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# GROUP FAVORING FASCISM FIGHTS LIBERAL ATTACK

Leader of American Christian  
Conference Admits Totali-  
tarian Goal.

CONVENES AT KANSAS CITY

Edmondson and Healey, Both  
with Court Records Here,  
Identified with Session. ?

By the United Press.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 23.—The American Christian Conference, whose leader says the organization undoubtedly will support a form of Fascism in opposition to Communism in this country, today fought back at a Kansas City liberal who charged the meeting was a gathering of would-be "fuehrers."

The American Christian Conference is composed of various groups with such names as "America in Danger," "Washington's Bodyguard," "American Nationalist Confederation," "Defenders of the Christian Faith," "American Christian Defenders" and "Robert Edward Edmondson."

Edmondson in Courts Here.

[Robert Edward Edmondson, 65, is proprietor the Edmondson Economic Service, 80 Washington St., which specializes in anti-Semitic publications. Last year he was indicted for criminal libel at the instigation of Mayor La Guardia be-

cause of his bitter attacks on Jews. He retorted by calling the Mayor a "radical Jew" and demanded an Aryan Judge and jury. His case dragged along for months and, finally was dropped after a number of bitter exchanges between Edmondson and various champions of Jews. Edmondson announced that he was just getting well started on a crusade.]

Dr. L. M. Birkhead, leader of Liberal Center, sent the session an open letter in which he asserted that Fritz Kuhn, commander of the American Nazi Group, was invited to the conference and sent it a message, although he did not attend. He also accused the conference of being "a secret meeting of the major pro-Nazi, pro-Fascist and anti-Semitic groups of the nation."

He characterized the meeting as "a desperate endeavor to unify many small Fascist organizations." He predicted failure because of the jealousy of the individual leaders, each of whom, he said, desired the number one post of "fuehrer."

Sees Fascism Certain.

The conference denied Birkhead's letter was a true account of their doings. George E. Deatherage, president of the conference, outlined the group's aims as:—

"We are against Communism. We are for Americanism, although I don't see how Fascism can be avoided."

Raymond Healey, 25-year-old head of the American Federation of Youth, who wears a brown shirt and assumes a statuesque pose, said his organization was "prepared to do something about Communism."

Healey Jailed Here.

[Raymond J. Healey, self-styled "Hitler of America," got a sixty-day jail sentence two years ago when he was taken before Magistrate Louis B. Brodsky on charges of inciting to riot. He appeared in court in a Nazi storm-trooper's uniform. Several years ago he published an Irish weekly in Brooklyn and announced that he was ready to lead a nationwide fight on Jews.]