

## Exposed -- Another Merchant of Death

# DU PONT DYNASTY DEALS WITH HITLER!

### The Ban on "Social Justice"

An Editorial

The weekly paper of Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, Social Justice, was barred from using the U. S. mail last week by an order of Postmaster General Walker, on the advice of an opinion delivered by Attorney General Biddle. Biddle declared that Social Justice was "seditious" and that it followed a "pro-Hitler line" and therefore urged that it not be granted any mailing rights.

The entire labor movement has always taken an uncompromising stand of complete opposition to Social Justice. Coughlin's paper has stood for everything reprehensible and reactionary in political life. It has openly espoused the fascist creed and the vile lies of anti-Semitic racial hatred. It has been a bitter enemy of the working class and the organized labor movement. Following the pattern set by Hitlerism, Social Justice and the Coughlin movement have enticed thousands of honest people into its reactionary fold by misleading them with its demagogic, pseudo "radical" slogans which are only a cover for its fascist and reactionary content.

Of late Social Justice has pursued an extremely demagogic line with relation to the war. It has taken into account what it believes will be the disillusionment on the part of the people once the war has progressed for a while and has attempted to prepare to capitalize on that in order to create a native fascist movement. It has pursued an essentially pro-Hitler line. This pro-Hitler attitude has been motivated by the need which Coughlin has had of hitching his wagon to the star of the most powerful reactionary movement in the world—Hitlerism; and by a desire to play the

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### Would-Be Fuehrers on Display:

## Here's How to Smash Fascists

By Susan Green

In the issues of LABOR ACTION of April 5, 12 and 19, the anti-labor fascist movement of this country—financed and backed by American industrialists whose ideal for this country is a Nazi totalitarian regime—has been exposed. Not only the "who's who" of American fascism, but the "why" of the movement as a weapon of decaying capitalism against labor, has been explained.

Furthermore, the various angles of fascist propaganda have been analyzed and shown to be the rankest demagoguery, designed to fool workers into sympathy with a movement to enslave them.

This final article of our series deals with the methods by which the Coughlins, Pellys, Kullgrens and other would-be American Hitlers hope to accomplish their barbarous aims. And most important of all, this article also outlines a program for stopping in their tracks these enemies of labor, of the Jews, of the Negroes, of society as a whole.

### FASCIST OBJECTIVE IS COMPLETE POLITICAL CONTROL

The first thing that must be understood is that the American fascists are not conducting debating societies for letting off steam. They mean business, just as Hitler meant business. Their objective is to gain political and military control of this land.

In its issue of September 1, 1941, Coughlin's Social Justice editorially "predicted" the future hoped for by every American fascist: "The National Socialists in America—organized under that or some other name—eventually will take control of government on this continent. . . . We predict . . . the end of democracy in America."

"National Socialist" is the name demoniacally adopted by Hitler for his Nazi Party, with intent to fool German workers. The unscrupulous and shameless use of the word "socialist" in connection with the "end of democracy" is typical of the filthy nature of all fascist demagoguery. For the aim of true socialism is to take democracy out of the realm of wishful thinking and make it a reality for the masses.

However, as Social Justice stated, by any name the purpose is the same. The American fascists are not mincing words. They are out to get power, to become the political rulers, to settle the labor question in the Hitler way.

### PROMISE ALL THINGS TO ALL MEN

As was emphasized in prior articles, the fascists promise all things to all men, like the quack who will cure everything from toothache to cancer with a bottle of colored water. They likewise organize in any and all ways that will bring them nearer the throne of power. They create a nucleus of fanatics for violent mob action, to be directed against the Jews and against labor organizations. But to lure the vast majority who do not approve of mob violence, they will form a political party and pretend to use legal methods.

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### TIME FOR A BIG SALVO



## GE's Profit Conspiracy With Nazi Tungsten Trust

Last week the General Electric Corp. was added to the rogues gallery of American Merchants of Death who entered into profit conspiracies with their German profiteering partners.

General Electric and the Friedrich Krupp Werke, the notorious German munitions firm that sold war materials to both sides in the First World War, had an agreement to make the United States Army pay through the nose for tungsten carbide, second to diamonds as the hardest cutting substance in existence.

Obtaining its patents for this vital material from Krupp in a pool, that is to say, in a sharing of their mutual booty, General Electric fixed a price on tungsten carbide at \$435 a

pound. No company could obtain a patent license from GE's subsidiary, Caroboly, unless it agreed to sell the manufactured product at the top figure.

Balking at such an exorbitant price, U. S. toolmakers got along with high grade steel for cutting operations. However, Krupp made certain that Hitler had oodles of tungsten carbide for building his mass murder machine in double-quick time. Incidentally, General Electric insists that Krupp's patent remains inviolate, war or no war, proving once again that the impeccable code of honor among international thieves is truly an emotion of very genuine depth.

The existence of the patent-pool-

ing agreement was brought to light before the Senate Patents Committee as a sort of preview of the government's anti-trust suit against General Electric. The company is being charged with a conspiracy, along with all other U. S. and foreign companies, to fix monopoly prices and control the production of electric bulbs.

### Trial Postponed

The trial was postponed by Federal Judge Phillip Forman in Trenton, N. J., on April 13 after Under Secretary of War Patterson and Under Secretary of the Navy Forrestal burned the telegraph wires with a frantic plea for more time

"To study the question of whether a trial at this time of U. S. vs. General Electric and others would interfere with war production."

Philip D. Reed, chairman of the board of directors of General Electric, is also chief of the Bureau of Industry Operations in the War Production Board. At present he is on the carpet before the Truman Committee of the Senate for having delayed conversion to war production through decisions favorable to his own company's financial interests.

His salary at GE is \$80,000 a year. His salary from the government is only a dollar a year, but you can bet your last buck that he's simply crazy about the work

### NEXT WEEK'S LABOR ACTION

Will be off the press three days earlier than usual, in time to be sent to all parts of the country by May Day. It will be a special, six-page gala May Day issue which none of our friends will want to miss. We expect to have the largest press run in the history of LABOR ACTION; all extra orders must be in, at the latest, by April 25. Don't forget—extra orders by April 25.

By JACK WILSON

Revelations of the sinister dealings of the du Pont family's Remington Arms Corp. with Hitler and his financial masters, the I. G. Farben Co., come as a fitting climax to the long and odious record of this gang of economic royalists in their drive for profits and power in America.

And the grave indictment against their cartel agreements, through Remington Arms Corp., with I. G. Farben, put them high on the list of this war's "Merchants of Death."

Only their vast power and influence prevent the outbreak of a national scandal of major political proportions.

### Hitler Murders Dutch Socialists

According to Aneta, the newspaper service of the exiled Dutch government, Henricus Sneevliet, leaders of the Dutch Revolutionary Socialist Party (RSAP), and eight of his associates have been sentenced to death on charges of "sabotage" by the German occupation forces in Amsterdam.

Sneevliet, a life-long socialist and revolutionist, has a long record in the labor movement and was one of the leading figures in the political life of Holland. At one time he was a member of the Dutch Parliament and supported the program and activities of the Fourth International. Later his organization broke away and became affiliated to the "London Bureau," organized by the British Independent Labor Party.

The death of Sneevliet and his comrades is another of the many criminal Nazi blows at the European labor movement. LABOR ACTION salutes these revolutionary martyrs to the cause of labor and socialism. They will be avenged by the working class of Holland when it drives out the Hitlerite invaders of its country.

### ILP Candidate Polls 25 PC of Votes In By-Election

Running against a leading member of the Churchill cabinet, War Secretary Sir James Grigg, the candidate of the British Independent Labor Party, Fenner Brockway, polled 3,311 votes out of a total of 13,341 cast in the Cardiff East by-election. Brockway's considerable show of strength—approximately 25 per cent of the total vote case—came as an index of the growing popularity of the socialist Independent Labor Party, which has been steadily increasing its votes at recent by-elections. It is all the more significant when it is remembered that the ILP candidate ran against a candidate who received the endorsement of the Conservative, Labor and Liberal Parties.

## Budd Welders Win 25 Cent Raise in Sitdown Strike

On Wednesday, April 15, 1942, 300 welders of the E. G. Budd Co. made history in the labor movement of Philadelphia.

These 300 workers—making a miserable 60 cents an hour—sat down at their benches and refused to work until their wages were raised.

United, these Budd men did what has never before been done in this citadel of Philadelphia open shoppeers—attack the company in organized fashion and win!

The fact that the Budd men were finally on the march threw a panic into the Budd management and they capitulated to the demands of the militant welders. The hourly rate was raised from 60 to 85 cents an hour—a raise of \$200 a day!

The welders raised their wages 40 per cent by doing what the auto workers of General Motors, Chrysler and Ford did almost five years ago—stopped talking and began acting.

For a year the United Automobile Workers (CIO) has been carrying on an organization drive at the plant, known to the men as the "slaughterhouse." This action of the welders did what tons of leaflets and hours of talk have not been able to do.

This is what the du Ponts have been doing, as summarized in the conservative paper, the New York Sun:

(1) Gave a German company access to military information, through Remington Arms royalty payments to the German company.

(2) Prevented sales of tetra-cenepriamed ammunition to the British Purchasing Commission until very recently.

(3) Allowed a German company to collect royalty on ammunition sold to the United States Army!

What do you think Congress is going to do about it? Nothing. It's too busy attacking labor on the home front.

The record of the du Ponts in building their billion dollar empire out of blood profits in the First World War is public, and Congress hasn't touched them.

In the First World War the du Pont fortune rose from \$74,000,000 to \$293,121,608, according to Ferdinand Lundberg, in his book, "American Sixty Families," exposing the rulers of America.

War Dividends Skyrocketed The du Ponts' war equaled 458 per cent or value of the original stock company!

The du Ponts were given 000 to build a nitrate cost-plus basis; after the plant was sold to the National Industrial Corp. for \$3,500,000.

"Therefore the plants built du Ponts," said the Graham investigating committee, "had been paid out of the profits of contracts made with the Allied nations before we entered the war." Besides, they made a profit of 33 per cent on sales! Then the du Ponts extended their octopus grip into control of General Motors and the United States Rubber Co.

While plying their nefarious trade they built up political fences, which have given them full protection to date.

"In a broad and very real sense the du Ponts own the whole state of Delaware and parts of adjoining Pennsylvania. Delaware itself is the private fief of the du Ponts, who constructed its schools and roads, collect its taxes—Pierre du Pont is the Delaware tax commissioner for the fourth term at this writing—and, in general, supervise every detail of

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