

A Halfpenny Hitler

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THE emergence of hate-monger George Lincoln Rockwell, with his ragged handful of followers banded together as the American Nazi Party, poses no real threat to the security of American Jewry. But the question of how best to cope with this halfpenny Hitler has pointed up several critical dilemmas of Jewish organisational life in America.

Rockwell is a former Commander in the U.S.A. Navy, who began his antisemitic campaign several months ago by distributing pamphlets in Arlington, Virginia. Flaunting swastikas, he and his "storm-troopers" boldly urged "the gas chamber" for "Jew traitors." Despite revocation of his Naval Reserve commission by the Navy, Rockwell enlarged his plans and staged Nazi-like demonstrations in Washington, D.C. Thereafter, he gained national notoriety by brazenly seeking a permit to bring his Nazi road-show to famous Union Square in New York City. In recent weeks he and his henchmen have precipitated violent scenes in Boston and Philadelphia by seeking, in full Nazi uniforms, to picket showings of the film "Exodus."

No united policy

Rockwell's deliberate campaign to "aggravate the Jews so bad" that they would give him free publicity has been successful. The absence of a unified policy and a unified Jewish voice tended to play into the hands of the abusive domestic führer. When Rockwell sought a permit to speak in New York City—where half of the United States's five million Jews reside—Jewish organisational competition and confusion resulted in near-chaos. Some Jewish organisations urged the Mayor, Mr. Wagner, to grant a permit, thus associating themselves with the

American Civil Liberties Union in the contention that every American, however obnoxious his preaching, has the right to freedom of speech and freedom of assembly.

Other Jewish organisations demanded that the Mayor refuse the permit on the grounds that Rockwell would incite to riot. Still others took a compromise stand, suggesting that Rockwell be permitted to speak, but that if and



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when violence resulted Rockwell should immediately be arrested and charged with a breach of the peace. The Mayor listened to the conflicting requests and took the politically expedient course: he denied Rockwell's application for a permit. The absence of a unified voice for the total Jewish community—or, at the very least, of one table around which all Jewish organisations would meet to decide policy—resulted in the usual babel of conflicting voices and the inevitable loss of effectiveness. Underscored again was the dilemma of Jewish organisational weakness.

A second dilemma illuminated by the Rockwell controversy was the deep chasm which often separates Jewish leadership from the rank-

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For, despite Rockwell, most Jewish organisations have over the years come to the firm conclusion that "quarantine" is the best way to combat the bigot. Indeed, the denial of publicity has proved successful in reducing such antisemites as Gerald L. K. Smith to impotence. More important, Jewish organisations have come increasingly to believe that Jewish security is best maintained by the preservation of American civil liberties in the fullest measure. This means that, far from denying free speech to antisemites, Jewish groups have concluded it is best to defend American liberties, even for the antisemite. The recent nightmare of McCarthyism in American life served to strengthen the conviction that Jewish life can flourish only in an atmosphere of freedom and of undiminished liberty for all Americans, of whatever unpopular views or associations, to speak and to associate. Those holding this conviction are fearful lest the emotional turmoil, brought on by the Rockwell affair, might cause the Jewish community to turn the clock back to the regressive and repressive pattern which once sought to suppress the film "Oliver Twist," to ban "The Merchant of Venice" from libraries, and to urge ill-considered group libel legislation.

The Rockwell episodes indicate that Jewish organisations in the United States had underestimated the intensity of Jewish public opinion. American Jews, at the moment, are disinclined to trouble much about the civil liberties of such as George Rockwell or to view the problem of coping with him in the measured and rational terms which most Jewish organisations have urged.

And this raises still another difficult dilemma for American Jewish organisations. Should the so-called "defence agencies," such as the American Jewish Committee, the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Congress, and others, base their policies on the impassioned emotionalism which now animates so many American Jews on this subject? Or, rather than pandering to the pressure to fight hate with hate, should Jewish leadership undertake the hard task of educating the Jewish public to a more mature and understanding view of the problem?

The background against which these dilemmas must be resolved is—it must be recalled—of an America in which antisemitism is at a low ebb, in which discrimination against Jews has declined dramatically, and in which American Jewry flourishes as one of the three major faiths in a "triple melting-pot." In this perspective George Rockwell, with all his ranting and strutting, is only a momentary nuisance. But his violent appearance on the American stage will not be an unmixed evil if he compels American Jewry to face up to these dilemmas.



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PROOF OF THE PUDDING, -from the JEWS!

On the opposite side of this sheet we have reproduced the full text of an article from the Jewish CHRONICLE of LONDON, ENGLAND.

The article tells, better than we could, how successful has been our calculated plan to beat the Jews at their own game.

Three years ago we announced our plans to "aggravate the Jews so bad" (legally), that they would react irrationally and FORCE the publicity which the "quarantine" or "silent treatment" has denied to all other outfits who have tried to expose the Jew and his treason. Without publicity, attempts to expose the Jew, in modern mass society, are reduced to the pitiful private meetings of people who already know "the score", and the eternal game of passing "literature" around to the same gang of frustrated people year after year.

Those who keep advising us to "change your name" and "get rid of that swastika, - people hate it so much!" ---such advisors forget that there are thousands of organizations using "nicer" names and symbols, --and they are helpless, -DEAD. Jewish control of all media of public opinion and entertainment have "bottled up" all such "nice" outfits, and forced them to keep talking to THEMSELVES. Nobody, in terms of modern mass psychology, ever heard of all these outfits. They are patriotic, intelligent, courageous, hard-working, --but they are ineffective unless they could find SOME way to break out of the circle of "patriots", somehow, and reach the minds and hearts of the millions being brainwashed exclusively by the Jews.

The article on the other side tells the truth about the vicious Jew scheme of "quarantine", --it IS effective, and, in the words of the article, has reduced even such titans as Gerald L. K. Smith to "impotence".

We set out, not like a gang of idiotic and thoughtless kids on a lark, but as purposeful and professional men to SMASH this filthy, un-American "quarantine" treatment. It cannot be done in safety or by "nice" methods, but only by the utmost daring and boldness. The only test we applied eternally was, "Is it LEGAL?" If it were not legal, we knew we would be in jail for a long time, no matter how many others "got away with it". The SWASTIKA and the name NAZI are legal, but NOBODY ever imagined anybody would be "mad" enough to face the Jews and their brainwashed millions waving such a "hated" symbol. So we did it, -carefully, precisely, always pressing just to the edge of possibilities, -never too far to survive legally.

The Jews have been beating our people almost to death with "liberalism," and the result is that they have been taught to be so "tolerant" of communism and treason by Jews, that the dumb Goy can't distinguish anymore between Jews and their treason, and Nazis and their open declaration to gas Jew traitors. The liberal Goy sheep don't see why they shouldn't "tolerate" Nazis on their campus as well as Commies, as the Jews have been telling them. The result is a "ball" for our side, as the Jews frantically try to explain the impossible logic that one must be absolutely tolerant of Reds preaching treason, -even by violence; but that one must be absolutely intolerant of anyone preaching the gassing of such scum.

Little by little, our critics will begin to see the incredible, miraculous success of our "Nazi" tactics. We hope the article printed on the obverse will help.