Pearl E. Allen, née Persuati (illustration on this page)...none other than the spouse of that notorious Silver Shirter, Henry D. Allen!

Enlistment of a female yeomanry proved so advantageous that when Allen reached out to draw Fresno, Calif., into the orbit of his Silver Shirts, he addressed himself (illustration on page 4) to Mrs. John Bunte. He wished to assure himself of ultimate success by cunningly exploiting feminine aid. To this end, when contacting Mrs. Bunte, he advised her that

<b>SILVER SHIRT ENROLLMENT APPLICATION</b> CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION	
<b>L</b> Date <i>March 22, 1937</i>	
<small>(PLEASE USE INK and FILL OUT IN LONGHAND)</small>	
GENERAL STAFF, Silver Shirts of America..	
I HEREBY make application for enrollment as a Silver Shirt of America in the Post of the City of <i>Los Angeles</i> , State of <i>Calif.</i> and submit the following Confidential Data concerning my fitness for admittance:-	
FULL BAPTIZED NAME	<i>PEARL E. PERSUATI</i>
MARRIED NAME (If a woman)	<i>MRS. PEARL E. ALLEN</i>
PRESENT ADDRESS	<i>13050 FLOWER LOS ANGELES CALIF</i>
CONFIDENTIAL DATA:	
Place of Birth	<i>San Jose California</i>
Date of Birth	<i>1898 May 21</i> at Exact Hour and Minute
My Racial Extraction	<i>Italian Descent (American born)</i>
I was christened in the following faith	<i>Catholic (Roman)</i>
Father's Name	<i>Peter Persuati</i>
Father's Birthplace	<i>Milan Italy</i>
Mother's Maiden Name in Full	<i>Celestia Caserini</i>
Mother's Birthplace	<i>Milan Italy</i>
Full Name of Wife Before Marriage	
Racial Extraction Of Present Wife	
Full Baptized Name of Husband (If a woman)	<i>Henry D. Allen</i>
Children	<i>Two</i> sons, <i>Two</i> daughters
IMPORTANT - Enclose Photograph or Snapshot of Yourself.	
I have submitted the above in full realization of the issues that are facing my nation, having seriously studied the knowledge offered by Liberation and the Silver Legion, and the principles of the Christ, Whom I serve in the present world crisis.	
Signed <i>Mrs. Pearl E. Allen</i>	

Facsimile of Silver Shirt enrollment application of Pearl E. (Mrs. Henry D.) Allen.

We covet and desire your cooperation and support for this undertaking (as) we of the Silver Legion must be prepared to put into actual operation, a government of the Christian Commonwealth and the entire plan of CHRIST DEMOCRACY at the crucial time.

Goebbels by Remote Control

Herr Doktor Goebbels has, at all times, been well aware of the importance of enlisting women to push Nazi propaganda in the United States. As has been repeatedly demonstrated, impressionable young American girls were induced to visit Bund camps in the United States or even in the Fatherland, for a sojourn of some weeks, so that they might be completely won over to National Socialism. One of the most spectacular cases of this kind was that of Helen Vooros (illustration on page 3), who appeared as a witness before the Dies Committee. Her sensational testimony bore out that Goebbels' plans envisaged the most far-reaching exploitation of sex for the sake of propaganda, and that immorality had been enlisted as a means of spreading Nazi tenets. According to the Vooros girl's statement under oath, she fled the Bund camp "because the leaders planned

The collage consists of several overlapping forms titled "SILVER SHIRT ENROLLMENT APPLICATION". Each form includes a photograph of a woman and various fields for personal information. The forms are stamped with "CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION" and "Please Use Ink and All Caps".

Key information visible on the forms includes:

- Form 1 (Top Left):** "GENERAL STAFF, Silver Shirts of America, Asheville, N. C." and "I HEREBY make application for enrollment as a Silver Shirt of America in the Post of the city of Asheville, N. C." with a date of "March 2, 1934".
- Form 2 (Top Right):** "I HEREBY make application for enrollment as a Silver Shirt of America in the Post of the city of [illegible] and submit the following Confidential Data concerning my fitness for admittance: FULL BAPTIZED NAME [illegible] MARRIED NAME [illegible] PRESENT ADDRESS [illegible]".
- Form 3 (Middle):** "I HEREBY make application for enrollment as a Silver Shirt of America in the Post of the city of [illegible] and submit the following Confidential Data concerning my fitness for admittance: FULL BAPTIZED NAME [illegible] MARRIED NAME [illegible] PRESENT ADDRESS [illegible]".
- Form 4 (Bottom):** "I HEREBY make application for enrollment as a Silver Shirt of America in the Post of the city of [illegible] and submit the following Confidential Data concerning my fitness for admittance: FULL BAPTIZED NAME [illegible] MARRIED NAME [illegible] PRESENT ADDRESS [illegible]".

Other fields on the forms include: "Place of Birth", "Date of Birth", "My Racial Extraction", "I was christened in following Faith", "Father's Name", "Mother's Birthplace", "Maiden Name of Present Wife", "Full Baptized Name of Husband (if a woman)", "My Schooling", and "My Family Physician's Name and Address".

When the Silver Shirts mobilized their womenfolk, they went at it in great style. Many more enrollment applications like the above crowd the files of NRS. Silver Shirt women were used especially for distribution of literature at important street intersections.

to attack me".

Following the Goebbels formula, the Nazi propoganda drive, among more mature women, was given impetus by Mrs. Leslie Fry. As one of the most important recruiting officers in Southern California, she lent a feminine touch to subversivist activities. The variegated career of Mrs. Fry, alias Paquita de Shishmarova, and her Militant Christian Patriots, has been repeatedly exposed in NEWS LETTER. Closely connected as she was with the German Ministry of Propaganda, in her campaign to attract women to the cause, she embraced *Herr Doktor* Goebbels' own technique: sham-battling the Communists! Accordingly, under Mrs. Fry's guidance, a so-called "Western States Convention of the Anti-Communist Federation" was inaugurated (illustration on page 7). Registrations for it took place at 634 West 15th Street...which is the address of Herman M. Schwinn's Los Angeles *Deutsches Haus*, a fact Mrs. Fry was careful not to mention in her invitation! That Mrs. Fry's Western States Convention of the Anti-Communist Federation was nothing but a smokescreen, was confirmed by the Dies Investigation of un-American Activities in the United States, as follows:

*Cooperating groups.*—The committee has found abundant evidence of the cooperation of certain other organizations with the German-American Bund. This is a more serious matter than is the direct strength or influence of the bund itself. For example, in August 1938 a so-called anti-Communist convention was held at the bund headquarters in Los Angeles at which Hermann Schwinn, leader of the bund on the west coast, was one of the principal speakers; and Arno Risse, bund leader, who has since fled the country, was one of the two or three persons most active in promoting and making arrangements for the convention. According to the testimony of Henry D. Allen, one-time Silver Shirt leader, organizer of the American White Guard, and prominent figure in Fascist circles generally, the following persons participated in this convention:

Kenneth Alexander, Southern California leader of the Silver Shirts; J. H. Peyton, of the American Rangers; Chas. B. Hudson, of Omaha, Nebr., organizer and leader of America Awake, who accompanied General Moseley when he appeared before the committee; Mrs. Leslie Fry, alias Paquita Louise De Shishmareff, mysterious international figure who has since fled the country, then leader of the Militant Christian Patriots; representatives of Italian Fascist and White Russian organizations; and a number of others of similar point of view.

Bund literature mingled with that of William Dudley Pelley, Robert Edmondson, Mrs. Fry, and George Deatherage on the tables of this convention.

It is clear to the committee that this convention was in no real sense an anti-Communist convention but rather another of a series of attempts to unite some of the various forces of intolerance, racial hatred, Nazism and Fascism in order to achieve greater influence in the United States. This effort like others of its kind yielded no apparent results.



*Helen Vooros, one of many girls sent to a Bund camp for thorough Nazification, giving the Heil-Hitler salute.*

Painstakingly following the Goebbels pattern, the smokescreen raised under the auspices of the Anti-Communist Federation of America was exploited to the fullest. Among the activities carried on under that camouflage was a mass meeting (illustration on page 8) at the *Deutsches Haus*, ostensibly called "to discuss the boycott against friendly nations". Again the handbills, distributed in hang-outs where anti-democrats habitually assembled, failed to give the slightest intimation that the mass meeting was to take place in ex-citizen Schwinn's own stronghold. Only Bundits, and others very closely connected with them, were likely to recognize the address as that of the *Deutsches Haus*.

#### The Play-As-You-Plot Plan

In all her efforts to strangle democracy under the pretense of fighting Communism, Mrs. Fry and her accomplices behaved true to typical Nazi tactics as continuously revealed among male subversivists: Conspirators themselves,

Mrs. Fry et al were so steeped in treasonable schemes that they suspected everybody. Distrusting even their own fellow-workers and sympathizers, they were constantly on the alert lest they be trapped.

An example -- only one of many, but typical in all its sordid details -- is a letter (illustration on page 6) from the files of NEWS LETTER. Written on the stationery of the Militant Christian Patriots, and addressed to Mrs. Lois deLafayette Washburn, National Secretary, American Gentile Protective Association of Chicago, Illinois, it was signed "Frances Maxey". This pseudonym is merely another alias for Mrs. Faith H. McCullough, Mrs. Fry's palatin in petticoats for many years. The letter to Mrs. Washburn clearly indicates that she was under a shadow, because her American Gentile Protective Association was suspected of maintaining contact with the Reverend L. M. Birkhead, head of the "Friends of Democracy", an organization which is very active and effective in ferreting out Nazism in the United States.

Mrs. Fry's anxiety to keep her Stormtroopers in Skirts in full activity is easily understood since these machinations put money into her pocket. One of her most generous contributors was Elisabeth Stuart (Mrs. W. Kennon) Jewett. Exhibits (illustration on page 5) from the files of NEWS LETTER show that Mrs. Jewett's checks were frequently drawn to the order of The Defenders of Christial Civilization, Inc., and were endorsed by Mrs. Fry, as treasurer, in her own handwriting.

Women on the Warpath

Since past performances proved that the female of the species served with gratifying success, present-day conspiracies, requiring the feminine touch for propaganda assignments, enlist not only Womanhood as such but even Motherhood. This strategy reached its latest climax in the form of a "Mothers March on Washington to Impeach FDR". An idea as spectacular as it was lacking in good taste, it had originally been conceived by The Two Charlies -- Coughlin of Royal Oak, Mich., and Hudson of Omaha, Nebr. With the former as originator of the scheme, the latter exerted himself to the utmost in his weekly "America In Danger!" bulletins, utilizing the Mothers March as heavy artillery in his anti-H.R. 1776 fight. Hudson, after proposing compre-

DIVISION HEADQUARTERS

# The Silver Battalion

513 Lankershim Bldg  
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 Mutual 5053.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.  
November 2, 1936

Mrs John Bunte,  
~~491 West Elm Street,~~ *845 Sutter St.*  
~~Sanford Calif.~~ *San Francisco*

THE SILVER LEAGION OF AMERICA  
 THE CHRISTIAN PARTY  
 COUNCILS OF SAFETY  
 PELLEY'S PUBLISHERS

Dear Mrs Bunte;

On the first of September, 1936, Division Headquarters were established in Los Angeles by Mr Kenneth Alexander, personal representative of William Dudley Pelley. These headquarters have been maintained and are at present located at 511, 512, and 513 Lankershim Bldg.

R E M E M BER, this FIGHT HAS BUT JUST BEGUN; and we, therefore feel it necessary to extend this important enterprise throughout the State. To this end, Mr Alexander has planned to come to F Fresno within the next few days for the purpose of establishing a Central Division Headquarters in that region. We therefore covet and desire your co-operation and support for this undertaking, and to this end we feel that a GENERAL MASS MEETING should be called in the immediate future for a discussion of plans and ORGANIZATION.

Will you therefore bring this communication to the attention of every LOYAL Silver Shirt and every Council of Safety member within your acquaintance. We MUST begin a campaign NOW to weld together our LOYAL membership. The MENACING HORROR OF THE SPANISH REVOLUTION must NOT be repeated in our own country by ~~Left~~ Communists. This can only be avoided by UNITED EFFORT.

Kindly reply by return mail and advise whether we may be favored with your co-operation and presence at such a meeting.

Faithfully yours,  
 Henry Allen

*Henry Allen*

Reproduction of letter by Henry Allen, asking Mrs. John Bunte to prepare the ground for Silver Shirt activities in Fresno, Calif.

hensive plans of attack in his bulletin, eventually, on March 3rd, last, complained:

With all credit due to the courageous few Senators who have opposed this Bill, picture a Senator in the Senate barber shop, with his head all lathered, jumping out of his chair and running to his office and locking himself in - when a few MOTHERS found him in that shop after being denied for days the right (not privilege) to see him in his office. That actually happened! Picture other Senators taking name plates off their doors - to make it more difficult for MOTHERS to find them. That happened! Picture Senators sneaking out of side doors. Picture Senators stationing armed guards at their office doors. Picture the hiring of special "tough" guards to rough MOTHERS, many of them grandmothers. Picture newsmen and photographers being on the scene ahead of time when an "incident" was created by such guards, not only to insult, intimidate and bruise MOTHERS, but to so "frame" the affair and lie about it in the papers afterwards, as to attempt to discredit such MOTHERS in public's estimation - said public only knowing what they read in the papers and hear over the radio! All these things happened! And many, many more incidents, that space herein prevents giving due coverage.

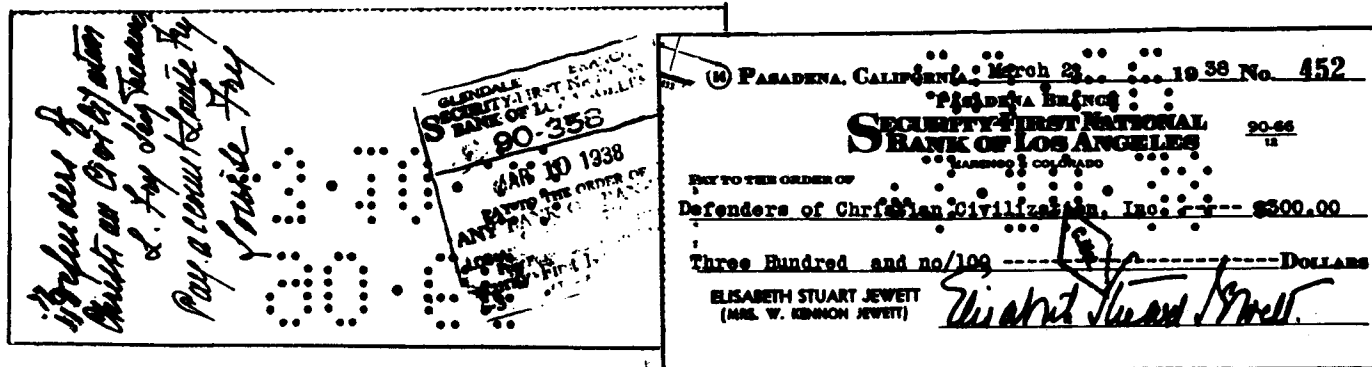
Generalissimo of the Mothers March was Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling of Chicago, notorious as author of such subversive pamphlets as "The Red Network" and "The Roosevelt Red Record". Mrs. Dilling's antics "in the name of hallowed motherhood" proved, better than anything else, that *Doktor Goebbels* had actually succeeded in enlisting misguided American women as stormtroopers of National Socialism.

Hewing true to the line, *Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter* (illustration on on page 8), the German-American Bund weekly which has since assumed the misnomer of "The Free American", waxed highly incensed at the treatment Mrs. Dilling received at the hands of Senator Glass and others. *Weckruf* was ably seconded by "Publicity" (illustration on page 8), the Wichita, Kans. mouthpiece of "goat-gland rejuvenator", Dr. J. R. Brinkley. Coughlin's "Social Justice", too, worked itself into a fury, describing one of the scenes in which Mrs. Dilling and her female cohorts performed, as follows:

....At this time, capitol guards who had been watching Mrs. Fisher, rushed her towards the door. Six men, among them a seven-foot guard, pushed Mrs. Fisher along. The other mothers, some of them gray-haired, tried to help her but were pushed aside. Many of them burst into tears.

Boycotting the British

As all anti-H.R.1776 exertions proved unavailing, those who still goose-step to the tune of "Let's-DON'T-Help England!" concentrated on sabotaging the recent "Buy Something British!" campaign (illustration on page 6), enthusias-



Reproduction, front and back, of one of many checks with which Mrs. Elisabeth Stuart Jewett supported Mrs. Fry's "Defenders of Christian Civilization, Inc." - Note telltale endorsement in Mrs. Fry's own hand.



ing agreement between the two groups to bring off a spectacular coup consisting of the burning of a British flag in one of Los Angeles' parks. Here again, the female element plays an important role since, instead of the men, it is the womenfolk who will be deputized. Past experiences have shown that, in altercations with the police, they stand a much better chance to get away with it.

### Spies Behind the Pantry Door

True to the Goebbels technique of infiltration, Nazi women in the metropolitan Los Angeles district, in recent months, have successfully taken over the National Legion of Mothers of America (illustration on this page), locally operating under the leadership of Frances Sherrill. Willy-nilly, she has increasingly come under Nazi influence to such an extent that, by now, Bund-allied elements exert a controlling influence on the policy of the group. This was once more borne out by the fact that Mrs. Sherrill could be induced to call a special meeting in order to mobilize the Mothers for a comprehensive campaign against "Buy Something British!" Incidentally, Mrs. Sherrill's organization

maintains offices in closest proximity to those of G. Allison Phelps, and she has been a frequent guest speaker on his KMTR radio program.

All these incidents -- and they are only examples of what is going on at the present time -- clearly indicate that Stormtroopers in

WESTERN STATES CONVENTION  
OF THE  
ANTI-COMMUNIST FEDERATION  
TO BE HELD IN  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AUGUST 6, 7 and 8, 1938  
COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERS  
634 West Fifteenth Street

July, 19, 38.

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_,  
Los Angeles.

Dear Sir:-

Authorities agree that the Pacific Coast, and California in particular, is the focal point upon which international revolutionary forces have concentrated their activities. In the plan for the sovietization of the United States, California is to be the first state to undergo the horrors of bolshevism. Rapid successive civil strife has already brought the Pacific Coast and the western states to the brink of ruin and revolution.

It is therefore imperative that a "united front" of informed Christian American citizens be organized to meet the inevitable emergency. For this purpose the Second Annual Anti-Communist Conference, following the general program laid down at Kansas City in August 1937, is being called for August 6, 7 and 8, 1938, in Los Angeles.

Knowing your fearless stand for patriotism, we expect your presence and fullest cooperation.

Registration opens Friday, August 5th, at 3 P. M. at 634 West 15th St., Los Angeles, California.

Very truly yours,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

*L. Fry*

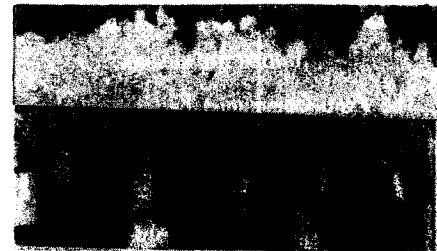
L. FRY, Secretary.

When Mrs. Fry camouflaged her pro-Nazi activities behind the smokescreen of a "Western States Convention of the Anti-Communist Federation", she hid in the folds of the Stars and Stripes.

NATIONAL LEGION OF MOTHERS OF AMERICA

KATHLEEN NORRIS, National President

Will your vote for the Lease-Lend Bill mean a repetition of this?



Millions of Mothers are watching YOU

1577 Crossroads of the World  
Hollywood, Calif.

Frances Sherrill, Co-Founder  
100 for \$1.50

NATIONAL LEGION OF MOTHERS OF AMERICA

KATHLEEN NORRIS, National President, 1577 Cross Roads of the World  
6671 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood

Fellow American:

War Propaganda! It's those movies, newscasts, syndicated columns, articles, lectures, radio speeches and programs, paid for by the War Managers, and put on to stir up your Emotions: Your sense of responsibility for some other country (not your own); your sense of shame for not dying for some other country (not your own); your hate for some other country's enemy (not your own)—so you will be willing to give your boy to die for that other country when our pro-war leaders say, "It is time!"

Do not be fooled again as in 1917. The World War settled nothing. Neither will this war. Our forefathers fought to gain our independence. Let us, the United States of America, stay out of all of Europe's wars and preserve our independence for our children.

WONT you do as I am doing—and this message to five friends?

Order from FRANCES SHERRILL, Co-Founder, 1577 Cross Roads of the World  
WRITE YOUR CONGRESSMAN AND PROTEST THE LEASE-LOAN BILL

100 for \$1.50

Reproduction of postal cards employed by the National Legion of Mothers of America. Recent developments indicate that this organization is being increasingly infiltrated by Nazi sympathizers.

# Citizens Denied Right of Petition

## Senator Glass Has Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, Heading a Protesting Mother Group, Arrested

Has the Capitol at Washington Become a Temple of the Privileged which is not to be Defiled by the "Untouchables"? - The 82 Year-Old Solon a Rabid Anglophile and Supporter of H. R. 1776 - He Cannot Tolerate Opposition to his Obsession and Seeks to Send Lay Objectors to the Bastille - Senator Clark Issues a Warning.

It seems that we have reached a stage in American public life that citizens petitioning their servants in Congress...  
...tioners has been reached, a precedent is established that differs little from practices so widely used as those of dictators.  
Sen. Shipstead Warns of One-Man Power  
"In the light of history, no man..."

# AMERICAN MOTHERS DENIED RIGHT TO CARRY THE STARS AND STRIPES

Above: Reproduction from "Deutscher Weckruf" of March 6th, registering indignation over the alleged "rough" treatment accorded Mrs. Dilling and her stooges. Below: Reproduction from Dr. J. R. Brinkley's "Publicity" of March 6th, proving that this weekly, too, tried to exploit for its own ends the Mothers March on Washington.

## MOTHERS' OUSTER PLAYED IN HOUSE

Washington, Feb. 28. (Special)—In bringing to the attention of the House of Representatives the actions of the Capitol Police in reporting from the Senate Office Building and the...

Skirts have now been trained to avail themselves of the same stratagems and techniques which have successfully served Hitlerism since its inception. In some aspects, this development may be something new as far as the United States is concerned, but as regards Great Britain, it is an old, all too familiar, story.

Until the very outbreak of Hitler's War, the Nazis maintained in England on an official mission one *Fräulein* Wolf. Leader of the *Frauenschaft* (Women's Guild), she organized 20,000 or more German women in Great Britain. Many of these females of the Nazi species were engaged as maids in English homes. *Fräulein* Wolf kept tab on each and every one of these domestics who had been permitted to enter Great Britain because the country suffered from a dearth of household help -- a condition similar to that prevailing in the United States, where many an American householder employs German help. Even if these women want to remain loyal to their American employers, they are so constantly kept under the surveillance of Bundits and Gestapo adjuncts as to force them to repeat snatches of frequently misunderstood conversations, and relay other bits of information. Often it is fear for the fate of relatives left behind in the Fatherland which induces these girls to act as spies behind the pantry door.

With the far-from-weak sex so ubiquitously engaged in Gestapo auxiliary work, it is not at all surprising that, at the present time, more women than men attend meetings of the Bund or Bund-affiliated subversivist groups. The reason is obvious: They are not as open to suspicion as men, and so are deputized to convey by word of mouth many a piece of information which it would be dangerous to pass on in written form. Of late, men set foot in the Los Angeles *Deutsches Haus* only for such special occasions as the recent "inspection visits" by G. Wilhelm Kunze and August Klapproth. However, the womenfolk attend every rally from mass meeting to *Kaffeeklatsch*, in turn reporting back to their menfolk.

To be sure, Hitler ex-communicated women from all political activities.... except when there's dirty work to be done!

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# WHO WANTS WAR?

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF

The Anti-Communist Federation of America

## A Mass Meeting

Will be Held on

### Sunday, Sept. 25th at 8 P.M.

IN THE

Auditorium at 634 West 15th Street  
LOS ANGELES

TO DISCUSS THE

# BOYCOTT

AGAINST FRIENDLY NATIONS

What is the Attitude of the State and Local CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE?

THE UN-AMERICAN CONSPIRACY THROWING AMERICANS OUT OF JOBS MUST BE EXPOSED

IMMEDIATE COUNTER ACTION IS NEEDED

## COME - HEAR - JOIN - HELP

Handbill inviting to "Anti-Communist Federation of America" Mass Meeting in the "auditorium at 634 W. 15 St., Los Angeles".....carefully sidestepping the fact that this is the address of the Deutsches Haus.