

# Police and Legion Sift Bund Battle

## Both Sides Demand Inquiry by Congress

The Police Department and the American Legion were conducting separate investigations today of the riot in Yorkville Casino Wednesday night between Legionnaires and members of the German-American Bund.

Legion officials were vehement in protesting that the 100 Legionnaires who attended the meeting was there without official sanction, and in stating that the men violated organization discipline by wearing Legion overseas caps.

A request for a "thorough investigation" by the Police Department was sent to Commissioner Valentine by Newbold Morris, Acting Mayor, after he received a telephone call from Mayor La Guardia, in Chicago, asking for information about the riot.

### Congress Asked to Act

A Congressional investigation likewise was solicited by both sides, with Representative Samuel Dickstein, of New York, urging in the House that a full report on alien activities be undertaken.

The German-American Bund wired to Speaker Bankhead that "We respectfully and emphatically request an immediate investigation to determine any connection between Representative Dickstein and the trouble makers who attempted to cause riots at this meeting, and we further request public censuring of Representative Dickstein for any remarks inciting riots he may have made."

### Coney Legion Raps Bund

However, at a meeting of the Coney Island post last night several speakers denounced the Storm Troopers for their attack on the Legion members.

Fred Newman, chairman of the

post's hospitalization committee, said he was "compiling a list of 1,000 names or more" of men who would be mustered "when needed to combat the non-American tactics and maneuvers of the Nazi Bund."

Jeremiah F. Cross, State Commander of the Legion, said that of all the names mentioned in connection with the riot, only two at any time were members of the Legion.

Thomas F. Dugan, Kings County commander, said an investigation was under way. He said the action of the "alleged members" in putting on Legion capes when they were attacked "was in clear violation of the mandates and orders of the national organization."

By the Associated Press.

MANCHESTER, N. H., April 22.—  
A call for a Congressional investiga-

tion of Fascist and Communist activity in the United States was sounded today by Daniel L. Doherty, national commander of the American Legion.

Asserting "apathy and indifference are democracy's greatest dangers," Mr. Doherty said Americans made no effort to prevent the German-American Bund holding a New York meeting this week in honor of the forty-ninth birthday of Adolf Hitler.

"We are content to sit idly by while an element in our population, speaking a foreign language, waving a swastika flag and dressed in foreign uniforms, meets to honor the head of another nation, a man who is crushing out religion with purges and the firing squad."