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WHO'S A NAZI?

Not so long ago it was common to hear the epithet, "You Nazi!" applied by friend to friend, by husband to wife and vice versa in a jocular manner. That kind of a smile made famous by *The Virginian* usually accompanied the expression and took all possible sting out of it. People overhearing the expression would know at once that it was persiflage, and would smile in sympathetic response.

All this, however, was in the days when, fooling safe

and secure with the Maginot Line, the French army, the British navy, and the Atlantic Ocean, all separating America from the threat of Hitler's Germany. Americans still looked on a person who was a Nazi as some strange anthropological quirk, kind of a bio-sociological sport, an object of curiosity, not of fear. An odd person, definitely; but still a person who had every right to be a Nazi if he so wished.

Today, the implications of the term "Nazi" cannot be passed off with a smile; they have changed too greatly. The threat of Hitler's Germany has become a far more awful, a far more immediate threat, than even William Allen White, perhaps, considered possible two years ago. To apply the epithet to a man now cannot be passed off as light railery. It has now become in the popular mind a term of intense opprobrium. And its application to a man even in careless, thoughtless fashion may unfortunately start a vicious type of social and business persecution that in the individual case, may be, and usually is, wholly unjust.

Let us therefore be exceedingly chary in our use of this term, particularly with reference to Non-Germans. Furthermore, let us condemn its careless use by others. We have here in the Philippines large communities of Europeans whose home countries have been overrun by the Nazis. Through the years, members of these communities have made enviable reputations as law-abiding, industrious, public-spirited, and charitable people. By their lives they have established their characters as believers in and practitioners of the philosophy of Democracy, both as a system of government and as a way of life. They are our friends and allies and deserve to be treated as such.

**BANK WITHDRAWALS REGULATED
 BY PROCLAMATION**

It was announced in the morning papers of December 9th that President Quezon had taken action to regulate bank withdrawals during the period of emergency. The President's proclamation follows:—

"Pursuant to the powers vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the Philippines, I, Manuel L. Quezon, President of the Philippines, do hereby order that: "1. No banking institutions accepting deposits of any kind shall allow the withdrawal of such deposits in

December 8, 1941

PRESS RELEASE.

One of the most striking features which has characterized the past few weeks with their uncertainties and anxieties has been the admirable poise and self-control of the people of the Philippines. Nothing can help our military effort more than the continuation of this calmness and self-restraint. Each individual should continue with fortitude the usual routine and be prepared to carry out with confidence and promptitude such directives from the administration as may be issued for security and well-being. The military is on the alert and every possible defense measure is being undertaken. My message is one of serenity and confidence.

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amounts in excess of two hundred pesos every week, except upon special license to be given by the Bank Commissioner or by any of his duly authorized agents; and "2. All dealings in foreign exchange are hereby prohibited except upon like license of the Bank Commissioner or by any of his duly authorized agents."

"Done at the City of Baguio, Philippines, this 8th day of December, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen hundred and forty-one, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the seventh."

Special Licenses are as follows:

Special License No. 1. Special license is hereby granted to all banking institutions, permitting all withdrawals from deposit accounts owned by or in the name of the National Government and its instrumentalities, as well as Government-owned or controlled corporations.

Special License No. 2. Special license is hereby granted to any banking institution to pay withdrawals in excess of P200.00 from any deposit account, provided the proceeds thereof will be used in payment of customs duties, taxes, fees and other obligations due or owing to the government of the United States or of the Philippines or any agency or instrumentality thereof.

Any banking institution making any such payments shall satisfy itself by sworn statement of the depositor that such payment is being made for the above purpose.

Special License No. 3. Special license is hereby granted authorizing payments, transfers or withdrawals from deposit accounts of any person, partnership, association, firm, corporation or other organization engaged in commercial activities within the Philippines for the purpose of paying current salaries, wages or other compensation due employees of such person or organization, provided that:

(a) Such employees are employed and residing in the Philippines; and the total payments, transfers or withdrawals from such deposit accounts of any such person or organization for purposes herein mentioned do not exceed in any one week the average weekly payroll for the employees of such person or organization during the six months' period immediately preceding the date of this license.

Any bank effecting any such payment, transfer or withdrawal shall satisfy itself by sworn statement of the depositor or any of its responsible officers, or by other evidence acceptable to the bank that such payment, transfer or withdrawal is being made pursuant to the terms and conditions of this special license.

Special License No. 4. A special license is hereby granted permitting the payment of all withdrawals by means of checks drawn in favor of any bank in the Philippines

when such withdrawals shall be used to pay obligations due to such payee bank.

Special License No. 5. A special license is hereby granted authorizing the payments, transfers or withdrawals from deposit accounts of any person, firm, association or corporation engaged in commercial activities within the Philippines, provided the proceeds of such payments, transfers or withdrawals are ordinarily required by and incidental to the normal conduct of his or its business activities within the Philippines.

Any bank effecting such payment, transfer or withdrawal pursuant to this special license shall satisfy itself by sworn statement of the depositor or any of its responsible officers, or by other means acceptable to the bank that such payment, transfer or withdrawal is being made pursuant to the terms and conditions of this license.

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