

As Pegler Sees It

An 'Award' Named After The Late Robt. Patterson

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SECOND-LIEUTENANT DANDRIDGE M. MALONE recently won an "award" named after the late Robert P. Patterson, a renegade Republican Federal judge who threw in with the Roosevelt cabal in the Pentagon during the war.



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The trophies were an Army 45, \$250 in money and a certificate. Gen. Matt Ridgway, the Chief of Staff, congratulated Malone and Robert T. Stevens, the Army Secretary, presented the prizes.

It was initiated by Julius Ochs Adler, general manager of the New York Times and a politician of the partisan persuasion to which Patterson switched without due notice to those who had trusted him as a Republican serving his country but not the Roosevelt machine.

Patterson had a respectable combat record in the first war which he nullified by his complicity in the skulduggery at the Pentagon,

starting under Henry L. Stimson, who was planted as Secretary of War by Felix Frankfurter for his own purposes which never are publicly disclosed. He became Secretary in 1945 and served until July, 1947. He was killed in an airplane wreck in January, 1952.

In the Pentagon, Patterson had for his press agent or, in his own pretentious term, policy consultant, Horsetrack Herbert Swope, whose principal claim to fame, reiterated down to this day, was his hitch as executive editor of the New York World which croaked 24 years ago.

ANOTHER OF HIS COLLEAGUES WAS LUCIUS A. CLAY, commander of the American Army of Occupation. Adlai Stevenson was another.

They were an impudent gang and those who live on still are. Swope had the supreme will to set himself up not long ago as an arbiter of nobility in decorating Egbert Murrow, the political pleader for Robert Oppenheimer, for valuable services, doubtless to "humanity" or "brotherhood," at Freedom House.

This is the boiler room of a whole apparatus of socio-political pressure groups, founded in honor of an appropriate hero, the late Willkie. Patterson was a founding father of this hive which, in seasons past, has denoted its patriotic and ethical standards by adorning Dean Acheson, the patron of Alger Hiss.

Some Americans are intimidated by the very audacity of men bearing the title of general, judge and, as Horsetrack Herbert puts it, "policy consultant."

Rockefeller Foundation is commingled with the flower of the cult. The names of the Dulles brothers, Paul Hoffman and our late ECA, the Ford Foundation all occur in the clippings tracing peculiar but generally consistent political innovations.

Patterson laid it on the line when he was alive and mere qualms can't erase anything writ by the moving finger then. He refused to act against Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, who had been denounced as a Soviet agent by Elizabeth Bentley.

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IN JULY, 1942, MILO PERKINS, a weird character in his own right, then serving under Bubblehead Wallace in the fantastic circle called the Board of Economic Warfare, wrote Patterson for information on Silvermaster.

The Army had complete information but Patterson replied that Pentagon intelligence was "fully satisfied that the facts do not show anything derogatory"

Therefore he wanted Perkins to turn over to the War Department "the copy of the report in your files." You know what happened once Patterson got his hands on that, don't you?

Same thing that happened to the report of Col. John Van Vliet, of the American Army, who was flown back from Germany right after the war to write his observations and his charge that the Russians had slaughtered in one batch at Katyn Forest 4,243 Polish army officers and scholars of their cultural aristocracy out of a total of 15,400 who were shot in cold blood in big batches at Katyn and elsewhere.

That report was destroyed for the sole purpose of deceiving the American people so that they would not revolt against the Democratic Administration for continuing to betray this and other nations to Soviet Russia.

PATTERSON WAS SECRETARY OF WAR at that time. Maj. Gen. Clayton Bissell had succeeded Strong as Chief of Intelligence and Assistant Chief of Staff. He tried to convince a Congressional committee under Ray Madden, of Indiana, that the report got lost on its way to the State Department.

This committee unanimously found that the Soviet NKVD did massacre all those helpless prisoners and repudiated the verdict of the Russians in the Nuremberg trials which condemned to death certain Germans who had surrendered as soldiers to Dwight D. Eisenhower while Clay was his deputy.

Furthermore, Bob Jackson, the cheap stooge who left the Supreme Court to take part in a kangaroo court in Nuremberg, testified that if this body of solemn lynchers had had adequate information of Russia's guilt, "we would not have consented to the charge against the Nazis."

But did Jackson then crusade to atone for the crime in the Pentagon? He did not. He kept a still tongue in his face.

BISSELL ADMITTED THAT HE WAS conscious of "great possibilities of embarrassment" to Roosevelt's reputation and Truman's reign, so he ordered the report secret.

The committee was "dismayed to learn that the Major General was considering the political significance of the report" instead of its military importance.

Three other generals, all colleagues and subordinates of Patterson and the clique admitted that a pro-Soviet pool in the Pentagon "found explanations for almost everything the Soviet did."

Another time, Patterson said a man who was 49 per cent loyal to Russia but 51 per cent loyal to the United States was a patriot in his view. He said all he knew about the notorious New York Communist military force in Spain called the Abraham Lincoln Brigade was that they were good fighters.

Lieut. Malone can have proof of all this for the asking and he need only go to the files to learn that the same Patterson testified for Alger Hiss.

If he still wants that trash and the pieces of silver after that, the poor kid will have only a secondary blame. After all, Ike knows all this too. These people