



C.L.A. & A.W.P. HEAD FOR FUSION

Wall Street Conspiracy For Fascist Coup Revealed

General Smedley Butler's revelation of a three million dollar fascist plot right here in the United States, a home grown Nazi Putsch plan, should serve to silence those profound theoreticians who see something unique in the American nation, some national essence which will enable America to solve her problem "in her own way". While General Butler's disclosures do not reveal the fascists as a serious menace, they indicate that incipient fascism is here and only waits its opportunity.

General Butler has been approached by no less than 42 organizations, 42 would-be American blackshirts. Most of these probably justify the General's description of "crackpot", but at least one was perfectly serious, had a plan, and claimed the necessary financial backing.

A year or so ago General Butler was approached by Gerald MacGuire, a bond salesman for a New York brokerage firm, the Grayson M. P. Murphy Co. According to General Butler's account MacGuire offered him eighteen thousand dollars to go to Chicago and speak in favor of the Gold Standard. When Butler refused MacGuire said, according to Butler, "Don't be a fool, why don't you do like Harbord (General Harbord, U.S.A.) and Sims (Admiral Sims, U.S.N.) and make some money out of it. The government doesn't care for you, so why don't you act like a business man." Butler refused and MacGuire continued, "Murphy is in Europe, but I'll have Colonel Clark come and see you."

Morgan Lurks In Picture

Colonel Clark did come to see the General and renewed the offer. Colonel Clark, by the way, is Robert Sterling Clark, who inherited a portion of the Slinger Sewing Machine fortune, and who is now reputed to be worth some fifty million. In the course of his conversation Colonel Clark revealed, according to Butler, that the speech which he, Butler, was to give in return for the eighteen thousand had been written by John W. Davis. John W. Davis, one time Democratic nominee for President, is, at present, counsel at law for the firm of J. P. Morgan.

"We need a fascist government," MacGuire said, "to save the nation from the communists who would tear down all that has been built up in America. The only men who have the courage to do it are the soldiers, and General Butler is the man to do it."

"All General Butler would have to do to get a million men would be to announce the formation of an organization and tell them it would cost a dollar a year to join."

Offered Three Million

"It wouldn't be any trouble at all to raise \$1,000,000. I could go to any number of people right here in New York and get it. (At one time MacGuire offered General Butler \$3,000,000 "on the line"). MacGuire intimated that the arms necessary for the movement could be obtained from the Remington Arms Co. on credit from the Dupont family, which owns a controlling interest of the company."

"I think the President could be persuaded to name Butler head of the CCC camps and that would give him the basis of an organization. However if that doesn't work I have no doubt the general could enlist 500,000 men in a very short time."

"What we really need is a man on a White Horse to save the capitalist system. We might go along with President Roosevelt and do with him what Mussolini did with the King of Italy."

"Roosevelt hasn't the real solution of the unemployment situation, but we'll put across a plan that will really be effective. All unemployed men will be put in military barracks under forced labor, as Hitler does, that would soon solve the problem. Another thing we would do would be to register all persons in the United States, as they do in Europe. That would stop a lot of Communist agitators wandering around loose."

Warning General Inevitable

In the course of his various conversations, both with General Butler and with the reporter for the N. Y. Post who was privy to the conspiracy, MacGuire mentioned General MacArthur, Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army as a possible alternate for Butler, and Hanford MacNider, former commander of the American Legion as a third alternate. He also intimated that Louis Johnson, of West Virginia, another former National Commander of the Legion, and Henry Stephens, of North Carolina, yet another former National Commander were "interested" in the plan.

MacGuire was called before a secret hearing of the Congressional committee investigating un-American activities after General Butler had testified. His testimony was

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Weavers Set Deadline for Walkout

Keller's Pussyfooting Aids Bosses Against Strike

PATERSON, Nov. 22.—A motion was overwhelmingly passed at the Broad Silk membership meeting here that a strike of all silk workers be called, setting the deadline at 12 midnight Wednesday.

The only voices against it were raised by the pathetic supporters of Eli Keller, General Manager of the Paterson local of the U.T.W. How his activities play into the hands of the bosses is best illustrated by the manner in which the yellow Paterson press has utilized Keller's stalling tactics in order to sow confusion in the workers' ranks. Thus, the Paterson Sunday Eagle, under the scarehead: WORKERS IN SILK INDUSTRY SET DAY AND HOUR TO QUIT BUT CHANGE THEIR MINDS—reports as follows: "The silk workers at yesterday's meeting were not over-anxious to agree to the new strike order, many of them feeling that the time was inopportune for employees to leave the mills and join the dye workers." Who were the "many"? Keller, Keller, and Keller. The same Keller who early this week announced that the workers should "be glad that the bosses agree to discuss with the workers."

Keller's Stalling

By his stalling, wishy-washy tactics Keller is playing directly into the hands of the silk bosses whose aim is to isolate the dyers from the rest of the industry. Instead of militancy he is preaching subservience—this in the face of the tremendous drive of the mass of the silk workers to join hands with the striking dyers.

But the silk workers will not be stalled by Keller, or the maneuvers of the bosses. They instructed their delegates to the national silk convention to fight for a general strike in the silk industry; they formed a special committee last week to appear before the Joint Board and demand decisive action on the strike in Paterson.

Expelled Members Reinstated

Last week the Joint Board of the A.F.S.W. local here reinstated to full membership all those who were expelled some five months ago through Keller's machinations for their participation in the Roy (Albert) Shop strike. The reinstated members participated in the Broad Silk Department meeting of last Saturday. Among them were Felix Giordano, Eddie Swayful and Bill Giordano, well known for their militancy. They received an ovation. The action of the Joint Board—(about which incidentally, none of the reinstated was informed except by word of mouth just prior to Saturday's meeting)—can be construed only as a repudiation of Keller's policies in general and in particular his entire course in the Roy situation—which has been so rabidly defended and misrepresented by the Lovestonettes.

At the Broad Silk Department meeting 10 delegates were elected for the coming A.F.S.W. national convention, scheduled to open this Saturday in New York at the Woodstock Hotel, 127 West 123rd Street.

Once again Keller was repudiated—and this time by the entire membership of his local. He appeared at the meeting with a recommendation from the Joint Board that he,

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Youth Greet Convention

The Spartacus Youth League of America warmly greets the delegates to the national conventions of the Communist League and the American Workers Party which will open in New York City November 26. We feel confident that the comrades fresh from different phases of the class struggle, on the basis of varied experiences will help to forge the instrument of revolutionary struggle: the new workers' party.

The accomplishment of this great task rests upon your shoulders. You will be called upon to take the first step in the building of the new party, by merging the American Workers Party and the Communist League of America.

The young militants of the Spartacus Youth League have and will continue to aid in the achievement of this aim. At our national convention to be held in New York City December 3-4-5, our delegates will confront the problem of the next steps in this struggle. They will consider the relation of the Spartacus Youth to the new workers' Party, if it is formed, before our convention.

The Spartacus Youth will watch your deliberations with great interest. Accept our comrades greetings as a pledge of unrelenting struggle for working class revolution.

For a revolutionary Marxist party!

For the world workers' party, the Fourth International!

National Committee, Spartacus Youth League of America.

Easley Plots Against Nine Negro Boys

Chronicle of Scottsboro Case Reveals I.L.D. Role

Next week the Supreme Court of the U. S. will be asked to reverse the Alabama verdict which condemns two of the nine Scottsboro boys to die. The world at large is mystified as to whether the court will consider the cases of both Heywood Patterson and Clarence Norris, or whether the former is "out of court" for technical reasons.

The world is also mystified as to who will appear as counsel in the Supreme Court hearing. The I.L.D. continues to maintain that its attorneys, O. Frankel and W. Pollak, will make the appeal. Samuel S. Leibowitz has said nothing for a couple of weeks, but anybody who thinks he has shot his last arrow is making a bad guess.

The N. Y. Nation reports that the State of Alabama is out to arrest Ruby Bates for perjury. Ruby Bates is the girl who was bribed and hounded by the Sheriff of Scottsboro, three years ago, to swear she was raped by the nine young Scottsboro boys. She later reversed her testimony. Now Alabama wants to get her in a jail cell, pound her plenty, and make

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Last Minute Call

The Convention of the Communist League opens on November 26 and will last through the 29th. This will be followed by the Fusion Conference, November 30 through December 2. The Spartacus Youth League convention will open Dec. 3 and last through the 5th. All the conventions will be held at Stuyvesant Casino.

We expect 50 delegates for the C.L.A. convention and about 30 for the Youth convention. This means that we have to feed these comrades, in addition to the A.W.P. delegates during the three days of the Fusion Conference.

Arrangements have been made to take care of the feeding. Our own comrades will attend to the cooking. We also have to accommodate the delegates with sleeping quarters.

In the last issue of the Militant we called for donations of food stuffs. Two of our sympathizers have responded. Comrade Pauline M. has offered us 10 loaves of bread daily and comrade Harrison of Brooklyn is sending us some bakings. Paul King, member of the downtown branch of New York will give some butter and eggs. Harry Strang of New York, donated \$50 to help.

We still need coffee, sugar, potatoes, etc.

CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE ANYTHING TO HELP FEED THE DELEGATES?

Write to the office of the Militant.

We also need about 10 more sleeping accommodations.

Delegates Meet to Decide on New Party at Conventions

Labor history will be made in New York City this coming week. The eyes of every revolutionist and class conscious militant in the United States will be turned to the conventions of the Communist League of America and the American Workers Party.

At these conventions, to open on November 26th and to conclude on November 29th, the momentous step for the organization of a new revolutionary party in the United States will be debated and decided.

On November 30th, given a favorable outcome at the respective conferences of the A.W.P. and the C.L.A.—and every indication points that way—the representatives of both organizations will meet in joint convention and there hitch the wagon of revolution to a new star—the Workers Party of the United States.

Delegates from all parts of the country are pouring into New York. A galaxy of the most distinguished representatives of the working class, from the class war battle fields of the glorious Minneapolis strike,

from Toledo, from the scene of the Frisco general strike, from the coal fields of Illinois and West Virginia, from the unemployed movement in the heart of America, from every major industrial and political center from coast to coast, from Canada to the Gulf, are gathering to make a decision that will mark a turning point in the course of the American proletarian.

Not sleek, self-satisfied bureaucrats such as are seen at A. F. of L. conventions but fighting militants fresh from the picket lines—these are the delegates that will be seen at the conventions of the C.L.A. and the A.W.P.

They are coming not in Pullmans with luxurious sleepers, not in limousines. Far from it. On freight trains, on the highways, "thumbing" a ride, in ramshackle automobiles, the delegates are beating their way to New York.

All of them will be present and the best of them represented on the platform at the mass meeting to greet the conferences of the C.L.A. and the A.W.P. which will be held on December 2, 8 P.M. at Germania Hall, 160 Third Ave., N. Y. C.

The list of speakers is a first class treat for the New York working class: Vincent Dunne, Miles Dunne and Carl Skoglund—leaders of the Minneapolis drivers' strike; Ted Selander and Sam Pollack who led the picket line that broke the injunction in Toledo, Arnold Johnson, Bill Truax and Anthony Ramuglia, leading militants in the unemployed movement; Gerry Allard from the Illinois miners movement; Brant Scott from the West Virginia coal fields, Negro militants from Philadelphia and Pittsburgh; Joseph Carter, National Secretary of the Spartacus Youth League; Maurice Spector and Jack MacDonald, spokesmen for the Workers Party of Canada.

The convention of the American Workers Party opens on November 28 and ends November 30. For details see the current issue of Labor Action which is on the press at this writing.

The convention of the Communist League, marking the third in its history and the consummation of six years of struggle, will open at the Stuyvesant Casino, Ninth Street and Second Ave. at 10 A.M. Monday, November 26. More than 50 delegates from approximately 20 cities will be represented.

The convention will hear reports from members of the National Committee on the Situation and Perspectives of American Imperialism, on the Negro question, the international situation and the work of our international organization, on the proposed programmatic statement for the new party which it will discuss, amend and revise as it sees fit. It will draw a balance of years of factional activity which saved the banner of Marxism from the disgrace of Stalinism. It will center its attention on moving out into the class struggle and on forging the best instrument for this purpose. Here the question of fusion with the American Workers Party will be democratically discussed and a decision arrived at.

The conference of the Communist League will be open to delegates and members of the organization only.

The Fusion Convention, beginning on Nov. 30 at the Stuyvesant Casino and ending December 2 will be open to all members, friends and sympathizers.

Revolutionary workers all over the world will watch the proceedings with keen attention and await the results. The successful culmination of the fusion will be a milestone on the road to the Fourth International.

The formation of a new party in America means the dawn of a new era in the history of the world proletariat. Forward!

The demonstration means the beginning of a concerted and determined drive of the organized unemployed throughout the nation to secure for themselves the program which they have adopted. The 12 million unemployed will not continue to remain jobless or to exist on home relief or work relief which pays only \$6 to \$12 weekly. Once the unemployed have set their faces toward our 8-point program which is their goal they will not turn back until they have achieved it.

MASS MEETING

To Greet the National Conferences of the American Workers Party and the Communist League

SPEAKERS:

JAMES P. CANNON A.J. MUSTE

MINNEAPOLIS: Leaders of the Famous Strikes of Local 574—

Vincent Dunne

Miles Dunne

Carl Skoglund

TOLEDO: Organizers of Mass Picket Line that Broke the Injunction

Ted Selander

Sam Pollack

MINERS: Outstanding Leaders of the Militant Left Wing—

Gerry Allard

Brant Scott

of Illinois

of West Virginia

UNEMPLOYED MOVEMENT: Leaders of the National Unemployed League—

Anthony Ramuglia

Bill Truax

Arnold Johnson

NEGRO STRUGGLES: Outstanding Negro Militants—

James Watson

E. R. McKinney

of Philadelphia

of Pittsburgh

DEEP SOUTH:

Jo Drake Arrington

of Gulfport, Miss.

SPARTACUS YOUTH National Secretary of the Spartacus Youth League—

Joseph Carter

CANADA: Leaders of the Workers Party of Canada—

Maurice Spector

Jack MacDonald

CHAIRMEN:

Max Shachtman

Louis F. Budenz

SUNDAY, DEC. 2nd, - 8 p.m.

Germania Hall 16th St. & Third Av.

Admission 25 Cents