

Fish Invitation to Kuhn Angers Vets in Albany

Nazi Leader Asks to Speak at Session of Constitutional Convention Hearing on Carrying of Arms in State

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ALBANY, N. Y., June 29.—Fritz Kuhn, Number One Hitler agent in this country and leader of the infamous German-American Bund, has been invited by Delegate Hamilton Fish, to speak tomorrow to oppose measures before the Constitutional Convention which would prohibit private groups from bearing arms, the Daily Worker learned exclusively today.

Congressman Fish, past master of red-baiting, heads the Military Affairs Committee of the convention and has sponsored the self-same bill which he graciously invited Kuhn to enter the floor of the People's Convention and fight against.

In an interview with Congressman Fish the correspondent asked him how he could reconcile his alleged super-patriotism with the act of inviting fascist Kuhn to air his warped views before an American people's tribunal.

"I think everybody should have his say," he replied.

"Does that go for the Communist Party?" he was queried. "Will

you extend an invitation and guarantee the Communists the floor before the Military Affairs Committee?"

"Yes, because I sponsored the arms banning bill as much against the Communists as the fascists," he answered.

"Can you produce any single instance or even the remotest evidence that the Communist Party of America ever advocated or practiced arming, military training or other activities designed to overthrow the government by an armed minority?" was the next question.

"I don't want to become involved in any controversial question with you," he said, attempting to end the question.

Upon being pressed in the interview, which took place on the floor of the Assembly Chamber before witnesses, he finally admitted he had no such proof.

VETS TO CHALLENGE KUHN

Shortly after talking with Congressman Fish, the correspondent walked several blocks over from the Capitol building to the hotel where leaders of 20,000 Veterans of Foreign Wars of New York State have made headquarters for their convention, which starts today.

Your correspondent spoke to a dozen veterans' post leaders and asked their opinion about Kuhn's

arrival here Thursday. There was complete and bitter unanimity among these ex-soldiers who have all seen war service overseas. They openly resented the invitation and declared they will be on hand to see Mr. Kuhn, and ask him, in the words of one post commander, "What the hell right he has appearing before decent and law-abiding American citizens."

Battle scarred Charles Sachtaw, commander of the Bayside Post, said:

COMMUNIST TO SPEAK

"Fritz Kuhn should be brought before a body of some sort for a hearing, but he ought to be dragged in manacles, not invited. I'm going to be there when he speaks and demand the floor."

The hearing of the Military Affairs Committee begins Thursday night at 8 o'clock and will hear advocates and opponents on bills relating to banning of armed groups, qualifications for membership in the militia, supervision of military and non-military organizations, and finally, a bill sponsored by Delegate Bernstein designed to deny the Communist Party and other legal organizations the right to use armories and other government properties for meetings.

The Communist Party will have a speaker on hand when the committee opens its sessions.