

WANTS PACIFISTS' ACTIVITY PROBED

CONGRESSMAN TAKES STEP

Offers Resolution in House to Investigate Organizations Which Protest Against Proper Defense

Representative Maas, of Minnesota, recently in a resolution introduced in the House, asked for investigation by a special House Committee of organizations which, he declared, are protesting against every measure directed at adequate defense. Representative Maas added, according to the Washington Star, that one organization within the "shadow of the White House" boasts that it has 2,500 trusted agents, who, on a day's notice, can organize a campaign to send from 50,000 to 250,000 letters to Congress. The congressman also made the assertion that it is commonly charged that some organizations participate in such campaigns for profit and not for patriotism, and others are dominated and inspired if not actually financed by foreign interests. One congressman, he added, received more than 2,500 letters protesting against the new naval warship construction program recently passed by the House, and the "character of these letters and the circumstances surrounding the campaign are too significant to be ignored."

Here is something that will be of interest to those Americans who have suspected for some time that there is a general scheme of internationalist propaganda being carried out through the country, says the National Republic. Whenever any legislation or any action by the government of a constructive American nature is proposed, there immediately comes from somewhere a great wave of protest. Of late our navy program has been in the public mind and a great deal of this internationalist effort has been directed against efforts to keep our navy in good fighting trim, and in shape to take care of American interests at home and abroad. The pacifist drive recently made on Congress in the navy program, is still fresh in the memory of all of those who read the newspapers, and it is to be remarked here that the drive was not without its effect.

Innocent Dupes

All of these internationalist moves have the backing of different classes of people. They get support of course from the idealists and pacifists, who

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innocently believe that they are doing something good for their country—idealists and pacifists who have little or no practical knowledge of world politics and our national and international needs. But there is a more sinister side to the picture. The real directing forces behind the anti-American campaign are more practical and know exactly what they are doing. Many of them are communists or bolshevists of the direct or parlor type. They want to tear down American institutions to make way for the coming of the local Trotskys, or at least to put the United States on an economic or political level with Europe. They are busy constantly working under ground, and they find the pacifists and other alleged idealists an excellent window dressing.

Not Surprising

The charge that some international organizations are dominated and inspired if not actually financed by foreign interests will occasion no surprise in the minds of those in touch with the situation. It is common knowledge that European nations are making every effort to propagandize us out of our close economic relations with Latin-America and it would not be greatly surprising to learn that they are actively opposed to military and naval preparedness on the part of the United States itself.

GRAVE OF "UNCLE SAM" DISCOVERED

IN INDIANA GRAVEYARD

Man Whose Name Gave Rise to Famous Sobriquet Buried in Little Rural Cemetery

According to the Indianapolis Star the grave of "Uncle Sam" has been rediscovered in a modest little graveyard in Noble County in the Hoosier state. Few people perhaps know that the name "Uncle Sam," now so fondly used as a term for the United States, has a history dating back to the War of 1812, and that the name was originally the nickname of Samuel Wilson, a government inspector of that time.

Mrs. Louise B. Young, of Kendallville, Ind., is credited with having rediscovered the Wilson grave which is located in a cemetery along the Lincoln Highway in northern Indiana. Wilson, it is said, was born in Wilmington, Delaware, in 1778 and with his brother joined the Lewis and Clark expedition in 1804, accompanying it as far as North Dakota. The subsequent history of the Wilson brothers is given by the Indiana History Bulletin for March as follows:

Some History

"Later they returned to Troy-on-the-Hudson, New York, where Samuel secured employment with one Elbert Anderson, who owned and operated a general supply store. When war with Great Britain was declared in 1812, the Anderson store was converted into a government supply headquarters, with Anderson as commissary and Samuel Wilson as his superintendent. It was the duty of Samuel Wilson to examine and designate all packages for government use with the mark 'E. E.—U.S.' Wilson was known by his associates as 'Uncle Sam,' and one day when asked the meaning of these initials he answered by saying, 'For Elbert Anderson, the commissary and Uncle Sam, his superintendent, for he and the United States are all one. He represents the government, too.' Intended as a joke, the idea took hold, and the name, 'Uncle Sam' since that time has become known to mean the United States the world over.

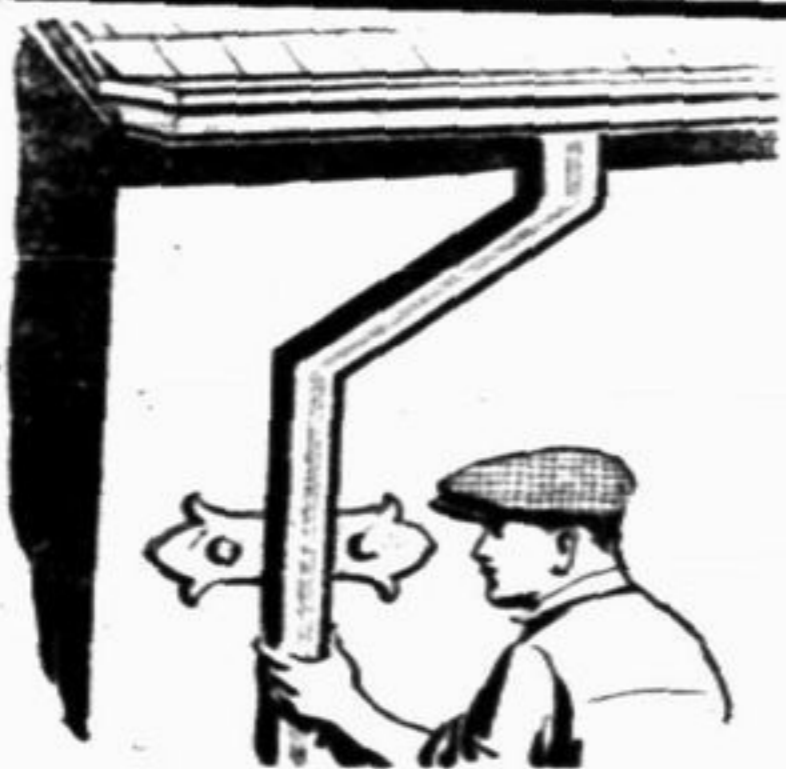
"Uncle Sam" Wilson died March 7, 1878, in Kosciusko County, Indiana, at the age of 100 years. His body was later removed to Merriam, Noble County, where it now lies with other members of his family.

Webster's Dictionary gives the story briefly by saying that the name Uncle Sam came from the circumstance "that the initials U. S. (United States) marked on certain casks of provisions at Troy, New York, purchased for the American army in the War of 1812 were facetiously interpreted as 'Uncle Sam' the nickname of Samuel Wilson, a government inspector."

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