

28 Organized Groups Linked To Fascist Plot

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Twenty-eight organizations were indicated by the special grand jury on Axis agents as instruments of the conspirators accused of plotting against the Army and the Navy, whose names were disclosed yesterday after the return of secret indictments.

The goal of the conspirators—both before and after Pearl Harbor—was alleged to have been to provoke insubordination, disloyalty, mutiny and refusal of duty by American soldiers and sailors.

The conspirators were said to have plotted to bring these things about by the circulation of written and printed matter—papers, cartoons and pictures—urging mutiny and disloyalty.

And it was further a part of the aforesaid conspiracy (the indictment said) that the said defendants, and divers other persons to the grand jurors unknown, would organize and cause to be organized, support, use, control, contribute to financially, and otherwise aid, at divers places within and without the United States of America, committees, groups and organizations.

Well-Known Groups Listed

Here are the committees, groups and organizations which were listed in the indictment by the grand jury:

National Committee to Keep America Out of Foreign Wars, which was set up, with Representative Hamilton Fish as chairman, shortly before Fish's trip to Germany in 1939—the trip on which he announced, after a conference with the Nazi foreign minister, that it was his conviction that Adolf Hitler's demands on Poland were just. Treasurer of this committee, was Fish's secretary, Walter L. Reynolds.

The Make Europe Pay War Debts Committee, the Islands for War Debts Committee and the War Debts Defense Committee. These were conceived by the German agent, George Sylvester Viereck and set up with the late Senator Ernest Lundeen of Minnesota, as chairman, and Viereck's Washington operative, Prescott F. Dennett, as promoter. They were supplied with literally tons of propaganda, in postage free congressional envelopes, by George Hill, secretary of Representative Fish. Hill—who was introduced to Viereck by Fish—contrived to have material selected by Viereck inserted in the Congressional Record.

America First Named

The America First Committee, The Social Republic Society—or Socis—the secret, armed band which was headed by David Baxter, San Bernadino and Colton, Calif.

Crusader White Shirts, a revolutionist organization which was headed by the Soci, George W. Christians, who lately was sentenced to prison for sedition by the Federal Court at Chattanooga, Tenn.

Protestant Gentile League, which was set up by Christians and Donald Shea, of Washington.

Constitutional Educational League, the organization of Joseph P. Kamp, New Haven, Conn.

Committee of Patriotic Organizations, which was established in Chicago by Homer Maerz.

Pioneer News Service, another Maerz enterprise.

Klan Also on Slate

The Ku Klux Klan, William Dudley Pelley's Silver Shirts.

The German-American Bund, some of whose members have been accused of complicity in the evasion

of the Selective Service laws and of espionage.

The Black Legion, the Fascist type organization exposed in Michigan several years ago.

The National Workers League of America, a similar group which operated in Detroit.

The Citizens Committee to Keep America Out of War, which was set up in Chicago by Capt. William Grace.

The Coalition of Patriotic Societies, organized by John Trevor of Washington.

American Mothers, a Detroit group.

We the Mothers Mobilize for America, Inc., a Chicago outfit headed by Mrs. Lyril Van Huning and Mrs. Grace Keefe.

United Mothers of America, which was headed by Mrs. Frieda Stanley, Cleveland, Ohio.

We the Mothers United, another Chicago group.

Flanders Hall, Inc., the publishing house which was financed and controlled by the German agent, Viereck.

James True Associates, of Washington.

Women Investors in America, a group headed by Catherine Curtis, promoter of isolationist groups.

Crusading Mothers of America, which has its headquarters in Washington.

Citizens' No Foreign War Coalition, promoted by Oscar Brumback, Washington.

American Guards, which was set up by Olov Tietzow, Chicago.