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ASTORIA NAZI MEETING BOOED BY 250 PICKETS

Police Guard 450 Bund Members

—Kuhn Escapes Hecklers

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A meeting of the Astoria Branch of the German-American Bund, pro-Nazi organization, which was devoted to anti-Semitic propaganda, was picketed by 250 men and women last night. The pickets maintained a double file outside the Astoria Turn Hall, Forty-fourth Street and Broadway, Astoria, Queens, where the meeting was held.

Ten sergeants and 100 patrolmen kept the entrance of the hall clear for 450 members of the branch who attended the meeting. The pickets jeered and booed as the members walked through the lines of policemen into the hall. Fritz Kuhn, leader of the bund, escaped this reception. He arrived at the hall at 6 P. M., an hour and a half before the pickets and three hours before the meeting.

Mr. Kuhn, Herman Roth, an Astoria lawyer and guest speaker, and William Kunze, Mr. Kuhn's publicity man, made addresses in which they attacked the Jews, sought to justify the racial persecutions in Germany and attacked American sympathy for the victims of the Nazi policy. During the speeches more than sixty uniformed storm troopers of the bund maintained order in the hall.

The pickets meanwhile held a street meeting. They said they represented the Anti-Nazi Council of Astoria, the German-American Club of Astoria and the American League for Peace and Democracy.