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# Silver Shirts Barred from Local Hall

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## Bohemian-American Hall Cancels Contract After Fascist Organization Aims and Purposes Misrepresented

The notorious fascist "Silver Shirts" were prevented from holding a meeting scheduled for next Sunday when a contract for the use of meeting hall was cancelled following a protest by the American League for Peace and Democracy, it was learned here yesterday.

The fascist group had planned a secret meeting to be held in the Bohemian-American Hall, 1436 W. 18th St., in the center of Chicago's Czechoslovak community.

In renting the hall, Hugo Eger, a "liaison officer" of the Silver Shirts in Chicago, 7511 S. Stewart Ave., described the organization as "a kind of union."

### CANCEL CONTRACT

The contract was cancelled when Gilbert Rocke, executive secretary of the Chicago branch of the American League, revealed to the management of the hall that the Silver Shirts are a subversive fascist organization.

In cancelling the contract, J. Cermak, manager of the hall, declared in a letter to Eger:

"In engaging the hall, you misrepresented your organization. We are now reliably informed of the real nature of the organization and your contract is being cancelled by a decision of the board of directors of the hall."

### USED SAME METHOD

The Silver Shirts used similar methods in securing a hall in the Great Northern Hotel for a recent meeting. Leaders of the fascist group told the hotel authorities that the meeting was to discuss "Christ and the Constitution."

Actually, Roy Zachery, field marshal of the Silver Shirts, spoke at the meeting and offered to murder President Roosevelt, "if no one else would."

Rocke showed the management of the Bohemian American hall documents proving the Silver Shirts to be a fascist organization, following the leadership of Hitler and Mussolini and seeking to set up a fascist dictatorship in the U. S.

Copies of the organization's magazine, "Liberation" were cited by Rocke to prove that the fascist group favored Hitler. The issue of August 7 carried an article entitled "How Czechoslo-