

5 Nazi Camp Heads Held; Vet's Life Is Threatened

Five officials of the American Settlement League, Inc., owners and operators of Camp Siegfried, Nazi camp at Yaphank, L. I., yesterday pleaded not guilty to charges of violating the State Civil Rights Law when arraigned before Justice of the Peace Moses W. Drake, in Bay Shore, and were held in \$1,000 each for a hearing and Grand Jury action on May 16.

Complainant against them was Roy Monahan, State Commander of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, who urged that high bail be set because his life had been repeatedly threatened since swearing out warrants for their arrest last week.

The five defendants, all members of the German-American Bund, which has headquarters in Yorkville, were: Ernest Mueller, president of the league; Addo Biefeld, Henry Wolfgang, Bruno Haehnel and Herman Schwarzman.

Henry Hauck, manager of Camp Siegfried, was arrested last Wednesday and released on similar bail. Yesterday's five surrendered voluntarily.

Suffolk County Assistant District Attorney Lindsay R. Henry, was inclined to release the defendants in the custody of their attorney, Herman J. Schoenfeld, of Patchogue, but Monahan, accompanied by three other members of the D. A. V., all wearing uniforms, protested, saying:

"This is not an ordinary misdemeanor case. These people are not ordinary defendants. Why, I have received letters from Nazis threatening my life. I insist on bail."

It appears unlikely the hearing fixed by Drake will be held, inas-



Judge Moses Drake (extreme left) and Henry Hauck (right), manager of Camp Siegfried, as they were surrounded by reporters after court hearing. Five Nazi camp officials were released on bail. (Mirror)

much as Henry said he would present all Monahan's evidence before the grand jury on the same day.

Henry, when informed in open court by Monahan that he received 18 threatening letters Friday, the Assistant District Attorney said:

"Well, that puts a different light on the matter. This is the first time I've heard about that. In fact, there's a lot the District At-

torney's office doesn't know about this case."

Mueller, following the fixing of bail, produced the deed to Camp Siegfried as security. This was at first accepted by Justice Drake, but he revoked it almost immediately because it was in the corporation's name and therefore unacceptable without sanction of a Supreme Court order.