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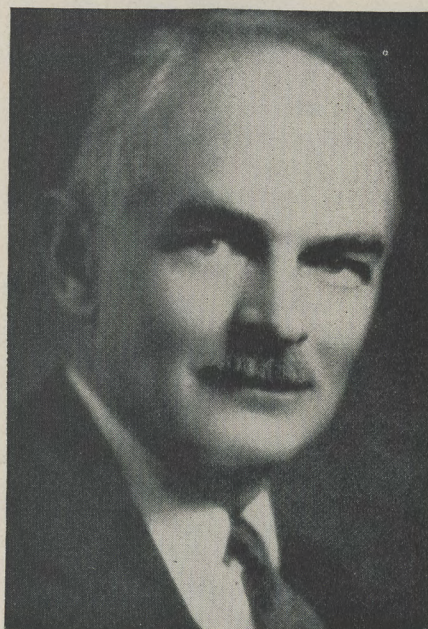
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America, and the Post-War World

By DR. WILLIAM M. AGAR

THE consensus of opinion is that the Moscow declarations can become the foundation stone of world peace. The Four Powers pledge themselves to pursue the war to the point of unconditional surrender and to stick together to work for peace just as they are doing now to win the war. If these pledges are carried out they will correct the two major errors of the last postwar period.

The Four Power statement should in particular remove suspicion from our minds concerning Russia's intentions and should satisfy Russia that the Western Powers intend to work with her on terms of equality. Furthermore, the Four Powers pledge that "they will not employ their military forces within the territories of other states except for the purposes envisaged in this declaration and after joint consultation." This should dispose of the fear that Russia will gobble up all of Eastern Europe. Thus the dark fog of mutual suspicion is removed. For, when the Russian government speaks, Stalin speaks. And, when Stalin speaks, Russia speaks. So Russia is committed, and Russia has proved that she believes in sticking to her commitments. The same can be said of China and almost certainly of Great Britain. But what about the United States?

Without in any way calling into question the good faith of the American people, the world remembers 1919. Section 2 of Article II of our Constitution, conferring powers on the president, states that "He shall have Power, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, to make treaties, provided two-thirds of the Senators present concur." On November 3rd, the text released at the Moscow conference overshadowed the discussion which was taking place in our Senate. Yet the outcome of the latter discussion is still the determining factor in America's future. Events are moving rapidly. The isolationists are reeling. But they will regain their balance in time. They will seek and find escape clauses in any resolution which is not clear and positive in its commitments. The Senators who are striving to put teeth in the Connally resolution believe that anything our Senate resolves which is not at least as far reaching as the Four Power Pact represents a repudiation of Mr. Hull and will open the way to a return to 1919. At present writing it looks as though they would win their fight to show that the Senate of the United States understands the meaning of events and can rise to the greatness of the occasion.

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Joe Dinneen, American

A Non-Jewish Columnist Speaks His Mind About the Boston Hoodlumism

This comment was delivered over Station WORL, Boston, on Wednesday, October 27, by radio commentator, Joe Dinneen, well-known featured columnist of the Boston Globe.

IN Dorchester Municipal Court this afternoon, Jacob Hodas and Harvey Blaustein, two 17-year-old Jewish boys, were found guilty of participating in an affray and each was fined \$10. The fines were not important, but the principle at stake in this case is highly important, because the evidence on the record is quite clear that one of these boys, Harvey Blaustein, was badly beaten up, not by hoodlums, not by civilians who could be charged with anti-Semitism, but by a ranking officer in the Boston Police Department, an officer from whom other policemen take orders, Sergeant Bernard W. Fay. There is evidence in the record that Sergeant Fay beat Blaustein with a flexible billy or a length of rubber hose; that he called Blaustein a yellow Jew, and that the beating was administered, of all places, in a small room of Police Station 11 in Dorchester. This afternoon, in Dorchester Court, Sergt. Fay was not a defendant. He was not charged with assault and battery upon a helpless, defenseless Jewish boy. The Jewish boy, Harvey Blaustein and his companion, Jacob Hodas, were found guilty—guilty of participating in an affray—whatever that might mean. By what method of reasoning Judge Richard Walsh ever arrived at such a judgment is something that I can't fathom. My name is just as Irish as that of Judge Walsh, and I have a notion that every fair-minded person of the same strain is burning with righteous indignation. That kind of a decision does not help the cause of tolerance in Boston; nor is the cause of tolerance, of Americanism, of decency helped by the fact that a police sergeant on the Boston Police Dept. can beat up a prisoner, whether he be Jewish or Gentile, and get away with it.

Several times now on this broadcast, it has been my distasteful and repugnant duty to report to you on various aspects of a wave of hoodlumism throughout the city of Boston in which it is painfully apparent that a degree of anti-Semitism among juveniles is the cause. But there are some phases of the general problem, that I would like to discuss in the hope that there may be some such juveniles listening to this program, I'd like to tell them what I would tell my own son if I had one at the age of 15 or 16, and

discovered that he had become a Jew hater or a Jew baiter.

As a Roman Catholic father (and I am one) I think I should have to tell him first that anti-Semitism is contrary to the beliefs, the philosophy and the

J.W.V. Joins Other Veteran Organizations in Combatting Boston Anti-Semitic Outbreaks

Immediately after the Boston incident, State Commanders of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans and the Jewish War Veterans offered their services to Governor Leverett Saltonstall to help prevent the continuance of anti-Semitic hoodlumism in the Greater Boston area.

Present at the meeting were the following Massachusetts Department Commanders: John L. Delay of the American Legion, Frank G. Benoit of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Clarence J. Hill of the Disabled American Veterans, and Joseph H. Cinamon of the Jewish War Veterans.

Speaking for the four organizations after the meeting, Commander Delay of the American Legion, said:

"Due to the disruption of the American family home brought about by the abnormal conditions of wartime, it is the duty of parents, schools and church to lend their every effort to prevent the situation from continuing."

teachings of his own church; that Pope Pius the Twelfth has condemned Jew hating and Jew baiting and that he has given haven in the Vatican to a number of the persecuted Jews who escaped Germany and the occupied countries and came to Rome. I think I would have to remind him that Roman Catholics have been persecuted for centuries, and that Catholic boys ought to have a good deal of sympathy for Jewish boys, because they too, have been fighting the same kind of battle for centuries—and I think that finally, I would have to remind him that the founder of his own Church, Jesus, was a Jew.

I think I would have to remind him that he is above all, an American, a citizen of a free country that guarantees freedom of worship, and I think I would call his attention again to that celebrated poster by Norman Rockwell, illustrating one of the four freedoms, the Freedom to Worship, and I'd tell him that it is his duty as a future citizen to protect that right for the Jews just as jealously as he protects it for himself because it

follows that if a Jew is denied his right to his Jewish religion, a Catholic may just as easily be denied his right to his Catholic religion by the same kind of persecution. By protecting the Jew in his right, he is protecting himself.

I think I would have to remind him that anti-Semitism is the cornerstone of Fascism; that Hitler came to power by providing his people with something to hate and he picked Judaism for his people to hate.

As a parent of such a juvenile, I think I would be compelled to examine him to find out where he got his ideas, and if there are any parents with such sons in the audience, I recommend that they examine their sons to find out how that poison of Fascism was pumped into their minds, and to establish the exact identity of the person or persons who did it. I think I would find out if such a juvenile is attending meetings where this kind of rot is discussed and I think I'd find out whether a 16-year-old son was traveling with a gang, and that if he does it, he exhibits a yellow streak down his back, so yellow that he will never be able to escape it for the rest of his life.

If this is a juvenile phase; if he has been sold a bill of goods by some of the other screwballs in his neighborhood, then I'd like to remind him that he is double-crossing his brothers at the front, if he has any; that he is double-crossing his country, his church, and above all, he is double-crossing himself. If you are a juvenile and if you've heard nasty things about the Jews from grownups, or from your teachers, tell your father about it, and ask him to do something about it. If he's not interested, write a letter to me about it and sign your name. Every time you listen to stories about Jews, and I mean unfavorable stories, critical stories, you're listening to Nazi propaganda, and if you repeat those stories yourself, you're spreading Nazi propaganda, enemy propaganda.

No matter what anybody tells you, there are Jewish boys, hundreds of thousands of them, fighting and dying in the U.S. Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps and the Air Force, so that you can grow up in the kind of a free world that your fathers knew. And you don't have to take my word for it, kids. Take a look at the casualty lists in any newspaper and you'll see those Jewish names. It might be a good idea for the boys of Boston to organize their own juvenile Legion of Decency for the preservation of Freedom of Worship for everybody. . . .