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# Hitler, Mussolini Agents Here Hold Secret Parley To Establish 'Rome-Berlin Axis' in United States

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Last night a secret conference between the high commands of the Nazi German-American Bund and of the Associazione All'Estero in a midtown hotel room set up the inner-American counterpart of the Rome-Berlin axis, the Daily Worker learned from an important official source.

The Associazione All'Estero is the fascist-controlled coordinating body which attempts to direct the activities of Italian persons and organizations outside the borders of Mussolini's empire. It corresponds to the Gau Ausland—Organizations for Germans Living Abroad—which, under Gauleiter Ernst Wilhelm Bohle, is charged with preparing the way for Nazi conquest.

It is understood that the Department of Justice is watching developments closely.

Following the secret cabal, the newly-formed working coalition of the fascist Italian "Circolos" and the Nazi Bund was toasted at a banquet at the Hotel Ambassador, Park Ave. and 51st St. Scheduled to be the honored guests were Fuehrer Fritz Kuhn of the Bund

and Italian Consul-General del Vecchio.

The \$3-a-plate full-dress dinner was officially announced as celebrating the anniversary of Grido della Stirpe, violent race-hate Italian language paper published here.

The new lineup of Hitler and Mussolini forces in the United States was engineered by a corps of secret agents of the fascist Ovrasmuggled into the country by the Ciano Commission. This commission, with Count Ciano, Mussolini's son-in-law and foreign minister, at its head, was set up after the Munich deal to repatriate as many Italians as possible for service in the army and the munition factories, and to attempt to wean the others remaining in foreign lands away from support of democracy.

Investigators for the Voce degli Italiani, Italian daily published in Paris, have learned that the Ovragents came into New York disguised as stewards on Italian Linships. This is the technique used also by the German spy ring.

The establishment of axis machinery on American soil climaxes

growing cooperation between Nazi and fascist agents here and increasing activity by Mussolini Italians. Though the American Fascisti was dissolved in 1927 by the then Foreign Minister (now Finance Minister), Thaon de Revel, to avoid friction with the United States and reorganized as innocent-sounding clubs, or "circolos," there has been a rebirth recently of open activity.

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Carrying a Bronx address, the Blackshirt, official organ of the American Fascist Party, resumed publication in January. Its editor, Paul Castorina, is an Italian member of the Nazi German-American Bund. The main headline of the latest issue reads, "Fascism Is Inevitable," and there is an appeal to "Join the American Fascists and march with your fellow countrymen to the national Fascist state." The paper is printed in English.

The National American, publication of the pro-Nazi American Nationalist Party (formerly American National-Socialist Party, exactly

copying Hitler's title), has as its editor the German Peter Stahrenberg and as its advertising manager the Italian D. Casparro. The paper, also in English, has, incidentally, neither advertising nor other visible means of support.

Mussolini's general staff was alarmed, after Munich, by the reaction of Italians abroad. During last September's critical days 95,000 living in France enlisted as volunteers in the French army. The acceptance of President Roosevelt's condemnations of the aggressors by the 7,250,000 Italians living in the U. S. has, through the close connections of these Italians with their families in the old country, had profound repercussions inside Mussolini's domain.

Last night's secret parley was the latest step in the effort to correct this situation with the formation abroad of an all-Italian front against democracy.

Ciano Commission agents are also most active in the Argentine, where Nazi emissaries are concentrating, trying to turn Patagonia into another Sudetenland.