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Today's "Minute Man."

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CHARLES A. LINDBERGH in his Fort Wayne speech carried his war against the President, whom he deems America's No. 1 peril rather than Hitler and world aggression, far afield into the realms of gloomy prophecy in bolstering up his extravagant charge of dictatorship against the President.

Not content with assailing the President for allegedly leading the country into an undeclared war with Germany, Lindbergh saw in his crystal ball an imminent abrogation of the right of free speech and, later, a suspension of the right of election in 1942. This from a man who deplores "smear campaigns" of others!

At Fort Wayne, Lindbergh contended that our democratic government already is gone and that "we are, in fact, governed by one man . . . who is drawing more and more dictatorial power into his own hands." Continuing in the same vein, Lindbergh declared: "We must face the fact that you and I and our generation have lost our American heritage. It is no longer simply a case of defending it. It is a case of rebuilding it."

There is only one way of overthrowing an established dictatorship and of restoring a lost democracy such as Lindbergh contends are developments which have already transpired. The remedy is force and violence. Ostensibly, Lindbergh is to be the self-appointed leader of the 1941 "minute men" who would regain freedom from "Dictator" Roosevelt.

As in the case of Lindbergh's indictment of the Jews, his apologists may now explain that the aviator-orator did not mean what he said at Fort Wayne, and that literal interpretation of his remarks as favoring sedition is unfair to Lindbergh. According to that argument, Lindbergh's charge of dictatorship likewise may have been deliberate exaggeration to emphasize his point.

What, then, does Lindbergh favor? What does he mean? The minority opposition needs a spokesman more temperate and more exact in his statements than Lindbergh, particularly when his remarks seem to contain the element of sedition. Before Lindbergh demands the right of free speech, he should be able to exercise that privilege properly.

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Today's Hal Coffman Cartoon

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