

## "THE FIFTH COLUMN"

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Of all the inventions of modern warfare, the thing that strikes the greatest terror into the minds and hearts of a whole population today is not the bombs that fall in the night upon the city or quiet countryside, nor even the swift torpedo or lurking mine that sinks the unarmed merchant ship. Such methods of attack have been anticipated and measures of defense have been prepared to meet them through the use of air-raid shelters, gas masks or life-boats.

The new horror is an old invention come back—one that is as old as history—but which was outlawed by civilization and renounced forever by all the belligerent countries at the Hague Conference.

It is the "Fifth Column"—or the Trojan Horse—the relentless boring from within, like termites gnawing at the foundation until the whole structure is rotten and the slightest breeze sends it crashing into ruins. This "Fifth Column" consists of traitors who have come not like a thief in the night, but as a "friend" at noonday, in some cases living in the homes of their innocent victims, winning their confidence, their friendship, and even their affection, until the time has come to strike. And when they do strike, they prefer stabbing in the back.

These foreign enemies have sometimes come clothed in the uniform of those whom they have later betrayed, at the critical moment throwing off their disguises and revealing their weapons of destruction. The Democ-

cies of the world have been battered to their knees by such forces. With-out the "Fifth Column," Denmark and Norway would still be masters of their own fate. And now Holland and Belgium are face to face with it.

This is not the kind of war that men have glorified for centuries—an open fight between recognized opponents. The tactics are those of gangsters, of bank robbers, of parasites that live on the work and honest labors of other men. In our righteous indignation against these tactics used abroad, don't let us forget that the same tactics are being practiced right at home. We have our own "Fifth Column" to fight.

Our "Fifth Column" starts by fomenting hatreds in our midst. It foment race or religious hatreds, class prejudice, setting up against group, class against class, and individual against individual. Its real purpose is to break down our Democracy.

Now, of all times, we must be a united country, sinking petty differences and dislikes in one concerted effort to keep America a free nation—free not only in government, but free from the subversive influences that would sap its life-blood through hatred among ourselves. Let us remember that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." Let us set a watch upon our tongues, our minds and our hearts. If we do this—the "Fifth Column" cannot enter here.

THE JOURNAL has by far the largest city circulation of any weekly published in Charlotte. Your ad in The Journal will bring results from the workers.

Palestine produced five million eggs in 1926; in 1939 the country produced 57 millions eight hundred thousands.

Trying to save 15 minutes, a New York Central railroad engineer took his train round a curve too fast; when it jumped the track 30 people were killed and 100 injured. The engineer was also killed.

Reports urge steps be taken to reduce, rather than increase, the staggering tax burden now carried by the nation's motorists.

Stringent restrictions have forced one million of England's two million three hundred thousand automobiles off the road.

## Nebel Strikers Draw Fines In Union County

MONROE, May 28.—Elgin Rogers and Yates Webb, two strikers from the Nebel Mills in Charlotte, pleaded guilty in court here yesterday to charges of carrying concealed weapons and were fined \$25 and the costs.

Jack W. Helms, J. A. Lockey, Curtis J. Phillips, J. E. McCuiston, John W. Mitten, Charlie Doster, Eustice Smith, T. J. Ashley, Aaron Whitely Gibson and Vann McKorie, all charged with carrying concealed weapons, were not pressed with leave.

Last week, two cars containing the above men were stopped here after several men, returning here from their work at the Nebel Mill, reported to police that they were being followed. Two blackjacks, a pistol and shotgun were found in the cars and since none claimed ownership, all were indicted.

In court today, Rogers and Webb claimed the two blackjacks, and since the guns were not concealed the other cases were not pressed.

## SKILLED LABOR SHORTAGE PROPAGANDA PUNCTURED

WASHINGTON, D. C.—With 6,300,000 names on the active file of the Federal Employment Service, including many skilled mechanics, Secretary of Labor Perkins discounted the charge of propaganda relative to an alleged scarcity of skilled labor menacing the national defense program. "I cannot think of any process in the whole defense program for which there are no men available," she declared.

## Labor Peace Seen By Francis Gorman In Patterson Talk

PATERSON, N. J., May 28.—Francis J. Gorman, president of the United Textile Workers of America (AFL), predicted yesterday "the pressure of war" would result in an early reconciliation of the CIO and the AFL.

"There is every indication that negotiations will be resumed shortly," Gorman told members of the National Federation of Woven Label Workers (AFL), holding their first national convention since breaking from the CIO. "I can assure you they will be marked with success."

Charles Ehrentauf of Paterson was elected president of the federation, which named Henry Ludwig of New York City and Edward Jackson, of Pompton Lakes, vice-presidents, and Emil Langer, of Brooklyn, N. Y., secretary-treasurer.

## Try These Lines

(No one can read any of these lines perfectly three times in succession. Not trippingly.)

Chop shops stock shops.  
Bob bought a black back bath brush.  
I sniff shop snuff; you sniff shop snuff.  
Old oily Ollie oils old oil yautos.  
Frank threw Fred three free throws.

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## The Rescue Mission Feeds 176,579 and Gives Lodgings To 68,578 In Over Year

The Charlotte Rescue Mission has given 68,578 free lodgings to homeless men and served 176,579 free meals since its organization in the winter of 1938. Guy M. Beaty, president, said last week, in commenting on the Mission campaign which begins June 3.

"We started this mission," Mr. Beaty said, "largely because some of us discovered twenty homeless, hungry, cold men in an old box car in the winter of 1938. We are proud of the services we have been able to render such men since that time."

"The Mission always tries to co-operate with the city officials in handling the men on our streets who should have the kind of service the Mission offers, and we appreciate very much the letter received from our Chief of Police this week."

Police Chief E. J. Nolan's letter reads: "I want to take this opportunity to tell you of the good work done by the Charlotte Rescue Mission in this city. Mr. J. K. Booker, the superintendent of this Mission, has co-operated with this department to the fullest extent at all times and has taken care of numbers of people coming to Charlotte without home or friends. I am sure that the city of Charlotte appreciates the good work done by your Mission."

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## DISTRICT ATTORNEY SAYS UNION RACKETS PURGED

NEW YORK, May 27.—William O'Dwyer, Brooklyn district attorney, announced tonight that his office, in collaboration with Joseph P. Ryan, president of the International Longshoremen's union, (A. F. L.), had "cleaned out all gangster control of the waterfront unions."

## PORTERS WILL GET TWO MILLION DOLLARS IF THEY WIN IN THEIR SUIT

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Bill: "Yea. But I intend to wear a muffler with it."  
Railroad Doctor (at medical inspection): "Say a-a-ah."  
Tony: "No spike de English."  
No. Why?  
Youth: "Do you think your father will object to my suit?"  
Girl: "I don't see why he should; he wears one almost as bad."

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Jonah A. Garrie, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Myrtis L. Garrie, Defendant.  
The above defendant will take notice that an action has been commenced against her by the above plaintiff in the above court for a divorce absolute to dissolve the bonds of matrimony between them, and that she is required to appear before the undersigned on or before thirty days from the last issue of this paper and answer or demur to the complaint filed herein.  
She is further notified that unless she does appear and demur or answer the said complaint within the required time the said plaintiff will apply to the court to there relief demanded in said complaint.  
This 4th day of April, 1940.  
J. LESTER WOLFE,  
Clerk of Superior Court.