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U. S. FASCIST UNION IS BASED ON PIPES AND DREAMS, TOO

Plumbing Pays Newark Rent —Abolition Is Keynote of General's Program

HE HAS SIX CHILDREN, IS RUSTY ON HISTORY

Special Dispatch to Evening Post

NEWARK, March 15.—Emil G. Astone came here from Italy eleven years ago.

He had been an enthusiastic Fascist. He worked at bookkeeping for a time here, but has been unemployed for the last three years.

On February 23 he incorporated the United States America Union of Fascists. On March 3 he established headquarters at 116 Hunterdon Street here.

Today he claims a membership of 10,000 in New Jersey and organizations in eight other States. The members pay \$2 a year.

The program is simple and flexible. The union would abolish:

- Poverty.
- Communists.
- Socialists.
- Anarchists.
- Municipal police departments.
- Misunderstanding between capital and labor.

General and President

In addition to being the organizer of the union, Mr. Astone is its general (it is a military organization) and its president (it is also political).

This morning no one answered the bell at the Hunterdon Street headquarters. But the janitor, who, with General Astone, comprises the regular staff for New Jersey, soon appeared around the corner carrying some short sections of iron pipe.

The pipe was to be part of the rent. The union's lease calls for twenty-five dollars a month rent, but since the building had been vacant and out of repair, the landlord agreed to accept ten dollars cash and the balance in "improvements." The janitor was about to improve the plumbing with the pipe he had found.

President Has New Son

President Astone, said the janitor, was at home—297 Camden Street. He had a new son, born Monday, and since his wife was busy at the hospital, he was staying home with the other five children.

On the top floor at the Camden Street address General Astone and the children had just finished breakfast. The general apologized for appearances, explaining his wife's absence.

"I know nothing about cleaning the house," he added.

But the new son is to be named Roosevelt. Because, President Astone explained, President Roosevelt is, like himself, a Fascist.

"Then perhaps some day there

will be a third President named Roosevelt," it was suggested.

The general looked surprised.

"Have there been two Presidents named Roosevelt already?" he asked.

But there was no more time for pleasantries. It was necessary to explain that "our fathers" had bequeathed priceless American principles to "our transient generation."

And it rests with the United States America Union of Fascists to preserve that heritage.

"We won the last election," he explained.

No Overt Action

"And if you should lose the next one?"

"Then we must see." He shrugged his shoulders.

But he was emphatic that there would be no overt action, no march on Washington, no coup d'etat. Nor is the America Union allied to Italy or Germany. Nor need we fear for our free elections.

"Those things," he explained, waving his arm in the general direction of Italy, "are purely local. Fascism does not need that in this country."