

# Jury Convicts 6 Bund Chiefs; One Gets Year

Old Anti-Klan Law Which  
Requires Filing of Roster  
at Albany Is Used in Suf-  
folk; 5 Fined \$500 Each

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RIVERHEAD, L. I., July 12.—  
After deliberating for only fifteen  
minutes this afternoon, a jury in  
Suffolk County Court convicted six  
members of the German American  
Settlement League, which operates  
Camp Siegfried for Nazi sym-  
patizers, and the league itself of  
violating the state civil rights law  
in New York City by the member-  
ship list with the Secretary of State,  
as required of oathbound organiza-  
tions.

Judge Barron Hill, after a five-  
minute recess, imposed a \$10,000 fine  
on the league and sentenced Ernst  
Mueller, forty-two-year-old presi-  
dent of the league of 2152 Himrod  
Street, Brooklyn, to one year in the  
county jail. Riverhead and fined  
him \$500. The maximum penalty  
he could be imposed was one year  
in jail and \$1,000 fine. The \$10,000  
fine imposed on the league was the  
maximum fine.

Mueller's five co-defendants, di-  
rectors of the league, were fined  
\$500 each and sentenced to a year  
in jail, but the jail sentences were  
suspended. Fritz Kuhn, "fuhrer"  
of the German American Bund, im-  
mediately announced that the con-  
victions would be appealed. The  
other five men are Henry Hauck,  
forty-four years old, manager of  
Camp Siegfried, Henry Wolfgang,  
thirty-six, of 1713 Stephen Street,  
Ridgewood, Queens; Bruno Haehnel,  
fifty-two, of 301 Reld Avenue,  
Brooklyn; Herman Schwarzman,  
thirty-nine, of 344 Starr Street,  
Brooklyn, and Ado Bielefeld, fifty-  
four, of 2697 Heath Avenue, the  
Bronx.

In charging the jury Judge Hill  
said the members could return one  
of two verdicts, guilty or not guilty,  
to be determined by consideration  
of whether only bund members  
might join the league and whether  
an oath was required of bund mem-  
bers. The chief prosecution wit-  
ness had been Willy Brandt, who  
described himself as a former Storm  
Trooper in Germany and who testi-  
fied that he had taken an oath as  
a member of the bund.

Lindsay H. Henry, Assistant Dis-  
trict Attorney, appealed to the  
jurors on the basis of their patriot-  
ism to tell Nazi sympathizers by  
their verdict that "you don't like  
them to come over here." He added  
that he did not want any of the  
defendants sent to jail because they  
might "contaminate" the "good  
American citizens" who were in jail.

William I. Karle, defense counsel,  
charged that the trial was "perse-  
cution" and that Brandt was a  
"fake, a downright perjurer." He  
attacked the complainant, Roy P.  
Monahan, New York State com-  
mander of the Disabled American  
Veterans of the World War, for  
"picking up" Brandt when he was  
unable to obtain witnesses "by fair  
means."

The law under which the six were  
tried was originally enacted as an  
anti-Ku-Klux-Klan measure. Mona-  
han said veterans' organizations  
would be urged to sponsor similar  
laws in other states to curb pro-Nazi  
activities.

Prosecutor Henry said that unless  
the league's \$10,000 fine was paid  
within ten days he would petition  
for the appointment of a receiver  
for Camp Siegfried. Mueller was  
taken to jail immediately, while the  
other men were continued in \$1,000  
bail each for ten days pending pay-  
ment of their \$500 fines.