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NAZI INFLUENCE AMONG THE
UNITED STATES NEGROES.

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There is little information now available indicating the the Negroes in the United States are being incited by Nazi propaganda or German Fifth Column agents.

To say that such a possibility is non-existent would be extremely hazardous. It would appear, however, that what information there is tending to demonstrate that there exists Axis influence amongst the negroes indicates that most of this is being directed by Japanese agents rather than German. It is believed that the well known and much publicized racial theories of the Nazi philosophers precludes even the gullible negroes from placing too much emphasis on any negro Valhalla in the United States set up under Nazi auspices.

A few examples, however, have been recorded where informants have advised that "the negroes of Puerto Rico, Jamaica and Trinidad have been approached by German agents, and some Puerto Rico 'monkey negroes' have acted as German couriers between the United States and the West Indies." This information comes from an anonymous informant but is of a recent date, May 1942. The informant adds that German agents are also alleged to be working on the waterfronts at Savannah, Charleston, Jacksonville and Harlem. In June 1942 a usually reliable informant states that German agents posing as Communists are working among negroes along the Savannah, Charleston and Jacksonville waterfronts.

As previously mentioned, one Robert O. JORDAN of 63 West 119th Street, New York City, is reliably reported to be known popularly as the Harlem Nazi; he was convicted March 9, 1942 in the United States District Court, New York on the charge that he failed to notify the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization of three changes of address. JORDAN was the head of the Ethiopian Pacific League and was reported to be blatantly pro-Nazi and pro-Japanese.

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branch of the latter located in West Yaphank, Long Island; another in Chicago --
are possibly the center of Nazi agitation amongst the negro. Even so, this agitation
is more generally centered around salvation through Japanese intervention rather
than German.

In Washington, D. C. the Temple of Allah, 1527 Ninth Street, N.W., is
reliably reported to be disseminating Axis propaganda to negroes. Military drills
for men and pro-Jap lectures for mixed classes are in the curriculum.

Insofar as the Naval Establishment is concerned, one isolated incident
has been reported as recently as July 17, 1942, where one Frederick JACKSON, a
negro messenger assigned to the Mail Room of the Division of Supplies and Accounts,
is believed to be the perpetrator of Nazi inscriptions on the walls of a "men's
wash room" in the Navy Department.

An illustrative, if amusing, case was reported in February 1941 where
negroes were advised by two colored Reverends to "feel cool toward defense efforts
and to be slow in condemning Germany because German Generals were the salvation
of the Northern Armies during the latter years of the Civil War, and without their
help the North would not have been victorious."

In comparison with the German propaganda efforts expended on racial
minorities in Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, et cetera, it is hard to believe
that the Germans are directing the full force of their propaganda machine on the
United States negroes. It would appear that for well founded reasons the Germans
are leaving this field to the leadership of the Japanese insofar as the Axis front
is concerned, and to the inherent Communist agitation insofar as the home front
is concerned.

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