

# Demand Silver Shirt Probe

MDR  
Letters Sent Local  
Groups; Complaint  
Filed in Milwaukee

A request that trade unions and all progressive organizations "stop the would-be assassins of Roosevelt" by demanding an investigation of the Silver Shirts and the German American Bund was made yesterday by the American League for Peace and Democracy.

In a letter sent to all unions and civic organizations, the American League requested that the organizations demand by wires and resolutions the probing of both groups by the Dickstein Committee in Congress and by State's Attorney Courtney in Chicago.

Jane Swanhuysen, organizational secretary of the American League, said that its action was based on the recent speech of Roy Zachary, Silver Shirt leader, who told members of his organization and the Bund that if no one else would volunteer to shoot Roosevelt, "I will!"

## HAS AFFIDAVITS

The League's letter states that it has affidavits from individuals present at the meeting which swear that Zachary made threats against Roosevelt's life and

that he further incited his audience to violence against "trade unionists, Jews and New Dealers."

These affidavits have been placed in the hands of an attorney to take legal action against the Silver Shirts and the Bund, the letter continues.

Declaring that fascists such as Zachary constitute a menace to the President's life, the letter concludes with the request for resolutions to the Dickstein Committee and to Courtney, these resolutions to be followed up by the collection of signatures on lists demanding that investigations of the terroristic bands be made immediately.

(Special to the Record)

MILWAUKEE, May 13—A complaint against the Silver Shirts was filed here today with Attorney General Orland S. Loomis by the Citizens Committee Against Nazi Activity.

In its complaint the Committee referred to the statements made by Silver Shirt leader Roy Zachary in his Milwaukee and Chicago speeches and asked immediate action against that organization and the German American Bund.

Meanwhile reporters here learned that, despite Zachary's denial, he had conferred with George Froboese, Midwest leader of the German American Bund over joint action by the two fascist bands.

## FASCIST COALITION

Froboese had previously told reporters that a national coalition of fascist organizations was being formed which would include the Bund and the Silver Shirts.

Individuals who attended the Milwaukee meeting disclosed that Zachary had again attacked President Roosevelt as a coming dictator against whom "white Christian Americans must rise."

Cornered by reporters for a statement on the Bund, Zachary said:

"Our sympathy with the Bund is based on the fact that Germany has met and licked the thing we are facing in this country."