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TREASON!



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To Jewish-American Readers

The five million Jews in America are an important section of our population unreservedly supporting our country and the United Nations in this war against the fascist Axis. The anti-Semitic propaganda issued in this country by the Fifth Column has as its purpose to obstruct the contributions of the Jews to the war effort and to confuse and divide the rest of the population.

It is a patriotic responsibility of the Jewish people themselves to initiate the fight against anti-Semitic actions here. It is unfortunate that so many Jews are not sensitive enough to this problem, so as to recognize all forms of anti-Semitism and to fight it whenever and wherever it appears.

The Jewish-American Section of the International Workers Order is publishing this pamphlet to help unify American Jewry in this vital struggle affecting us as Jews and as Americans. We urge you to study its contents and spread its message far and wide. Especially is it important that all individuals raise this problem in their organizations and trade unions to enlist their support in this fight.

By mobilizing action in support of the Dickstein and Lynch Bills in Congress; by exposing all kinds of discrimination in war industries, the armed forces, in housing, etc.; by urging leaders in Jewish life to cement all-inclusive unity among Jewish organizations around a militant program for Jewish rights; you can make your best contribution to our people and our country.

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Foreword by a Labor Leader



This pamphlet is a fighting weapon in the war against fascism. Our home front will be stronger for the publication of "This Is Treason." The creeping poison of race hatreds which is spreading within our country at the moment must be halted, and halted quickly. It is essential that we understand that these hatreds are not spontaneous, but are nurtured as a part of the strategy of the Axis for the defeat of our democracy and of the United Nations. "This Is Treason" makes that clear.

Here the real American speaks out. The labor movement, all minority groups within our nation, and the entire American people owe a debt of gratitude to the International Workers Order for the publication of this pamphlet.

Do not hold on to it. Make use of it. We will be made stronger in our fight against fascism by the message of "This Is Treason."

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Foreword by a Congressional Leader

The publication of this pamphlet is particularly opportune at the present time.

Under the fresh impulse of events which occurred in the last few weeks in Detroit and other places, the renewed efforts of the Ku Klux Klan to make this country conscious of its racial problems, causes all of the friends of American tradition and fair play, to take notice of anti-Semitism as a destructive force.

In our community it is absolutely correct to call anti-Semitism contrary to everything this country holds dear, and to everything in our type of government, and every tradition of our constitution.

This pamphlet is vigorous, informative and teaches a decisive lesson.

I am sure that the reader will find in its pages plenty of material to think about, and this pamphlet will encourage him to do his share to eliminate from our public and private life all traces of discrimination and racial intolerance.

Congressman Samuel Dickstein

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This is treason

DURING a recent visit to Chicago I attended a birthday dinner. Charlie had just reached 35. Charlie produces war material and is proud of this contribution to our country's war effort. As the company relaxed after dinner, Charlie felt it was an appropriate time for a story so he began, "Do you want to hear a good one?"

We all felt in the mood so he continued, "This morning one of the salesmen came into my office and showed me a leaflet entitled the 'First American.' Here's how it read, 'Who was the first American to bomb a Japanese battleship? Colin Kelly. Who was the first American to detect a German spy? John Cullen. Who was the first American to bomb Japan? Jimmy Doolittle. Who was the first American to get four new tires? Abraham Cohen.'"

Most of the company laughed. The most violent form of objection was a titter. I was shocked by the delivery of this slander as a joke and more shocked by its reception. I protested, "This is no joke, Charlie, THIS IS TREASON."

\$300,000,000 — FOR TREASON

Everyone appeared quite shaken by my statement, although they knew I was not accusing them of being traitors. But the fear that they, even unconsciously, were accepting and repeating treasonous propaganda was not a pleasant feeling. After a short discussion they agreed this leaflet was a more dangerous piece of sabotage than the physical destruction of bridges and factories.

As I left the gathering it occurred to me that here was a representative American group. If they were unable to recognize the vicious nature of this leaflet, wasn't it logical to believe that many more Americans were swallowing this bait, hook, line and sinker?

In his message to Congress January 6, 1942, President

Roosevelt warned against just such actions. He said:

"We must guard against divisions among ourselves and among all other United Nations. We must be particularly vigilant against racial discrimination in any of its ugly forms. Hitler will try again to breed mistrust and suspicion between one individual and another, one group and another, one race and another, one government and another. He will try to use the same technique of falsehood and rumor mongering with which he divided France from Britain. He is trying this even now; but he will find a unity, a unity of will and purpose, against him, which will persevere until the destruction of all his black designs upon the freedom and people of the world."

Undoubtedly the American people welcomed this timely warning. But unfortunately many of them are unaware of what enemy propaganda is and complacently fail to connect it with the dangerous effect it has on our war effort.

My experience at the dinner alarmed me sufficiently to investigate the extent of Hitler's propaganda in America. A partial investigation convinced me of its magnitude. The Office of Facts and Figures' booklet "Divide and Conquer" states that the Nazis are "spending \$300,000,000 each year to organize Germans abroad, and to spread German propaganda. Directing this subversive activity is the Auslands Organization (Germans abroad) of the Nazi party, with headquarters in Berlin, 600 agencies in foreign countries, and a membership of 4,000,000."

ANTI-SEMITISM — HITLER'S SPEARHEAD

Too many people are complacent about enemy propaganda because they cannot conceive its scope and virulence. The individual does not see the vast propaganda machine reaching millions of people. He does not see its widespread and deep effects on the country as a whole. He only sees it in his immediate surrounding and as such it may not appear too important.

Yet — propaganda is the main weapon that Hitler depends on to defeat our country and world democracy. It stands to

reason that the Axis leaders realize that their combined strength in manpower, production capacities and natural resources cannot equal by a wide margin the combined strength of the United Nations. Therefore, the best chance the fascist enemy has, is to split the unity of the democratic nations and the unity of the people within each nation.

In utilizing this weapon, the Nazis use anti-Semitism as one of their spearheads. Here is the way Hitler himself directed his agents:

"Anti-Semitism propaganda in all countries is an almost indispensable medium for the extension of our political campaign. You will see how little time we shall need in order to upset the ideas and the criteria of the whole world, simply and purely by attacking Judaism."

As recent as May 26, 1943, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency reports how much hope the Nazis place on this theory by quoting the German Official News Agency release, "Only history knows to what extent anti-Semitism among our enemies can change matters in our favor."

CHARLIE WILL KNOW BETTER

If the full significance of these facts could be brought to the attention of the people Hitler's last hope for victory would be destroyed. The people need *information* to recognize and counter attack every attempt to divide the people against themselves. This booklet is a modest attempt to help in that direction.

It would be impossible in these few pages to cover all phases of Nazi propaganda, so the subject of this booklet will be the anti-Semitic spearhead of the fascist enemy. The cracking of this wedge, will contribute to checking the whole Axis propaganda machine.

Let us discuss the "hows, whys and whats" of anti-Semitism. Let this discussion arm us against Hitler's attacks on the home front. Let no American become Hitler's stooge because of ignorance about this urgent problem. Let us have no more "First American" leaflets passed around by Charlies.

Nazi formula

THE NAZI FORMULA for anti-Semitic activities follows three simple steps, the A, B, C of fascist success.

- (a) Discredit the Jews. Depict them as aggressively cruel and shamefully meek, disgustingly rich and disgustingly poor, ultra-reactionary and ultra-radical, uncivilized ignoramuses and conniving geniuses. Make them hateful to all sections of the population. Use everything from lies to forgeries, for, as Hitler wrote in *Mein Kampf*, "The very enormity of a lie contributes to its success."
- (b) Identification of the Jews with the main objectives. If you hate the Jews and are made to believe they run the Roosevelt Administration then you must hate the Roosevelt Administration. If John Q. believes Lie No. 1 why shouldn't he believe Lie No. 2?
- (c) Attack. Follow up the propaganda barrage with physical attack. Beat up individual Jews, groups, break store windows, wreck synagogues, start riots. Later these acts of violence and terror can be turned against the important objectives.

IT AIN'T FUNNY, MC GEE

When we analyze the "First American" leaflet in relation to the Nazi formula it's no longer a joke. It becomes a clever example of steps (a) and (b). In essence this "joke" states it is the non-Jews who are the heroes and fighters in this war. The implication is that the Jews are cowards, they don't do the fighting. Not only that, but while the non-Jews are fighting and dying, the Jews are home using up that precious war material, rubber.

The "joke" further implies it is a Jewish war, not a people's war. If the Jews stay home and reap benefits from the war, for what are the non-Jews sacrificing and fighting?

Following this reasoning to its logical conclusion, it is not difficult to see why many people have been heard to say, "What we need in this country is a Hitler to wipe out the Jews." Step (a), it slanders the Jews; step (b), it makes the war a Jewish war.

I guess there will be some readers who will say, "Come now, nobody is going to reach subversive conclusions from such a joke. They'll just laugh it off good naturedly." To put aside all doubts that this leaflet is the work of some harmless humorist, catch a back copy of the New York newspaper *PM* (Dec. 22, '42). *PM* reported that research institutions investigated this leaflet and found that with minor variations it has been recopied, carbon-copied, printed, and mimeographed by the hundreds of thousands. The Baldwin Locomotive Works, a N. Y. shipyard, the War Production Board, a Wall St. barber shop, the Boston Army base, Watertown Arsenal, Charlestown (Mass.) Navy Yard, and Boston City Hall comprise a partial list of places where the leaflet has been circulated. It has been found in cities and towns all across the country.

Many of us have lost our sensitivity about slanderous jokes due to the loose conception of humor whipped up by Hollywood, the radio and the press. We seem to think that if these mighty institutions deliver jokes which ridicule Jews, Negroes and foreign born, it can't be so harmful. Of course, exactly the opposite is true. The prestige of these institutions which influence the opinions of the majority of our population, only multiply the danger when they use such so-called humor.

A JOKE'S A JOKE — BUT

I have yet to listen to a program of "Can You Top This" without hearing at least one joke ridiculing a Jew, Negro, Italian, or some other American group. Imagine what impression of Jews is created by characters like Mrs. Nussbaum of the Fred Allen program, or the Goldbergs, etc., etc.

In normal times, jokes which ridicule people of any race, color or nationality are certainly not in keeping with the

great American principle, "All men are created equal." But now we are at war. Our country is fighting for its existence against the most bestial enemy in history. An enemy whose official policy calls for the domination of the entire world, for the oppressing and extermination of all Jews, Slavs and Negroes, and in practise — all non-Germans.

This isn't just my interpretation. The Nazis have broadcast this policy to all corners of the earth. They have printed untold millions of books, pamphlets and articles about it, even trying to justify it scientifically.

In such times the greatest need of our country is the closest and friendliest unity of all people regardless of race, color, nationality or creed for the best efforts on the battle-front and the home front. In such times ridicule and slander which cause mistrust and disunity of our people, are treasonous.

There are over 100 fascist and semi-fascist organizations in the United States whose open policy is anti-Semitic. Year in and year out they issue reams of material. It is estimated their periodicals (newspapers and magazines) reach between 6 and 7 million readers. They print cartoons of Jews (grossly caricatured) murdering Christians and raping gentle girls. In some sparsely-settled sections of our country there are people who believe Jews have horns and tails. Such extreme cases emphasize the effect some of this printed material can have.

"RESPECTABLE" ANTI-SEMITISM

The hate drive against the Jews is not only carried out by these small, openly-violent fascist organizations; or even the larger but equally fascist outfits of Father Coughlin and the Christian Front. Some of the so-called respectable daily newspapers with the largest circulations in the United States spread the same anti-Jewish germ in a more subtle manner. This includes the whole Hearst chain, the *N. Y. Daily News*, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Washington Times-Herald* and numerous other city newspapers scattered throughout the country.

For example, at this writing the N. Y. *Daily News* is headlining some insinuations that the meat shortage is due to the Kosher meat dealers. Further on in these pages we will see other methods used by the press in popularizing the propaganda of our enemy. It is important to note that the above mentioned papers all supported the America First Committee before Pearl Harbor and today are united on an appeasement-isolationist program.

POISON PEDDLERS, INC.

This daily poison is supplemented by weekly and monthly periodicals headed by the *Saturday Evening Post* and the *Reader's Digest*. The classical example of the type of vicious material put out by these "respectable" mags appeared in the March 28, 1942 issue of the *Saturday Evening Post* which boasts of 3,000,000 readers. Right on the front cover, displayed on thousands of news stands in every state of our Union, was the prominent headline, "The Case Against the Jew" by Milton Mayer.

Using Goebbel's arguments, Mr. Mayer attempts to convince his readers that some of the worst slanders against the Jews are justified and that Jews are typically that way. While the magazine was careful to have a Jew write this article, it could not prevent a storm of protest, which made the editors print a left-handed apology.

Mayer's conclusions in this article are very significant, "Denouncing Coughlin won't save him (the Jew — S.V.). The destruction of Hitler won't save him." This theory is not very startling when you read that in an interview after the article was written, Mayer is quoted as stating, "I still think the war is wrong — and I'll go on thinking it." There you have it! Slander of the Jews leads to defense of Hitler, which naturally leads to action against our war effort or in other words — treason.

The "respectable" propagandists of Jew-hatred worm their way up even into the hallowed halls of the U. S. Congress. Dozens of Congressmen and Senators, lined up with the appeasement forces in this country, have a standard trade mark — anti-Semitism. Hardly a week passes but at

least one of these gentlemen uses the highest tribunal of our land to feed the anti-Jewish propaganda machine.

Here is an example of the type of drivel they expound: "The international financiers, largely international Jews, with a few international gentiles . . . who own and control the gold supply of the world. They have controlled the world through the gold standard ever since the Rothschilds. . . . They are now crucifying civilization on a cross of gold." (Congressman J. E. Rankin, Congressional Record, April 25, 1941, p. A2032.)

THE BIGGER THE LIE . . .

The big banks and insurance companies, which are closely interlocked, can buy and sell America. Together they own and control the major industries, transportation facilities, public utilities, real estate, and the natural resources of our country.

The editors of the conservative magazine *Fortune* conducted an impartial survey called "Jews in America" which has since been published in book form by Random House. They name names and give figures. In answer to the question "Do Jews monopolize industry?" they state: "And the fact is this: that there is no basis whatever for the suggestion that Jews monopolize U. S. business and industry. First of all and very definitely, they do not run banking. They play little or no part in the great commercial houses. . . . The absence of Jews in the insurance business is noteworthy."

It is not my purpose to give a detailed expose of all the organizations and individuals conducting this Hitlerite hate-campaign. But even these few examples show the impressive sewer system conducting the flow of Jew-hating bile to all corners of our country. It would be ridiculous to believe that this system had a natural and spontaneous development. It is too obviously the work of skilled technicians bought and paid for by that section of high finance sympathetic to Hitler and his fascist cause.

Let us examine how step (b) of the Nazi formula was and is being used to undermine our war effort.

The label method

FOR WANT of a better name let us call step (b) the "Label Method." A skull and crossed bones label placed on a bottle signifies that the bottle contains poison. Place the same label on a bottle of water and for most people it will mean "hands off." Simple, isn't it? "If we can get large sections of the population to connect Jews with poison," say the Nazis, "then we merely have to place the Jewish label on our main objectives."

How is this working out right now? Unquestionably one of the main objectives of the Fifth Column is to turn the minds of the people against the war. This work began even further back but let us pick it up about three months before Pearl Harbor. On Sept. 10, 1941 the N. Y. *Daily News* informed its readers in an editorial that there are two types of anti-Semites; one group are genuine Jew-haters, says the *News*. In the other group are "those who are called anti-Semites by the more enthusiastic war-mongers — who believe the United States should not send an army of millions of men — for hundreds of thousands would not be enough — to Europe to avenge upon Hitler the wrongs he has inflicted on the Jews in Europe."

Unscramble this mess and what have you got? The only reason there can be for fighting Hitler is to revenge the Jews in Europe. Therefore, people who say it is a Jewish war are not anti-Semites — oh, no! — they are sensible patriots. It seems the editors of the *News* were not informed that Hitler had conquered most of Europe; had beaten back England and bombed her cities; had treacherously attacked the Soviet Union; had formed the so-called "Anti-Comintern" Axis with Italy, Japan and several minor powers which openly declared its intention to destroy the "decaying democracies," including America.

Watch step Number 2 develop. On the very next day, Sept. 11th, in Des Moines, Iowa, Charles Lindbergh, his heart still warm from the medal presented him by Hitler, made his infamous speech at an America First rally. It is worth studying this quote from the America First Committee's lanky, leading light.

"The Administration, the Jews and the American-British are the three major agitators for American entry into the war. They knew the people had no intention of going to war, so they planned first to prepare the United States for foreign war under the guise of American defense; second, to involve us in the war step by step, without our realization; third, to create a series of incidents which would force us into the actual conflict.

"If any of these groups — the British, the Jewish or the Administration stops agitating for war, I believe there will be little danger of our involvement.

"Tolerance is a virtue that depends on peace and strength. A few far sighted Jewish people realize this, but the majority still do not. Their greatest danger to this country lies in their large ownership and influence in our motion pictures, our press, our radio and government."

Lindbergh learned Hitler's lesson well. If a lie has to be big to be successful, this one ought to hit the jackpot. Lindbergh blames the British, the Jews and the Administration for drawing us into war. However, with his last paragraph he places his whole emphasis on the Jews. He makes sure the whole Jewish people are blamed, notice the words "few" and "majority." He calls for an end to tolerance. Of course the innocent lambs leading the fascist Axis have nothing to do with starting the war. Although three months later, Pearl Harbor should have smashed this theory, the Lindbergh poison had already achieved its purpose.

The *Reader's Digest* took pains to label the government "Jewish dominated" by printing an article "The Facts About Jews in Washington" condensed from the book "Washington Is Like That" by W. M. Kiplinger. This article implied in a polite way what Hitler and Coughlin have been spouting loudly.

E. J. Garner, publisher of the paper *Publicity*, of Wichita, Kansas, went further on March 12, 1942, three months after Pearl Harbor. He stated: "With your loyal support and distribution to right thinking Americans, the Mongolian Jew Controlled Roosevelt Dictatorship will be smashed."

BOTH ENDS AGAINST THE MIDDLE

The "label method" is used with great energy against the Communists. The Nazis use both ends of their spears. First they label the Communist movement "Jewish," then they label the Jews "Communists." They use either one or both against other objectives. To the Roosevelt Administration they apply both labels. But it would be difficult to apply the Jewish "label" to the trade union movement of over 12 million organized workers.

The labor movement is the key in successful war production. To split it, to destroy it, is a key objective of the Fifth Column and reactionary industrialists who place victory over unionism before victory over Hitler. Having used the Jewish label to help "poison" the Communists, it is much easier to paste the Communist label on the trade union. This practice is too common to need examples. It has been used against every progressive organization and individual of any prominence.

William Randolph Hearst with his large chain of gutter sheets was among the initiators of this label and one of the foremost exponents of this method. Congressman Dies became Hitler's darling by using this method to cover all the truly subversive activities taking place with his knowledge and approval. Mr. Dies is one of the most-quoted Americans by the Goebbels' radio in Berlin. Vice-President Wallace explained that Dies could not do more damage to the war effort if he were in the pay of Hitler.

Enough about step Number 2 in the Nazi formula. Suffice it to say that hardly a day goes by that the appeaser press does not fail, directly or indirectly, to use this label method to confuse the people about the war, the administration, rationing, price control, labor and every other phase of the war effort.

F*rom words to violence*

THE FINAL and logical step in the Nazi formula is action. If the Fifth Column could mobilize enough people to effectively attain its objectives without steps one and two, it would not hesitate. It is a tribute to the inherent American quality of brotherhood and tolerance, that extensive groundwork has been laid by steps one and two without yielding the expected results in step three.

Although the fifth column has not achieved its desired results, it has had some successes. Most of its actions thus far could be described as "training scrimmages." The most common of these practice sessions are small-scale attacks against Jewish individuals, Jewish-owned stores, or homes and synagogues.

In practically every major city and most minor cities reports of these attacks appear from time to time in the local press with little space and no editorial comment. Need I take the time here to give details about the store windows broken in the heart of the Chicago Loop; about the Jewish air raid wardens beaten in the Bronx; about the synagogues burned in Long Island, Harlem, etc.; about the few hundred young people who gathered in a skating rink in Boston, left in a body, beat up young Jewish children, broke store windows, and yelled slogans like "There will be no more Jews on Jewel Hill after the war"; or about 1001 other incidents all over the country training the storm troopers of tomorrow?

POGROMS FOR AMERICA

It would be naïve to believe that these actions are merely spontaneous outbursts. The more than 100 openly fascist and anti-Semitic organizations have been printing leaflets, pamphlets, magazines and newspapers calling for action against the Jews.

The most recent and vicious example of the way these organizations work can be seen in the Detroit anti-Negro outbreak. Led by Gerald K. Smith's American First Party, the Ku Klux Klan, the Hitlerite National Workers League, former Black Legionnaires, etc., this organized pogrom has so far resulted in 28 deaths and 700 wounded.

Federal and local authorities have been called upon to investigate and prosecute these leaders in Detroit. Back in March, 1942, Parker Sage, labor spy and leader in the Black Legion, at the headquarters of the National Workers League, predicted Japanese victories and stated, "there won't be a kike left in the American nation a year after that" and "you won't be bothered by the lousy niggers."

Nothing was done about these warnings. Now we see the result and feel the terrible harm to our war effort. Already, the Detroit agents of Hitler are following up the attack on the Negroes with a wide distribution of anti-Semitic leaflets.

Joe McWilliams, Christian Front Leader, toured important cities inflaming his audiences with prophecies that the slaughter of Jews in America would put the Nazi pogroms to shame. Before *Social Justice* was barred from the mail, Coughlin warned that if action was taken against his paper torrents of Jewish blood would flow in American streets.

Certainly Lindbergh's Des Moines speech implying that this was no time for "tolerance" was not misconstrued by his anti-Jewish following. Certainly, it is clear now that the First American "joke" was not created to stir laughter but rather bitterness which would foster violent demonstrations.

Even while all this is preliminary training for mass action against the Jews, it has already been directed against some major objectives. Back in 1939 Representative Jacob Thorkelson, Wheeler's pal, since defeated in the elections, referred to President Roosevelt as *Rosenvelt* in "off the record" conversations. Newspapers have reported how this term has been used at many America First, Christian Front and Nazi Bund meetings. Harangued by defeatists and anti-Semites, many such audiences have been reported by these newspapers as calling for President Roosevelt's assassination.

TARGET FOR ATTACK

If the Fifth Column can be successful in leading mass violence against the Jews, how simple would it be to turn such a mob against a "Jewish" Civilian Defense Office, a "Jewish" trade union office, a "Jewish" war plant, or even a "Jewish" President? Surveying the records of newspaper reports about these attacks, we find that most cases were not followed up by investigations of the local authorities. In some places action was taken to whitewash offenders. Where some arrests were made there were only a few recorded convictions.

IT'S AN ANCIENT TACTIC

Some readers may question, "Why blame the Nazis for anti-Semitism which has existed for centuries?" Let it be clear that we do not blame the Nazis for creating anti-Semitism. We accuse them of using it and spreading it as an instrument to crush civilization. A study of the history of anti-Semitism only strengthens the case against the Nazis.

It is true that the Pandora's Box of anti-Semitism was opened many centuries ago and the virus of hatred and prejudice against the Jews encouraged to multiply. But, during many periods and in many countries the anti-toxin of people's struggles for freedom would succeed in destroying most of these germs. These were periods such as Vice-President Wallace spoke of in his historic "Century of the Common Man" speech. He said:

"The march of freedom of the past one hundred and fifty years has been a long-drawn-out people's revolution. In this great revolution of the people, there were the American Revolution of 1776, the French Revolution of 1792, the Latin American revolution of the Bolivian era, the German Revolution of 1848, and the Russian Revolution of 1917."

But all through these centuries there were also periods of counter-revolution. Periods in which the anti-Semitic germs thrived in the filth of reaction. The authoritative study

"Organized Anti-Semitism in America" by Donald S. Strong and published by the American Council on Public Affairs states: "As a political ideology, anti-Semitism without an anti-revolutionary aspect is so rare as to be almost unknown . . ." and further, ". . . the ideology spread by anti-Semitic groups in the United States is the same as that which accompanied certain political developments in Russia before World War I, in Poland and Hungary shortly after that war, and more recently in Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy."

Today the fiercest counter-revolution against human progress, the Nazi-fascist counter-revolution, has again picked up the thread and started the greatest anti-Semitic wave in history.

In these few pages we have seen not the record but rather a short description of how anti-Semitism is being used to knife the war effort and bring fascism to this country. Patriotic Americans, using no other source of information than reactionary newspapers, cannot answer in their own minds the propaganda of the anti-Semites. There is little counter propaganda in motion pictures or radio.

On the record

THE LATE Pope Pius XI stated on September 6, 1938, "*Through Christ and in Christ we are the spiritual descendants of Abraham. No, it is not possible for Christians to participate in anti-Semitism.*"

From the days of the ancient Hebrew prophets through the centuries, the Jews have contributed constructively to the development of world civilization on a level equal to any other people.

To list a few names like the Kings David and Solomon, Philo of Alexandria, Josephus, Spinoza, Karl Marx, Mendelsohn, Freud, Doctors Erlich and Einstein, Henri Bergson, etc., etc., is to list some of the world's greatest thinkers in the fields of philosophy, social science and practical science.

A glorious thread of Jewish contributions runs through the history of America beginning with the voyage of Columbus, in which at least five Jews participated. Misguided anti-Semites, who think that Jews are tight-fisted money hoarders, would do well to read the letter of James Madison about Haym Salomon who was outstanding among hundreds of Jews in aiding to finance the American Revolution. Madison wrote, ". . . I have for some time been a pensioner on the favor of Haym Salomon, a Jew broker. I am almost ashamed to acknowledge my wants so incessantly to you, but they begin to be so urgent that it is impossible to suppress. The kindness of our little friend in S. Front St. near the coffee house, is a fund that will preserve me from extremities, but I never resort to it without great mortification as he obstinately rejects all recompense. The price of money is so usurious that he thinks it ought to be extorted from none but those who aim at profitable speculation."

It is difficult to think that Americans would retain prejudices against the Jewish people when all around them, in every phase of American life, Jews have and still are, contributing to the well being, the education, and the culture of the country as a whole.

A reminder of just a few examples show how Jews have helped develop a fuller and richer life for all Americans. The last World's Fair, held in New York, had a tremendous exhibition showing the wonders given to the world by that wizard of electricity Charles P. Steinmetz. Leaders of the world mourned the death of Franz Boas, our most authoritative anthropologist.

The music of George Gershwin will be enjoyed by Americans for generations to come, long after the anti-Semites will be forgotten. Millions pay homage to the magical strains poured forth from the violins of Jascha Heifetz and Mischa Elman; just as they laugh with kings of comedians, Eddie Cantor and Jack Benny; just as they thrill with the entertainment of Paul Muni, Al Jolson and Edward G. Robinson; just as they dance to the favorite bands of Harry James and Benny Goodman.

Just as fine theatre is identified with the late David Belasco, so is newspaper constructiveness identified with the late Joseph Pulitzer. Two more Jews who rose to the top in spite of discrimination. Lovers of art place Raphael Soyer among the great painters. No list of America's best writers would omit Waldo Frank.

To speak about the former Governor Herbert H. Lehman is to think of good government. Many great men have served and will serve in our Supreme Court, but none will win greater love and respect from the American people than the late Louis D. Brandeis and the late Benjamin N. Cardozo.

America is considered one of the most sport conscious nations and in this field Jews have won their places with the best. Football fans pay tribute to Benny Friedman, All American; baseball fans to Hank Greenberg; boxing fans to

the former light-weight champion of the world, Benny Leonard; etc., etc.

But no athlete has captured the heart of America as much as the former lightweight champion Barney Ross. Barney joined the U.S. Marines to help score a knockout against Hitlerism. He is now recovering from serious injuries received while defending his wounded comrades from attacking Japanese on a South Pacific island. Single-handed, he held the fascists off all night, until help arrived.

TALK ABOUT COURAGE

Yes, it is the military history of our country in which Jewish participation is most glorious. Col. Isaac Franks, aide-de-camp to George Washington, and Major Benjamin Nones, French Jew who left a profitable wine business in Bordeaux to serve under Lafayette for the hard pressed Americans, head an impressive list of Jewish heroes who served on the battlefield to win independence for our country.

In the American Revolution and in every war since that time Jews served in the American armed forces in greater proportion than their ratio to the population. In all these wars Jews distinguished themselves for bravery. Speaking for the Union Army during the Civil War, General Oliver O. Howard wrote: "I had a Jewish aide-de-camp, one of the bravest and best, in the battle of Bull Run . . . I had another aide who was killed at the Battle of Chancellorsville, a true and brave officer. Two of my brigade commanders answered to the above description. Intrinsically there are no more patriotic men to be found in the country than those who claim to be of Hebrew descent and who served with me in parallel commands or directly under my instructions."

IN WORLD WAR I

Julian Leavitt, Director of the Office of War Records for World War I, wrote in a preliminary report: "The

entire Jewish population of the country, according to the latest estimates, is about 3 per cent of the total population. The Jews in the military and naval forces of the United States, however, have constituted from 4 to 5 per cent of the total personnel."

The Office of War Records lists a total of 1,132 Honors and Citations received by Jews for the services in the last war. Three Jews received the highest award of our country, the Congressional Medal of Honor, and 142 received the Distinguished Service Cross. General Pershing stated after the war, "When the time came to serve their country under arms, no class of people served with more patriotism or with higher motives than the young Jews who volunteered or were drafted and who went overseas with our other young Americans. I well remember in my inspections of New York divisions seeing so many patriotic, well-disciplined, well-behaved young Jewish soldiers whose commanders spoke of them in the highest terms."

Especially in this war against the most vicious, uncivilized enemies of mankind are the Jews distinguishing themselves. Already, before America's major forces have been brought face to face with the enemy, many Jews are among the outstanding heroes. The "First American" leaflet* which introduced this pamphlet did not take into consideration that it was Sergeant Meyer Levin, young Brooklyn Jew, who, acting as Captain Kelly's bombardier, released the bombs that sunk the S.S. Haruna. Like Kelly, Levin later died risking his life for his shipmates when their plane crashed. At the time of his death he was the holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Silver Star award, and others.

All America has paid tribute to Levin, to the fighting Marine Barney Ross, to Sergeant Irving Strobinger who stuck to his wireless in Corregidor until he was stopped by the swarming Japanese, to Ensign Ira Weil Jeffery who died fighting heroically at Pearl Harbor, to Lt. Henry Mark, killed while trying to stop Japanese tanks in the Philippines, and to many other Jewish fighters.

YET . . .

In the February-March 1943 issue of *The Protestant*, Joseph Brainin, in an article, "Anti-Semitism Triumphant," wrote: "In the vault of an organization that prides itself on its record of successfully combating anti-Semitism lies a copy of a confidential poll of public opinion taken in Dec., 1942. This scientifically conducted survey reveals that the Jews, more than any other 'religious, national or racial groups' in this country are viewed as 'a threat (menace) to America.' In the East, the Jews lead the Germans by six per cent, the Japanese by five per cent and the Fascists, who are also listed as a group, by fourteen per cent in this poll.

"That the anti-Semitic propaganda about Jews being slackers and war profiteers has scored throughout the country is proved beyond the shadow of a doubt by this confidential poll, which contains twenty-one questions. It also provides incontrovertible evidence that Nazi and Fascist propaganda about the war being 'Jewish-made,' about the Jews 'having too much power' and about 'Jewish control of the government in Washington' has permeated a large number of Americans in every walk of life."

How is it possible, in view of the record the American Jews have made, in view of the democratic war we are fighting, that the poll mentioned above indicates as answer to one of the questions that "one out of five Americans is ready to join in an anti-Semitic crusade?"

H*ow do they get away with it?*

INDEED! How do they? Our country is fighting a war for survival against an enemy which has made physical extermination of Jews an official policy. They have used anti-Semitic propaganda to divide and conquer most of the nations of Europe. In every country they have overpowered, the actions against the Jews were followed by the enslaving and murdering of any and all people who opposed the Nazi rule.

Is it possible that anybody can interpret the present, intense anti-Jewish campaign as anything but Nazi activity? Of course, it may be expected the uninformed people would not make the connection between anti-Semitism here with the anti-Semitism of the Nazis in Europe. But even those people who should be informed, who should know better, do not recognize the danger of anti-Semitism. Here is a recent and illuminating example.

On February 1, 1943, Martin Dies made a speech on the floor of the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. He said: "But there have come repeated demands that this person or that person be branded as pro-Fascist or pro-Nazi simply because he expressed anti-Jewish views. I do not hold with those who condemn anyone on account of the misdeed of some people in that race, but there is no law against a man's being anti-Semitic."

In this speech, Mr. Dies also made it clear that he believed the "war" against "bureaucracy" (the Roosevelt Administration — S.V.) was "more important" than the military fight against the fascist enemy. These two opinions in one speech, defending anti-Semitism and defending the enemy by making them less dangerous to our country than the Roosevelt Administration, only strengthens the evidence that anti-Semitism is the instrument of the Nazis.

The above opinions are not surprising coming from an open defender and pal of nearly all American fascists. However, these statements were so openly treasonous that Mr. Dies modified them before they were placed in the Congressional Record. The astounding point I want to make is that Mr. Dies' speech containing the original fascist declarations was received by most of the representatives with a standing ovation.

How can we expect local officials to regard anti-Semitism as treason, and to arrest fifth columnists who peddle anti-Jewish hate, when a Congressman asserts "there is no law against a man's being anti-Semitic" and at the end of his speech is greeted with such a demonstration by the highest legislative body in the land?

George Seldes reveals in his weekly publication, *In Fact*, that Goebbels' American counterpart, William Randolph Hearst, thought so much of Dies' speech, that he issued the following signed order to all his editors, "... I am notifying editors in this message to proceed on lines indicated, namely; 'We should begin with Dies' speech, running summary in immediate news and the speech in full on the editorial page, about one thousand words per day, as people will not read more.'"

FROM BERLIN TO WASHINGTON

As I write these pages thirty-three Nazi propagandists are awaiting trial in Washington. The logical prosecutor in this case would be William Powers Maloney, who has gathered most of the evidence against these conspirators and has one of the best records in convicting fifth columnists. However, on the insistence and under threats of defeatist Senators Wheeler, Nye, and others, Attorney General Francis Biddle kicked Maloney upstairs and assigned the prosecution to John O. Rogge.

This means an undeterminable delay, possibly as much as one year, and a less effective prosecution. The desperation

of the defeatist Senators and Congressmen in connection with this trial is easily understandable because practically all of them have had associations with one or more of the thirty-three indicted.

This one case shows clearly the tie-up of Nazi agents with people in high places of the government, press and radio. Who are some of the 33 people indicted by the Federal Grand Jury on charges of seditious conspiracy. Let us take Robert Edward Edmondson, organizer of the Edmondson Economic Service which claims to have distributed 5,000,000 pieces of literature with such titles as "How Key Jews Rule the U.S.A." and "Jews at the Bottom of All Our Troubles." His connections with the Nazis were definitely established as far back as 1937 when the Nazi "World Service" Conference meeting in Erfurt, Germany sent him a letter signed by fascist representatives of 22 nations.

Their letter closed with the statement: "We are sending you this letter to show you that we are thinking of you and admire you for your tenacity and great moral courage in fighting this greatest of all fights against Jew domination of all that we hold noble and sacred."

Then there is George E. Deatherage who admitted to a Congressional Committee his relations with the Nazi "World Service" in Germany and boasted of his Presidency of the American Nationalist Confederation and his post as National Commander of the fascist Knights of the White Camellia. The American Nationalist Confederation published a News Bulletin which openly stated it was the official organ of the Fascist Party in America.

Another example of the "characters" under indictment is E. J. Garner, publisher of the fascist newspaper *Publicity* of Wichita, Kansas, whose quote about the "Mongolian Jew Controlled Roosevelt Dictatorship" was used on a previous page. Though under indictment, he distributes a leaflet "How the New Deal Will End." He writes he is being persecuted by "Jews in the Department of Justice" because he is "Jew wise," and "fought Communism and found it tied to the Jewish issue." He adds, "If Jews do go daffy and murder somebody who is opposing Communism . . . like is

being talked about these days, then pogroms will break out in this country of ours overnight."

TO THE RESCUE OF FASCISTS

These and most of the others indicted are out on bail and still issuing the same subversive material. It is the indictment of these people that Representative Clare E. Hoffman of Michigan, called a New Deal Plot. Hoffman then sponsored a bill calling for an investigation of this action by the Grand Jury. Imagine! The newspaper *PM's* serial expose of this case reports that "Rep. Hamilton Fish, Jr. (R., N.Y.) was permitting the use of his franking privilege by some of the persons accused of sedition this Spring, to mail out thousands of reprints of his speeches attacking the forthcoming trials."

In a speech to the Senate on January 14, 1943, Senator Gerald Nye said most of the indicted were "no more guilty than I am," and many patriots recognized a truth in this statement. Isolationist Senator Burton K. Wheeler attacked the Justice Department and called their action "one of the most disgraceful proceedings ever carried on in this country."

It was on such insistence that Attorney General Biddle has held up the trial and allowed those indicted to continue their destructive work during the most critical days in our fight against Hitlerism.

How can the FBI effectively smash the fifth column when its chief, Biddle, appeases American defeatists and delays the prosecution of those enemies who have been arrested?

When Walter Winchell, well known commentator, wanted to acquaint his radio audience with these facts, the President of the Blue Network, Mark Clark, censored all references to this case. The Chicago *Tribune* front-paged this un-American censorship with the headline "Radio Forces Winchell to Cease Smear."

THEY HAVE YIELDED TO HITLERISM

No wonder they get away with it. Even in this rather sketchy picture we can see a terrible reality. Here is a net-

work of fascist conspirators working in scores of organizations throughout the country. They openly print and distribute anti-Semitic and anti-war propaganda. They slander our Allies of the United Nations — especially England and the Soviet Union. They encourage race hatred. They attack every constructive piece of legislation, political, economic or military, which helps the war effort.

In this work they are led, aided, abetted and defended by powerful forces in all walks of American life. These forces, influential in government, industry, radio and press are either isolationists, defeatists, appeasers, Roosevelt-haters, Jew-haters, Negro-haters, labor-baiters, out and out fascists or any and all combinations of these. Their ideologies are so akin it is difficult to separate one from the other.

The important thing is they supplement each other and objectively have the same result, weakening America's war effort by helping Hitler's fifth column.

As President Roosevelt said in his fireside report to the nation April 28, 1942 — *"This great war effort must be carried through to its victorious conclusion by the indomitable will and determination of the people, as one great whole."*

"It must not be impeded by a few bogus patriots who use the sacred freedom of the press to echo the sentiments of propagandists in Tokyo and Berlin. And, above all, it shall not be imperilled by the handful of noisy traitors — betrayers of Christianity itself — would-be dictators who in their hearts and souls have yielded to Hitlerism and would have this Republic do likewise."

While anti-Semitism is part of the whole enemy campaign to undermine America's victory drive and must be fought as part of the whole, it is also a specific issue which needs special attention.

Fighting anti-semitism

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has always taken a positive position against anti-Semitism. Especially important has been his action to wipe out discrimination against Jews, Negroes and other minority groups in war industry. Other prominent people of government and Church have spoken out against the evil of Jew-hating.

Yet — discrimination in industry still exists. Discrimination in the armed forces is rampant. The April 26, 1943 issue of *In Fact* revealed that 350,000 copies of a Bible had been distributed to our armed forces containing a footnote "Jews are the synagogue of Satan." The First American "joke" was recently printed in "The Blue-Jacket," official organ of the U.S. Naval Training School at Memphis, Tenn. Anti-Semitism is being spread more widely than ever. Clearly, speeches will not stop the foreign and home-grown fascists from carrying on anti-Jewish propaganda.

A Federal law making anti-Semitism punishable by imprisonment as a crime against society would be expected for ordinary times, in a democratic country like our own. But right now, when national unity is our prime weapon in the defense of our nation, such a law is a necessity.

At the time of this writing there are several bills in preparation and some already before Congress which hack away at one arm or another of the anti-Semitic octopus. Any bill which even in a limited way obstructs this hate drive, deserves the support of all patriotic Americans, Jew and non-Jew. For instance, every Congressman should be urged to support and pass the Dickstein Bill, H. J. Res. 49, and the Lynch Bill H.R. 2328, prohibiting anti-Semitic material to pass through the mails.

EDUCATION FOR VICTORY

The struggle to make the government and all its agencies take action against all forms of anti-Semitism must be com-

bined with a broad, stream-lined educational campaign. Under the leadership of the government, schools, churches, trade unions, fraternal, movies, radio, press and all types of organizations, could present such indisputable facts about the Jews and the function of anti-Jewish propaganda, that it would dispel the basis of anti-Semitism once and for all.

The contributions of the Jews to the progress of science, culture, philosophy, industry, agriculture, military achievements, etc., are second to none. History abounds with so many advances the Jews have made to civilization, as to disprove any attempted theories of exceptionalism. Such an educational movement would not only teach the equality of Jews and gentiles, but would result in destroying the teachings of race superiority generally.

UNITY FOR VICTORY

Under existing conditions the initiative for achieving such a two-fold program must come from organized Jewry. It is a responsibility and privilege that the leaders of Jewish-American life must accept. It is their responsibility because they are the most logical leaders in this fight. It is a privilege because the destruction of anti-Semitism will be an additional and particular contribution to our country's war effort.

It will take the full strength of a united American Jewry to put such a program into effect. All the powerful Fifth Column forces and their helpers will be put to work to obstruct this program. In spite of all obstacles their responsible leaders must unite the five million American Jews into one solid front; a visible, marching army, showing to all America its heart and its brawn, its fighters and workers, its history and its perspectives, and yes, its demands for the common good!

It is in this way that all Americans will unite with the Jews on a basis of mutual understanding and respect. This unity will be a great stimulus for a fuller, all-around national unity so necessary for Victory.

This fight against anti-Semitism and for inclusive national unity requires the full cooperation of especially the leaders in all national group communities and in the trade unions. It is an organizational and patriotic duty of these leaders to rally their people in this fight against the Nazi lies which are being used to confuse them, break their organization and ruin their country.

The Detroit anti-Negro attack and the other incidents mentioned in these pages are only a prelude to the outbreaks which will occur if action is not taken at once. When Congressman Vito Marcantonio found out about the "Blue-Jacket" case mentioned in this chapter, he complained to the Navy Department. After an exchange of correspondence the Navy issued an official directive barring from service publications matter that "will in any way offend the sensibility of any racial or religious group." Successes like this can and must be won.

From the mass graves of occupied Europe, two million massacred Jews cry: "Nothing must stand in the way of Victory." This cry is echoed by the millions of other slaughtered people—"Hitlerism must be crushed." Our American boys—Jew and gentile—fighting and dying in this holy war for civilization, expect nothing less than the united support of their people at home. Who dares oppose unity enters the camp of the enemy. We must not fail our boys!

THE END



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