

City Boos Bund, But Coast Fuehrer Rails At Jews, Negroes, CIO

Songs Ledden, Drinking Disrupted as Nazis Watch Cock-Roach Fuehrer's Stray, Schwinn Hails Isolationists, Raps Roosevelt Views

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SAN FRANCISCO, May 30.—If the Nazis wanted to know what San Franciscans think of fascism and the chances of spreading their brown plague here they got their answer last night in a chorus of boos from over 8,000 hoarse throats.

They got their answer as 3,000 pickets arrived at California Hall waving banners and marching to a drum-beat chant: "Down with the Na. Zis! Down with the Na. Zis!"

As the pickets reached the hall five minutes before the scheduled time of a meeting that was to have been an open organizational attempt of the Nazi German Bund, a mighty cheer broke from the throats of spectators estimated to number an additional 5,000.

The cheer with its under-tone unison chant broke into a mighty roar as the pickets reached the entrance of the hall that was packed with policemen. Behind the doors of the hall were a score of uniformed storm troopers.

Chorus Break

The street in front of the hall soon became packed with boozing citizens from every walk of life. The 65 policemen were unable to keep it open to traffic and a protest line circled the block in American flag with a chorus of men with veteran organization uniforms and caps on their heads.

At 9:30 the unified front committee that had hastily mobilized the demonstration from trade unions, fraternal organizations and civic groups, agreed to halt the marching which had been orderly if noisy, except on two occasions when Nazis peered out from behind the rows of police to make Hitler salutes at the marchers.

On one of these occasions when a woman had provoked the marchers, a red faced policeman seized a uniformed ticket taker by his military belt and shouted: "Do you want to get killed? Control your people, or we can't control the pickets."

Refuse to Disband

Most of the picketing stopped on orders of the unified front committee, but the crowd refused to obey police orders to disband and remained packed around the entrance boozing and shouting. A patrol wagon took off four persons who refused to move on. They were Jack Sutcliffe, head of Taylor, George Essigman and Alvin Eastern, all San Francisco.

The crowd showed it was determined to wait until the meeting began because as one man said, "I want to get a hand on one of those pretty uniforms by closing

booning the place.

As the meeting ended, those who attended sneaked out back doors one at a time or orders of units formed storm troopers. One of these storm troopers instructed a German man who had observed the meeting: "Don't make any noise." Asked why, he said in German: "Ach! the boozing! It's dangerous."

As it was, numerous escaping Nazis had to run for their lives as groups of 50 to 100 would shout: "There he goes. Get him!"

Songs Ledden

Herman Lage, San Francisco organizer of the Bund, explained to the nervous audience that the meeting was delayed because of the boozing. Whenever the door opened the boozing could be heard. As Lage stepped from a microphone, he hesitated, turned back and gave a limp Nazi salute.

In an adjoining bar-room were forty men of varying ages and whistles around in their shoes and coats, some with their hands on their hips, some with their hands on their hips, some with their hands on their hips. The drinking was noticeably disrupted and a Nazi song was sung in a leader fashion though it ended with some peppy "Heils."

Cock-Roach Fuehrer's

In the main hall an orchestra played. The audience waited or moved around restlessly. Three or four small children in "Hitler suits" swastikas and all played hide and seek under the beer tables.

At 9:15 it was apparent that few more were going to come to the meeting and the band broke into a final number. The uniformed troopers, most of them in step, remained down the center aisle two abreast with their Nazi and American flags. They halted in the aisle, taken each other and managed to give their salute forming an archway.

The band then played a heroic sounding piece and five or six men who must have been cock-roach Fuehrers (they wore black boots) marched through the archway salutes to the patron, where large swastika flags hung. The little numbers were all short and walk with steps obviously longer than they were accustomed to.

Applause, half-hearted... The hall was... The back doors... of doors... they went down... only in back seats... on... was standing... Both in up and... black robes... and... of them pulled out a notebook... Herman Lage... the first speaker... addressed the assemblage in German.

Applause was half-hearted and the storm troopers who had stationed themselves at the exits helped but as well as they could. The heavy atmosphere was emphasized in the dancing that followed his address as a bygone folk dance in native costume which on most occasions is a gay, sprightly thing, was depressing and leaden.

It was about this time that the police tried to silence the boozing by making arrests and the feeling from the sidewalks must have made a dance music.

Coast Fuehrer Speaks

Herman Schwinn, Hitler's No. 1 agent on the West Coast, made the address of the evening. Schwinn's speech was a smugging arms to Mexico, Canada, who would follow the path of Francisco Franco with the support of Germany have been given the publicity of late.

Schwinn in broken English announced the Bund has 300,000 members in the U. S. He denounced Congressman Dickstein's recent investigation that gave the Bund but 480 members. "We have cells in Oakland, Petaluma, Concord, Santa Rosa, Portland, Seattle, Spokane, San Francisco, San Diego, Santa Barbara and Los Angeles," Schwinn announced, adding that the Nazis started organizing in America in 1935.

The purpose of the Bund, he said, was to combat anti-Hitler and anti-Mussolini propaganda and the Italian-Americans and Russian White Guards were supporting them.

New Deal Attacked

Turning to Hitler's instructions as to the role to be played in U. S. politics, Schwinn said:

"We do not feel it necessary that the United States be given the blessing of National Socialism. America is a democracy and democracy is good enough now."

He then attacked Roosevelt by saying that "rads of all kinds and Jews had infiltrated" (unintended?) into his administration. As proof for this he cited the fact that the U. S. had refused to sell helium for German dirigibles.

"America is a great melting pot of the races," he said, "but Jews and Negroes can never be melted."

Denounces German Americans

Schwinn blasted at the German League for Culture, which had been instrumental in organizing the picketing demonstration and to which a majority of San Francisco Germans are affiliated through their organizations.

"The League for Culture has no culture," he said, "but is composed of contemptible non-Germans."

In the portion of his speech devoted to unionism, Schwinn said the Bund had no quarrel with trade unionism, but only with the leadership. He particularly objected to

the CIO, and urged that the workers copy the system in Germany where all labor relations are determined by the government, and "strikes that upset industry and cause men to lose hours of work are not permitted."

Attacks American Legion

He also spoke of the American Legionnaires by first complimenting them as a great national force and then blasting at them for attacking the Hitler organizations in the United States.

Referring to the meeting in New York in which American Legionnaires were beaten by Nazis, he said that the pictures of the meeting were fakes. The newspapers, "up to their Jewish tricks," he said, had painted Legion caps on the heads of the injured "rioters."

As for the Nazis' attitude toward Jews, Schwinn said there were "good and bad Jews," but we have not time to discriminate. In malarial country you kill all mosquitoes without asking whether they are "good or bad."

Roosevelt's Chicago speech calling for "quarantining the aggressor nations" was most displeasing to Nazi Schwinn.

"What he should have said, and what we advocate," he said, "was quarantine the U. S."