

## U. S. TO CLOSE WPA CASE SOON

Briefs Revised as Baltzell Orders Speed in Final Diversion Trial.

Urged to greater directness and speed by Federal Judge Robert C. Baltzell, 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. Hickoff, real estate man; Carl F. 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. Hickoff.

Claims Others Aided

Clarence W. Means, Indianapolis attorney and brother-in-law of Mrs. Keller, testified that he 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 Ricker 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 ran through Silver Hills, a development owned by the Hickoff 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 a 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 trees and bushes before grading could be started.

He said there were signs that "an old road" had gone through there once, but it was impossible, when they started working, to drive any kind of a vehicle through the land set aside for the road.

The Government apparently was attempting to prove the project was not a repair of a county road damaged by rains and in need of repair as a "farm to market" artery.

The prosecution contends that the WPA money which was spent for this road was received for existing roads in need of immediate repair.

Several of the foremen who had supervised crews working on a bridge on the E. Minnesota St. project furnished testimony similar to that of Mr. Martin.

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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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of their way to snub at the embassy to the Nazis and to others.

All five also sneered at the American Government. They bitterly criticized the President, and they assured the Nazis that the Roosevelt Administration did not really represent the real American people at all, but was pursuing policies which most of the American people opposed and would frustrate in the end.

No important Nazi was unduly impressed by the five "peace-makers." The Nazis were too shrewd for that.

True Opinion Concealed

But the Wilhelmstrasse carefully concealed its true opinion of the visitors. All the amateur statesmen were courteously received, all were listened to with apparently sincere interest, all were obligingly provided with peace plans—all five plans were different—and all were sent on their several ways rejoicing.

Typical of the courtesies extended to 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 nearly 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 prevent them from 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:

The claim by any single one of the Americans that he had a peace plan which the Nazis would accept would be of some value to the Reich. A certain number of people in the United States would take the claim seriously, and a certain number would relax their vigilance or slacken their efforts to end their own country or slow down their aid to the Allies.

And the floating of no fewer than five different plans was calculated to be even more effective than the floating of one. Because this would divide and confuse an even larger number of people in the United States, even more than a single plan would, and do more toward hamstringing the national effort to prepare America for every emergency to say nothing of the effort to cooperate with America's friends.

All of which, in turn, reveals the final and most important respect in which the five amateur statesmen were alike—most of them probably did not realize if themselves, but

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 attempts at sabotage on a staggering scale whenever Hitler gives the word.

But while Hitler's own organization probably suggests a better than anything that Hitler 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 counter-espionage service, to deal with them. Granted some degree of equality in vigilance, enterprise, financial resources, patriotism and political independence, any government should be able to go far toward checkmating the spies and agents of any other government.

Besides his own spies and agents, however, Hitler has even more valuable allies in America—a certain number of "good Americans," most of whom do not even realize that they are Hitler's allies, much less want to be.

There are three main categories of the "100 per cent American" Fifth Columnists:

First there are men of undoubted good will but inadequate realization of the fact that Hitler is trying to use them, and that their conduct is helpful to Hitler.

Doubters In This Class

Some of the amateur statesmen who helped the Nazis concoct "peace" plans in Berlin belong 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.

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. He is so intelligent that he must have realized that Hitler was trying to use him to get oil (which, incidentally, had been seized from American as well as British owners by another government), but he thought he could outsmart Hitler and sell oil at a handsome profit to himself—if he would make a gesture of political sympathy toward the Nazi regime.

Thyssen, for Example

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 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 much that they really would prefer to betray their own country 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 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 Column causes 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—at least say they do—are sometimes the ones who help him most by engaging the most hotly in partisan strife in times of crisis. Hitler only needs one newspaper in this category in each city to hamstringing a whole nation.

Benefits Nation of Sufferers!

COLUMBUS, OHIO: For over 20 years Dr. F. M. Edwards (widely known physician) successfully treated scores of patients for constipation and the headaches, lack of energy and mental dullness which often result.

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The disagreements among people do not have to be about Hitler at all, or even about the best methods for dealing with him. Disagreements about anything will do.

A national struggle for control of labor unions or public utilities, or a national controversy over a sensational crime, or short skirts, or the theory of relativity will do just as well, if it is bitter enough and distracting enough.

The kinds of disagreements which are usually most effective in dividing and confusing people and delaying national action, however, are the same kinds in America that they were in Germany and still are elsewhere in the world, and these are the kinds that most American Fifth Columnists cause or encourage or prolong; disagreements on racial issues, on class issues, and on political party issues.

'100 Per Cent American'

A single recent mail delivery brought propaganda from three different, ostensibly "100 per cent American" organizations which were so much like German Nazi propaganda that they might have been translated, word for word, from the collected speeches of Joseph Goebbels or Julius Streicher.

Characteristic, for example, was the air of mystery and conspiracy, verging on actual furtiveness, which permeated one batch of propaganda. Urging the reader to send for a booklet, the propaganda said "Please take as many as possible to put in good hands while we still have time."

The suggestion that enemies within the gate are about to overthrow the republic is calculated to give some readers a gratifying thrill, horror and the use of the phrase "good hands" adds still another note of mystery and conspiracy.

'Christian Appeal'

A second batch of propaganda heading, and damns with equal bit from another source stressed the "Christian" appeal. Following a classic rule for propaganda, it tries to bring all of the many people and institutions in hate under one in

terness, as essentially the same, the following impressive list:

The "labor union racket," "bankers and society leaders," Jews, "Reds," President Roosevelt and the Democratic Party, Woodrow Wilson, the British Empire, and "the controlled press."

No charge is too preposterous or too libelous for the authors of this kind of propaganda. The late Lord Lothian, British ambassador to the United States, was not sufficiently ardent in his war efforts and was therefore murdered, they suggest.

The late Senator Ernest Lundeen, who was killed in an airplane crash last September, on the other hand, was murdered because he opposed conscription, they suggest.

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, Foes 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 fruitless. 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.

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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 ridiculously to be taken seriously? That's what people said in Russia before 1917 and Italy before 1922 and Germany before 1932.

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.

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