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Deny Plea for New Trial of 6 Nazi Chiefs

Pleas based upon the riotous Riverhead, L. I., courtroom scene of 17 days ago, when six alleged "American"-Nazi operators of Yaphank Camp Siegfried were convicted over the vociferous protests of "Hitler" Fritz Kuhn, amid the huzzahs of spectators, failed yesterday to win a new trial.

A motion to cancel the previous trial was denied counsel for Ernst Mueller and five others of the convicted German-American sextet by Suffolk County Judge L. Barron Hill. Mueller, head of the camp, is now serving his term.

As the motion was argued, Sheriff Jacob Dreyer nailed to the gates of Camp Siegfried a county announcement that its deserted cabins, cook shacks, beds, pots and pans will be sold at public auction six weeks hence to satisfy the \$10,000 judgment which was part of the July 12 verdict upheld by Judge Hill.

In addition, Henry Hauck, Bruno Hachnel, Herman Schwartzmann, Addo Bielefeld and Henry Wolfgang were given one-year jail sentences and \$500 fines each as violators of a statute provision that all secret societies featuring a fidelity oath must file rosters of membership in Albany. The "fidelity oath" in the Siegfried Settlement League case was declared to be an oath of allegiance to Adolf Hitler.

Judge Hill's denial of motion for new trial served as a mandate on Suffolk District Attorney Fred J. Munder to execute warrants for the arrests of the other convicted men, who may be required to work out their fines on county rockpiles at the rate of \$1 prison pay per day.

However, it was indicated that defense counsel William A. Karle will carry to higher courts his contention that "inflammatory" utterances before the Riverhead Jury deprived the six of fair trial.