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# PELLEY TRIES COMEBACK, BOOSTED BY BIG BUSINESS

## Silver Shirt 'Leader' Hints at Removal of F. D. R.— Would Link U. S. to Hitler, Mussolini, Japan

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"Silver Shirt" Pelley, America's blatant fascist, is trying a comeback today. His magazine, "Liberation," announces a campaign for "one million" Silver Shirts.

Recruiting opens today.

Pelley's organization flopped during the great progressive wave of the last couple of years. He wants to come back with the help of the forces of Big Business that defeated President Roosevelt's re-organization bill.

I ran into Pelley's dirty rag

during the "Paul Revere March" to Washington last week. It was passed around among the 77 deluded Coughlinites and assorted "riders" on the two-car "special train." It called for the overthrow of the government in Washington and the establishment of a Silver Shirt rule to drive out the Jews, the trade unionists and the "Reds."

### HITLER PELLEY'S MODEL

Pelley says he would make himself President by force. And if he can't be President himself he wants Vice-President John N. Garner there.

There is a dark hint of assassination in an article in a recent issue of "Liberation." The article, headed "Make John N. Garner U. S. President," says:

"Good Americans should know and appreciate their Vice-President better than they do and realize what an influence for reconstruction and a return to the Americanism of the Coolidge variety he would represent IF THE FATES BE KIND ENOUGH TO PERMIT HIM TO STEP INTO THE SHOES OF FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT."

Hitler is Pelley's model. The March 28 issue of "Liberation" says that a Silver Shirt government would co-operate with Germany, Italy and Japan.

Pelley nailed Hitler the day he came to power and has been working with Nazi spies since. His former journal, "The Official Despatch," said that, "On Jan. 31, 1933, the day that Hitler came into power in Germany, Pelley came out from under cover with the Silver Shirt national organization."

### ACTIVE IN STEEL STRIKE

Next year John L. Spivak exposed Pelley's secret conference with Sidney Brooks, the son of

Edwin Emerson, the Nazi agent in the Hotel Edison, New York, on Feb. 22, 1934. Brooks was more than a contact with Hitler, he was a contact with the reactionary Republican organization here. In fact he was then in the employ of the Republican Senatorial and Congressional campaign committees.

Again last August Pelley's Silver Shirts worked with the Nazis against the Little Steel Strike. Silver Shirts and Nazi German-American Volksbunders and the "Secret Seven" of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce were merged together in the Associated Leagues of Cleveland. And Tom Girdler was kind enough to turn over his private car to the Associated League's chief, Susan Sterling, when she rode to Youngstown to talk strikebreaking tactics over with him.

### FEARS SENATE EXPOSURE

Pelley fears that his tie-up to the Nazis and Big Business will be revealed by the investigations of the LaFollette Senate Committee.

The committee subpoenaed the records of the Silver Shirt "Ranger" for Ohio, one Spencer J. Warwick. Pelley appealed to the United States Supreme Court for an injunction restraining the committee, and got a turn-down. In fury he shouts in "Liberation" that he'll jail LaFollette—as well as John L. Lewis—for life if he seizes power.

It's easy to treat this ex-spiritualist, scenarist, fascist racketeer of Ashville, N. C., as a joke, as a screw-ball. His following dropped away. But the Girdlers, the Nazis use such dark forces to appeal to the prejudices of the backward folks they want to turn against Labor.

And today, as his recruiting drive opens, Pelley hopes they will begin using him again.