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## NAZI SABOTEURS OBSTRUCT AMERICAN DEFENSE PLANS

Every move of the Washington administration to strengthen the nation's defense finds Nazi propagandists and their fellow travelers scheming to sabotage it. They fought passage of the Lend-Lease Bill, the Selective Service Act and other legislation, vitally needed to make America's armed forces effective. At present, Nazi propagandist strategy runs in three different channels: (1) Preaching the gospel of defeatism; (2) Arousing discontent among the armed forces; (3) Building up the bogey that the cost of defense preparations will inevitably lead to inflation, bankruptcy and Communism.

Typical defeatism propaganda, now prevalent, is a recent issue of Lawrence Dennis' "The Weekly Foreign Letter". Subscription to this "letter", which calls itself "A Private Publication", is \$24.00 per year. Because of the price, its circulation was very limited until recently, but now that the German Library of Information has closed shop and little propaganda mail from Germany can reach here, the Weekly Letter is mailed gratis to thousands of people throughout the nation.

Dennis, chief theoretician of American Fascism, was connected with the late unlamented "American Fellowship Forum", exposed in NRS #121 as a Nazi propaganda agency. Later, NRS charges against the Fellowship Forum were corroborated by the government's action against Dr. Friedrich Auhagen, head of

the Forum. Dennis makes no secret of his Fascist leanings. In his book, "Dynamics of War and Revolution", he states:

To make  
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as simple as  
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Nauseating coffin display erected by America First Committee in famed Fountain Square, Cincinnati. The Committee had requested permission for the exhibit "to demonstrate our educational program", but it boomeranged, creating a furore in subsequent meetings of the City Council.

*these terms. If democracy merited my believing in it or if the masses had social intelligence to which rational appeal could be made, we should not have fought the Civil War and the World War, or be in the mess we have been in for the past ten years.*

This book was well received by all Axis followers. Typical was its warm endorsement in the January 25, 1941, issue of The Japanese American Review, which stated:

*This delightfully intelligent book deserves to be widely read.... All commentators upon the state of the universe, including editors of religious journals, should read and ponder it.*

Dennis' background must be borne in mind when reading his weekly effusions. In his issue of July 24th (illustration on page 8), he set out to convince his readers that General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, simply doesn't know what he is talking about. After quoting from the General's statement before the House Military Affairs Committee, Dennis states:

*Marshall, who was never known to have had opinions about politics and foreign affairs, and who is not known ever to have written, taught or lectured on advanced military strategy or international relations, has suddenly become an authority to tell Congress what American defense requires. The fact is, the brainy and professional scholars of the army are mostly silent and mostly isolationists, not because they are either pro-German or lacking in martial spirit, but because they know:*

*The American military machine is unfit for a foreign war.*

*It is not being fitted for a foreign war.*

*It cannot be fitted for a foreign war until it is known exactly where that war is to be fought, and until British demands on American production cease to have priority over the elementary requirements for the creation of a well-rounded and fully integrated American national fighting machine for the defense of this hemisphere.*

*....Our best army minds realize the hopeless and disastrous role of American troops if we enter this war as the last mighty army opposing Germany, namely, the Russian army, is liquidated. The role of our men will be to sacrifice themselves in numerous small expeditionary operations attempting to rescue or evacuate the British or to hurl themselves as obstacles to the onward march of the German military steamroller. No professional soldier can sincerely view such a role with equanimity.*

With these few lines, Dennis attempts to accomplish the following results: (1) To show that General Marshall is unfit for the job he holds and thereby encourage defeatism; (2) To stir up jealousy and discontent among high ranking military officers; (3) To discourage industrial speed-up with the argument that even the greatest effort will be insufficient to equip an army; (4) To create the impression that the "onward march of the German military steamroller" cannot be stemmed.

Dennis is an expert at hurling epithets. Once he referred to President Roosevelt as a "semi-paralyzed country squire"; in a later issue he apologized for it. Now he refers to the Chief of Staff of the American Army as a "military be-starred Charlie McCarthy".

General Marshall Aware of Sabotage

On July 23rd, the Associated Press reported from Washington (illustration on page 8):

*General George C. Marshall denounced today as sabotage of a dangerous character what he said were organized efforts to have drafted men petition Congress against extending their terms of service and those of national guardsmen.*

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On the same day, Turner Cartledge, Washington Correspondent for The New York Times, reported:

*General Marshall said that since his original recommendations for extending the service, he had received voluminous mail on the subject. Included were 241 unfavorable letters, most of them "marked by evidence of collusion, duplication of phraseology, German signatures, and expressions of Bundists or Christian Front attitudes". It was quite evident, he said, that a large number came from a little German ancestry group in Brooklyn, and another batch from Passaic, N. J.*

*Many of the letters and postcards, he said, were marked by "extremely strong language against the President and Chief of Staff".*

Meanwhile, the Senate Military Affairs Committee, with Senator Robert Rice Reynolds presiding, listened to opponents of the service-extension bill. Chief witnesses were Frederick J. Libby, Executive Secretary of the "National Council for Prevention of War", and Reverend Gerald L. K. Smith, National Chairman of the "Committee of 1,000,000".

Last winter, Dr. Libby spoke at the First Methodist Church in Pasadena, Cal., stating that only an immediate peace, with former Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy as negotiator, would prevent complete domination of Europe by Soviet Russia. Endorsing Hitler's scheme for a "New Europe", he said: "A United States of Europe, United States of America, and United States of Asia appears to be the way to peace".

On July 1, 1941, Laura Ingalls, reported in NRS #151, spoke before the Los Angeles chapter of the "Mothers National Executive Committee to Keep America Out of War", head of which is Cathrine Curtis, exposed in NEWS LETTER #139. In her speech, Miss Ingalls revealed her plans for a publicity stunt. She was going to fly to Washington with non-interventionist petitions signed by U. S. mothers, and deliver them personally to President Roosevelt. To prove that she knows how to get publicity, she mentioned that she "had met Miss Curtis in 1939, through Dr. Libby, when I dropped handbills over Philadelphia for his peace organization".

Rev. Smith's "Committee of 1,000,000" exists only on paper. He operates under Post Office Box 459, is well known as a close collaborator of Father Coughlin, former Silver Shirt organizer and former lieutenant of Huey Long. He is author of a 100-page volume, "Too Much Roosevelt". A few chapter headings describe the nature of its contents: "Roosevelt Translates Panic into Personal Power", "One Man's Attempt to be Dictator Over America", "Roosevelt's Family Cleans Up (financially) and Cuts Up (socially)".

Five days later, on July 28th, the Associated Press reported from Washington that the House Military Affairs Committee was hearing people opposed to the extension of the term of the Selective Service Act. Said the Associated Press:

*Among these opponents were Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Bengé of Cincinnati, who asked a committee investigation of deaths by accident and suicide in the army. They are parents of a selectee. Bengé said he had heard that 18 men were killed in one convoy traveling 15 miles in night manoeuvres in California.*

*Mrs. Mary L. Arbogast of the "Cincinnati Mothers of Sons Forum" told the Committee that a selectee's mother reported a letter from a son in a California camp, declaring he would commit suicide rather than remain in the service.*

*Mrs. Rosa M. Farber, Acting President of the "Mothers of the USA", Detroit, said she had received many complaints from selectees against extended service.*

*Mrs. Ethel Groen, also of Cincinnati, said she had "yet to meet one selectee who is willing or desirous of remaining in service after a year".*

Who are these opponents? NRS investigation reveals:

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Bengé, 3706 Montgomery Road, Evanston, Ohio, have recently joined a pro-Nazi organization in Cincinnati, known as the "Mothers of Sons Forum". Mrs. Bengé's pet peeve is the Young Women's Christian Association, which she says is Communistic, an argument often heard in pro-Fascist circles.

Mrs. Mary L. Arbogast, 69 W. Southgate Avenue, Fort Thomas, Ky., also belongs to the Forum. Many of its meetings have been kept secret. Coughlin's "Social Justice" is standard literature.

Mrs. Rosa M. Farber, 536 Book Building, Detroit, Mich., is working in close collaboration with Father Coughlin, Elizabeth Dilling, Cathrine Curtis and Laura Ingalls. Her organization was reported in NRS #127 and #151.

Mrs. Ethel Groen, 6954 Boideaux Ave., North College Hill, Ohio, is president of the "Mothers of Sons Forum". She presided at a meeting held March 8, 1941, in the Taft Auditorium in Cincinnati, which was addressed by ex-Senator Rush D. Holt. Statements, remarks and behavior observed at this affair closely resembled those usually encountered at Nazi meetings.

These Cincinnatians are closely affiliated with the America First Committee in that city. They were responsible for a recent display of coffins on Cincinnati's famous Fountain Square (illustration on page 1), describing it as the final chapter in the life of many an American boy if President Roosevelt does not alter his foreign policy.

#### Miss Curtis Objects

It is no coincidence that such people continuously appear before Congressional Committees, to air their views. Cathrine Curtis is champion lobbyist of this sort in Washington. On July 1st, before the Senate Military Affairs Committee, she voiced her opposition to the passage of the administration's pending Property Seizure Bill. The Hearst press, always giving large space to Miss Curtis' utterances, reported: "Woman Lists 10 Faults of Seizure Bill

-- Takes People's Basic Rights, Senate Committee Hearing Told by Cathrine Curtis" (illustration on this page). Among the ten faults she pointed out were:

*It completes the President's power to take all or any part of any manufacturing plant, or all or any part of real or personal property, including stocks, bonds, insurance policies or even savings and bank accounts, and to dispose of these to any other person, corporation, bureau or foreign country.*

*It gives the president power to deprive investors in all private enterprise of any assurance or security of either capital or earnings.*

*The Bill provides the president with a grant of power to set aside our constitutional rights, and gives us instead a Nazi isolationist regime.*

But Miss Curtis' activities go beyond merely appearing before Congressional Committees. Indeed, she is an expert at exploiting the Communist bogey to its fullest. The weekly magazine, "Roll-Call", of July 14th, carried an article captioned "Cathrine Alert" (illustration on page 8), based on a "masterly memorandum" -- as William Dudley Pelley, Silver Shirt publisher of the magazine, calls it -- prepared by Cathrine Curtis.

This memorandum condemns the appointment of Colonel William J. Donovan as Major General, and censures the creation of the new Intelligence Bureau. La Curtis quotes statutes to prove that the appointment of Colonel Donovan is unconstitutional. Like Lawrence Dennis, she promotes discontent among high ranking army officers, by stating:

*Army officials have made considerable effort for many years to remove all essence of politics from that branch of the service. Prior to the enactment of the present promotion system, officers were appointed to the army -- and promoted -- with little regard to qualifications or ability. This was found to contribute materially to a breakdown in general morale. If all hurdles be jumped by Congressional Act, such a move unquestionably will introduce political connections as the principle qualification for appointment to and promotion within the army, and can only result in wrecking the general morale of both commissioned and enlisted personnel.*

### Subversivists' Nightmare

People like Miss Curtis and Pelley dislike investigation agencies and military intelligence units. Says Cathrine:

*First portion of special article, appearing in Los Angeles Examiner and other Hearst papers, showing six of the ten "faults" discovered by "patriot" Cathrine Curtis in the Property-Seizure Bill. Article does not point out faults of Cathrine Curtis, nor of her organization.*

*It will permit establishment of a military-political OGPU operating directly out of the White House, for in this plan General Donovan would be responsible only to President Roosevelt. In this instance it should be remembered, one of the first*

## WOMAN LISTS 10 FAULTS OF SEIZURE BILL

Takes People's Basic Rights,  
Senate Committee Hearing  
Told by Cathrine Curtis

By Cole E. Morgan

(Quoted in the Los Angeles Examiner)  
WASHINGTON, July 1.—Ten major objections to the Administration's pending property-seizure bill, S.1876, were cited today by Miss Cathrine Curtis, national director of Women Investors in America, Inc., when she appeared in opposition to the legislation at a hearing before the Senate Military Affairs Committee.

The objections, as stated by her, are:

- "1. It is not essential to our national defense program and is not a national defense bill.
- "2. It takes from our people the basic and constitutional rights of private property ownership.
- "3. It completes the President's power to take all or any part of any manufacturing plant or all or any part of real or personal property, including stocks, bonds, insurance policies or even savings and bank accounts, and to dispose of these to any other person, corporation, bureau or foreign country.

#### ECONOMY CHANGED

- "4. It permits the President to take over the entire stock of any corporation, operate the corporation or dispose of the stock in any way he sees fit.
- "5. It completely changes our industrial economy to a military economy under absolute control of military personnel or Government bureaucrats.
- "6. It hits hardest the small manufacturers, their employees and the communities dependent upon these enterprises.

*moves by Lenin and Trotzky after seizing control of Russia was to establish such a bureau, placing members with troops to report direct to Moscow whether or not army commanders were true to the Party.*

There are some people who apparently do not want our intelligence sections to function with the greatest measure of efficiency. Miss Curtis states:

*It would give this Bureau in time of war complete control of all news, radio and other public information dissemination services by transferring to it the various duties of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, of the War Department General Staff. It would give this Bureau complete control of all investigation into alien activities in this country -- for example, present purported investigation of the FBI into the activities of alien Communists in labor and national defense program fields.*

Silver Shirter Pelley, of course, agrees with Miss Curtis, and adds to her statement:

*This is one of the boldest Sovietizing proposals ever brought forward by the New Red Deal, and it means the Stalinizing of the United States on the one hand, and then handing over the sovereignty of this nation to Great Britain.*

So bold have the Nazi sympathizers become in their appearances before Congressional Committees, that one of them did not hesitate to state that there is no need for American defense. Charles B. Hudson, publisher of the "America In Danger!" bulletin, frequently exposed by NRS, wrote in his July 14th issue:

*I wish the doubting Thomases could read Carl H. Mote's masterpiece statement given on June 30, 1941, in Washington, before the Committee of Military Affairs of the U. S. Senate. He is the only big business man to appear to fight the Properties Seizure Bill.*

Charles W. Phillips, publisher of "The Individualist" (also exposed by NRS) states in his issue of July 15th:

*In speaking of this condition in his testimony before the Committee on Military Affairs, Carl H. Mote of Indianapolis, Indiana, pointed out to the Committee that "there is not now, and there never has been, any necessity in America to compel our citizens to defend themselves. What we are threatened with, however, is force, that seeks to compel our citizens to engage in the wars of other countries.*

The man who uttered these lines before Senator Reynolds' Committee, is the author of "The New Deal Goose Step", widely read in Nazi circles throughout the country. NRS #143 reported that Mote had traveled all the way to the West Coast to deliver a speech before the Nazi organization calling itself the "Save America First" group.

For years, Mote devoted much of his time to preaching the gospel of Fascism, particularly to industrialists and capitalists. Not wanting to show his true colors before the Senate Military Affairs Committee, he talked of the failure of big business to "fight the revolutionists in Washington", but his real intention was to chide big business for failure to exploit his Fascist program. He said:

*I have long been amazed at the lack of courage exhibited in America by its foremost business executives and managers to resist the ag-*

gressions of political bureaucrats and revolutionists in Washington. I think the foremost business executives and managers of America have betrayed their stockholders, their bondholders and their employees, and that individually and collectively they ought to be discharged for their indifference....I say it because such a measure as this ought to have brought every business executive in America to Washington with monkey wrenches and lead pipe, and it would if they were worth their pay as trustees for their stockholders, their bondholders and their employees.

Pulling the Communist bogey, and inspired by Nazi propoganda that there is a "comprehensive and carefully planned political conspiracy" afoot, he continued:

*I am against a foreign war, of course, but I am in favor of reasonable appropriations for defense. I am opposed to any hoax inflicted on a long-suffering people in the name of and behind the cruel mask of "defense". As an American, I renounce any share in the comprehensive and carefully planned political conspiracy which is preparing America for a bloody revolution. As an American, I denounce the conspirators -- all of them -- and wherever they are -- in the White House, in the Congress of the United States, or in any of the departments and bureaus of the Federal Government.*

Members of Senatorial and Congressional Committees should consider it their duty to delve into the background of witnesses appearing before them, so their testimony can be viewed in the appropriate light.

The Nazi government not only believes that the democracies are weak, but its agents ferret out and exploit these weaknesses. NRS has repeatedly produced documentary proof that Nazi propogandists are using Congressional mailing franchises to further their cause. In this issue, NRS has shown how they and their fellow travelers -- disguising their pro-Nazi feelings -- appear before Committees to confuse our Senators and Congressmen, and seek to obstruct passage of legislation designed to strengthen America's defense. Following the technique employed in France and other countries under their yoke, the Nazi aim here is to sabotage the underpinnings of our morale. These termites of democracy, described above, are as menacing to American security as a shower of bombs would be upon our aircraft factories.

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# Mothers' Forum Defends Speaker

## Fascism Charge Draws Denial

A defense against charges that Miss Catherine Curtis is an associate of Fascist groups was made Monday by the Mothers of Sons Forum before whom Miss Curtis will speak at a Mothers' Day meeting.

Miss Curtis, Washington, D. C., was so described by Dr. L. M. Birkhead, organizer of Friends of Democracy, in a talk Saturday at the Cincinnati Club.

"I want to contradict emphatically Dr. Birkhead's statement that Miss Curtis is a 'Fascist,'" Mrs. Ethel Green, president of the forum, said in a statement. "Such a statement is characteristic of people like Dr. Birkhead, Joseph Lash and Freda Kirshway. All who oppose them are 'Fascists.'"

"Miss Curtis is a woman of the highest social and business standing. She served as chairman of the national committee for Hands Off the Supreme Court, chairman of the national committee of Keep the U. S. out of War, and is national chairman of Women Investors in America, Inc. She has just been elected to succeed Kathleen Norris as chairman of the national executive committee of 'mothers' organization, which met in California recently. Cincinnati should be very proud to have her."

# Marshall Says Outsiders Stir Army Against Draft Extension

## He Testifies Organized Effort Is Made to Get Soldiers' Signatures on Petitions to Congress.

Washington, July 23 (A. P.).—Gen. George C. Marshall denounced today as sabotage of a dangerous character what he said were organized efforts to have drafted men petition Congress against extending their terms of service and those of National Guardsmen.

The Chief of Staff, testifying before the House Military Committee in behalf of an extension, asserted there had been an organized effort by countless outside forces to have members of the First Army sign petitions against the proposal.

Word of the activity, Gen. Marshall said, came from Lieut. Gen. Hugh Drum, Commander of the First Army.

"We will treat men as soldiers. We cannot have a political club and call it an army," Gen. Marshall said forcefully, adding that the situation could not be ignored and that the men involved would have to be treated as soldiers. He did not amplify the statement.

At the outset of his remarks, Gen. Marshall told the committee that he now was stymied by the question of re-enforcing the small

## DECLARES JOHNSON COMMITS PERJURY

## Burns Calls Defense Line Pure Concoction.

Camden, July 23 (A. P.).—Special Assistant United States Attorney Joseph W. Burns, charged in Federal court today that Joseph L. (Nucky) Johnson, Atlantic City Republican leader,

# Catherine Alert

WHAT IS only part of the story, however. Catherine Curtis, national chairman of the Women's National Committee to Keep U. S. Out of War, analyzes in a masterly memorandum the implications of Donovan's appointment as a Major General and the creation of the suggested new Intelligence Bureau.

"The present law," says the analysis, "provides that when a new bureau is established, it comes under the Reorganization Act of 1939. Under Section 4 of that Act, the President is required to submit the Reorganization Plan to the Congress and it becomes effective only if Congress does not act against it within a specified period.

"Considering the first proposal—the appointment of Mr. Donovan as a Major General of the United States Army—this cannot be effective until it is presented to the Senate of the United States, referred by that body to the Committee on Military Affairs of the Senate, acted upon by that Committee, referred back to the Senate and confirmed by the Senate.

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THE BATTLE OF AMERICA: THE INTERNATIONALISTS ARE WINNING.  
THE BATTLE OF RUSSIA: THE INTERNATIONALISTS ARE LOSING.  
INTERNATIONALISTS OF THE WORLD UNITE!

The keynote of the current drive in America and Britain is now clearly discernible as internationalism, which was the theme of our last Letter. Sumner Welles, now the real Secretary of State, or the White House man to that effect, founded the internationalist movement. It is a political movement, not a military one. It is a political movement, not a military one. It is a political movement, not a military one. It is a political movement, not a military one.

THE ISSUE IS ONE OF FUNDAMENTAL VALUES NOT OF CHOOSING THE FITTEST MEANS TO THE END OF AMERICAN DEFENSE.

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RE is much more to the "analysis" of a technical nature concerning the appointment of officers on a list, but the foregoing gives some idea of the Administration is apparently intent on introducing the Soviet system of having political officers in every unit of the U. S. Army—which has had a disastrous effect in destroying the morale of the Army under Stalin. Being Stalin's real secret to

Top, left: "Mothers of Sons Forum" of Cincinnati, duped by Fascist leaders, defends Catherine Curtis. Top, center: Gen. George C. Marshall is aware of disastrous disuniting activities of those against strengthening country's defense. Top right: Silver Shirts Wm. D. Pelley praises Cathrine Curtis' analysis of creation of Intelligence Bureau -- nightmare for subversivists. Left: Expensive "Weekly Foreign Letter" of Fascist master-mind Lawrence Dennis, now widely circulated, free of charge, to susceptible Americans -- building up battalions of fanatics, agitators, and of lunatic fringe.