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FASCIST MEXICAN NETWORK
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MEXICO CITY, Oct. 21 (MLN) -- A startling expose of the extent of the Nazifascist network of espionage and plotting in Mexico was made by Vicente Lombardo Toledano, head of the Confederation of Latin American Labor, at a pro-Democracy rally held here Oct. 17.

Toledano listed approximately one hundred foreign and domestic varieties of Nazifascists in key positions in the Axis organization in this country, among them Gestapo agents, Nazi Party heads and Sinarchist-Falangist go-betweens.

The German Nazi Party in Mexico, the statement disclosed, has in its hands the control of practically all Germans resident in this country, either thru black-mail or because of pro-Nazi sympathy.

The German Minister in Mexico, Baron Rudy von Collenberg, was revealed to be one of the main and directing heads of the organization and honorary president of the Deutsche Volksgemeinschaft, the legal front for the Nazi Party.

Close connection and perhaps directorship was also attributed to Ewald Bork, head of the Germanic Bank's Mexico City branch. The Germanic Bank, which is spread thruout Latin America, has been disclosed in many South American countries to be the fountain thru which funds for illegal pro-Axis and fascist activities are subsidized.

The Germanic Bank branch in Santiago, Chile, was just this past week shown to be the center of fund distribution among Nazi agents in that country, with many members of the Bank's personnel protected from arrest by diplomatic passports issued by the Nazi Embassy.

It is also known that German funds which fled the United States shortly before the freezing of Axis credits were deposited in the Germanic Bank in this city and have since mysteriously vanished in considerable part.

Coincident with the movement of these funds from the United States to Mexico was the sudden flourishing of the Mexican Sinarchist organization, which has since then spent as high as one million pesos for staging a single demonstration.

While proof of financial connections has not as yet been fully obtained by either the Mexican government or other investigations, the remarkable number of coincidences of the above type have led most investigators to the logical conclusion.

Nazi agents in Mexico are in many cases protected from arrest by diplomatic passports in the same manner as they are sheltered in South America. Among the most active Nazi agents here, at least ten are known to have passports accrediting them as diplomatic representatives of various South American countries. In many cases these papers were obtained long before the advent of the European War.

The Nazi network in Mexico extends thruout every conceivable form of social activity. Nazis who are Catholics work thru the Catholic Church, but under the direct command of the Deutsche Evangelische Kirche (Lutheran), the heads of which are in charge of propaganda thru religious organizations.

Propaganda activities thru commercial channels and assessment of taxes on Nazi businessmen are handled here thru the German Chamber of Commerce. Head of this organization is Richard Eversbusch. The Chamber publishes bulletins for propaganda purposes and generally handles the payment of sums to newspapers and other publications using the Nazi material.

Cultural penetration is worked thru the German-Mexican Society and thru a system of German-run schools which offer free instruction in the German language. The German-Mexican Society is headed by Alexander von Humboldt, who is in the advantageous position of being a distant relative of Baron Humboldt who was famous here in Mexican colonial times.

Alexander von Humboldt, however, never set foot in Mexico until three years ago, when he was ordered here by the Nazi Latin American Bureau as a likely person to do propaganda work.

On the staff of the German school in Mexico City is a man named Karl Kayser, a dangerous member of the Gestapo, who is in charge with the "political" direction of that institution.

Technical head of the Nazi Party in Mexico is said to be Edgar von Wallenberg, secretary of the Nazi embassy. Von Wallenberg fronts for the real head who is apparently Ewald Bork, head of the Germanic Bank. Bork withdrew from the limelight after a partial disclosure of his activity some time ago.

SINARCHIST PLAN TO SETTLE
IN BAJA CALIFORNIA FIGHT

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 21 (MLN) -- One of the biggest furors in some

time is being raised in Mexico at present over the Sinarchist proposal to colonize Lower California with members of that pro-Fascist organization.

The technical fuehrer of the Sinarchists, Salvador Abascal, has presented a project to the Mexican government by which Sinarchists would emigrate en masse to the desert region of the southern part of the Lower California territory. Abascal claims that his industrious fascists would duplicate the feat of the Mormons in the Utah Desert.

While the mass of the Mexican population has a tendency to approve the project with the hope that by such colonization the inhabited areas of Mexico would be rid of these troublesome pro-Axis elements once and for all, heads of labor and progressive organizations fear that more is behind the proposal than Abascal's desire for desert solitude.

This sector of opinion is wondering if the logical answer to the question why Sinarcho-fascists want to go live in the wilds does not lie in the strategic location of Lower California and its value as a springboard to the United States in the event of war against the Axis powers in general and Japan in particular.

The active cooperation of the Sinarchist movement with Nazifascist organizations here has been proved several times, but never more definitely than in the recent cases of mercury smuggling to Japanese freighters and Nazi submarines. Sinarchist agents and businessmen have been revealed to be key men in the conspiracy to buy up Mexican mercury and antimony supplies for shipment to Axis nations.

The Sinarchist movement is not only linked to the Nazifascist Axis thru the personal sympathy of its members, but is under the direct control of Axis agents in Mexico who tell Abascal and the remainder of the Sinarchist leaders what to do and how.

Among these liason "officers" are Paul Klement, Nazi "employee" of a German chemical firm, who uses his job as a means to travel thruout Mexico delivering orders and propaganda to local Sinarchist branches.

Bigger than Klement is the key link in the chain between the Sinarchists and the Nazis, Alexander Holst, who is on the supreme Mexican fascist governing board of which Salvador Abascal is also a member. Holst enjoys diplomatic protection thru his possession of an honorary consulship issued to him several years ago by the Bolivian government.

Another fascist liason officer is Chislain Clauzel, Vichy diplomatic representative, who has met in secret council with the Nazi envoy here and native fascist leaders five times since August 15.

Labor in this country is demanding prompt government action against the top clique of the Sinarchist movement, natives and foreigners alike. The mass of the Sinarchists would quickly fall away if the top fuehrers were removed, as the rank and file is largely made up of the most ignorant and superstitious sections of the population.

As this item is being written Labor News has been informed that huge sums of American dollars have started flooding the coffers of the Sinarchist movement in this country, and are being credited by Sinarchist

leaders to donations from "sympathizers" in the United States.

STERN STRIKES AGAINST
CERDANISM IN VERACRUZ

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 21 (MLN) -- Nationwide protest strikes by organized teachers thruout the Mexican Republic were scheduled for Oct. 22 against the union-busting activities of the pro-fascist Governor of Veracruz, Jorge Cerdan.

The strike will last for 24 hours, as authorized in the recent Convention of the Mexican Teachers Union held in this city. Immediate cause of the protest, apart from the long list of anti-labor and pro-fascist actions committed by Cerdan, was the firing of 24 teachers in the state of Veracruz for refusal to submit to the demands of the Cerdan Vanguardia, storm troop Organization.

In a statement issued Oct. 21 the Mexican Teachers Union (STERN) declared:

"Contrary to the repeated proposals of President Avila Camacho that the dismissed teachers be reinstated, Cerdan has continued his labor of provocation against STERN.

"All regional and state member organizations of STERN have been notified of, and will take part in, the protest strike scheduled for Oct. 22."

This means that approximately 100,000 teachers are to take part in the action.

CHARCOAL PRICES LEAP
AS PROFITEERS GAMBLE.

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 21 (MLN) -- Adding to the troubles of Mexico's working-class, the price of charcoal has suddenly shot up in this city from 8 centavos a kilo to 13 in a maneuver on the part of the charcoal trust to force a government concession to operate in federal forests.

Seriousness of the price rise comes from the fact that more than 90 percent of the city's working-class is dependent upon charcoal for fuel, as the price of modern cooking facilities, such as gas, electric or oil stoves, is prohibitive.

In addition to investigating the speculation and assigning responsibility, the federal government is considering the possibility of providing oil stoves to large numbers of the population on easy terms as one means of combatting the rise in charcoal prices.

Use of charcoal on the scale customary in Mexico is harmful in many ways in addition to being subject to the manipulations of a trust. Charcoal on being ignited gives off a high percentage of carbon monoxide and has caused many accidental deaths in poorly ventilated homes in workers' quarters. It is also unsanitary, leaving a black soot as residue over everything within distance of the smoke caused when the fire is first started.

Moreover the charcoal trust has left barren huge stretches of once thickly forested regions with resultant loss of subsoil and impoverization of vast areas. Government control of the situation is one of Mexico's most urgent needs.

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