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Pickets, Jeers 'Welcome' Von Killinger

SAN FRANCISCO.—Manfred von Killinger, Nazi consul general in San Francisco whose departure from this city last March was speeded by innumerable booing and jeering picket lines, returned here last week—and ran head on into another picket line “welcoming” his arrival.

Von Killinger quietly slipped into town late last week and local anti-Nazi forces didn't get wind of his return until a week ago Thursday night. It was verified on the following Friday morning that he was back in San Francisco and that the local section of the German-American Bund was to honor him with a reception on last Saturday night at its new headquarters at 1553 Page Street.

A hurried picket line was assembled at the last moment by the American League for Peace and Democracy with the aid of the United Anti-Nazi Council which marched over to Nazi headquarters, beginning a trek before it that brought the entire neighborhood out of doors and to windows. A blaring loudspeaker brought added vocal attention to Von Killinger's presence at the reception.

Pickets were orderly but vociferous, calling for the “ousting of Nazi rats from America” and the “downfall of Hitler and his Von Killingers.” Police were there in goodly numbers but had no necessity for interference.

Local anti-Nazis are uncertain as to whether Von Killinger is still in town. They believe his visit here was primarily to stimulate and to strengthen the local Bund, a task which they feel he is now undertaking throughout principal United States cities.

Meanwhile, efforts to foment protest against location of the new Nazi headquarters at 1553 Page Street are under way. The neighborhood, predominantly Catholic, was first made aware of its location by the picket line last Saturday night.