

MINISTER EXPOSES
AMERICAN FASCIST
PLAN OF 'PUTSCH'

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Demanding President Roosevelt investigate the growth of fascist organizations, Rev. L. M. Birkhead, Unitarian minister and official of the American Civil Liberties Union, last week cited definite proof of plans for seizure of local and state governments and a "putsch" on Washington by more than 100 organizations.

"All these organizations need is a leader to make them an incredibly sinister force," said Rev. Birkhead. "Singly they are not yet a serious menace."

The minister said he had a letter from George W. Christians, of Chattanooga, Tenn., commander of the "Crusaders," stating in part:

"The first objective is to take control of local governments in the following manner:

"March in military formation to and around the governmental buildings. Then, by sheer numbers and patriotic appeal, force the officials to accept and act under the direction of an economic supervisor appointed by the president of the Crusaders for economic liberty. This advisor's first duty will be to repudiate the public debt and utilize the payments assigned thereto for the public welfare.

SWAGGERING THREATS

"Dishonest officials should immediately be brought to justice . . . Great care should be exercised so that the situation does not get out of control and some poor, muddle-headed but honest politician gets hung without a fair trial."

Warning Birkhead, the letter added: "Revolutions aren't nice, are they? Before this is over there may be some reason for the Black Legion to be ashamed of themselves as pikers."

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — George W. Christians, leader of the "Society of White Shirt Crusaders," boasted his organization "eventually will embrace all but 5 per cent of this nation's population."

"We do advocate violence when necessary," said Christians.