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New Fascist Group Forms Secret Units *D.W. Othman, 8/25/36* 'League' Claims Organi- zational Basis in All Principal Cities

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—A new secret society which has earmarks of a budding fascist organization was discovered here today by United Press staff correspondent Frederick C. Othman.

Known as the Legion of American Taxpayers, the organization, which claims to have secret units in every congressional district, demands that half of the government's civil employes be fired.

Mr. Othman said he was sitting in his office when he "saw through the ground glass door a ghostly figure stoop and push through the crack below a white envelope."

"Inside was an announcement of the Legion, which said its members earn \$5,000 a year, or less, and that they are the folks who pay the

bulk of Federal taxes," said Othman. "Even if you wanted to join, we couldn't tell you where to apply, or what kind of a mask to buy, if any. They didn't even include the address nor the phone number nor the name of the president of their lodge."

The program of the secret Legion makes demagogic promises to slash the pay of army officers, congressmen and the president. It urges expansion of the National Guard and the Officers' Reserve Corps.

Obviously organized to aid the Landon-Hearst-Liberty League-Republican combination fight the mild reform measures of President Roosevelt, the Legion's announcement appeals, like Hitler did, to the common people's correct disgust for men who talk one way for votes and then do otherwise.

The Legion program said that: "We are a secret organization with local units in every congressional district and intend to work secretly to the discomfort of politicians who say one thing to get votes and then do otherwise, and then try to cover up by vicious congressional investigations."

Political observers here opined that one of the congressional investigations opposed by the Legion is the investigation of the LaFollette Civil Liberties Senate Committee into criminal strikebreaking organizations throughout the country.