

# JURY PROBES MILITARY CASE AGAINST BUND

## Widening of Federal Inquiry Revealed When Kuhn Aide Refuses to Answer Queries

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NEW YORK, Oct. 31 (C.T.P.S.).

A Federal grand jury yesterday began a probe of a "very serious charge of a military nature"—its exact details and background a carefully-guarded Government secret—against Fritz Kuhn and his German-American Bund.

U. S. Attorney John T. Cahill revealed that the grand jury which has been studying accusations of income tax evasions for 1937 and 1938 against the fiery Bund leader, is investigating "very serious" criminal activities, but refused to give details. From other sources it was learned that the probe involves military affairs.

### Threatened With Contempt

The probe got under way this morning with James Wheeler-Hill, Bund secretary and Kuhn's right-hand man, as the first witness. Wheeler-Hill, a balky witness, answered questions only after he had been taken before Federal Judge William Bondy and threatened with contempt of court for refusing to reply.

Still protesting that the questions violated his constitutional rights, Wheeler-Hill returned to the grand jury room and was questioned for almost 40 minutes. He was then excused and ordered to return tomorrow for a further examination.

"It's all a lot of baloney," sputtered the Bund secretary when he left the grand jury room.

### "Witch Hunt," Says Lawyer

And then his attorney, Peter L. F. Sabbatino, who had cautioned him against revealing the nature of the protested questions, told reporters that the queries and the expected answers indicated that "some one is trying to frame" Wheeler-Hill. "This is just a witch hunt."

Meanwhile, Cahill revealed that a copy of an anonymous telegram, sent early yesterday to several New York newspapers and

commenting on the newly-initiated probe, had been turned over to G-men for investigation.

The telegram purported to reveal that Wheeler-Hill had been subpoenaed and would be asked to involve other Bund officials in a conspiracy to violate Federal laws.

### Kuhn Appears in Court

While Wheeler-Hill and Virginia Cogswell, oft-married Georgia peach who said recently she would make Kuhn her tenth husband, were being questioned by Federal officials, Kuhn, free in \$50,000 bail on charges of stealing \$14,548 of Bund funds, was in General Sessions Court protesting that his constitutional rights, too, had been violated.

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