

Charges Dies Agent Offered to Sell Report to L. A. Nazis

Bund Fuehrer Schwinn Admits Approach By Secret Investigator; Spy Boasts of Contact With Nazi Ships in Harbor

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 25.—A startling admission that he had been approached by Dies Committee investigators and had been offered the committee's preliminary reports for Los Angeles was made here last night by Herman Schwinn, west coast "fuehrer" of the German-American Bund before some 200 members at a meeting of Nazis.

Schwinn, thoroughly exposed by John L. Spivak in "Secret Armies" as an agent of the Nazi espionage system, declared here that for the sum of \$1500 he could have procured the results of the preliminary investigations made by the Dies Committee. It is this preliminary report which will be the basis for the Committee's "witch hunt" which will start here this fall.

More than that, Schwinn declared he reported the attempted sale of the secret report to the Dies Committee and the Dies Committee refused to take action on the matter.

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For the past months, the Dies Committee has had several investigators working in southern California, gathering material evidence against liberals and Democrats in preparation for another smear campaign.

Schwinn did not name the investigator who approached him with the bargain.

At the meeting, Schwinn also openly admitted that he visited all Nazi ships that entered Los Angeles harbor and that he usually carried ashore Nazi propaganda literature which is later distributed in Southern California.

DESTROYED RECORDS

Almost sneeringly, Schwinn declared that he had ordered the records of the Los Angeles Bund destroyed so that the Dies Committee or any other group would have no access to the membership rolls.

He stated he was certain to be called by the committee and that he would tell them he had the rolls destroyed.

"I'll tell them the list of the West Coast members was destroyed on my orders. What of it?" he said.

In explaining the destruction of the records, Schwinn maintained that it was necessary to protect "American patriots."

ATTACKS ALLEN

"It's not because we are un-American that I have ordered the records destroyed," he declared, "but because it has gone so far that American patriots cannot afford to have their names known all over."

An attack was also levelled against Henry Allen, leader of the West Coast Silver Shirts and a notorious convict and Fascist. Allen was kicked out of the Nazi-Fascist underground movement here because he had become useless to the chiefs. He had been thoroughly exposed and his influence had started to wane.