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# Cleveland Public Flays Silver Shirts

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CLEVELAND, Sept. 18—Aroused by the renewed bellowing of would-be American Hitlers here, Cleveland progressives today prepared to rally local citizens against the Silver Shirts, notorious fascist, anti-Semitic group.

The American League for Peace and Democracy announced it was ready to organize Clevelanders against the Silver Shirts, just as, last year, it had helped organize them against fascist "Association of Leagues," which then was the local "front" for the Silver Shirts.

Today's action followed a meeting here Monday night of 80 Silver Shirts, at the Hotel Colonial, who heard Roy Zachary, field marshal of the organization, make an outright demand for fascism in America.

Shrieking his usual anti-Semitic venom, Zachary, who is the right-hand man of William Dudley Pelley, Silver Shirt "Fuehrer," attacked President Roosevelt, Sen. Robert M. La Follette and the Senate Civil Liberties Committee, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and the Communist Party.

## THREATS TO FDR

Echoing his recent appearances in Chicago and other Midwestern cities, when he openly threatened to assassinate President Roosevelt and referred to the New Deal as the "Jew Deal," Zachary urged his listeners to "help return this Christian country to a Christian government" and eulogized Adolph Hitler "for doing a job that had to be done—driving out the Jews."

He advocated vigilante gangs to smash by violence all liberal and progressive groups, lumped together by him under the label "Communist."

The "Association of Leagues," operating under the leadership of Susan Sterling, was exposed last year through the efforts of the American League for Peace and Democracy, as a fascist body.