

Order Court Martial For Nazi Guardsman Who Threatened FDR

Andrew Gimlen, confessed Nazi and private of the 1st Battalion, 244th Coast Artillery, National Guard, faces a military court martial this week on charges of threatening the life of the President of the United States.

Gimlen, who told war veterans and police that he was a member of the Nazi German-American Bund, was arrested early Friday. Dick Voss, crippled world war veteran of 518 E. 16th St., signed the formal charges against the Nazi.

Voss alleges that Gimlen, in company with another guardsman, who escaped, charged into a group of people in Union Square swinging his fists and shouting:

"Kill the Jews. Roosevelt is a Jew, and we'll get him, too."

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Both guardsmen were in uniform. It is believed that they were on their way home from drill practice in the 244th Coast Guard's armory on West 14th St.

Gimlen gave his address as 125 W. 14th St. when arrested. That is the address of the armory. A recent infiltration, Gimlen told police he was admitted to the Guard 19 days ago.

Voss said yesterday that Gimlen and his companion entered the square from the direction of West 14th St. The two men listened to a group which was standing around the George Washington Statue, talking, for a few minutes and then attacked without provocation. Gimlen was held until police arrived but the other man got away.

Voss believes that the two guardsmen may have been under the influence of liquor.

Gimlen screamed unprintable threats and abuse right up to the time of his arrest, Voss and other witnesses declared. "To hell with all the Jews," Gimlen howled.

"I'm a Nazi and I'm proud of it," Gimlen said. "And there are 600 with me."

Gimlen was arraigned before Judge Capshaw in magistrate's court, 153 E. 57th St., Friday. Because of the seriousness of the charges against Gimlen, Capshaw said he was referring the entire matter to the National Guard and would turn Gimlen over for a military trial.

Judge Capshaw intimated that the court martial would probably take place at Camp Smith, National Guard encampment near Peekskill, this week. He said that Voss and other witnesses against Gimlen would be notified when to appear.

Less than six months ago, the press quoted Dmitri Sulyma, member of the Ukrainian Hetmanci, a fascist White Guard outfit formed in preparation for Hitler's drive to the East, as testifying that most members of his group were in the National Guard. He named five in Battery CT of the 212th Coast Artillery and six in Battery B.

It is to the 212th that Gimlen belongs.

Sulyma also declared that a corporal in the 212th, one Eugene von Draginda, member of the fascist band, left New York in April of 1937 for an inspector's post in the Ford Service department at Detroit. Ford has harbored many of the nation's leading fascists and anti-semitic proypagandists, including Fritz Kuhn, fuehrer of the German-American Bund.

Congressman Dickstein recently charged in a speech to the lower house that the presence of fascists in the National Guard endangered the safety of the nation.