

PHILADELPHIA BASE OF NAZIS IS BOMBED

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Building of German Singing
Club Frequently Rented for
Pro-Hitler Meetings

LITTLE DAMAGE IS DONE

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But Windows in Area Are
Broken—New Group Fights
Reich Influence Here

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PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 20.—A bomb exploded early today on the doorstep of the Liedertafel Saengerbund Hall, scene of many pro-Nazi gatherings, in North Philadelphia. The neighborhood was aroused and windows were broken in a square-block area, but the building was damaged only slightly.

The building is headquarters for a German singing club. John Keltaerbach, steward of the club, and his wife were hurled from their beds, but were uninjured. Flying pieces of scrap iron were embedded harmlessly in walls of near-by dwellings.

Police believed that the reconditioned shrapnel bomb, apparently of the type commonly used in the World War, was placed at the club in the supposition that Nazis were holding a demonstration inside. Every Saturday night for the past month, police said, they had met there, but last night's meeting was postponed.

The hour of the explosion was fixed at 3:27 A. M. by the stopping of two electric clocks. Keltaerbach ran down from his quarters on the third floor of the four-story brick building to find the heavy outside door blown open and fragments of shrapnel scattered over the first floor.

In Room Without Windows

Miss Marjorie Colebaugh, 20, asleep in a chair in the living room of her mother's home opposite the bombed structure, said she was awakened to find she was "sitting in a room without any windows." The force of the explosion knocked

Dr. Saverio Brunetti, a police surgeon, out of bed at his home near by.

Twice last month uniformed Nazis and pickets rioted at the club, which is at 3,645-47 North Sixth Street, but Herman Radke, its president, denied that the club was pro-Nazi.

"The club itself is neither pro nor anti Nazi; it is merely a German singing and beer-drinking place," he said. "We have rented it on occasions, but we don't know what the tenants do after they get it."

He added that "a few" of the club members were Nazis, but that they did not form even a "large minority."

Police, who formed a guard at the building after the explosion, declared they had learned that serious dissension had broken out recently among club members over the Nazi issue.

Two Nazi sympathizers who attempted to speak at an anti-Hitler organization meeting of the German-American League for Culture today were escorted from the meeting rooms at the Hotel Walton without a hearing.

Neither of the men, who said they wanted to talk about "communism," would identify himself, but one was said to be a band leader for a Nazi organization.

At the meeting, attended by fifty organizers of the league, Chancellor Hitler's address to the Reichstag was assailed by Walter Schoenstedt, an exiled sub-editor of the Berliner Tageblatt, as "three hours of saying nothing."

Port Official Heads League

A. Raymond Raff, Collector of the Port of Philadelphia, was elected president of the league. The delegates represented twenty-six German cultural societies.

"If any more blackmail is tried on you by Nazi agents threatening harm to relatives in Germany," Mr. Raff told the delegates, "come to us and tell us. We will open an office next week. We don't care what kind of government they have in Germany, but we don't want it brought here."

"The tradition of German contributions to American life dating to 1642 must and will be preserved. But misguided young men keep coming here from Germany, using strange oaths, bringing doctrines inimical to our democracy."

"We want to educate them, to show them that America is the only land in the world today fit for a white man to live in. If they won't see that, then we'll buy them tickets back to Germany and ship them where they belong."

Mr. Raff's reference to "blackmail" followed a statement by Dr. Felix Katar that his relatives had

been threatened when he refused to give the "Heil, Hitler" salute to a caller at his office. Mr. Schoenstedt declared that Germany "becomes more powerful externally but the core is weakening," adding that "the mass of people are seeing that Hitler's promises have not been kept."