

He Doesn't Like Democracy

Grand Jury Recalls Baxter After Prophecy of U. S. Revolt

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David Baxter, leader in the secret, revolutionist Social Republic Society, was called back before the special grand jury on Axis agents yesterday, by a subpoena served as he was about to leave Washington to speak in Chicago and Lima, Ohio.

Baxter told reporters America is ripe for revolution and that if this does not come through political means it eventually will come by violence.

Then, said Baxter, although his armed "Socis" do not advocate violence, his followers in every State will seize control and set up a provisional government. That will be the end, said Baxter, of the "unbridled majority dictatorship of democracy," after which a "strictly constitutional republic" will be set up.

Baxter was called here from his home in San Bernadino, Calif., two weeks ago, after it came to light that the hidden leadership of the "Socis" was using the United States mails to indoctrinate its followers in revolutionist tactics and to "warn" them to collect arms for an "emergency."

Until he was threatened with jail for contempt of court, Baxter refused to name the "chancellor" of the "Socis," and then said he would



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DAVID BAXTER

do so only in the grand jury chamber, which is secret.

While attending upon the grand jury, Baxter refused to talk, but when released Monday he invited reporters to a press conference at his hotel.

Baxter is a stocky, powerfully muscled man with broad shoulders and close cropped hair. He wears an electrical hearing aid, but inter-

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viewers formed the impression that he can hear very well without it.

The Californian issued statements in which he said, "I was brought here by Caesar, that I might behold Caesar's power."

"It has been my contention that the New Deal philosophy of government should be abolished," the statement went on. Now, however, I am forced to modify that word, substituting for it the word 'liquidated.' . . . The record of events during the next few months will amply justify the opinion that the American people will do the necessary liquidating."

With calm assurance, Baxter explained that there are "Soci" members in every one of the 48 States. The membership is secret, he said, because many prominent persons are members and they do not wish to be smeared. "The Administration," he added, "would like to know who they are."

Calls 'Union Now' Treason

Baxter called "Union Now" and similar groups "treasonable organizations" and named a Cabinet officer and a Supreme Court justice among their members.

This point of view was advanced by Representative Clare E. Hoffman in his "Roosevelt Is a Judas" speech, of which Baxter said he got about

1000 copies. He did not know who mailed them to him, he said.

The speech was mailed out with the "buy arms" bulletin of the "Soci" leadership.

Baxter said the Hoffman speech was only one of those he had distributed. "I don't know how many thousands of Congressional Record reprints have been sent me in the last few years," he said.

Names Other Legislators

Among those whose material was sent him, Baxter said he recalled the names of Senator Burton K. Wheeler (Democrat) of Montana, Senator Gerald Nye (Republican) of North Dakota, and Representative Hamilton Fish (Republican) of New York.

Baxter said he remembered receiving "an exceptionally large bundle" of Congressional Record reprints from Lake Geneva, Wis., home of the isolationist, anti-British magazine Scribner's Commentator and its companion weekly, The Herald. Both have suspended.

The "Socis" have voluminous records of the acts of "predatory elements" in official positions, Baxter declared, and use will be made of these records in the next few months. He would not say "for the record" what the purpose of the records was.

Wants Negotiated Peace

The "Soci" leader called for a negotiated peace, saying "Japan" has attained her objectives in Asia and it makes no difference from whom we buy in the east, "so there is no use fighting."

"By fall," he added, "Hitler will be glad to agree to a peace."

The new grand jury subpoena was waiting for Baxter when he called at Judiciary Square after the press conference.

There appeared to be no connection.