

# News Letter

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## Nazis Follow America First Lead

### PLAN FOR CORRESPONDENCE CAMPAIGN

America First Committee for Southern California.

The objective of the campaign is a continuous flow of letters to the Congress and to the President, with a peak volume at times of emergency.

The method of organizing the campaign will be:

First, build up a list of volunteer correspondents in each Congressional district. (Elsewhere this might be done on a State-wide basis). The list may be acquired in several ways:

- (1) By writing to America First Committee members, asking them to join in the campaign and to fill out a pledge card (attached).
- (2) Through publicity and advertising.
- (3) Through the efforts of a nucleus of America First supporters in communities or districts where a correspondents' committee is to be formed.
- (4) As a project, by chapters within the district.
- (5) By direct mail or telephone solicitation within the district, either at random or by using selected lists, such as Republicans, attorneys, etc.

Second, set up a file (3 x 5 cards) for each Congressional district, alphabetically, keeping correspondents with telephones separate from those without telephones.

Third, organize a telephone committee to reach the correspondents with telephones. First we will need a reliable person to head the committee. She will have a file of all the people in her district who are to be reached by telephone and know who is responsible for calling each. She will enlist ten Generals to serve under her.

These ten Generals will each enlist ten Colonels each of whom will be responsible to her General. Each Colonel will enlist ten Majors, who in turn will appoint ten Captains each.

By this means, a message will flow as follows:

The committee head calls the ten Generals.

Each General calls her ten Colonels.

Each Colonel calls her ten Majors.

Each Major calls her ten Captains.

Efficiently done, this plan will bring about 10,000 telephone calls within a few hours. It is recognized that the plan will never work perfectly. To guard against failure as much as possible, it will be the responsibility of the Committee Head to "spot check" by telephone throughout the list, particularly to make sure that the highest ranking officers are performing. The "spot check" would be a telephone call to at least ten correspondents. If a correspondent has been called, this will show efficient work by the group to which the name has been assigned. If not,

The America First Committee has developed a scientific "Plan for Correspondence Campaign". Above is the first of a three page manual drawn up by the Southern California headquarters of the America First Committee. This document is well worth studying in order to appreciate the pressure tactics of the Hitler appeasers.

"The Blood of American Boys (is) on Your Hands!" That was the cry of the Southern California America First Committee last week, echoed and re-echoed by Nazi fellow-travelers. In a last minute attempt to prevent passage of the Neutrality Bill revision by Congress, the isolationist group distributed handbills (illustration on page 4) with this sanguinary slogan.

"Nearly 200 boys have perished in three American ships convoying in foreign war zones," the handbill stated. "They were sent into war zones by the President without any authority from you. THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE 200 BOYS THEREFORE IS HIS. But," America First warned, "if you permit the repeal of the Neutrality Act, the killing will be not 200 but hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions, and THAT RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE YOURS."

The pamphlet urged people to "Wire - Write - Phone your Congressman today to keep the Neutrality Act", and predicted: "Dictatorship at home would follow" if the Amendment passes.

Ironically, the leaflets were distributed at the very same meetings at which "achievements" of the German and Italian dictatorships are hailed with frenzied

applause, and where speakers unhesitatingly advocate that the USA emulate Hitler's example.

Fred Chase, executive secretary of the America First Committee, telephoned from Washington, instructing headquarters to put phone squads into action immediately to drum up more letters and telegrams to Congressmen, urging defeat of the Neutrality Act revision. Through those who are as much at home at the America First office as at the German House, word was spread quickly in all subversive circles, which swung into Blitz-tempo action, hustling up messages to the Washington solons. Many were signed with fictitious names. Some were worded in a threatening manner, advising Washington representatives to expect defeat when they seek re-election.

This routine is by no means new. It follows an old Nazi pattern. In NRS #88, a typical Nazi high-pressure letter was reproduced, addressed to Congressman Frank E. Hook of Michigan by the German-American National Alliance. The writer, Paul A. F. Warnholtz, did not urge -- he threatened most impudently that his organization would go after the Representative's political scalp if he dared vote in favor of Neutrality Legislation, then pending. The letter was dated October 3, 1939 -- one month after the outbreak of war, when Americans had not yet found their bearings in the new world situation, whereas the Nazis in this country were already well prepared for action. Warnholtz' threat is such a typical example of Nazi audacity that NRS reproduces it again on page 5.

## Lord Lothian's Death Caused By Heartbreak

### BRITISH AMBASSADOR'S SOUL WAS TORN BY DEEP SYMPATHIES FOR REICH

Journalist Finds That Diplomat Was Engaged in a Conflict Between Conviction and Duty That Had Him Fighting a War He Inherently Believed Wrong—Lothian Was of Cliveden Set of Non-Interventionists in Europe's Struggle with Hitler—Favored Paying War Debts, Giving Danzig to Hitler.

By PRESCOTT DENNETT

(Exclusive Dispatch to The New York Enquirer)

WASHINGTON, D. C. Dec. 15—The strangest diplomatic career was terminated in the Capital this past week with the passing of Lord Lothian. His death is universally acknowledged to be one of the greatest tragedies of the war.

Capital insiders advise that one may dismiss the possibility of death due to unnatural cause. The fantastic report that the British Ambassador was poisoned by an Axis agent is not accorded credence.

#### TWO REASONS

Boiled down, the insiders here ascribe two fundamental reasons for the distinguished Ambassador's untimely death at his post of duty. No physician was summoned in time to try to cure the Ambassador of uremic poisoning. By his own request, true to the tenets of his adopted American religion, Lord Lothian preferred the attendance of a bachelor of Christian Science. But behind the physical factor was an inherent conflict in Lord Lothian's noble soul—a veritable conflict between conviction and duty, the like of which Washington rarely sees.

After all, no physician could cure the Ambassador of his major malady—fighting a war in which he could not inherently believe.

"It takes a truly noble soul to experience a real soul struggle," was the way one high official tersely expressed his passing.

#### LUNDEEN'S SPEECHES RECALLED

By unhappy coincidence, the Senator who told the American people of dramatic conflicts waged within Lord Lothian's great

*Front of four-page leaflet distributed at meeting of the "Christian American Guards". Stories that the foes of Nazism commit murder to "put uncomfortable people out of the way" were spread far and wide by Axis propagandists. They are readily believed by the hater-baiters.*

Handbills bearing the imprint of the America First Committee were distributed by followers of the "Friends of Progress", the organization headed by Robert Noble, exposed in last week's NEWS LETTER. At the meeting of this organization held on Saturday, November 8th, Captain James D'Orsay Murray, a speaker for the America First Committee, was the main attraction. His audience cheered when he gave the Nazi outstretched arm salute and described the customary handshake greeting as a sign of weakness. He praised Benito Mussolini and Adolf Hitler, and referred to Winston Churchill as a drunkard who would be lynched by the people of France if they could get their hands on him. He called President Roosevelt a forger, charging that the secret Nazi map showing Germany's intention with regard to South America was a fake. He offered old and worn-out Nazi propaganda stories such as the claim that the Athenia was sunk by the British. He planted the seed of defeatism by claiming that Germany has already won the war and America is merely prolonging the agony. Noble, chairman of the meeting, went even further in his praise of Hitler's New Order and condemnation of the President. He charged that President Roosevelt was responsible for the murder of Huey Long.

#### He's "Telling the World"

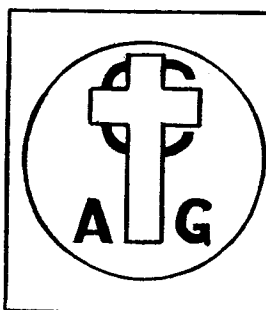
At this meeting, Larry Griffith, long known for his activities in subversive groups,

distributed leaflets (illustration on page 5), urging people to join his newly organized "United Minute Men and Women of America". Griffith's printer is D. H. Rathbone, a pamphleteer of sorts in his own name. Rathbone's most recent contribution to the "literary" field was distributed at the Armistice night meeting of the "Christian American Guards", held, like Noble's gatherings, at the Embassy Auditorium. The sort of material Rathbone prints is reflected in the opening paragraph of his latest brainchild:

*I'M TELLING THE WORLD! That Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the USA, is either an idiot - insane - or a willful and malicious traitor to these United States of America, and to all honest beings everywhere. And anyone who does not KNOW this to be TRUE is a stupid boob - not fit to live in a civilized, democratic nation. And if the Congress and Senate do not impeach him, they are either boobs - cowards - or traitors to the nation - themselves!! And I challenge any man or woman on earth to disprove these SELF-EVIDENT FACTS!*

*Signed: D. H. Rathbone.*

On Sunday, November 9th, two meetings attracted subversivists. One, called by the Ku Klux Klan, was held in the afternoon at 845 South Figueroa Street; the other was the regular meeting of T. W. Hughes' "League to Save America First", held at the Embassy Auditorium. At both meetings, the America First circular was distributed. Attendants at the gathering of the Klan were told that the Knights of the Midnight Mystery will take an active part in the forthcoming Congressional election. Their intention to enter politics was also revealed in a letter (illustration on page 6) sent to Klansmen by James M. Harvey, newly appointed organizer of the Knights of the night-shirts.



*Emblem of the "Christian American Guards". In Germany the Swastika is gradually replacing the Cross. In America the Swastika has gone underground and the Cross is used for camouflage purposes.*

On Armistice night, the "Christian American Guards" made their debut under the chairmanship of W. H. Sahli, Harvey's assistant. Speakers were Dr. Albert W. Carlson, Dr. Richard F. Carlyle and James D'Orsay Murray. Baron and William Van Meter, Bundits, and Frank King, Robert Noble's right-hand man, acted as guards, so identified by blue "C. A. Guards" armbands.

C.A.G. buttons of the organization (illustration on this page) were sold, and an ambitious program of the group was unfolded to a packed house.

Father Coughlin's "Social Justice" and the Nazi smear sheet "Publicity" were on sale. The America First leaflet again appeared among the printed matter distributed, together with a handbill announcing the mock impeachment meeting of Robert Noble (illustration on page 4), and a circular issued by William Kullgren, publisher of the "Beacon Light", advertising the Flanders Hall book, "Lord Lothian vs. Lord Lothian" (illustration on page 2). This circular quotes a dispatch sent to The New York Enquirer by Prescott Dennett, the man who figured in the news recently when it was revealed that his "Islands for Debts Committee" and "Make Europe Pay War Debts Committee" were financed by Nazi Agent George Sylvester Viereck. Dennett's organizations mailed thousands of pieces of propaganda literature under the franchises of isolationist senators and congressmen. Dennett has been called before the Federal Grand Jury now in session in the District of Columbia.

On Thursday afternoon, November 13th, the America First Women's Group held a meeting at the Kipling Hotel, Los Angeles. A late arrival who had seen the newspaper headlines, reported that the Neutrality Bill revision had passed; whereupon the speaker, Patrick C. Calhoun, an honest isolationist and loyal American, stated that Americans must back up the President now. His

(Continued on Page 6)

# The Blood of AMERICAN Boys on YOUR HANDS!

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*Useless Slaughter of More American Boys in Europe—  
Dictatorship at Home—Would Follow*

## Wire — Write — Phone Your Congressman Today! To Keep the Neutrality Act

AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

3142 Wilshire Boulevard

Los Angeles

GERMAN-AMERICAN NATIONALITY  
(Deutsch-Amerikanische)  
Address: Post Office  
CHICAGO, ILL.

Hon. Frank E. Hook  
United States Representative of Michigan  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman:

In the matter of the pending neutrality legislation a great deal about "supporting the President's neutrality legislation of such importance, object to have any senator or congressman our President and his advisers request. To involve the question of life and death of it demands the closest of scrutiny by every citizen. If it were dealt with otherwise, we could as easily be sent to Washington, and who, good sir, we trained seal or be represented by one, — although he may be ?

We are interested in keeping America out of war and it is our belief that for that purpose the arsenal of any of the belligerents. We fore and now add that we contend that the shipments of arms, munitions and implement European conflict would denote either one of the following acts, inclinations or conditions:

1. A repudiation of our own written doctrine of a "scrag of paper". — Is it not a fact that in the world war our Secretary of State, then wrote to the German Ambassador on August 7, 1914 — "This Government holds, as I have always been aware, and as it is constrained to adhere to, indisputable doctrines of accepted international law which would affect unequally the United States with the nations at war would constitute a departure from the principle of self-determination which has consistently sought to direct the course of the world. I fully submit that none of the circumstances of the present excellency's memorandum alters the principle of self-determination. The placing of an embargo on the trade would constitute such a change and a violation of the neutrality of the United States. —

2. A desire for blood profits, — a huge profit of a penny or two to be derived from the death of a young man, full of the stinking mass of dead flesh.

Dont miss this Dynamic Event that will have the Whole World Talking!

## IMPEACHMENT

OF

## PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

BY

## A PEOPLE'S CONGRESS

MOST ASTOUNDING EVENT EVER TO TAKE PLACE

BIG, MAIN-EMBASSY AUDITORIUM

9TH & GRAND — LOS ANGELES

## FOUR GALA SATURDAY EVENINGS NOV. 22, 29, & DEC. 6, 13. 8:P.M.

MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT STARTS AT 7:30

If You agree with Col. Lindbergh you must not miss this Big Show—  
Impeachment Procedure Conducted Just as it Would and Should be  
done, in Congress, at Washington. Chief Prosecutor,

**ROBERT NOBLE**  
CALIFORNIA'S FEARLESS ORATOR

Chief Justice of Supreme Court, **ELLIS O. JONES**  
(Founder of NATIONAL COPPERHEADS)  
Assisted by many well known figures.

**ALL FREE**

Come Early and Be a  
Member of Congress!

**ALL FREE**

Auspices, "FRIENDS OF PROGRESS"

If there was any Greater, Kinder, Nobler Thing, that we could be doing—  
We would be ashamed to be doing, what we are doing!

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October 3, 1939

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3. A mentality vacuum in Congress: - or why is it, that those features of the bill now proposed by the administration, which are said by it to eliminate the danger of our being drawn into the European war, could not be further improved by also including the retention of the embargo on arms, munitions and implements of war? - Or do the administration followers claim that it would tend to keep us out of war, if we convert our country into an arsenal for either side of the belligerents?
4. A Congress bowing to the party whip or to political expediencies though it may involve gambling hundreds of thousands of lives of American citizens. - So foul, we trust, no man will be.
5. A desire to destroy Germany or to help England and France. If this is the case, why do the advocates thereof not go and do some actual fighting of their own, instead of jeopardizing by their unneutral attitude the lives of the fathers and sons of other Americans, who are neither willing believers of hate-propaganda nor foreigners at heart?
6. A fear, actual or pretended, that a victorious Germany may attack us. - Should we, the greatest and richest nation on earth, fear any other nation, thousands of miles away from us, separated by the ocean? Should we sacrifice the lives of our fathers and sons for such a fantastic contingency?

Of course, there may be some other additional reasons not set forth herein. But in such case, we hope that the respective senator or congressman, who is guided by such other reasons to oppose the retention of the embargo on shipments of arms, munitions and implements of war, will clearly state his case, before casting his vote, so that from the pages of the Congressional Record his reasoning may be gathered. We believe that his constituents may want to know.

Yes, we are Americans of German descent and deem ourselves as loyal and patriotic as any other Americans. It is also true that we do not care to have the mothers of our sons become "Gold Star Mothers", for a cause alien to the interest of our country. We do not want our sons to become converted by bullets into stinking masses of flesh. These words are realistic, but they are prompted by our feelings on the matter of keeping America out of war. Yes, we shall also give full publicity to the vote of every senator and congressman on this question, so that the record may speak for itself. - We also know that such action will be resented by a few. But why? What is wrong about a truthful record?

In conclusion, dear sir, we beg of you to vote for the retention of the embargo on shipments of arms, munitions and implements of war. For whatever additional safeguards you may add thereto, to assist in keeping America out of war, we thank you.

Respectfully and sincerely yours

GERMAN-AMERICAN NATIONAL ALLIANCE

BY: *Paul A. F. Warmholz*  
Chairman of Committee on Public Affairs.

left: America First Committee handbill given wide-  
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"Bloody Hand" dodger.

**ARE YOU FOR**

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE  
THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES,  
AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS

**JOIN NOW!!**

THE UNITED MINUTE MEN AND WOMEN  
OF AMERICA

THE LIBERTY ARMY OF FREE CITIZENS.

**ONLY**

**PATRIOTIC CHRISTIAN AMERICAN  
CITIZENS ARE WELCOME TO  
ENROLE WITH US.**

Membership is open to all who have courage to be 100% Americans.

listeners, however, disagreed, and renewed their cry for the impeachment of President Roosevelt.

When the 100% pro-Nazi groups learned of the passage of the Bill, two lines of thought were voiced: (1) the America First Committee must become a political party or die a natural death; (2) the America First Committee has outlived its usefulness, and its membership should be absorbed by the Christian American Guards.

The Adviser of the "Guards"

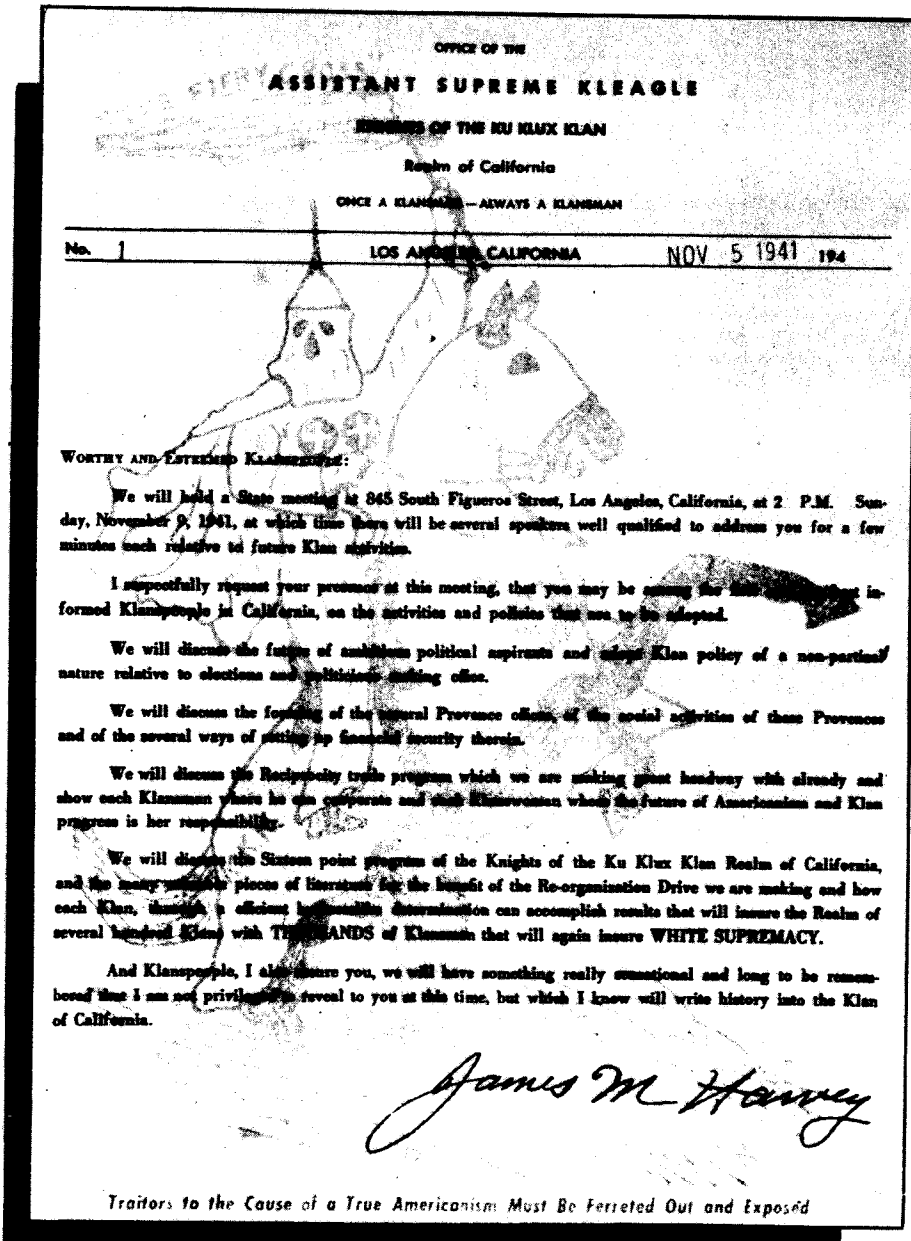
The true character of the Christian American Guards is revealed in the fact that immediately after the Armistice night meeting, its leaders, Sahli, Marvin Wilson and Colonel F. H. Palmer, accompanied by some of their stooges, went to the German House to report to Hermann M. Schwinn and Hans Diebel on

the success of the first meeting. The money collected at the Guards gathering was counted at the German House, and the silver was exchanged for paper money across the bar at the Nazi headquarters.

After receiving the report, Schwinn and Diebel cautioned those fronting for them that the "Guards" must exercise care in the beginning, and advocate nothing which will arouse public ill will. "The organization is still too small and weak and can easily be destroyed," said the erstwhile Bund leader, and advised: "Get strong first and then show your real colors." "Emphasize that your organization wants to guard the Constitution and the Bill of Rights and protect America and Christianity," Diebel counselled.

Schwinn was told that the audience wants action; soft pedalling of what they consider "real issues" would make the meetings too dull to attract larger audiences. The little Führer replied, "The real points can be gotten across to the public so that they will be satisfied without laying the leadership open to charges of subversivism."

The second public meeting of the Christian American Guards was held yesterday (November 18th) with Louise



James M. Harvey's letter to the "Holy Terrors", calling a state Meeting of the Ku Klux Klan. Note third paragraph, indicating the Klan's intention to take a hand in politics. America First circulars were distributed at the meeting.

Ward Watkins as the principal speaker. Marvin Wilson, who also shared the platform, was exposed in NRS #119, when he tried to take over the local Willkie Club, pretending that he was sent here by the New York headquarters of that group. The usual hater-baiters were again in attendance. Those who enjoy the complete confidence of the Trojan Horsemen were told that there is a secret board of strategy behind the Christian American Guards, now striving to create a United Front of all the big and little pro-Nazi organizations and isolationist groups.

NRS correspondents report that in their cities, too, the America First Committee has taken the lead in the high pressure campaign against the revision of the Neutrality Act. In New York, the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League wrote to members of the House of Representatives:

*You undoubtedly have on your desk a thick stack of "high pressure" mail urging you against repeal of certain sections of the Neutrality Act.*

*The Anti-Nazi League believes that in interpreting these letters, you should have before you the photostatic evidence attached hereto.*

*This evidence conclusively proves the existence of a highly financed and well-organized campaign machine, operating throughout the country, to evoke an unnatural flood of letters on this subject, which do not in any way reflect the spontaneous wishes of the majority of the people.*

*I know that members of Congress will not be influenced by such bought-and-paid-for "letters from Constituents", but feel that you might nevertheless desire to have this evidence on your desk. The League suggests, moreover, the propriety of some kind of appropriate Congressional investigation of the lobby which is operating to produce these letters.*

## ★ AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE ★

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Gen. Robert E. Wood  
National Chairman

### NOTICE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE

John T. Flynn  
Executive Chairman  
New York Chapter

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There has been a break of great importance in the line-up of the Senators who have up to now supported the war moves of the President.

Today Senator Maloney of Connecticut made a speech in the Senate against neutrality repeal. Tomorrow (Tuesday) Senator Bilbo of Mississippi will do the same. We are informed Senator Doxey, also of Mississippi, will vote against the bill. We are also informed Senator Byrd will do the same. This break in the Solid South is sensational.

The final decision on this measure - which may mean war - will be made in the House. I, therefore, appeal to you with all the earnestness I can muster to write today to your Congressman and to the two New York Senators. Do not assume that anyone is unshakable. Our Connecticut chapter said two days ago Senator Maloney would never change to our side. Yet he did today. Therefore, I beg you to do your part.

Write to your Congressman. Get the members of your family. Get as many of your friends and neighbors as possible to write. It is not necessary to write a long letter. Just a little note saying, "I am against neutrality repeal." Some similar short and clear statement against the war measures is all that is necessary.

I implore you, if you value the safety of our country and the lives of our young men, to do this. As many letters as you can get into Washington. This will win this fight.

Sincerely yours,

*John T. Flynn*

John T. Flynn  
Chairman, New York Chapter  
AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

November 3, 1941

P. S. DO NOT DELAY. DELAY MAY BE FATAL.

*Typical America First Committee letter drumming up pressure mail to Congressmen to defeat Neutrality Bill revision.*



Bulletin #633  
October 15, 1941A M E R I C A F I R S T C O M M I T T E EMETHODIST CLERGY OPPOSE ENTRANCE INTO WAR

AT THE 102nd ANNUAL ROCK RIVER CONFERENCE, WHICH IS THE  
LARGEST CONFERENCE OF METHODIST CLERGYMEN IN THE UNITED  
STATES, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION DISAPPROVING OF THE  
FOREIGN POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT WAS ADOPTED.

"We deplore administrative actions that, step by step, are involving us in a shooting war, though undeclared, without giving the National Congress a chance to exercise its constitutional rights in this matter and without regard for the predominant sentiment of the nation.

"We respectfully remind the President of his emphatic and repeated promises not to send our boys overseas."

PLEASE POST

DISTRIBUTE TO SPEAKERS

Please mail immediately to all local clergymen and urge their active opposition to revision of Neutrality Act which is a deliberate step toward war.

Page Hufty  
Director of Organization

*The America First Committee wouldn't miss a bet. No group is overlooked. In the above the Director of Organization instructs America First offices throughout the land to circularize immediately all local clergymen.*

last week. Therefore, they are urging its continuance as a political party. John L. Wheeler, son of the Senator, and chairman of America First in Southern California, is being importuned to use the very substantial funds of the Committee -- over which he has absolute and practically sole control -- in a test of the political strength of the organization.

Should Governor Culbert L. Olson call a special election to fill the vacancy in the 17th Congressional District caused by the death of Congressman Lee E. Geyer, and should John Wheeler release the purse strings, a major political battle will develop in what will be the first by-election following revision of the Neutrality Act. The Nazis base their hopes on the fact that in the Republican primaries preceding Mr. Geyer's election, their candidate, Harold A. Sparling, polled nearly half as many votes as did the Republican candidate.

The 17th Congressional District includes the naval base at San Pedro, as well as some of the most important aircraft plants and oil fields in America. The chief purpose of the Nazis in backing Sparling in the last election was to open up more intensive propaganda channels in that vital defense area. Since then, tens of thousands of defense workers have moved in, and tremendous new defense projects are being developed. The protective cover of an election campaign at this time will provide means of aiming the germs of anti-administration hatred and disunity at the very heart of our national defense system -- and the West Coast Nazis know it. They know how to make the most of it. They have a big stake in the Governor's decision.

One of the photostated letters sent to the Congressmen by the Anti-Nazi League was written by John T. Flynn, chairman of the New York chapter of the America First Committee. Being typical of the America First procedure, we reproduce it in full on page 7.

The subversivists and isolationists have developed an excellent technique in launching avalanches of messages to members of Congress. How it is done is shown in two exhibits offered by NRS. One, a mimeographed bulletin from the Chicago headquarters (illustration on this page), instructs America First chapters throughout the land to circularize all local clergymen. The other (illustration on page 1) is the first of a three-page "Plan for Correspondence Campaign", drawn up by the Southern California headquarters of the group.

Legislators should remember this "Plan" when next they are swamped with pressure mail.

The Why and Wherefore

Nazi fellow-travelers in America First are fearful that that organization may disintegrate following the definitive action in Congress