

Witness Tells of Joining Bund to Spy on It for Navy

Testifies He Quit Civil Service Job to Avoid Ending Usefulness to U. S. A.

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Charles J. Young testified in Federal Court yesterday at the trial of 25 Bund leaders that he became a Bund member in 1939 to report its activities to U. S. Navy Intelligence.

Young, a member of the Los Angeles unit, said he quit a lucrative Civil Service job as financial investigator for Los Angeles County rather than jeopardize his usefulness to the Government.

He said that county officials confronted him with his Bund membership, so he resigned his job and became a real estate broker.

Young, who speaks with a slight accent, insisted that he accepted no pay for his work, although Naval Intelligence reimbursed him for expenses.

Membership Changed

Under questioning by Assistant U. S. Attorney Howard F. Corcoran, who is prosecuting the 25 defendants on charges of conspiracy to violate the Draft and Alien Registration Acts, Young said he discussed the Civil Services charges with Herman Schwinn, Los Angeles Bund leader and one of the defendants.

"He changed my membership card for a *fodererkarte* (sympathizer's card)." Young testified. "Schwinn then told me that now I could say I was not a Bund member. But I went to meetings, voted and took part just as if nothing happened. I resigned from my job anyway."

While Young was testifying, several spectators nearest the defendants whispered the word *Jew!* Young is not Jewish.

Order No. 37

Young told the court and jury that G. Wilhelm Kunze, national fuehrer, visited Los Angeles and discussed Bund Order No. 37 with members, telling them:

"The only way to stop the Jewish manipulations of the Government by compelling us to enlist in the Army would be to refuse service."

Order No. 37 counseled Bundsters not to serve in the armed forces, because Germans were "discriminated against in jobs."

Under cross-examination of Flynn J. Andrew, assigned counsel for Kunze, Young shouted:

"I want everyone to be an American and I want anyone who undermines our Government to get his just dues."

Later, under constant goading by Andrew that the witness was "an informer," Young burst out:

"Informer? I don't like that word. I have a boy in the service—a midshipman. I would inform on my own brother if I thought he was trying to undermine the laws."