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CAN WE TAKE ACTION TO CURB HATE-MAKERS?

By JAMES H. SHELDON

People keep asking: What shall we DO about organized hate propaganda? About the swastika outrages? About signs of reviving neo-Nazism?

In spite of all the reams of public statements, Lincoln Rockwell's "American Nazi Party" continues to operate and to issue literature decorated with swastikas. True, the Navy has moved to cancel Rockwell's commission as Commander, but that does not seem to have stopped his activities.

On the contrary, I have received a new piece of literature bearing Rockwell's picture and the boast that he is now in a drive to become the head of an international anti-Jewish movement, even outside of the United States.

Rockwell's organization, headquartered in Arlington, Virginia, was the source of some of the most violent hate literature during the last year, including stickers bearing a swastika and the words, "We Are Back."

When Premier Ben-Gurion visited in the White House last week, some of Rockwell's followers were on hand, carrying inflammatory placards. (Also carrying placards were members of the Arab Students Association.)

A "Troopers Manual" Meanwhile, Rockwell has issued a four-page "Trooper Manual" for the indoctrination of his misguided followers. "We openly plan to put hundreds of thousands of Jews who are committing the capital offense of treason in the Gas Chambers... This is all that Hitler did as the suppressed Gestapo records show..."



James H. Sheldon

... recites a paragraph headed "What is Our Position on the Jew?"

"When an organization, knowing that it is the subject of attention by law enforcement bodies, openly declares it is for 'gas chambers', can there be much doubt what it is trying to do? Should there be too much difficulty about proving that this kind of scurrilous material tends to incite to riot?"



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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. FRIEDEL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of the Members of the House to a situation which, I believe, is a real threat to our democracy. Within the shadows of the Capitol of the United States we are being treated to a spectacle so terribly reminiscent of the rise of Adolf Hitler and the fall of the German Republic as to bring shudders to all of us who believe in what our country and Constitution stand for. On the very streets of Washington, on almost every Saturday afternoon, handbills are being distributed that call for the erection of gas ovens to exterminate the Jews. Think of this—these people are calling for the mass murder of some 6 million fellow citizens just as did the infamous

Hitler. He openly, and without shame, seeks to pit white man against colored man by open attempts at stark terror. He is endeavoring to stir up bigotry and race prejudice right here in Washington.

I am referring to a man named George Rockwell and his American Nazi Party who are openly advocating the destruction of the very fabric of our national being. There can be no other purpose than that. He who calls for such action is intent upon the destruction of our country and all that it has stood for these 185 years.

Rockwell and his people have been distributing this material openly and without any hindrance on the part of the police officials of this city. The laws of the District clearly state that it is forbidden to act "with intent to provoke a breach of the peace, or under circumstances such that a breach of the peace may be occasioned thereby," to act "in such a manner as to annoy, disturb, interfere with, obstruct, or be offensive to

others." If this law has any meaning whatsoever, it means that such highly provocative, insulting, and fighting words uttered in crowded places are outlawed.

Very recently one of our fellow citizens of the Jewish faith, a Mr. Berman, who lives in nearby Virginia, was handed a copy of this handbill, and he responded in the only way that an American could who was being attacked—he attempted to wrest this scurrilous material from the hands of the man who was distributing it.

It is ironic to note that this man, Berman, who did precisely what every American has done over the years—replied with force to a threat of force—was placed under charges. A more gruesome miscarriage of justice could not be imagined in the most fevered and degraded mind. Americans are being deprived of the right to defend themselves and their families from the threat of an awful death.

There have already been acts of violence; bombings have occurred in various parts of the country and other acts of lawlessness have been revealed. This Rockwell, the most contemptible of our civilization, is setting an example that can threaten our way of life. This we cannot, and should not, in any way, condone. If we do not put an immediate stop to these acts of terror, we are giving encouragement to the acts of a madman.

The right to free speech, which Rockwell claims, and in which the Washington police seem to concur, hardly goes so far as to protect acts of violence; it hardly goes so far as to protect an act designed to upset freedom of religion. The police power of the state is sufficient to protect itself. The self-serving pretensions of Rockwell are not to the point.

It is our solemn duty to use every means at our command to remove this ugly blotch. To fail in that duty would be an act of disloyalty to the half million of our loved ones who gave their all just to stamp out this very thing. It is unthinkable that those of our beloved dead who fought to protect our freedoms have died so completely in vain.

I have indicated at least one approach to the problem in the local law which proscribes an incitement to violence but I believe that there may be others which are pertinent to this. Among the other local laws is one that requires certain formalities from those who solicit contributions. Rockwell has been soliciting such contributions.

The Charitable Contributions Act—and it is grim to think of Rockwell's requests coming under the head of charity—may be the very device which our police force here in Washington can use to suppress this menace.

Beyond a shadow of a doubt, Rockwell is disruptive to the peace and security of our Nation. He is doing violence to traditions of our country and wishes to overturn them by force. I would maintain that the actions of Rockwell may well be considered by the U.S. attorney in connection with the Smith Act.

The actions of Rockwell and perhaps other of his kind are a cancer on the body of our Nation. We here in Congress would be remiss in our duties if we did not take every step available to us to remove this ugly growth of bigotry and prejudice.

DREW PEARSON

Voice of Hatred Rants in Capital

BY DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON—It was one of those Sundays when spring pauses briefly in Washington before giving way to summer. The cherry blossoms were out. Sightseeing buses were parked around the plazas. The halls of the Capitol echoed with the voices of children on Easter vacation.

Lou Gordon, the Detroit TV commentator, had brought his three young daughters to see Washington for the first time. Coming out of the Smithsonian Institute to the sunshine of Constitution Ave. they heard a voice blare over the loudspeaker:

"Hitler was right about the Jews. The State Department has been unable to produce any evidence proving that Hitler was wrong about the Jews."



Gordon

It was the voice of George Lincoln Rockwell, self-styled fuhrer of the American Nazi Party. Though his headquarters are in Virginia he invades the nation's capital every Sunday to speak at Constitution and Ninth. His voice, carried by loudspeaker, permeated the otherwise peaceful sabbath.

Lou Gordon's daughters were born after Hitler's persecution of the Jews. And as the world remembered the resurrection of a Jew who died for mankind, they got their first taste of hatred—in the capital of the Free World.

While American officials must preserve the right of free speech and free assembly guaranteed in the Constitution, is it necessary also to guarantee free speech by loudspeaker? In Hyde Park, London, from which springs our tradition of free speech, speakers merely have the benefit of a soapbox.

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AMERICAN EXAMINER

CAPITAL COMMENT

Shall We Stand by While a Brute Wars on Us?

By MILTON FRIEDMAN

What are the personal views of the first Jew to be arrested for clashing with the neo-Nazis in America?

Irving Berman, a Jewish communal leader of the Virginia suburbs of the national capital, is known locally as a leader in the Israel bond drive and president of the Arlington-Fairfax Jewish Center. But this mild-mannered, 48-year-old gentleman became the subject of international interest recently when District of Columbia police placed him under arrest.

Mr. Berman, on a downtown Washington street corner, had come upon members of the "American Nazi Party." They were distributing handbills urging the gassing of Jews. Mr. Berman seized a quantity of the handbills from Nazi Fuhrer Rockwell's own hand. He sought to throw the hateful handbills into a sewer.

A Nazi henchman scuffled with

D.C. Leader Calls for Proper Steps to Combat Rockwell and His Thugs

Mr. Berman. Both were arrested on charges of "disorderly conduct." The case became legally complicated when the American Civil Liberties Union assigned two Jewish attorneys to defend the Nazi. The A.C.L.U. alleged an infraction by Mr. Berman of the Nazis' "right" to advocate gassing of Jews. District of Columbia officials decided not to prosecute the case. Charges against both Mr. Berman and the Nazi were dropped.

What did Mr. Berman think about the much-publicized issue? The following statement, in his own words, was elicited from him: "It is inconceivable to me that a rather mild gesture on my part against some horrible threats and vicious insults should have provoked as much comment and

discussion as it did from the community. I am further amazed to realize how unanimously and constantly we have borne these atrocities—until we actually began to believe that we had no right to complain or protest.

"I wonder to myself: at what point is a man expected—or permitted—to let his resentment be known? It is a degrading thought that a cultured, highly-civilized group such as ours should stand by passively while a dedicated brute calls for our extermination.

"Legislation is passed to prohibit the trapping of wild ducks." But what about genocide, the mass murder of entire human groups? Is a wild duck more valuable than an American citizen of Jewish faith?

"I think it is further degrading that our race, which has produced so many Cardozos, should not be able to resort to some loftier legislation than possibly a trash-littering charge.

League is trying to put an end to this un-American stench. But if the League cannot do it alone, how about calling on President Eisenhower to take a hand? (Mrs.) HARRIET KLING
Wilmington, Del.

Would Appeal to Pres. Eisenhower

To the Editor:
The Rockwell picket story is one of the most shocking I have read in a long time. It just seems

incredible that these specimens of outlaw-scum should be permitted to disgrace us in the eyes of the thousands upon thousands of foreigners who visit our national capital. I know the Anti-Defamation

WE USE THE RED A.C.L.U. ...AND SPLIT THE JEWS!!

Spotting the National Trends

By BORIS SMOLAR

4 Classic Case of Distorted Logic

IS NOT THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION going a bit to the extreme by defending in court neo-Nazis who disseminate handbills calling for the gassing of American Jews? . . . And isn't it even more extreme on the part of the American Civil Liberties Union to assign Jews as the lawyers to defend the neo-Nazis? . . . One can understand defending the principle of free speech, but can open incitement to murder be considered "free speech"?

Would the American Civil Liberties Union have defended Hitler's call to annihilate the Jews? . . . Would the ACLU consider sending Jewish lawyers to defend those in Germany who are being put on trial there for their inciting anti-Jewish remarks in public? . . .

Would this American organization apply the principle of "free speech" also to those in Germany who smear swastikas on the wall of Jewish institutions? . . . Does not the ACLU realize that by defending in court people who publicly call for pogroms on Jews it actually encourages these elements to go on with their dangerous propaganda? . . . And is it not proper judgment to those Jewish lawyers for the defense of rabid anti-Semites in court? . . . Does not the ACLU create an opportunity for the neo-Nazis to claim—if they lose—that they lost the case in court because Jewish lawyers were assigned to defend them? . . .

And is it generally right for the ACLU to treat notorious anti-Jewish propaganda in this country as a routine matter of "free speech"? . . . ACLU leaders in their effort to "explain" to me their position, insisted that their defense of the deputy commander of the so-called American Nazi Party does not mean they support the principles of his party . . . However, do they not support free dissemination of these principles by going to extremes in their definition of "free speech"?



Says Jewish Lawyers Have No Business Defending Rockwell

We were recently treated to the nauseating spectacle of Jewish lawyers in Washington, D. C. rising to the defense of American Nazis whose avowed ambition is to bring gas chambers to the American scene—specially equipped to burn all Jews. Only slightly less sickening is the defense of these lawyers and the American Civil Liberties Union for the way they handled the situation, by Jews, in the form of public statements and letters to editors which appeared in the general and Anglo-Jewish press.

Some of us as lawyers—and some laymen—have some knowledge of the holdings of our courts on the great issues of free speech and the free press. We know about the "clear and present danger" test—and we

realize that words spoken and written on one occasion may enjoy the constitutional protection of free speech, while the same words spoken or written under other circumstances may constitute a punishable offense. We know also that the concepts of our courts may change from time to time.

Let us assume that Rockwell and his Nazis stayed within the law in their distribution of their "Murder the Jews" pamphlets in Washington. Isn't it reasonable to suppose that they would have access to ample funds to protect their constitutional rights, when arrested, without the intervention of the ACLU and the Jewish lawyers?

What kind of a Jew is it who will listen to a Nazi say in ef-

fect, "I despise you, I loath you, I will do all I can to destroy you and to make ashes of your people," and whose reaction, unsolicited, is, "You have a perfect right to say that, and I'll defend that right." And what kind of an organization is it that will pick, or acquiesce, in the picking of Jews to do the job of defending the right of Nazis to distribute pamphlets exhorting the destruction of Jews? Couldn't the ACLU have waited a while to see whether it might become necessary to file an amicus curiae brief in a high court? Or does the ACLU feel a compulsion automatically to defend every Nazi and fascist on every occasion to protect his rights of free speech—and to use Jewish lawyers?

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Chicago.

Digest of The Yiddish Press

HITS CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION'S DEFENSE OF VIRGINIA BIGOT

By SAMUEL SILVER

Jacob Glatstein, of the Day-Journal, bemoans the prostitution of the cause of free speech when it is invoked by Jack Paar for the right to tell a story which is in wretched taste. He sees the same debasement in the fuss about free speech raised by the American Civil Liberties Union which rushed to the defense of George Rockwell, the Virginia bigot.



Silver

when an indignant person tore from his hands an anti-Semitic leaflet he was distributing on a street in Washington, D. C. Glatstein's disgust is deepened by the fact that the ACLU secured two Jewish lawyers to represent the unspeakable Rockwell.

THIS ACTION was followed by a decree by the Washington police to the effect that the Rockwell was not to be molested when he dispensed his "literature." Glatstein notes that there is a ban on pornographic material in Washington because it incites to lust, but pamphlets which incite to murder are O.K. Thus are precious ideals burlesqued, writes Glatstein.

Do-It-Yourself Fuehrer Bids for Tourist Attention

BY MILTON FRIEDMAN

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WASHINGTON—Is Lincoln Rockwell, the "do-it-yourself fuehrer" of the American Nazi Party, destined to become another of Washington's tourist attractions?

This issue puzzled hundreds of passers-by who heard Rockwell harangue over a powerful public address system near the National Art Gallery and Smithsonian Museum.

The average tourist was first attracted by a speaker's platform emblazoned with a large sign advertising the "American Nazi Party." One then noticed the husky "storm-troopers" flanking Rockwell.

A well dressed woman, accompanied by two attractive children, walked from the art gallery to the museum. A tourist from Altoona, Pa., she paused to listen to Rockwell's tirade against the Jews. The children tugged at her. She finally yielded.

A Jewish family sauntered from the gallery toward their parked car. They stopped to listen. The mother and daughter laughed. A teen-aged son brimmed with anger and resentment. "Something has to be done," said the father, "this is beyond the limits of free speech."

Boys from a Zionist youth group took copious notes. They seemed ready to fight.

A bored police officer—a kindly looking middle-aged man—termed the neo-Nazi line "rubbish." He expressed regret he had been assigned to protect Rockwell. He said there should be some legal way for the authorities to silence a Nazi who spoke of gassing Jews. But he was under orders.

Noting a few Negroes in the crowd, Rockwell shouted that Negroes were victims of the "easy payment rackets" of greedy merchants. He accused New York Jews of exploiting Negroes as a "voting bloc." Then he alleged that Negroes were seeking to marry whites. The Negroes left.

Rockwell drew a titter of laughter when he said he would use "Jewish lawyers" who seemed intent on defending his "free speech" rights. But when he gained power, he would place them, too, on trial.

An elderly drunk, obviously a Rockwell sympathizer, kept approaching the speaker's platform and asking Rockwell to say a few words about Eleanor Roosevelt. Rockwell reassured his supporter that he would get to Eleanor a little later. Noting that the drunk was becoming a nuisance, police sent him on his way. Rockwell was not to be disturbed.

It was an incongruous spectacle, inconceivable to some tourists who came from visiting the tomb of the unknown soldier. The loudspeakers blared the Nazi SS troops' "Horst Wessel song" and "Heil Hitler."

Resting quietly, across the Potomac in Arlington National Cemetery, were Americans who died to end the Nazi scourge. How would their next-of-kin react to the Nazi rallies?

Below you read the evidence that the Jews have been WHIPPED in all their usual tactics of economic persecution, smear, illegal legal attack and social ostracism. We have BEATEN them in every way for a year and a half, and now they are out in the open every week on the D.C. Mall with open violence and terror. They spit on us, throw rocks, scream and weep hysterically. But we are still SPEAKING, -and will KEEP speaking!!!!



Boris Smolar's Between You ...and Me

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The Anti-Semitic Front

There is a basic difference of opinion between the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith with regard to the methods of dealing with the activities of George Lincoln Rockwell, leader of the so-called "American Nazi Party" . . . The Committee believes that Rockwell's anti-Semitic open air "meetings" in Washington should be ignored since they attract no crowds . . . AJC thinks that any publicity given to Rockwell's utterances is only playing into his wish to get publicity . . . This view is shared by Jewish Community Council of Washington . . . The Anti-Defamation League takes a different stand on Rockwell . . . In the opinion of ADL, any anti-Semite who advocates the extermination of Jews should be exposed with all means possible—including publicity—as a menace to society.

Rockwell Loses Plea For Warrant

George Lincoln Rockwell, 42, American Nazi Party commander, was denied an assault warrant yesterday against a man who spat on him while he handed out anti-Jewish leaflets near the White House.

Assistant United States Attorney Edmond T. Daly told Rockwell at an open hearing in Daly's office at Municipal Court that "spitting is not an assault; it is not bodily harm as defined under common law, the applicable law here."

Rockwell of 928 N. Randolph st., Arlington, appeared earlier before Assistant Corporation Counsel Clark King at a hearing barred to reporters.

King took under advisement the possibility of charges as well as a bid by Rockwell for a disorderly conduct warrant against Stanley I. Goodman, 32, of 2800 Quebec st. nw.

Goodman said he spat on leaflets in Rockwell's hand Tuesday after the local "fuehrer" offered him one that said Jews were behind the U-2 flight.

Rockwell said he told Goodman, "You'll get yours when the time comes." Goodman said Rockwell made a spitting motion past his ear and Goodman spat again, this time in Rockwell's face. Rockwell denied he spat.

Third Precinct police stepped in and issued summonses to Rockwell, Goodman, two witnesses, and three of Rockwell's "troopers."

All but one witness, Raymond Mintz, 70, of 1900 F st. nw., who said he was ill, were at the Corporation Court hearing.

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Chief of U. S. 'Nazis' Seeking to Hold a July 4 Rally Here

By WILLIAM H. A. CARR

The "commandant" of the American Nazi Party has applied for a permit to hold a rally in Union Square on the Fourth of July.

If he's turned down, he'll ask the American Civil Liberties Union to take his request to court in order to get permission for the anti-Jewish, anti-Negro meeting.

"But one way or another, we're going to make a public speech as Nazis," Lincoln Rockwell, of Arlington, Va., told The Post today. "There must be some place in New York City where you can speak without a permit."

Attended Meeting Here

Rockwell said he spent a few days in New York a week ago visiting James Madole, the head of Yorkville's pro-fascist, anti-Jewish National Renaissance Party, and attending one of his meetings here.

"Many of his followers are also my followers," said Rockwell. "And so many of those lads in New York have been cut off in their rights of free speech, although a Nazi certainly has as much right to free speech as a Communist—or even more, because we don't advocate the overthrow of the government."

Rockwell said that at the rally he will not be in Nazi uniform—khaki shirt and trousers, Sam Brown belt, swastika ramband—but his followers probably will be.

"If We're Attacked . . ."

"I'm taking all the troops I can from all over the country with me to help," he said. "There won't be more than 200 or 300 with me from the Washington area, but there'll probably be a good many more from the South and the Midwest. But it's pretty hard to find people who will stand up as Nazis."

"We don't intend violence, of course. We never do. However,

if we are attacked I intend to reply in kind, as we have the right to do. I've trained my boys not to be afraid of the Jews and we've whipped them every time."

Rockwell said that his speech will expose that "communism was and is Jewish and that the American constitutional republic has been usurped by Jewish democracy, manipulated by Jewish brainwashing on TV."

Navy Ousts Him

Rockwell leaped into the limelight a year and a half ago, after a Jewish temple was bombed in Atlanta. In the home of one of the men arrested for the crime, police found a letter from Rockwell in which he referred to a "bik balst." He later insisted to the FBI that he was referring to a planned picketing, not a bombing.

About four months ago the Navy, in which Rockwell served him from the Reserve because in World War II, discharged of his "civilian activities", Rockwell had held the rank of commander.

In February the ACLU defended one of his associates in a Washington case involving the distribution of Nazi propaganda. The civil liberties group maintained—and the court agreed—that Rockwell had a right to expound his ideas, "abhorrent and reprehensible" as they were. By chance, two Jewish attorneys were provided by the ACLU.

In his letter to the Parks Dept. and the Police Dept., requesting a permit for the Independence Day rally, Rockwell acknowledged "the controversial nature of our political ideas," but said he and his followers "appreciate the fact that New York City is the very symbol of tolerance."

Disperse Neo-Nazis' Rally in Washington as Crowd Protests

WASHINGTON, (JTA)—United States park police reported they were forced to disperse a neo-Nazi rally to avert what appeared an imminent violent clash between Lincoln Rockwell's followers and a crowd that became enraged when Rockwell voiced extreme anti-Semitism.

Police said that about 150 persons were present at the open-air rally of the "American Nazi party." Most of the crowd appeared to be tourists, mainly students, who were passers-by in the area. Individuals armed themselves with sticks. It was the hottest flare-up yet ignited by the neo-Nazi group which harangues against Jews near the art gallery and museum.

Rockwell's Jew-baiting, under a banner proclaiming Nazism, caused listeners to surge forward, hooting and threatening the agitator. His voice was drowned out by the tumult. Police ordered Rockwell to turn off his loud-speaking system and leave the area. They also dispersed the crowd.

As part of their protest, individuals in the crowd sang "God Bless America." Some persons stood in front of the Nazi platform and sang "Hatikvah" in defiance of Rockwell's men. Police noted that pro-Nazis in the crowd almost came to blows

to be respected. However, I would suggest that one of the steps (perhaps not so proper) would be to try to break these Nazi rallies up. This would undoubtedly cause disturbance. Thus, it could be charged in all truth, honesty, and logic, that Rockwell's nasties are inciting to riot, and thus they would come afool even of the peculiar Washington, D.C., law, which permits such disgraceful things as Rockwell's vicious and openly anti-Jewish provocation.

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