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I. G. Farben Cartel Again Gets Help in U. S., Kilgore Charges

By The Associated Press

Senator Kilgore (D., W. Va.) declared last night that some persons who "endangerred" the Nation's safety by prewar participation in the German I. G. Farben cartel "have not learned a lesson but are working even now to rebuild this dangerous structure."

Kilgore said war crimes indictments against 24 I. G. Farben officials in Germany constitute a "moral indictment against some American industrialists who gambled for high profits at the risk of endangering our entire economic mobilization just prior to World War II." He did not name them.

Calling I. G. Farben "the world cartel which the Nazi leaders used so successfully in waging economic warfare," Kilgore said it was brought out in the indictments against its officials that there were prewar arrangements which "retarded the production within the United States of certain strategic products, including synthetic rubber, magnesium, synthetic nitrogen, tetrezene, atabrine and sulpha drugs.

"This delay," Kilgore said, "cost our Government untold millions of dollars that must be repaid by the American taxpayer. But the really tragic aspect of this cartel is the fact that it contributed to the loss of many American lives that cannot be restored. . .

"It is too late now to repair the tremendous damage caused by the Farben cartel. But it is not too late to call before the bar of public opinion those American industrialists who participated in the Farben cartel. This is the least we can do for the brave young men who sacrificed so much during the late war."

Meanwhile, Senator Brewster (R., Me.) expressed "deep concern" over the possibility that GIs in Germany may absorb the Nazi philosophy.

He indorsed a report by a former colonel, Julius Klein of Chicago, which contends that American occupation troops are exposed to carefully planned and subtle German propaganda.

In a statement, Brewster said the Klein report found that "within the coming 10 years of occupation, at least one million of our politically inexperienced soldiers may become exposed to the very virus of naziism for the destruction of which the country fought a costly war."