

*Treachery Act*

regard to France and the mother country with reference to these traitors. These are his words:

Where are now your prophets which prophesied unto you, saying, the King of Babylon shall not come against you, nor against this land?

Words of wisdom to the glorious mother country, left alone to battle against the anti-Christ!

Bill No. 73, the bill before us, does not go as far as the British act. That act goes much further by regulation. Regulation 18B reads:

If the secretary of state has reasonable cause to believe any person to be of hostile origin or associations or to have been recently concerned in acts prejudicial to the public safety or the defence of the realm or in the preparation or instigation of such acts and that by reason thereof it is necessary to exercise control over him, he may make an order against that person directing that he be detained.

May I read, with regard to the report on the fifth column submitted last fall to the British House of Commons by Sir John Anderson, the following, as set out in the *National Review* for July, 1940—dealing with his subversive propaganda bill similar to this bill 73:

While the details of the material on which Sir John Anderson acted in each individual case have not been published the status and contacts of some of the internees are formidably impressive. They included a member of parliament (Capt. A. M. Ramsay), Sir Oswald Mosley (a former cabinet minister in a labour government), a £600 a year official in the Ministry of Health, a vice-chairman of a provincial chamber of commerce, the wife of an O.B.E. and commander in the R.N.R., a member of the East Anglia Petroleum Board, an engineer previously employed in the B.B.C. (Frank Joyce, brother of the renegade William Joyce, alias Lord Haw-Haw, who was Mosley's director of propaganda until they parted company in 1937), a clerk previously employed in the Air Ministry (Quentin Joyce, another brother of William), a war work factory manager (Ben Greene), some members of the Metropolitan Police Force, C. I. Dick, a wealthy business man (stated by the Evening *Standard* to be one of Sir Oswald Mosley's principal supporters), the Borough Surveyor of Guilford and local A.R.P. chief (Hamilton Knight, who had previously been assistant-surveyor at Portsmouth), a member of the staff of the government training centre in Leicester, an official of the Worcester employment exchange, a government factory inspector, a Borough councillor, a sub-postmaster, a farmer, a schoolmaster, an ex-employee of the military censorship, a society woman with special seamanship and aviation qualifications, a former chairman of the Alton Women's unionist association, an army captain, and two serving soldiers, members of the fascist party.

"Fifth column activities", or to use the language of regulation 18B, "acts prejudicial to the public safety or the defence of the realm," are of course highly elastic expressions. The gamut can run from militant pacifism (usually manifested in anti-war and anti-

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recruiting campaigns, in exhortations to the armed forces not to fight, and occasionally in sabotage) through defeatism and movements for a negotiated peace—to rank anti-British and pro-German propaganda—to reach its climax in a treasonable conspiracy to join the enemy in waging war on his majesty. According to the *Sunday Express* (June 9th), the government has water-tight evidence that some of the 500 persons interned have been involved in treacherous correspondence with Germany through the medium of coded dispatches and the agency of a specific individual also interned. According to the same source the plot involved that certain other specific individuals, now interned, should in due course act as Gauleiters or governors of various parts of Britain. According to the information of Lord Marley, speaking in the House of Lords on June 13th, the Gauleiter nominated for England was a well-known mountebank, and the Gauleiter nominated for Scotland was a member of the House of Commons also under lock and key.

That just shows the diversified way in which these fifth column people are attempting to destroy the empire. We are so close to the United States border that we do not notice the large number of issues of the gutter press of the United States entering Canada without any restrictions whatever while censors are asleep and have no knowledge of the world in which we live. Australia has banned five hundred United States newspapers and here we are without any press censorship or only a sham one with no knowledge of war. The day before yesterday the minister in charge of press censorship in Great Britain was asked whether the present regulations would be modified, but he declared that the newspapers would be relied upon to exercise discretion. There are no press censors in Britain at all. He was asked whether he proposed to change the regulations and he said, no, he would trust the press and do without a censor. Our press censorship is a sham, and a burlesque, a hollow farce. There has been no satisfactory method of giving information to the public.

On March 21 of last year on a motion to go into supply, I referred to the lack of information given the public in connection with the radio, and I said if the people are refused the facts freedom is at an end. I asked for the full truth, not once but many times during the sessions of 1937, 1938, and 1939, and not a newspaper reported it. And yet they are talking about not being given proper information. All that an American lady said on the radio a week ago has been said here on defence, not once but many times, and not a newspaper even cared to tell the people the truth about the danger to Canada from Germany. The people of Canada were blindfolded. Read *Hansard* and see. Truth has been the first casualty in this war, and self-respect the first victim of neutrality.