

Seattle Pogrom?

Fascist Tries to Buy Arms

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 24.—Fascists are arming for a pogrom on Jews in this city.

Revelations of attempts to purchase 100 rifles, 300 pistols and several thousand rounds of ammunition by a representative of William Dudley Pelley's Silver Shirts were made today by the owner of a local sporting goods store.

Roy Zachary, Christian party state organizer, tried to purchase the arms from William Lohrer's Sport Shop, 4316 University Way, last Friday morning. He had a permit with the signature of Chief of Police William H. Sears, and admitted that the guns were to be used by Pelley's private fascist army in an immense pogrom being planned by the combined forces of the Black Legion, the James True Associates, and the Silver Shirts.

Lohrer said Zachary told him he came to buy the guns and ammunition from him because everyone else

in Seattle authorized to sell arms was Jewish.

Two men from the U. S. Marshal's office who investigated Zachary's permit reported it authentic and said they were powerless to prevent the purchase. Lohrer, however, refused to sell the arms to the Silver Shirt representative.

Lohrer said, "Even if Zachary's permit is authentic, I won't sell him any arms or ammunition. Zachary plainly told me what they would be used for, and I won't have any part in a thing of that sort."

Meanwhile Chief of Police William H. Sears denied that he had issued a permit and branded it a forgery. He promised investigation of the affair. "If Zachary has a permit bearing my name, it's a forgery. I have issued no pistol permit since I've been in office. I intend to investigate this affair thoroughly, and if he has a permit, I will prosecute him to the full extent of the law."