

NEW DRIVE ON TO BUILD THE SILVER SHIRTS

*Ralley Near S. Diego
Builds Connections
With Vigilantes*

By a Worker Correspondent

LOS ANGELES—Fascist leaders throughout the country are watching William Dudley Pelley's Silver Shirts in their new scheme of recruiting in Southern California.

With the arrival of Silver Shirt Willard Kemp after a summer spent in the northwest with "Chief" Pelley a field "muster" was held in the mountains near San Diego. Steel helmets and military drill characterized the entire meeting with a few contests of "skill" thrown in to prove "the fitness of these men in grey for the task of saving their nation from the Red menace."

This camp is only the first of several bases planned for training and equipping fascist storm troops according to Kemp, who said that the "Chief" "is providing such places as these for aid and leadership in times of civil strife."

"It is possible," he added, "that such havens will be attacked, as we have not tried to keep them secret from the Red mobs—but if the Reds come or choose to bring the fight to our private doors these hills will yield up an army of pioneers to drive them out."

Mobilizer of Vigilantes

Pelley's official paper boasts that "Leaders of Washington state vigilantes have shown an universal inclination to accept Chief Pelley's counsel and in many vital places his leadership directly, enabling them to cope successfully with the radical strength that is manifesting."

This statement calls attention to recent courteous treatment given by Los Angeles police to Henry Allen, prominent Los Angeles fascist and Jew-baiter, when he was arrested for violation of the handball ordinance. The only apparent result of this occurrence is the organization's removal to newer and larger offices in the Lankershim Building with intensified activities.

Gerald Smith, Silver Shirt

On October 28, Pelley in a printed statement that "The Rev. Gerald K. Smith was issued Silver Shirt Certificate No. 3223—Mrs. Smith was issued Certificate No. 3220, and her brother, M. A. Sorensen, was issued Certificate 3224. He (Smith) never resigned from the Silver Legion or manifested that he wished to be relieved from his obligation."

"Colonel" H. R. Sanborn, editor and publisher of the Fascist "American Citizen" is west-coast correspondent for "Pelley's weekly."

Meetings in California

Secret meetings of Silver Shirts have been called in Atascadero, Roscoe, Ventura and Rialto. Meanwhile, via the fascist news-organ "Pelley's Weekly", instructions go out that "Silver Shirts in other states are counseled to keep out of difficulties as they can, and unobtrusively prepare themselves to swell the ranks of the Silver hords as contact becomes feasible."

In Los Angeles the Silver Shirts are allied with various Nazi organizations among them the "Friends of Germany."

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