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Eby Flays Nazi Race Theories

Warns of Hitlerism
Unless Progressives
Unite Here

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"Race purity," as taught in Nazi Germany was condemned yesterday by Kermit Eby, executive secretary of the Chicago Teachers Union, AFL, in a radio broadcast over WCFL.

"No race has a monopoly on its contributions to civilization," declared the teachers' spokesman. "To the civilized person there is only one race—the human race." Warning that Hitlerite theories are spreading in this country and that fascism "can happen here, unless all people of good will unite to prevent it," Eby said:

"There is anti-Semitism in the United States. There are red-baiters in the United States. There are people with racial antagonisms who refuse to associate with Negroes as equals. There are others to whom the Catholic Church is a menace.

"The Ku Klux Klan, flourished in the United States with the object of making 'America safe for Americans'; and the loyal Klansman defined his Americans as Protestant and white. The Black Legion had for its original goal the preservation of much the same type of America. Later, its leaders influenced by the reactionary industrialists, used the Black Legion as a means to terrorize labor organizers.

"America, too, has its fascist and semi-fascist organizations. The Silver Shirts and the German Bund are two of the most notorious examples. Potential dictators are just around the corner willing to capitalize on prejudice in order to win power. Father Coughlin, in recent addresses, has been more and more anti-Semitic."