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What Is The Civil Rights Federation?

THE CIVIL RIGHTS FEDERATION was formed three years ago to give common voice to the spontaneous protest of church, liberal and labor organizations against the fascist and undemocratic Dunckel-Baldwin Bill proposed to the Michigan Legislature. This unity of protest raised a voice so loud that the Bill was defeated and the Federation became the champion of civil liberties. Since then it has continued the fight for liberal legislation;—exposed the Back Legion—exposed vigilanteism at the time of the sit-down strikes—helped stage the giant mass meeting at Cadillac Square to protest police violence against strikers—fought for the right of the people to use the public schools for civic purposes; continually protested against Nazi and fascist activities; provided educational facilities so that we might know wherein our freedom and democracy was threatened and ever opposed any violation of civil rights that was brought to its attention.

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Ask Yourself These Questions!

If the Constitution states that I have a right to free speech, free assembly, and free press:

Why does Police Commissioner Pickert say: "I will arrest whom-ever I please whenever I please, and search whatever homes I please whenever I please, with or without a warrant; and continue to do so until the laws are changed so that my action will be **legal**"?

If religion and political belief are the concern only of the individual:

Why are Catholics and Jews persecuted by the Black Legion, the Klan, and the Nazi organizations?
Why are doctors fired and maligned for giving aid to labor?

If I am permitted by law to strike and picket peacefully:

Why do police break up picket lines, tear gas and jail strikers?

If discrimination against color and race is punishable by state and federal laws:

Why do some public places discriminate against Negroes?
Why does our Police Department abuse the Negroes?

Everyone Must Know The Answers!

Democracy! Civil Rights! Constitutional Guarantee!—those are meaningless phrases unless they are taken seriously by those for whom they were meant. They were intended by our forefathers for the people. Yet the Constitution is misused by the reactionaries. To these enemies of the people Democracy means freedom to deny civil rights to those who do not agree with them.

Make Civil Rights and Democracy Work!

Civil Rights and Democracy **will** work if we **make** it work. It can work if the men and women of Detroit get behind it. That has been the work of the CIVIL RIGHTS FEDERATION for the past three years.

Everyone Must Know and Do Something About It!

All these things you and I must know, and must **do** something about. It is your responsibility and mine to see that our rights as free American citizens are safeguarded; that civil rights, freedom, and the pursuit of happiness become our everyday experiences and not mere writings in the history books of our country.

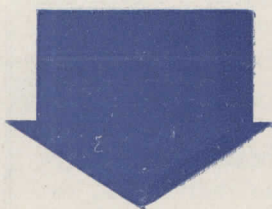
Join the Civil Rights League!

We propose the Civil Rights League with membership at \$1 per year. This affords a means for you and me, as individuals, to participate in the work of the group and its educational facilities. It gives us a 12-month subscription to the **Civil Rights News**. Let us make our slogan: "ETERNAL VIGILANCE IS THE PRICE OF LIBERTY" a plan of action and not an empty phrase. **LET US BE THE PROTECTORS OF DEMOCRACY!! LET US JOIN THE CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE NOW!!!**

There's REAL Work To Be Done!

The Civil Rights Federation is aware of the responsibilities placed upon it by church, labor, and progressive organizations. It knows that the preservation and extension of democracy is the paramount task today. It knows, if Mr. Dies does not, that Nazi and fascist organizations are functioning right here in our midst; that the Black Legion is not yet dead. The Civil Rights Federation realizes that there is much more to be done. But to do it effectively it needs the participation of every man and woman.

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