

## U. S. TO CLOSE WPA CASE SOON

Briefs Revised as Baltzel  
Orders Speed in Final  
Diversion Trial.

Urged to greater directness and speed by Federal Judge Robert C. Baltzel, attorneys in the trial of three persons charged with WPA fraud, have revised briefs and the Government now expects to rest its case tomorrow.

The defendants are Arthur E. Eickhoff, real estate man; Carl E. Kortepeter, former Marion County WPA administrator; and Charles E. Jefferson, former member of the Marion County Flood Control Board.

Mrs. Della Keller, Nashville, Ind., testified today that she granted easements on a lot she owned in the area under question at the request of Mr. Eickhoff.

### Claims Others Aided

Clarence W. Means, Indianapolis attorney and brother-in-law of Mrs. Keller, testified that she had advised her to sign the easements because the proposed work would not damage her interests and would help the interests of others.

Eight WPA foremen yesterday testified that they worked on either or both the Minnesota St. and Ritter Ave. projects which the government contends were executed illegally for the benefit of the defendants and not in the public interest.

The two projects involved were begun in 1938 and they run through Silver Hills, a development owned by the Eickhoff Realty Co.

Typical of their testimony was that of Thomas Martin, ex-carpenter and foreman on the E. Minnesota St. project. He told the court that he was ordered to the project and told to "put a road through there."

### Couldn't Use Roadway

Upon questioning by B. Howard Gaughan, District Attorney, Mr. Martin described the land where the road was placed as thicket and with trees and briars all about.

He said that it took his crew of from 40 to 50 men two months to "grub" out the bushes and briars before the work could be started.

### How Hitler Stands Now—

## 'Real Americans' Are Best Aid to Nazis' Fifth Column; 'Peace Plans' Hinted to 'Statesmen' to Influence U. S.

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they were all members of America's true Fifth Column.

For the true Fifth Column, the really dangerous one, consists of "real Americans."

There also is a "Fifth Column" of Hitler's own conscious and deliberate spies and agents in America. These spies and agents operate what is probably the best organized, best financed, most skillful and most efficient system of espionage the world has ever seen. They are prepared to go over to attempt to subvert the staggering scale

but while Hitler's own organization is probably bigger and better than anything of its kind that has previously existed, it is essentially the same in character as all the countless other such organizations which preceded it in world history, going back to the birth of nations.

There always has been espionage and there always has been sabotage, and there always has been intelligence and counterespionage, selected to deal with them. Granted

with peace plans—all five plans were different—and all were sent on their several ways rejoicing.

Typical of the contortions extended by the visitors were those accorded the member of Congress. He was provided with a special Foreign Office plane to facilitate his travels both inside Germany and elsewhere.

The concierge of his de luxe hotel always solemnly referred to him as "the Senator."

The Nazis knew well that none of the visitors was in a position to do anything effective toward maintaining—or restoring—world peace. The Wilhelmstrasse would not have been as courteous if it had thought there was any chance that peace would be preserved. For the last thing on earth the Nazis wanted was peace. They wanted war.

At the same time, the Nazis did want the American people to think that Germany wanted peace, because the Nazis wanted to divide the American people and convert them to their cause without them doing anything effective to oppose the Reich when the time came for the Nazis to go to war.

### Strategy Aided Nazis

The planting of the peace plans was admirably suited to the serving of these purposes:

SECOND, there are Fifth Columnists who realize that Hitler is trying to use them, but who think they are so much smarter than Hitler that they can outwit him and use him instead.

The international oil operator who was one of the amateur statesmen in Berlin belongs in this category. So do some of the men who engage in partisan strife at a time of crisis, and so do some of those who will not or cannot believe that a crisis really exists, and so do some of those who place personal or class interest above national interest.

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The German equivalent of this category of Fifth Columnists consists of men like Fritz Thyssen, the great industrialist, among others. Herr Thyssen, like men of his kind in Italy and in the United States, tried to use a political leader to destroy the labor unions and the "Reds," thinking that they would then be able to control the leaders they themselves had raised to power.

The leaders in both Italy and Germany were too smart for the men who tried this game. Thyssen himself had to flee for his life, and others of his kind wish they could flee. But still others are ready to try the same game. And in trying it they play directly into the hands of the men they are trying to use.

THIRD, there is another main category of "real American" Fifth Columnists—possibly the most dangerous category. This consists of men who hate their domestic enemies so bitterly that they really would prefer to betray their own countries to a foreign leader with whom they sympathize (usually because they do not, in the least, understand him) rather than allow their own enemies to rule.

The Frenchmen who said they would rather see Adolf Hitler rule France than Leon Blum were typical of this category, and the Americans—there are such Americans—who say they wish they could trade Roosevelt for Hitler are typical specimens of it, too.

These main groups and assorted other minor fractions make up the true Fifth Column in the United States. They constitute a graver problem than the more familiar spies and agents. Because the American Fifth Columnists cause more dissension and more confusion and more delays than most professional spies and agents could, and if they cause enough dissension and enough confusion and enough delay, that is all that Hitler needs.

Hitler Doesn't Need Support

Hitler does not need a majority on his side in order to paralyze the ability of a nation to resist him. He can accomplish his purpose even if all the people of a nation are against him—if enough of those people are in sufficient disagreement among themselves to be unable or unwilling to take effective joint action against him.

The people who hate Hitler the most—or at least say they do—are sometimes the ones who help him most by engaging the most hotly in partisan strife at times of crisis. Hitler only needs one newspaper in this category in each city to hamstring a whole nation.

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nor of any rationing at all, nor of any British bombing in that area.

A letter from Berlin was frank enough to concede that gasoline, among other things, was rationed strictly and that almost nobody could drive his own car, but said the unidentified writer, in a cheery note, "Personally, I think there is much more fun, and far more interesting opportunities to observe one's fellow beings, by taking the street car or the bus."

Too ridiculous to be taken seriously? That's what people said in Russia before 1917 and Italy before 1932 and Germany before 1933.

That's what people in the outside world said about the Nazis until the Nazis struck down the Spanish Republic and Austria and Czechoslovakia and Poland and Norway and Denmark and Holland and Belgium and Luxembourg and France. That's what some people are saying still.

And finally, to cull just one more blossom from this fragrant garland, the propagandists solemnly declare that the Barbary pirates were Jews—and therefore doubly to be damned.

**Friends, Foe Unidentified**  
Just who the friends and allies of this particular organization are, is less clear than who its enemies are. Two are, however, mentioned with approval. They are Christ and George Washington.

The third batch of propaganda was almost equally fruity. A liberal use of the American flag (in two colors) provided the setting for attacks on the Jews. President Roosevelt. Wendell L. Willkie, John L. Lewis and the British Empire, among others.

There was also a bulletin of "news" and letters direct from Germany which made the Third Reich at war sound like the closest thing to paradise available in a naughty world.

A letter from Munich, dated August, 1940, referred in glowing terms to a Wagner music festival at Bayreuth and an art exhibit and horse races in Munich, and said the traffic in the city was "terrific." No mention was made of the fact that gasoline was so strictly rationed that it was impossible for private and institutions in hats under one in any accepted sense of the term,

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**Christian Appeal**

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## Son Born as Dad Departs for Army

NEW ALBANY, Ind., Jan. 30 (U. P.)—Pvt. Raymond Bettman, 20, was en route to an Army camp today with the memory of but a fleeting glimpse of his new-born son.

Yesterday the youth was aboard a train ready to take New Albany National Guardsmen to Camp Shelby, Miss., when police arrived in a rush and told him his 22-year-old wife had just given birth to a child.

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