

Bund Is Barred By Turnverein To Protect Hall

Nazis Have to Shift Meeting
to Kreutzer Hall Annex
and Cry 'Communistic';
Verein Officials Silent

The German-American Bund, a pro-Nazi organization, suffered another setback yesterday when its leaders learned they could hold no more meetings in the New York Turn Hall, a vast hall owned by the Turn Verein at 1253 Lexington Avenue. Last night's meeting of the Bund, scheduled at the Turn Hall to hear Russell J. Dunn speak on "Communism poisons the youth of America," hastily was transferred to the much smaller Kreutzer Hall Annex, 227 East Eighty-fifth Street. It was said yesterday at the headquarters of the Bund, 178 East Eighty-fifth Street, that the decision to bar the organization from the Turn Hall was taken by the Turn Verein and the Bund was informed of it by a letter from Hans Jaeger, the manager of the building, who runs a restaurant on its ground floor. The letter said that the Turn Verein would no longer have in its building meetings which "might call for disturbances and the presence of large forces of police."

A force of 100 policemen was

present at one of the recent meetings of the Bund at the Turn Hall.

Neither the president of the Turn Verein, Dirk Voss, nor Hans Jaeger would comment yesterday on the attitude they had taken toward the Bund. But it was learned from well informed German circles that the Turn Verein decided to exclude the Bund from its premises at its general meeting on September 19. A resolution was passed, asking Mr. Jaeger, tenant of the Verein, not to let the Bund meet at the Turn Hall, in order to protect the property from any possible damage resulting from riots.

The decision apparently was prompted by the fact that at one of the previous meetings of the Bund, held at the Yorkville Casino Jewish war veterans protested against the speeches, and were thrown out of the hall and injured. The leaders of the Bund accused the Turn Verein yesterday of being "somewhat communistic" and of having put pressure to bear on Mr. Jaeger.

The exclusion of the Bund from the Turn Hall, one of the most popular halls with the German-Americans of Yorkville, came on the heels of a split last September between the German-American conference organizing German Day on October 2, and the pro-Nazi organization led by Fritz Kuhn.