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**SECRET TRIAL MARKS
SOUTHBURY NAZI ROW**

**New Furor Arises Over Private
Hearing for Disrupter of
Meeting of Bund Foes**

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SOUTHBURY, Conn., Dec. 11.—A new issue revolving about a justice of the peace hearing behind locked doors developed today in this town's controversy over the pro-Nazi camp in Kettle town.

Justice of the Peace Harold Hicock, Grand Juror Alrick E. Nelson and George A. Holmes, head of the United Americans, were the figures in the latest row. The Nazi issue went into a lull when trial of two members of the German-American Bund scheduled for Community Hall this morning was postponed because townspeople failed to appear as witnesses. The Bund members are accused of violating the blue laws by working at the site of their camp on Sunday.

The incidental dispute developed when, at 2 P. M., the court reassembled at the home of Justice Hicock to try Edward S. Wallace of Cheshire, Yale '22 and M. A. at Harvard in '33, a World War veteran, for breach of the peace. Wallace was arrested last night after he was hustled out of the community hall in the midst of a mass meeting at which the United American movement was launched by 125 persons from all parts of the State under the leadership of Mr. Holmes. Wallace's attempts to speak in defense of the Bund caused a rumpus in which he was cut over the eye.

The doors of the Hicock home were locked when Wallace was put on trial. After the trial Justice Hicock refused to reveal its details to Mr. Holmes and others.

Mr. Holmes called the proceeding as "un-American" as the protested Nazi activities. Newspaper men who pressed for information were threatened with contempt of court. Finally Justice Hicock reassembled court and went through the motions of arraighing Wallace and imposing a fine, although Wallace said he had pleaded guilty and paid \$20.20 fine and costs at the secret hearing.

Wallace declared he had been drinking and his actions at the anti-Nazi meeting were "a joke."

A town meeting is scheduled for Tuesday to vote on a zoning ordinance that would restrict all camping and recreational activity on the 178-acre tract owned by the Bund.