

Yorkville Riot Spurs Action Against Bund; G-Men Act



Storm Troopers at Yorkville, Casino attacked American Legion men with blackjacks during rally for Hitler. Photo shows the Legion men awaiting medical attention after the attack. From left to right: Cecil Schubert, who received fractured skull, Samuel Riger and Gene Mathias.

NW 4/23/38 National Legion Chief Scores Hitlerism But Cross Shows Colors

On a dozen fronts government agencies and democratic organizations, stirred by the assault of 1,000 Nazis on 100 American Legionnaires, swung yesterday into action against the German-American Bund.

The Department of Justice and the New York Police Department questioned witnesses and delved into the background of Nazi activities. The Daily Worker learned on good authority that the G-men have uncovered the source of the Bund storm troopers' uniforms and that this and other data will be submitted to the Attorney General of the United States for action.

Legionnaires, particularly those who were attacked by the Nazis, reiterated their determination to root out fascist activities in America. National Commander Daniel J. Doherty backed them up last night at Woburn, Mass.:

"It is time the American people awakened. I see no reason for men drilling in uniforms bearing the flag of another nation while purporting to display their Americanism."

CROSS SHOWS COLORS

In sharp contrast to Doherty, to New York area post commanders, and to the rank and file of the Legion, however, were the statements of Jeremiah Cross, state commander, and Kings County Commander Thomas F. Dugan. Both centered their fire, not on the Bund, but on their comrades in the Legion who were assaulted and brutally beaten by the Hitlerites.

"Our records disclose that but

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two men whose names were mentioned were at any time members of the American Legion," Cross declared. The attendance of these individuals for whatever purpose . . . was unauthorized. The use of Legion caps . . . is condemned."

Cross, whose call recently for storm troops to attack Albany to force passage of the reactionary

McNaboe bill brought orders from Legion headquarters that he cease making statements, was gone one better by Dugan.

Dugan ordered commanders of Coney Island and Borough Park posts, whose members were most numerous among the legionnaires who attended the Hitler Birthday Party, to expel Legion members who participated. The commander of one of these posts told the Daily Worker, he had expected some such move and that he would not comply.

TELLS WHY HE WENT

Joseph Schlossberg, 117 Beach 72 St. Rockaway Beach, vice-commander of his Legion post and an officer of the Jewish War veterans, explained how he and other veterans happened to attend the Yorkville Nazi rally.

"We consider it our duty to go to all sorts of meetings, to ask questions, and to report our findings back to our posts," he said. "It is a usual Legion procedure. We have gone to Communist meetings, to liberal meetings. This is the first time we have ever been attacked."

A late bulletin from Beth Israel Hospital, where Cecil Shubert, member of the Coney Island post, lies with a serious skull fracture, sustained when the Nazi storm troopers attacked with blacks, chairs, daggers and heavy belt buckles, stated that the wounded veteran's condition was "slightly improved."

HAS PLACE FOR PICTURE

Up in Yorkville, Benjamin Schnall, at whose casino Wednesday night's Nazi riot occurred, told reporters, "I am a Jew and proud of it. I rented the hall to a Gustav Elmer for a concert and dance. I got \$80. I wouldn't have let that Bund outfit in for \$8,000.

"They did \$300 damage to the hall, and nothing is going to be taken away until the bill is paid. A fellow came up to get their flag and picture of Hitler and I put him out."

Schnall said he was "going to scrub the floor with the swastika" and was "going to hang the oil portrait of Hitler in the . . . you know where."