

Urges Curb on U. S. Nazis



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Gerhart Seger

Action to Curb Nazis in U. S. Is Urged by Seger

German-American Editor Wants Envoys Watched and Bund Camps Ended

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP).—Gerhart Seger, former member of the German Reichstag, urged tonight that the United States take steps immediately to suppress what he said were growing Nazi activities in this country.

Addressing the Washington Town Hall Forum, Seger said: "The United States should by all means avoid repeating the mistakes made by the young German republic before Hitler came to power."

The former German legislator is now editor of the German-American newspaper "Neue Volkszeitung," of New York. Another speaker at the forum was Martin Dies, Democrat, of Texas, chairman of the House committee on un-American activities, who called Hitler a "madman" and predicted the German leader would force Europe into war.

Suggests Program

Seger suggested this program to curb Nazi activities in the United States:

Cancellation of exchange of professors and students with the Nazis.

Closest supervision of the activities of diplomatic representatives of dictatorial countries.

Dissolving the Nazi camps and suppressing all semi-military organizations in this country.

Investigating the German-American Business League, which he said was levying on German-American business men and using the funds to finance Nazi propaganda.

Enactment of a measure for government clearance of all inheritance cases between the United States and Germany.

Dies asserted that Hitler's rise to power had been possible because of the spread of hatred and fear in Germany—"hatred toward a helpless minority and towards the nations who imposed the Versailles treaty upon a conquered but proud race—fear of lawlessness, violence and destruction of property rights in Germany."

Says It Can Happen Here

"What has happened in Germany may happen in the United States, because the two requisites for Nazism already exist to a limited but growing degree in this country namely, hate and fear," he added.

"How can we prevent the cause and conditions? First, by preventing class, racial and religious hatreds; second, by checking the ever increasing bureaucracy and paternalism in government and the insistence upon the American scheme that the government which has the minimum of necessary power and which leaves to the individual the fullest freedom, consistent with the public good; is the only kind of government under which men can continue to be free."

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