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Two-Gun Bessie Waits for The CIO to Call the Revolt

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**Anti-Communist Society in Philadelphia 'Dares'
To Face Communism Openly, Reporters
Barred, 75 Present at Meeting**

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PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 4. — The handbill advertising the meeting says: "We are glad to introduce to you two red-blooded Americans, who dare to fight Communism openly and without fear, Mr. George E. Sherman, of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, 'The Part of Judaism in Communism,' and

Mr. R. O. Betterly, also of Pottstown, 'The Silvershirts.'"

Last night at 1920 Spruce St. here, the Anti-Communist Society held its first meeting of the month.

The handbill, which invites all to a "public meeting" announces that the Society meets regularly the first and third Thursdays in each month at the above address.

The old gal at the door wanted to know this reporter's political affiliation, religion, and sponsor. Naturally no reporters are admitted to a "public meeting" of fascists.

The principle backer of the outfit is one Bessie Burchett, notorious public-nuisance and fascist-fanatic who is a teacher in the West Philadelphia High School.

Some 75 friends of "Buck" Burchett, as she is called by her students, attended the meeting.

Bessie, who has admitted that she carries a gun in her pocket, has announced that she is prepared for the revolution. She is waiting for the CIO to declare the revolution, she declared last week.

By the Board of Education's toleration of the activities of this woman, Philadelphians wonder where this public menace can possibly lead her students.