

**GERMAN EXPOSITION
IS PICKETED HERE**

**Anti-Nazis March Outside Hall
as Kuhn Urges 'Buy Gentile'**

The annual German Exposition and Christmas Market at Grand Central Palace, held to "create better understanding and economic friendship between Germany and the United States," opened yesterday to the accompaniment of all-day picketing by anti-Nazi groups and with a declaration by Fritz Kuhn, national leader of the German-American Bund, that "'Buy Gentile' is the ideal Christmas motto."

Mr. Kuhn, who is also national chairman of the German-American Business League, Inc., which sponsors the exposition, spoke last night at the formal opening ceremonies. The show was opened to the public at 4 P. M.

The pickets, representing the Joint Boycott Council, United Anti-Nazi Council, Anti-Nazi Department of the American League for Peace and Democracy, the Theatre Arts Committee, Anti-Nazi German Seamen and other groups, had been parading in front of the building since 11:30 A. M. with placards urging, "Don't Buy Nazi," "Don't Buy Blood-Stained Toys," "A Tisket, A Tasket, Put Hitler in a Casket" and other mottoes.

Willy Luedtke, national secretary of the German-American Business League and manager of the show, declared in introducing Mr. Kuhn, that "when you look outside and see those people picketing you know they are not Christians," and that "if some people want to boycott German goods, they are welcome, but they are not Americans."

The exposition opened without union ticket sellers. The Theatrical Managers, Agents and Treasurers Union maintained its announced policy of withdrawing its members in an anti-Nazi protest. Fifty policemen were on hand last night to guard against clashes.

The sundred exhibits were chiefly of German-American retail merchants, with a considerable number of German products on view, such as confectionery, groceries, wine and beer, toys, pencils and bicycles. The German-American Bund and its Camp Nordland had exhibits and another booth showed Nazi and anti-Semitic literature in German and English.

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