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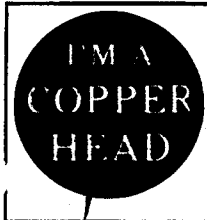
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COPPERHEAD REPLACES SWASTIKA AS SYMBOL

During the past week a new organization made its appearance on the national scene, the "National Copperhead Association". U.S. Nazis, both native and foreign born, have tried for many years to find a basis upon which all subversive groups in this country could be brought together. Realizing that such a movement demands an outstanding personality at its head, these elements conducted a continuous search for one who could emerge as the "Man on Horseback".



Reproduction of
button distributed in Southern California
by well known
Nazi agitators.

The nation-wide publicity, resulting from the Roosevelt-Lindbergh controversy, has given new hope to Nazi sympathizers who are looking for a leader in order to unify all subversive groups.

NRS herewith presents a factual report on happenings taking place at present in Los Angeles. Developments which are unfolding hourly in this locale are strikingly similar to incidents in other cities, according to reports received from several sources. An expose of activities in Los Angeles, therefore, will serve as a blueprint of related operations in other parts of the country.

The Research Supplement accompanying this release gives background information and documentary evidence throwing into bold relief the parallelisms between present movements and attempts made in years gone by to produce a "Man on Horseback".

On March 16, last, at the Los Angeles Embassy Auditorium, Verne Marshall, of the now defunct "No Foreign War Committee", addressed the "Save America First" group, headed by T. W. Hughes, well known to NRS readers. Marshall's audience was largely composed of Nazi Bundists who were discouraged by vain efforts in the past and who felt that they were too small for the huge task they had set for themselves. Inherently, they knew that a large movement, embracing all groups of a similar nature, was needed.

The "No Foreign War" leader's speech, one of many presented in the heat of the campaign to prevent passage of the Lend-Lease Bill, differed little from other Marshall addresses delivered during the course of his cross-country tour. But there was one exception which aroused his audience of Nazi listeners from lethargy. There was one remark, in fact a pronouncement, which rekindled the dying flame of hope in the hearts of those who heard him say, in part:

We must continue our work. We must not be disheartened by apparent setbacks. We must stick together, for a leader will arise at the opportune time, who will unite all people who think as you and I do; who shall impose the will of the people upon the Washington administration.

Investigation by NRS revealed that this particular statement by Marshall was uttered deliberately, following on the heels of a meeting held in secret by subversive leaders in Southern California. These militant generals have remained very much in the background, and their names are unknown to the large masses of super-patriots who, knowingly or unknowingly, follow the bandwagon of subversivism.

While these hangers-on were kept in ignorance, it was openly avowed at this secret session that "Colonel Lindbergh will be our Man on Horseback". When the controversy between President Roosevelt and Colonel Lindbergh hit the front pages and the air lanes, these behind-the-scene wire-pullers deemed the time ripe to inform the masses of their decision as to the new "Man on Horseback".

At a meeting similar in background and audience to that addressed by Marshall, the stage was dramatically set for this important revelation. On Sunday, May 4, Ellis O. Jones, who frequently acts as chairman at meetings of the Hughes followers, announced the formation of the "National Copperhead Association", whose purpose it would be to line up behind the leadership of the now ex-Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh. This news was received with exultation and unanimous approval by the 1200 Nazis and Nazi sympathizers who attend these conclaves weekly.

In order to identify full-fledged members, buttons reading "I'm a Copper Head" (illustration on page 1) were made available in large quantities, at small cost, to those in attendance. Instructions were given to the faithful to go out into the field, in the manner of crusaders, to enlist more adherents to the holy cause.

Every evening during the past week, the German propaganda film, *Blitzkrieg im Westen* was shown, this time at the *Deutsches Haus* in Los Angeles. In the theatre, many were observed wearing the telltale "Copperhead" buttons. Kenneth Alexander, Southern California Silver Shirt leader, has been strenuously urging the members of his group to wear the "Copperhead" in their lapels. Then, to crystallize the growing movement, the Los Angeles chapter of the America First Committee, exposed in earlier issues of NEWS LETTER, distributed telegraph blanks to those in attendance at the regular meeting, with the instructions that messages be sent to Lindbergh immediately, telling him that "we patriotic Americans are behind you and urge you to come to Los Angeles to speak. We promise you the most gigantic rally you have ever seen!"

Last Saturday, the telephone squads of all known Nazi organizations went into action. Every person who had enrolled in one of the subversive organizations or had indicated his sympathy with them, received an urgent telephone message: "Be sure to tune in your radio today when Lindbergh speaks from Minneapolis....Get all your friends to listen in....Come to the Embassy Auditorium on Sunday to hear prominent speakers analyze the words and thoughts of this great American patriot."

On the following day, at the Embassy Auditorium, Lindbergh's address was referred to by Hughes, who was the main speaker of the evening. Special emphasis was laid on Lindbergh's statement, "I do not know how much longer free speech will be allowed in this country", implying that soon meetings such as those held by the "Save America First" group would be banned by the Washington Administration, which "is more dictatorial than any European government". Spontaneous applause accompanied such statements as: "Democracy has died because its bloodstream has been poisoned by the international financial system", and demands were made to impeach the President of the United States. The lines in the Blueprint for America prepared by the Fascist wire-pullers are becoming daily more clear.

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THREE MEN ON A HORSE

On February 3, 1941, William Dudley Pelley, in his publication, "Roll-Call", asked:

Is Lindbergh Becoming the Nation's Man on a White Horse? . .



A STRANGE thing is happening amid the nation's turmoil. At a time when demagogues, war-mongers, termites and lawless are stirring our people...

Is the Eagle of 1927 to be the Man on a White Horse for the United States in 1941?

Certainly he has "everything it takes."

In answer to Pelley's query, the "good tidings" leaped from mouth to mouth among U. S. Nazis last week that "Lindbergh is our leader, our Man on Horseback!" This strategy of lifting the ex-Colonel into the subversivist saddle differs little from the procedure employed when Fifth Columnists placed their hopes in Major General Smedley D. Butler -- and later in Major General George van Horn Moseley -- as strong man in the Nazi circus. The fruits of these first attempts spelled failure. Butler refused to be bribed into the position of a "patriotic traitor". When Moseley was ready to mount the charger, the bridle slipped because of his exposure at the hands of the Dies Committee.

In 1933, according to the testimony given by General Butler before the McCormack Committee, several individuals, including Gerald C. MacGuire, employed by Grayson M. P. Murphy and Company, and R. S. Clark, a banker, tried vainly to create a vast Fascist movement of which Butler was to be the "Man on Horseback". Butler's steadfast adherence to the principles of democracy, despite gobs of money offered by these agitators, was the answer to this attempted underhanded betrayal of the nation. Passages from the printed hearings of the McCormack Committee, indicating the viciousness with which these plotters laid their plans, are reproduced on page 3.

Major General Moseley tipped his mitt five years later when, at a National Defense meeting held at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia, he declared, in part:

....You may ask why I do not mention Fascism and Nazism; for the simple reason that in my opinion, they are only anti-toxins, and they will disappear when the disease of Communism has been cured up throughout America....In fact, the finest type of Americanism can breed under their (the Nazis' and Fascists') protection, as they neutralize the effects of the Communists....

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LETTER FROM A WITNESS AT GENERAL MOSELEY'S TRIAL

Christian Free Press

GENERAL MOSELEY'S STATEMENT

Page 2.

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JUNE 1938

Price Five Cents

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SINISTER FARCE THE "HELLISH CONSPIRACY" THE DIES COMMITTEE

The "farce" is being enacted at the hearings of the DIES COMMITTEE investigating un-American activities. Once more, the patriots and public spirited Americans have been, what is termed in current vernacular, "plain suckers" Several months ago, when the Committee's investigation had exposed but a small amount of the subversive activ-

The Wheel

Last winter, in November, to be exact, at the time that Mr. Dies was giving the patriots in the country the impression that he was going to fight the real battle for Americanism, he was one of a certain number of men who had banded together and were looking for a leader.

Much to their honor, these men, it was explained were going to organize the country on a defensive basis to prevent the radicals from putting their subversive communosovietic plans in action. At their head, so patriots were told, there would be twelve men who would form the hub of a wheel, among them: the Vice-President, John H. Ganner, then "his man" Martin Dies; with them would go Henry Ford and "his man" William J. Cameron of the Anglo - Saxon Federation, General Dawes, Harry Jung of Chicago as an "absentee

director" and others. The "spokes" in that wheel were to be: William Pudley Pelley with his Silvershirt organization, Jamee True, Robert Edward Edmondson, George Deatherage "because he has about one hundred sharpshooters in the hills", Dr. Bryant, Mr. Hunter, Allan Zoll with his new organization the American Patriots, George Christians and others interested in the same type of work. They had elected to rally round General Moseley, because after the speech he had made in Cincinnati, on Nov. 11th, they felt that he was a fearless speaker and torch bearer. The only man not consulted in the matter was General Moseley himself...

A campaign was started by the promoters of the idea, in the shape of letters being sent to numerous well known patriots asking them to write to Gen. Moseley begging him to take over the leadership

Chagrined over Congressman Dies' refusal to participate in a scheme to unite all subversive groups in America, under the leadership of General Moseley, Mrs. Fry turned on him and published a lengthy article in her "Christian Free Press" charging that Dies actually had plotted with her and others. Reproduced above are a few revealing passages from the article.

DAS KAMPFBLATZ
in
vielleicht
Amerika
deutschens

Deutscher Weckruf

UND BEOBSACHTER
AND
THE FREE AMERICAN

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GENERAL MOSELEY vs. WAR MAN

SCORES BARUCH'S "WARNINGS" OF WAR AS A
Merrichter Anti-Boycott-Sieg
Weihnachten 1938
SOUTH AMERICA TO PLAY FULL

General Van Horn Moseley For President of U.S.A. LET'S HAVE A WHITE MAN FOR PRESIDENT!

Above: General Moseley became the hero of the German-American Bund when he began to sing the praise of Nazism and Fascism. On Dec. 22, 1938, the Bund's official organ "Deutscher Weckruf" began to feature Moseley in its front page headlines.

Center: Reproduction of sticker distributed at Los Angeles Bund headquarters.

Below: Reproduction from Wm. Dudley Pelley's "Roll-Call" of April 14, 1941 pronouncing Lindbergh, Ford, Moseley and Wheeler as the new leaders of America. ("Roll-Call" is the successor of "Liberation", which was the organ of Pelley's "Silver Shirts").

Monday, April 14, 1941 WEEKLY ROLL CALL

Lindbergh, Ford, Moseley, Wheeler, New U. S. Leaders

Nine Thousand Wildly Cheering Americans Hail Anti-Roosevelt Senator in Cleveland



SLOWLY but inexorably, the true leaders of a renovated and purged America, are beginning to emerge. Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, Henry Ford, Major General George Van Horn Moseley, and last but by no means least, Senator Burton K. Wheeler, of Montana, are stepping into the limelight of Roosevelt's opposition and receiving the plaudits of a hysterical multitude.

For instance, take Senator Wheeler! Last Sunday night, in Municipal Auditorium, Cleveland, nine thousand people kept up an ovation lasting for several minutes as the one man in the Senate who is not afraid to oppose our participation in the war for the profit of the House of Lehman Brothers, appeared upon the platform and hurled ringing castigations at the conniving Rooseveltians who are working overtime to reunite this Republic to a Sassoon-controlled England...

The audience interrupted the speech with frequent noisy demonstrations of approval and cheered the conclusion. H. H. ...



INVESTIGATION OF NAZI AND OTHER PROPAGANDA

and he uses Clark because Clark has the money. So he finally said, 'We are going down to the convention in Miami. You are coming?'

I said, 'No, I am not going to the convention.'

He said, 'The time has come now to get the soldiers together.'

'Yes,' I said. 'I think so, too.' He said, 'I went abroad to study the part that the veteran plays in the various set-ups of the governments that they have abroad. I went to Italy for 2 or 3 months and studied the position that the veterans of Italy occupy in the Fascist set-up of government, and I discovered that they are the background of Mussolini. They keep them on the pay rolls in various ways and keep them contented and happy; and they are his real backbone, the force on which he may depend, in case of trouble, to sustain him. But that set-up would not suit us at all. The soldiers of America would not like that. I then went to Germany to see what Hitler was doing, and his whole strength lies in organizations of soldiers, too. But that would not do. I looked into the Russian business. I found that the use of the soldiers over there would never appeal to our men. Then I went to France, and I found just exactly the organization we are going to have. It is an organization of supersoldiers.' He gave me the French name for it, but I do not recall what it is. I never could have pronounced it, anyhow. But to know that it is a superorganization of members of all the other soldiers' organizations of France, composed of noncommissioned officers and officers. He told me that they had about 500,000, and that each one was a leader of 10 others, so that it gave them 5,000,000 votes. And he said, 'Now, that is our idea here in America - to get up an organization of that kind.'

I said, 'What do you want to do with it when you get it up?'

'Well,' he said, 'we want to support the President.'

I said, 'The President does not need the support of that kind of an organization. Since when did you become a supporter of the President? The last time I talked to you you were against him.'

He said, 'Well, he is going to go along with us now.'

Well, what are you going to do with these men, suppose you get these 5,000,000 men in America? What are you going to do with them?

Well, you can't do it without the support of the President.

I said, 'The President has got the whole American people. Why does he want them?'

He said, 'Don't you understand the set up has got to be changed. Now we have got him - we have got the President. He has got to have more money. There is not any more money to give him. Eighty percent of the money now is in Government bonds, and he cannot keep this racket up much longer. He has got to do something about it. He has either got to get more money out of us or he has got to change the method of financing the Government, and we are going to see to it that he does not change that method. He will not change it.'

I said, 'The Alex of this great group of soldiers, then, is to sort of frighten him, is it?'

No, no, no, not to frighten him. This is to sustain him when others assault him.

I said, 'Well, I do not know about that. How would the President explain it?'

He said, 'He will not necessarily have to explain it, because we are going to help him out. Now, did it ever occur to you that the President is overworked? We might have an Assistant President, somebody to take the blame - and if things do not work out, he can drop him.'

He went on to say that it did not take any constitutional change to authorize another Cabinet official, somebody to take over the details of the office - take them off the President's shoulders. He mentioned that the position would be a secretary of general affairs - a sort of a superscretary.

The CHAIRMAN: A secretary of general affairs? General BUTLER: That is the term used by him - or a secretary of general affairs. I can't recall which came out of the interview.

NATIONAL WEEKLY
Social Justice
 Founded 1936 by Father Coughlin

Royal Oak, Michigan July 1, 1940



AS THESE LINES are written Republicans are gathering at Philadelphia for an historic convention. In the time this edition is in the readers' hands, the choice of Presidential nominees will likely have been made.

If the Republican has sense, there will be a shattering of profits and politicians. They will nominate somebody like Wendell Willkie and not Charles A. Lindbergh.

New Deal politicians have been "blatantly" doing the business man, the property holder, the laborer, the farmer, and all the rest of us Americans. Let the Republicans turn the tables on the professional politicians and nominate for President a business man, a property holder, one who knows the problems of labor and the farm, in a

word - let the Republican Party nominate an American!

Another term of Roosevelt, Jackson, Perkins, Morgenthau, Pittman, and the 50,000 un-American appointees they have fasted upon us, will put a price tag on this nation of a "dime a dozen." If Mr. Roosevelt is re-elected, and we hope he is nominated - we will be buying gas masks for Christmas presents.

Let the Republicans improve their opportunities, therefore - let them clean out the orientals, the radicals, the internationalists, and the John Bullers - let them sack the Bullies, fire the war mongers, and bring back peace to America.

Left-Above: Excerpts from Maj. Gen. Smedley D. Butler's testimony before McCormack Committee.
 Left-Below: Handbill issued last fall when Nazis wanted to draft Lindbergh for U. S. President.
 Right-Above: Coughlin's "Social Justice" of July 1, 1941, proposed Lindbergh for Vice-President.
 Right-Below: Bund paper of May 1, 1941 devotes front page headline to quotation from Lindbergh.

TRUE AMERICANS
COL. CHAS. A. LINDBERGH
 NOMINATED to be DRAFTED
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES!

At an Overflow Mass Meeting at the Embassy Auditorium Bldg., Sept. 10, 1940, Col. Chas. A. Lindbergh was nominated to be Drafted President, and Burton K. Wheeler To Be Vice-President of the United States.

COME HEAR
Harold A. Sparling

The U.S.A. is NOV. "No-War" Method

The Free American

Keep the U.S.A. out of "World's" War

Vol. 1, No. 11

"We Cannot Win this War for England"

-Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh

"I say it is the Interventionists Who are Undermining the Principles of Democracy - More than 90% of the People Opposed to War"

The Administration Drops the Bomb

Canada Recruiting in New York in Violation of Federal Law

THE INTERVENTIONISTS ARE UNDERMINING THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY

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This was the clue for which Nazi sympathizers were looking. Immediately, plans were launched to use the General, who had spoken so approvingly of National Socialism and Fascism, as the nucleus around whom would rally all the various groups which were then operating independently of each other. Moseley is powerful enough, it was argued, to force all the jealous, little, would-be *Führers* to give up their own claims to leadership.

Blueprints were drawn up for the unification. Important personages, whose names are well known in the United States, were to be pillars of the movement. Some were consulted, others were in complete ignorance of the plot. Congressman Martin Dies himself was to be one of the mainstays, but when Dies demonstrated his disinclination to cooperate by having Moseley subpoenaed to appear before his Committee, Mrs. Leslie Fry, one of the originators of the plot, "spilled the beans" and revealed the entire scheme in the July, 1939, issue of the "Christian Free Press", organ of the "Militant Christian Patriots".

Mrs. Fry's article, covering three and a half pages and captioned "Sinister Farce - The Hellish Conspiracy", gave all the details of the scheme. The most important paragraphs, containing the names of the men who were to head the movement under Moseley's generalship, are reproduced on page 2. The majority of these names are known as those of well known Nazi agitators.

The Bundits, of course, fell in line with the campaign and circulated window stickers (illustration on page 2) advocating the election of Moseley to the Presidency of the United States. At the same time, the *Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter*, official organ of the Bund, on December 22, 1938, declared in a leading front-page story that Moseley was THE man of the hour, captioning the article (illustration on page 2): "General Moseley vs. War Makers - Scores Baruch's Warnings of War as a Crime".

Almost two and a half years later, on May 1, 1941 to be exact, the *Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter* once again announced (illustration on page 3) that a new "Man on Horseback" had arisen: Charles A. Lindbergh!

As though sensing with clairvoyant powers, a year previous (on July 1, 1940), Father Coughlin's "Social Justice" appeared on the stands with an article (illustration on page 3) in almost an exact parallel to the "Moseley for President" drive. This article urged the election of Charles A. Lindbergh as Vice President, the Presidency being tendered to Wendell L. Willkie, who was at that time still a question mark in the eyes of all Nazi sympathizers.

Los Angeles Bundits went even further. They wanted to see the flying Colonel ensconced in the White House. On September 10, 1940, a mass meeting (illustration on page 3) was held at the Embassy Auditorium in Los Angeles, under the auspices of the "True Americans", headed by Harold A. Sparling, subversivist par excellence. In his speech, Sparling cried for the drafting of Lindbergh for the Presidency and Senator Burton K. Wheeler for the Vice-Presidency.

As if to tie together attempts of former years and those of the present, Pelley, in his "Roll-Call" of April 14, 1941, named Lindbergh with Henry Ford, Senator Wheeler and General Moseley as the new leaders of the nation (illustration on page 3), gathering together in a neat bundle the Four Horsemen of the present Apocalypse.

The question today, in view of the endeavors being made to unite under Lindbergh, resolves itself into whether Lindbergh will follow the honorable example set by General Butler, or allow himself to become the *Führer* of the foes of Democracy by following in the footsteps of General Moseley. Butler refused to be knighted a traitor; Moseley's actions speak for themselves. Does the Lone Eagle yearn to become a Pegasus?
