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U.S. Fascist Mo SALESMAN OF PATRIOTISM NOW TURNS TO WARRING ON TRADE UNIONISM

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"Patriot Guard of America" Is Title of New Fascist Movement for Profit Launched by Carpetbag Patriot; Says Ex-Servicemen Are Clamoring to Back Drive Against "Lawless Labor Unions."

CLAIMS SUPPORT FROM AMERICAN LEGION AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Federated Press
WASHINGTON.—Into a Washington Newspaper office there drift many strange personalities. Among them recently was one Captain Edward Page Gaston.

Neatly printed in blue letters across the top of Capt. Gaston's message to the world was the inscription "Patriot Guard of America" and the first sentence of the mimeographed release read, "Details were quietly completed in the national capital today in behalf of a group of ex-service men and others for launching an immediate nation-wide offensive, by means of the Patriot Guard of America, against lawless Labor unions' which, according to Captain Edward Page Gaston, national commander of the Guard, 'are now trying to foment an American revolution.'"

The Captain goes on to say that the "3,000,000 Moscow-inspired Communists and their sympathizers in this country" are practically all ready to take over the Supreme Court and other institutions and that unless America wakes up something simply terrible is going to happen.

He asks that all the admirals, generals and all ranks in both army and navy reserves and retired lists, colonels, majors, captains, a large number of young lieutenants among the R. O. T. C. in universities and colleges as well as enlisted men, university, college, business and professional men and women, Junior Leaguers, society leaders, polo players, yachtsmen and other sportsmen, unite. They have everything to lose, including their property, he implies.

Arrogant Labor Demagogues
"Multitudes of naval ex-service men," he contends, "are also incensed over the way in which our vote-catching rulers are today cringing under the lash of arrogant Labor demagogues and other professional agitators."

Appended at the bottom of Gaston's statement was a coy little note to editors. "A statement regarding the Patriot Guard is filed with the Better Business Bureau and with Dun-Bradstreet."

Gaston is 68. According to the War Department he was never in any manner connected with the U. S. Army, although he lists himself as Capt. Edw. Page Gaston Reserve, U. S. The National Guard has been checking for two days but so far has not reported.

The Better Business Bureau tears its hair upon mention of the gallant Captain. He has filed with them letters of commendation from Herbert Hoover, Alfred E. Smith and former Senator from Standard Oil Walter Edge, but even the B. B. B.'s know enough not to put those gentry forward as references. Further they will read for you a letter they have written Gaston expressing their candid, though restrained, opinion of the gentleman with the request that he hurry in to see them. That's reference number one.

No Reference
Dun-Bradstreet, in emphatic and bored tones are quick to remark that they never serve as reference for anybody and that they have nothing regarding Captain Edw. Page Gas-

ton. That's reference number two. Gaston also refers himself to Who's Who. The latest volume of that erudite work remarks "See Volume 17" and there follows a little doo-dad called an asterisk. That asterisk means, according to the volume, that "the omission was made because the sketch could not be verified."

In the last sketch published Gaston lists as one of his accomplishments a search for the "long lost remains of Princess Pocahontas of Virginia at Gravesend, Eng., 1923." He also lists decorations from the King of Denmark and the Sultan of Turkey.

After Gaston put out his release he personally visited all newspaper offices in Washington with a sheaf of letters under his arm. One purported to be from Secretary of State Cordell Hull and another purported to be from Chief of Staff Gen. Malin Craig.

Recently the Captain was promoting the International Manufacturers' Association and offered his services as a representative abroad. Now he's selling patriotism.