

BUND LEADER RETURNS TO ISSUE BLATANT CALL FOR U.S. POGROMS

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Boasting that "the anti-Semitic idea is growing immensely" and that a "lot of prominent politicians" had promised him support, Fritz Kuhn, fuhrer of the German-American Bund, devoted his first public speech since his return from Germany to a defiance of Grand Jury and "Jew Dickstein" investigations.

It is reported that the Department of Justice will submit evidence to the Federal Grand Jury now preparing indictments against the Nazi spy ring to the effect that Guenther Rumrich, former Army sergeant and deserter, and key figure in the espionage case, was recruited to the German secret service through the Deutscher Weckruf and Beobachter, Bund organ published by Kuhn.

Attired in the grey uniform of a Bund storm troop officer, Kuhn first howled in German, "The German-American Bund has only one platform. It is that the political set-up of this country is wrong." Speaking later in English he dwelt mainly on the anti-Semitic theme, claiming that the Bund was Nazi only insofar as "the National Socialist idea is the only way to combat Jewishism."

Evidence was everywhere at the meeting, the regular mobilization of the Bund Tuesday night in Turnhalle, 85th and Lexington Ave., that the Bund is working closer than ever with American Fascist and anti-Semitic organizations.

A uniformed storm trooper was selling copies of Der Sturmer, Julius Streicher's violent anti-Semitic, pornographic sheet, imported from Germany and Liberation, organ of William Dudley Pelley and his Silver Shirts. The April 28 issue of Liberation, purchased from the Bund salesman, contained an open call for pogroms, as follows:

"A few sizeable anti-Jewish mobs running amuck in the streets of cities like New York, Cleveland, Los Angeles, would put a sizeable and effective quietus on further messiah-ship of the hinterland pawnbrokers. . . .

"No one in his senses wants to slaughter 15,000,000 Yiddishers. It would breed a worse pestilence in the souls of the slaughterers than would result from Yiddisher gore in the gutters. Such is the expedient that savage humanity has employed in the past, and like cutting back weeds, it has only caused the Yiddishers to breed more prolifically than ever. . . .

"Besides, there aren't enough morticians in the public domain to clean the public streets of 15,000,000 Yiddisher cadavers. . . .

"Yet, just a little gore-shedding now and then does not come amiss. . . ."

"BACK TO THE GHETTO"

After outlining a plan for denying Jews citizenship, and for confining Jews to "city reservations," Liberation attacks the entire Roosevelt administration as Jewish and winds up:

"Sooner or later the United States is going to rise up and expel the Jew."

Jews are warned that they will meet the same fate as "has fallen the colored man in the South who . . . frequently forgets his place."

"VOTE CHRISTIAN"

An investigation is being conducted as to whether Liberation, published in Asheville, N. C., is sent through the United States mails.

Bund members circulated "Ford for President" petitions at the meeting. A Bund organization recently wired the auto magnate, urging him to be a candidate in 1940.

Others passed out application cards for the Christian Voters League, 509 Fifth Ave. The League is one of several organizations which have sprung up within recent weeks to function in the 1938 election campaign. Its principle slogan is, "Vote Christian and Buy Christian." Its planks include: "stoppage of refuge immigration"; "enactment of a law prohibiting Marxian sympathizers from holding office in New York State"; "enactment of a law prohibiting public officials from criticizing the head of a foreign state, not at war with the U. S. A."

The meeting passed without disturbance, with the Bund storm troopers outnumbered ten to one by the 350 detectives and uniformed police on hand. Several hundred anti-Nazis paraded before the hall entrance.

Legionnaires who were present as observers bore in silence Kuhn's claim that State Commander of the American Legion Jeremiah Cross joined with him in the allegation that there were "no legionnaires—only Jewish agitators" at the recent Yorkville Casino rally where several Legion members were brutally beaten by Bund troopers.

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