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# Fascist Corps Uncovered

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### Leading Republicans and Tammanyites Linked to Military Bands

A fascist corps with a proposed military strength of 830,400, leaders among reserve officers, connections with the Board of Aldermen, backers high in Republican councils, was discovered here yesterday.

The avowed purpose of the organization was to combat alleged radicals and Jews. President Roosevelt is under suspicion of radicalism by the organization.

Leader of the fascist battalions, called the Veteran Reserve Corps, is Hubert W. Elred, an employe of the United States Treasury.

#### ALDERMAN MEMBER

Chief recruiting officer of the organization is Alderman Edward J. Sullivan, Tammany Democrat of the 3rd Aldermanic District, Manhattan.

Red-baiting Borough President George U. Harvey, an aspirant for the Republican nomination for Governor, is understood to have been offered command of the organization in Queens.

Harvey, according to Elred, has offered the use of 500 borough trucks and has been tendered command of the Third Brigade, consisting of the Fifth and Sixth Regiments.

Colonel Harvey, of course, has denied emphatically any connection with the organization.

Elred was suspended last night, a few hours after his elaborate plans were revealed. His suspension was announced by T. J. Fordem, State Procurement officer of the WPA. Fordem displayed a copy of "General Order No. 3," to State Commanders, issued by Elred. The order said:

"Start enrolling at once following units numbered as follows: Forty divisions, 160 brigades of infantry, infantry regiments, 400,

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000. By order Hubert W. Elred, Commanding Veterans Reserve Corps."

Elred said his organization started six weeks ago and already has 3,000 members, composed mostly of reserve officers taken from the rolls of the WPA and the Treasury Department. Its goal of 830,400 members is several times the size of the National Guard.

He said they will be uniformed and trained regularly at rifle practice and military drills under direction of a "White Russian," Vladimir Kusick, "who gives Grand Duchess Marie as a personal reference."

#### LADY LANDONITE A BACKER

He warned against what he termed "the growing influence of Jews and Reds," and said that his men are pledged to combat "radical" influence.

He claimed as one of the organization's principal supporters Mrs. Mabel Jacques Eichel, a Landon backer and National Director of the Independent Coalition of American Women which sponsored Al Smith's recent anti-New Deal speech.

She was "very interested" in the organization, Elred said, and "is going to throw her whole organization over to us after the election." Mrs. Eichel was not available for comment.

He plans to recruit armored car guards "who are dead shots and ready for service at a moment's notice," he said.

The corps meets at Saengerbund Hall, gathering place for German-American Nazis.

An amendment to the National Defense Act has been prepared, he revealed, which would place the corps in regular service. He announced Admiral Richard P. Hobson as "Naval Chief of Operations."

He had no compunctions, he said, about working for Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., a Jew, because "I wouldn't include him among the Jews this country ought to fear."

Miss Edna Campbell, Publicity Director for the Women's Coalition, said she doubted if Mrs. Eichel had made the promise attributed to her and explained that the women's body could not be directed to any cause by any one member.

Col. Roy P. Monahan, Judge Advocate General of the Corps, announced following Elred's revelations that he would resign because of Elred's anti-Semitic views. He said he did not know of Elred's racial attitude until today.