

PROGRESSIVES MOVE TO FIGHT ON TERRORISM

Fascist Plans Rouse Atascadero

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"Silver Shirts" Plan Concentration Camps

ATASCADERO — Feeling is running high among the liberals and progressives of this community as a result of the Western Worker's exposure of terroristic plans being fomented by local Silver Shirts.

Disgust and contempt is generally being expressed by both workers and professionals for these murderous minded Fascists who are gathering strength in order to beat and torture human beings because of race, religious beliefs, and political opinion.

Disclosure of the fact that the terrorists had discussed in secret meeting a plan to convert a cattle corral located on the Finch ranch into a concentration camp for local Jewish people, Communists, Epics and trade unionists, has further incensed honest and respectable people hereabout.

The Silver Shirts are in very much of a bitter as a result of

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the sudden publicity given their contemptable schemes, and are already attempting to "explain." But whipping, torture, and concentration camps cannot be explained away, being the very core of the "Christian" Party set-up.

Move for Investigation

Fascist pains are increased by the move being undertaken by liberals to present the Silver Shirt case to District Attorney Van Wormer for investigation. Locally it is felt that action should not be delayed until after some worker or Jew has been beaten up or lashed, but that local authorities should at once institute proceedings to break up the terrorist band.

To this end mass pressure is being brought to bear, including the as yet unorganized workers and small farmers, while the A. F. G. E. (W.P.A. union) and Epic Club may be expected to lead in voicing the demand that something be done about the silver Shirts.

District Attorney Van Wormer is himself something of a red-baiter, and boasts of having received through the Associated Farmers (the big money "farmers" who farm the farmers!), photographs of all agricultural union organizers in California. But the Fascist terrorists find little comfort in this fact, for they know that mass pressure can compel law enforcement from even the most reactionary official.

Arnold on the Spot

Nor are members of the Board of Supervisors wearing any broad grins since the Western Worker publicized the local Fascist mess. This is especially true of Supervisor Claud Arnold, in whose district Atascadero is located, and who is up for reelection this fall.

It is known that Arnold and his fellow board members were long ago supplied with Jew baiting, anti-labor literature by the local Silver Shirts. The decent, non-Fascist workers and farmers of Mr. Arnold's district think it is time this candidate for county office expressed himself on the subject of the Silver Legion and vigilante terrorism.

Cattle rancher "Tex" Cassidy, Communist-hating head of Atascadero's American Legion Post, was to have addressed the Silver Shirts soon on the subject, "Combatting Communism." In view of the grim facts that have come to light about his Fascist friends, Tex may decide not to fulfill his speaking date.

All the facts concerning the Fascist terrorists of this county have not yet been divulged, and it is likely that further disclosures will find their way into print before the shameful mess is cleaned up.