

## Bund Snubbed At Ceremony at Custom House

200 Come to Watch Eckener  
Honored, but He Fails to  
Appear and 500 Other  
Guests Turn Cold Shoulder

Two hundred members of the German-American Bund met with an icy reception yesterday when they made an unscheduled mass appearance at the fifth annual memorial service of the National Maritime Association on the steps of the United States Custom House.

When the size of the Nazi delegation became evident, the police detail of six was doubled. Then Joseph P. Ryan, president of the International Longshoremen's Association, declined to accept an award in front of the crowd and received it indoors in private. Next, American Legion officials employed at the Custom House refused to send their colors out for the ceremony. Lastly, the five hundred other persons who had gathered for the meeting manifested strong resentment at the presence of the Bund members.

The Nazi group, led by its national leader, Fritz Kuhn, had turned out to see Dr. Hugo Eckener, who, with Mr. Ryan, was to be honored by the maritime association. Mrs. Lily W. Reed, donor of the trophies and chairman of the day, announced that Dr. Eckener was unable to be present because of previous engagements. When she was told that Dr. Eckener held a press conference in New York yesterday morning, she said she was "completely bewildered."

Mrs. Reed at first said she had invited all those who took part in the ceremony, but when she was asked if she meant she had invited the Bund to participate, she said that no specific invitation had gone to it.

The trophy Mr. Ryan received was a three-foot silver cup. It was presented by Harry M. Durning, Collector of Customs. Mrs. Reed said the trophy was for the "most outstanding achievement for the advancement of the American Merchant Marine."

Dr. Eckener was to have received the Admiral W. A. Moffett maritime aviation trophy. It was not announced when it would be presented.

Following the ceremony, members of Customs House Post of the American Legion buttonholed newspapermen to explain why they had refused to send out their colors. One of them said: "We refused to have anything to do with an outfit that is not 100 per cent American."