

The Fascists Mobilizing Against the Communists

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ON all occasions the capitalists and the government try to minimize the importance of the Communist Party. When in connection with a demonstration of the Communists in Washington, D. C., Hoover asked that the arrested Communists be released because he did not wish to satisfy their "mania for martyrdom," it was calculated to lower the significance of the activities of the Communists. When Norman Thomas repeated this phrase of the imperialist Hoover he put himself in the same category—in the ranks of the open helpers of the imperialists.

But facts and events are demonstrating that the government and the capitalists recognize the growing importance of the Communist Party in the struggle of the workers.

Thus, the Fascist League of North America was dissolved on December 31. This was supposed to be a "voluntary" act on their part; but it evidently was due, on the one hand, to the exposure made by a well known periodical of their allegiance to the Italian government, as result of which the U. S. senate decided to order an investigation. The Fascist League of North America merely changed its name and in February established another organization, the Grande Federazione del Littorio—the Great Federation of Lictor.

The organizer, Mr. Trombetta, editor of "Il Grido della Stria," a fascist paper, declares that they are "reorganizing the fascisti openly," that chapters of the organization assume other names, such as the Association of Ex-Servicemen," etc. The organization hopes to embrace the 4,000,000 Italians in this country. Vain hope—but the important point is that, despite the governmental investigation that was ordered, these fascisti proceed to carry on their work "openly."

Some time ago, it was announced that the organization would take in non-Italians, the idea being to form an all-inclusive fascist organization. The government is well informed about these activities—but quite naturally not only does nothing against them, but sponsors them.

The second mobilization of fascisti is to be noted in the conference called by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, in response to the activities of the Young Pioneers of America in New York upon the return of young Comrade Harry Eisman from Hawthorne Reformatory. Eisman had been sent to Hawthorne for his activities in connection with the demonstration of the Young Pioneers against the Boy Scouts before their departure for the jamboree in England.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars have called a conference of all reactionary, fascist or potentially fascist organizations in the vicinity of New York. Among these organizations are the posts of the organization in New York, Connecticut and New Jersey, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the United Spanish War Veterans, the American Legion, the 77th Division Association, the 69th Regiment, the Rainbow Division, the Jewish War Veterans, the American War Mothers, the American Flag Association, the Grand Army of the Republic, the Eleventh Engineers

Association, the 27th Division Association, the Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, the Disabled American World War Veterans and various other organizations.

The immediate aim of these organizations in merged form is to "attack the Communists with a counter line of education!" The real aim is (1) "to take action that the misled children (Young Pioneers—I.A.) of school age be instigated with the idea in mind of correcting their mistaken idea of liberties in this free (!) country; (2) with the end in view that aliens who are not satisfied with our form of government be deported."

This is a big mobilization of the fascisti in the eastern part of the country against the Communists and militant workers.

The Boy Scout organization has announced the formation of a new body, the "Boy Scout Juniors" or "Cubs." This organization will take in all children up to 12 years of age. It is estimated that 4,000,000 may be taken into the organization, if the plans of the executive committee succeed. Among those sponsoring the move are Professor John Dewey, Dr. E. L. Thorndike and other prominent "educators" in the East. Under the cloak of giving the young children activities that "their parents demand," these children will be drawn into the militaristic activities of the Boy and Girl Scouts, and thus be prepared ideologically and organizationally for fascist and military activities.

Thus the fascists of the country are mobilizing all the reactionary forces, children and adult, against the Communists—the Communist Party, the Young Communist League and the Young Pioneers.

This is a clear recognition of the growing influence of the Communist Party over the workers. It is a recognition that the claim of the Communists that the workers will struggle and will follow the Communist Party is correct. It also demonstrates that the capitalists fear the Communist Party.

The lining up of the social fascist party and the American Federation of Labor with these aims of the fascists, the non-interference of the government with the formation of the new Italian fascist organization—which is to be expected—the introduction of the Coughlin bill in the New York State Assembly for the militarization of all school children from 10 to 18 years of age, are indications of the coming struggles. The failure of the London Naval "Disarmament" Conference to bring about reduction, but on the contrary resulting in an increase in armament, the threats against the Soviet Union, are clear warnings of what is coming.

The Communist Party understands clearly the situation. The tremendous and growing unemployment, the ferocious offensive of the capitalists on the employed workers to reduce their wages and conditions. The workers must prepare for these struggles: (1) by organizing in the shops into militant industrial unions to meet the coming attacks; (2) by forming workers defense groups to defend their meetings and organizations; (3) by building up the Communist Party and Young Communist League so as to meet the struggles; (4) by putting their children into the Young Pioneers, in order effectively to counteract the poisonous propaganda and hatred of the militant working class and of the Communist Party that will be drilled into their heads; (5) by supporting and spreading the Communist press, particularly the Daily Worker so that the workers may know what the capitalists and the government are plotting.

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"Unfortunately, as it happens, renewed depression is developing . . . in the agricultural sections of the country, despite and perhaps because of the efforts of the government at Washington to prevent it, and this may serve to arrest the (industrial) recovery and indeed cause a new set back."

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