

pro-German elements vary greatly from country to country. The Argentine Deputies have sent a message of solidarity to the House of Representatives at Washington, all prominent Argentine politicians have expressed complete solidarity with the United States, General Justo, the influential ex-President, has said that, in case of need, Argentina must fight beside the United States and in the streets of Buenos Aires there have been demonstrations in favour of that country. The Uruguayan Government secured a majority even in the Senate for the purchase of armaments, but the President stated afterwards that the moment was too serious for party wrangling, that the need to increase the size and efficiency of the country's defences was imperative, and that, if necessary, he would have dissolved Senate and Chamber. In Mexico (which, it is now learnt, has not declared war but only broken off relations with the Axis), Cuba and Colombia there have been demonstrations in favour of the democracies. In spite, however, of the volume of anti-totalitarian opinion throughout Latin America, there is ground to fear both that subversive Nazi activities in many countries will mature and also that there will be a reaction to Japanese successes in the Pacific and a resultant trend of antipathy to the United States. In Brazil the Government is aware of latent opposition in the army and of more active political unrest among the "Integralistas," but it is fairly confident of being able to deal with the trouble which it is inclined to anticipate. The Argentine Government has declared a state of siege, ostensibly in order to carry out its international, and particularly its pan-American, obligations; but one of its first steps under this new power has been to forbid a meeting of the pro-Ally "Acción Argentina," and it can scarcely be expected that German activities will not bear still more fruit in this country. Chile, again, is reported to be the centre of the Nazi Fifth Column in South America and, though the public has begun to recognise the Nazi menace, it remains to be seen whether the Government will deal with it effectively. In smaller countries, too, such as Colombia, Bolivia and Nicaragua, it is feared that the Fifth Column may show its head.