

# Inquiry Asked On 'Armed Forces' Of Nazis in U. S.

## Karlin's Letter to Officials Charges Use of Terrorism

A "thorough investigation of the armed troops maintained by the American Nazis, the German-American Bund," was demanded today by William Karlin, former Assemblyman and city chairman of the Social Democratic Federation, in an open letter to Police Commissioner Valentine and District Attorneys Thomas E. Dewey and William F. X. Geoghan.

Mr. Karlin, pointing to what he termed "the well drilled, knife and blackjack-carrying shock troops" who took part in the rioting at the Yorkville Casino last week, and to the beating Friday of Dr. Charles Weiss, crippled editor of an anti-Nazi magazine, also called for legislation forbidding the use of uniforms by any political or social group in America.

### Terrorism Charged.

Mr. Karlin charged that the "agents of a foreign dictatorship" terrorize citizens of German origin into support of this dictatorship by exacting financial contributions, that they engage in the sale of arms, banners and uniforms, that spies of "this foreign Power" are active in many States, and that they "usurp the powers of the Police Department" by providing armed and uniformed guards at their meetings.

"The destruction of the civil rights of citizens, the crushing of opposing political parties, of trade unions, co-operative organizations, of freedom of press and assemblage," Mr. Karlin said, "had its beginnings in Germany in such methods as those employed by the Nazis at the Yorkville Casino meeting and the brutal beating of Dr. Weiss last week in Brooklyn."

### 200 Attend Fete.

About 200 German-Americans left Grand Central terminal on a special train last night to attend a German Day celebration at the Westchester Community Center at White Plains. Extraordinary police precautions were taken both at Grand Central terminal and in White Plains to prevent disorder, but no disorder was reported.

Nine members of a New Rochelle American Legion post were present at the meeting, by invitation, and were escorted to their seats by uniformed bund members. Representatives of the American League for Peace and Democracy picketed the hall, and two Bronxville high school boys were arrested for breaking a stench bomb in the rear of the auditorium.