

# FBI Raids Estate of Russian Fascist, 'Count' Vonsiatsky Plotted U. S. Coup

Daily Worker in '37 Exposed His Nazi Activity

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HARTFORD, Conn., May 9 (UP).—Federal agents today raided the Thompson estate of Anastase A. Vonsiatsky, self-styled leader of the All Russian Fascist Party.

Thomas J. Dodd, special assistant to the Attorney General, said that evidence obtained by the special FBI agents would be presented to a special Grand Jury in Hartford.

Dodd said that Vonsiatsky, husband of the former Marion B. Ream, Chicago heiress, had not been taken into custody, but there had been seizures at the estate.

At the time of their marriage in 1922, when Vonsiatsky was a Russian refugee, his wife reputedly was worth \$50,000,000.

Five years ago, sitting in a "gun room" lined with military rifles and bedecked with Swastikas, Vonsiatsky boasted to the Daily Worker that he hated American democracy, that he had already done it physical violence and that his main mission in life was to overthrow the friendly government of the Soviet Union.



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## DAILY WORKER EXPOSE

Harry Raymond, reporter for this newspaper, visited the Vonsiatsky estate at Thompson, Conn., and was ushered into the presence of the self-styled chief of the "Russian National Revolutionary Fascist Party." The interview was published in the Daily Worker of July 16, 1937.

Standing at attention beside Vonsiatsky was an aide or guard with a white swastika on his arm. There was even a swastika on the wastebasket.

Parading and strolling about the grounds was an assortment of Russian royalists and fascists, for Vonsiatsky had just held a "convention" of his fascist organization.

Vonsiatsky even had a printing press on his place and published a newspaper in Russian which he called "The Fascist."


"Count" (as he called himself) Vonsiatsky said that he was "building an army of propagandists and agitators." Asked just what part in his "propaganda and agitation" the military rifles played, Vonsiatsky replied that "we are organized to overthrow the Soviet government in Russia."

## ARSENAL AT HOME

He admitted owning the following arsenal: 36 army rifles, two cases of tear gas, two tear gas guns, innumerable pistols, daggers, knives and steel helmets.

Vonsiatsky said that he had been a reserve officer in the United States Army chemical warfare service, but that he had resigned his commission "when President Roosevelt recognized Soviet Russia."

Vonsiatsky protested that he "was not interested" in American institutions, but later he admitted that he had supplied a Connecticut police chief with tear gas to use against a labor demonstration.

A black and white photograph showing a vast collection of rifles stored in a room. The rifles are organized into neat rows on metal racks, extending into the distance. The perspective is from a low angle, looking down the length of the racks, creating a strong sense of depth and repetition.

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