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Reaction Versus Democracy

By Leonard H. Bell

The anti-communist hysteria that is sweeping the country is rapidly setting up the machinery necessary for the complete destruction of American democracy. And since this democracy has never been practiced here for all American groups, notably the Negro, it is ironic to find Negroes from all walks of life, dissipating their efforts to win complete democracy for themselves by joining in the wave of reaction now sweeping the U. S. Complete democracy will never succumb to communism. But it can be destroyed by complete militarism. Especially for the Negro, since the South prac-

tially controls the Army and Navy.

Evidently, both Negroes and labor, who support reaction and who have much to gain in complete democracy in this country, have forgotten too soon, how Hitler came to power in Germany under the same circumstances.

Well, he rose to power with the same psychological preparation of his people for war and a militarist state that we find so prevalent now. He once said: "the gentle Goddess of Peace can walk only hand in hand with the God of War." In how much more vivid a light they now saw the idea of compulsory military train-

ing." Which reminds us of Mr. Marshall and Mr. Truman.

The Southern Democrats have fully contributed their share of propaganda in our swing to a militarist state, and war, by vigorously and consistently attacking the Negro. Hitler too played on racial prejudice. He said: "If France should continue to develop the same way for another 300 years, the last drop of French blood will vanish in the European-African mulatto state now in the process of formation—a vast strong community, from the Rhine to the Congo, formed by a lower race through gradual bastardization." In our frenzied efforts to force a democracy that we have never practiced on a Europe that fails to grasp its true meaning, we continue the propaganda line for Hitler, who also said: "The future of a movement depends on

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the intolerance, even the fanaticism with which its followers defend it as the only true one, and establish it as against other groups of a similar sort." This policy is true in Italy, Greece, the Czech and China.

to the Wiltwyck Aid to Youth fund raising drive which is pointing for a \$1,000,000 goal. Robert Cooper, noted Negro social worker, heads the interracial school for delinquent boys ranging from 8 to 12 years. Mrs. FDR has been active in the school for six years and serves as a member of its board of directors. She is also co-chairman along with Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt.

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