

Semimilitary 'Cult' In Oklahoma School Keeps Aids Worried

High School, College Boys and Girls Purchase Black Shirts, Practice Marksmanship; Similar Groups Believed to Be in Large Cities.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Nov. 24 (U. P.).—School officials were not certain today that it couldn't happen here.

They wondered whether they had uncovered a secret organization of high school and college boys and girls attempting to effect a "bloodless revolution" in the United States, or whether they were becoming the victims of a weird practical joke.

Existence of a semimilitary cult, headed by a commissar and vice commissar, was revealed after an investigation by school authorities. Members of the organization said that Milton Walser, 19, a Central High School Junior, and Manfred Ishmael, 18, a Classen High School sophomore, are commissar and vice commissar, respectively.

Walser and Ishmael said that the basic concepts of the organization are "equality and a more liberal, intelligent social order." They asserted that the foundation of their beliefs came from reading Edward Bellamy, Plato and Aristotle.

Purchase Black Shirts

Ira Baker, principal of Classen High School, said that members of the organization had purchased black shirts, black trousers and black boots. Some of the members, he said, are growing mustaches.

The organization, members said, is known as "C.C.C." or the "Curiosity Club." They refused to amplify on the reason for the name.

Baker said that he believed the organization was a "pretty serious affair—and far from a joke." Several other officials supported Baker's view.

Walser said that 24 boys and nine girls—between 17 and 25 years old—form the membership group. He believed that similar organizations are in operation in other cities, and named New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Los Angeles and Youngstown, O., as places "where there might be something going on."

'Lean to Left'

"We're not either Communist or Fascist," Walser said. "I think most of us lean a little more to the left than to the right."

He denied that members drilled at their meetings, but said that the club taught expertness in rifle and pistol shooting and fencing.

Members, emphasizing that they were speaking "unofficially," outlined the principal beliefs of the organization on the following matters:

Law and Order—"We do not violate present laws. We insist on the right of free speech and free assembly. We hope for a bloodless change in our economic order in which all would be issued cash certificates in like amounts which must be spent before the end of the year."

Want New Order

Government—"We want a new social and economic order which will provide equality for all. Voting would be by prerequisites of education. We would eliminate class lines."

Sex—"We discuss sex without hidebound tradition and believe in more sex education and equality for both sexes."

Religion—"Every member can have his own religion. Some of us are atheists."

Walser's mother, Mrs. Wade Walser, a mother of four children, three of whom are younger than the "commissar," said "there certainly was quite a lot of noise being stirred up."

"I don't know what to make of it all," she said. "I hope these boys get over it."

LOUISIANA'S BABIES GET STRANGE NAMES

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 24 (U. P.).—Parents who are undecided what name to give their children might find an appropriate one listed in records at the Louisiana State Board of Health office.

An examination shows that hundreds of children in the state have unusual names, ranging from Alphabet to Finis.

Almost all states are represented by babies named Alabama, California, Texas, Utah, Ohio, Kentucky and innumerable Virginias and Carolinas. A few cities such as Boston, Providence, Chicago, Orleans and Dallas have been so honored.

Slang was called upon to provide such names as Two-Bits Cotton-rider, Big Boss and Buck Shot, while the more religiously-minded parents attached such names as Arch Angel, Gift of God and Holy Moses to their children.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here Is the Traffic Record

County Deaths

(To Date)

1938 105 Reckless

1937 131 Driving 1

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(To Date)

1938 67 Running Preferential Street

1937 81 Running Red

Light 3

Nov. 23

Accidents 14 Drunken

Injured 3 Driving

Dead 0

Arrests 7 Others 3

MEETINGS TOMORROW

Indianapolis Automobile Show, Manufacturers' Building, State Fairgrounds.

Indianapolis Federation of Community Clubs, meeting, Hotel Washington, 7:30 p. m.

Kappa Sigma, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon.

Exchange Club, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon.

Optimist Club, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

Reserve Officers' Association, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon.

Phi Delta Theta, luncheon, Canary Cottage, noon.

Delta Tau Delta, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

(These lists are from official records in the County Court House. The Times, therefore, is not responsible for errors in names or addresses.)

Ellis H. Scott, 34, Ft. Harrison; Vera M. Sheppard, 20, of 1806 E. 46th St.

Paul McLoughlin, 19, of 263 S. Audubon; O. Teresa Kistner, 19, of 263 S. Audubon; O. Harry E. Brecklove, 27, of 1623 Lawton St.; Josephine Cleary, 28, of 1631 Lawton St.

Donald P. Harwood, 32, Danville, Ind.; Helen Alworth, 32, Indianapolis.

Harold Samuels, 21, Mar. Hill; Helen Hood, 20, Mar. Hill.

Leroy C. Hall, 29, Antlers Hotel; Matty Baldridge, 43, Indianapolis.

Lawrence Hightbush, 31, of 3850 Marylande; Mary L. Dixon, 40, of 2347 Meyer St.

Banker Dead



Robert Malott Fletcher, 66, president and cashier of the Indiana National Bank, died last night at his home, 26 Meridian Place. He was a member of a family which long has been prominent in the City's business and banking circles. (Story, Page One.)

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