

# ASKS DEPORTATION OF A BUND LEADER

## Representative O'Toole Urges Inquiry Into Morals Arrest of Severin Winterscheidt

## CHARGE IS PENDING HERE

## Acting Mayor Morris in Visit at Hospital to Editor Victim of Swastika Branders

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.  
WASHINGTON, April 25.—Representative O'Toole, Democrat of New York, asked the Department of Labor today to investigate morals charges made in court in New York City against Severin Winterscheidt with a view to deportation. He identified Winterscheidt as the chief propagandist of the German-American Nazi Bund in this country.

Mr. O'Toole referred to a report on Winterscheidt inserted in The Congressional Record, some time ago, by Representative Dickstein, Democrat of New York. The report asserted that Winterscheidt was an alien and was "sworn in" on Sept. 18, 1936, at Erlangen, Germany, by Julius Streicher, Jew-baiter.

It is necessary to have a sponsor for his complaint leading to deportation charges, Mr. O'Toole wrote to Secretary Perkins. "I will be most happy to sign it."

### Speaker at Nazi Meetings

Severin Winterscheidt, 34 years old, married, of 64 Elmrod Street, Brooklyn, has been active here in the affairs of the German-American Bund, and as an editorial contributor and employe of the Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter, New York organ of the Nazi movement. He has appeared on many occasions at Nazi meetings as a speaker and representative of Fritz Kuhn, the Nazi leader in this country.

On Jan. 15 Winterscheidt was sentenced by Magistrate Peter Ables to serve thirty days in jail after having been found guilty of indecent exposure at the Pennsylvania station. He pleaded his way innocent and had not done anything intentionally that was improper. He collapsed when sentenced.

Three months later, on April 13, Winterscheidt was arrested in the Empire Theatre, Quincey Street and Ralph Avenue, Brooklyn, on a disorderly conduct charge, the complaint being made by a 10-year-old girl. He was arraigned last Tuesday in the Pennsylvania Avenue Court before Magistrate Jacob Ellperin, who released him in \$1,000 bail.

Patrolman Walter G. McCarthy, on traffic duty near the theatre, had captured Winterscheidt after a chase of three blocks. The policeman testified that the defendant's first remark was "I won't go without counsel." Later, according to McCarthy, Winterscheidt, while en route to the Ralph Avenue police

station, exclaimed: "We need a Hitler in this country. The people here have too much freedom. Let's Hitler." Assistant District Attorney Bernard J. Becker, in calling the court's attention to Winterscheidt's previous conviction, described him as "a dangerous man to have at large."

A statement prepared by the Dickstein committee and published in The Congressional Record, stated: "Winterscheidt, Severin, representing the German Ministry of Propaganda, sworn in at Erlangen, Germany, Sept. 18, 1936, by Julius Streicher. Lives at 267 St. Nicholas Avenue, Brooklyn; is an alien. He is the only one with a complete list of German representatives in the United States. Works directly with the Weckruf und Beobachter and speaks at meetings."

### Acting Mayor Visits Weiss

It was in Brooklyn that four thugs, for whom the police are searching, invaded the offices of a crippled anti-Nazi editor last Friday night and beat him into semi-consciousness. The victim was Charles Weiss, 31 years old, editor of the magazine Uncle Sam. His offices are on the third floor of 130 Flatbush Avenue, near Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn. After beating Weiss the thugs scratched swastika emblems on his chest and back, tore an American flag off the wall, threw it on the floor, wrecked the office and escaped.

Acting Mayor Newbold Morris left City Hall early last evening and paid a surprise visit to Mr. Weiss at the Jewish Hospital in Brooklyn, where he is recovering from his wounds.

Mr. Morris said the editor, who is still dazed from the effects of his beating, had reached the point where there was no further danger. The victim's assailants, after slashing swastikas on his chest, back and arms, covered the wounds with paint.

Photographs of certain suspects were shown to the patient yesterday, but he could not identify his assailants. He said the four were in their twenties. He had never seen any of them before.

The Acting Mayor said Mr. Weiss expressed no desire for revenge, but kept saying that his beating was a terrible thing for all German-Americans, because they might be held accountable for the acts of a few irresponsible youths. Mr. Morris spent fifteen minutes with the patient, after finding that they had met in 1935 when the Acting Mayor was an Alderman.

A resolution demanding that Police Commissioner Valentine and District Attorney Gaghan of Brooklyn press "the fullest and most thorough investigation possible" into the attack on Mr. Weiss was adopted last night at a meeting of 150 presidents of metropolitan lodges of the Independent Order of B'nai Abraham. Assistant District Attorney Samuel Goldstein of Brooklyn, Grand Master, expressed confidence that the thugs would be arrested.

### SAYS BUND VIOLATED LEASE

Westchester Board Assails Use of Propaganda at Rally in Center

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.  
WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., April 25.—Nazi propaganda was uttered at the County Center here last night during a rally of German-American societies and constituted a breach

of contract for use of the county-owned building, the Westchester County Recreation Commission asserted today in notifying Bund leaders that they had "prejudged" any future attempt to obtain the hall.

The lease called only for a dance and entertainment, according to the commission.

"We were promised by H. H. Greve, president of the Westchester Bund, that there would be no propaganda," said Mrs. Paul Rovers Reynolds, Recreation Commissioner in charge of leases. "E. Lank Gullkins, superintendent of the Recreation Commission, and I attended the rally with a German interpreter. Seven men made propaganda speeches.

"One speaker advised all German-Americans to clean up America the way Germany has been cleaned up; the inference, of course, was against the Jews."

Mrs. Reynolds said the commission would determine soon the extent of free speech to be permitted in the County Center. She declared the defiling of any racial group, or the arousing of racial hatred, should be specifically prohibited in leases. Commercially the commission did not fare very well last night. The rental was \$300, and police protection cost about that amount. The only disorder occurred when two Bronxville High School boys allegedly hurled stench bombs among the 1,500 present. The youths, William McGrath, 16, and Philip Edwards, 17, were released today in \$25 bail each and ordered to report for trial Thursday on disorderly conduct charges.

### KUHN FAVORS INQUIRY

Bund Opposes Violence, Says Leader, Back From Germany

Fritz Kuhn, national director of the German-American Bund, returned to New York yesterday aboard the Red Star liner Pennland, after a trip abroad that included seven weeks in Germany and Austria.

Mr. Kuhn said that he had gone to visit his parents in Munich and to engage in chemical research, but had been in Vienna four days before the Germans took over the city, and had also driven through Austria. He declared that the Austrians had welcomed Nazism. He denied that he had visited Chancellor Hitler or Marshal Goering or that he had obtained funds for his organization while abroad.

The bund, whose membership in the United States he estimated at 200,000, would welcome a Congressional investigation, he said, asserting, in reply to questions, that the organization was opposed to violence.

"Of course, if we are attacked, we have to defend ourselves," he said. "We always try to get the police authorities, though."

Three men, two of whom wore gray-shirt uniforms under civilian overcoats, met him at the pier. The three were identified as officers of the bund.