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# 8000 BUNDISTS ON POLICE LISTS IN THIS REGION

## 'Fifth Column' Ring In Six States Faces 12-Hour Roundup in Possible Emergency

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In the event of an "emergency," authorities of six Eastern States are prepared to "crack down" on thousands of suspected "Fifth Columnists" within a period of 12 hours.

That was learned by The Inquirer yesterday from a source regarded as reliable.

More than six months of investigation, started originally by the New Jersey State Police, it was learned, have placed the authorities in possession of information enabling a rapid round-up of more than 8000 men and women who have taken part in German-American Bund activities in this area.

Names, addresses, occupations and most of the movements of every suspect is known to authorities, it was learned.

### SABOTAGE PERIL CUT

The investigations, painstaking to the "nth" degree, it was learned, have:

Already lessened dangers of sabotage in munitions plants.

Laid a groundwork for vast further investigations by all agencies, both Federal and State, into espionage and sabotage in this country.

The widespread probe, it was learned, began at the Bund camps at Andover, Nordland and Clearwater, N. J., and has subsequently spread from New Jersey into the States of Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, Delaware and Ohio.

### FROM MANY POINTS

It had its start last May, when, after the Nazi triumphs in the Low Countries, special celebrations were held at the Bund Camps. To those celebrations of Hitler successes, New Jersey State police observed, came men and women—but mostly men—

from as far away as Baltimore, Wilmington, Latrobe, Altoona and Ohio points.

The obvious celebration of German victories caused the investigators to post watchers at each of the camps, not only on the occasions of special jamborees, but also over week-ends.

### ALL LICENSES CHECKED

Into the notebooks of the watchers went the license plate numbers of all automobiles pulling into the camps.

Subsequent checks with the license registration bureau in Trenton and in the capitals of the other co-operating States readily disclosed the names, addresses and other information about the Bund merry-makers.

### EACH SUSPECT PROBED

Then came the painstaking investigations into the background of each suspect.

These investigations disclosed that virtually all of the visitors are of German ancestry and that the majority of them were born in Germany.

Their listed occupations showed that virtually all were in jobs where it was considered possible to gain vital information, or where they came into close contact with the public.

The largest group among the 8000, it was established, were associated in one capacity or another with the chemical industry.

Another huge group worked for

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insurance companies, with one large insurance company employing most of them.

Others were divided in the following working classes:

Machinists, senior and junior executives, collectors for utilities, operators of bakeries, drivers of bakery wagons, truck drivers and door-to-door workers.

As a result of the detailed information compiled, it was learned, FBI agents and those representing other Government agencies, including the Army and Navy Intelligence, have interviewed the employers of the suspects.

### SPOTTERS PLANTED

In many industrial and munitions plants, where danger of sabotage must be considered, "spotters" have been planted to keep close check on suspects.

Through these, according to The Inquirer's information, the more dangerous of the suspects have been carefully marked and the more active of the "rabble rousers" have been observed, with the result that all could be placed in custody at a moment's notice.