

Bill Would Stifle Bund, Leader Says

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Nazis Will Fear

**Registration,
Kunze Testifies**

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The German-American Bund would be forced "out of existence" by a pending bill requiring certain foreign-dominated organizations to register, the national leader of the bund told a Senate subcommittee yesterday.

G. Wilhelm Kunze, the witness, said "the practical effect" of the bill would be to wipe out the bund because "not a single person will have the courage to be an officer" on account of the heavy penalties imposed for "the slightest mistake in registration."

Subjected to a severe grilling by Senator Connally (Democrat), Texas, chairman of the Judiciary subcommittee considering the House-approved bill, Kunze denied that the bund engaged in military drills or received money from abroad.

Fears Persecution

He said that, because of fear of "persecution," the bund maintained no membership list. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, Kunze observed, "knows more about the German-American Bund than I do."

"I think that if we'd put about a dozen of you in jail, maybe you'd know who the members are," said Connally.

The bill would require registration of all organizations subject to foreign control which engage in political or civilian military activity; all organizations—foreign or not—doing both, and every organization whose purpose is the overthrow of the government by force or threat of force.

Applies to Six Groups

In explaining the bill, Representative Hobbs (Democrat), of Alabama, said it would apply only to six groups in the United States, including the bund and the Communist Party.

Kunze testified at his own request.

Connally brought out that Kunze now is under \$1,000 bond on a charge of sponsoring a "hatred meeting" in New Jersey.