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INQUIRY IS STARTED ON GERMAN CAMPS

Cummings Orders G-Men to
Check Up on Activities
Under Federal Law

ACTS ON PLEA OF CITRON

Meanwhile Fritz Kuhn at An-
dover, N. J., Says He Wel-
comes Investigation

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (AP).—
G-men began to scrutinize certain
German-American camps today to
discover whether any were being
operated in violation of Federal
law.

"It is really more of a check-up
than a formal investigation," At-
torney General Cummings told re-
porters, "but I have asked the Fed-
eral Bureau of Investigation to
make a cursory examination to
ascertain if there are any facts war-
ranting further investigation."

The government's attention was
brought to the camps several weeks
ago by Representative Citron, Con-
necticut Democrat. He asked the
State Department to ascertain
whether "Nazi military training
camps" were being sponsored in
this country by German consulates.

Because letters which Mr. Citron
submitted contained other charges,
State Department officials referred
the matter to the criminal division
of the Justice Department, headed
by Assistant Attorney General
Brien McMahon.

Some of the letters to Mr. Citron
alleged that seventeen camps had
been opened throughout the coun-
try in addition to a large one at
Andover, N. J. They protested that
the camps might be violating Fed-
eral laws by the shipment of un-
registered firearms across State
lines.

Mr. Cummings said a week ago
that the investigation had reached
only a "bird-dog" stage and that
his department was "sniffing
around."

Kuhn Welcomes Inquiry

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

CAMP NORDLAND, ANDOVER,
N. J., Aug. 18.—Fritz Kuhn said
here today that the Federal Govern-
ment was welcome to investigate
the German-American Bund or its
camps, since they had nothing to
hide. "We are strictly an American
organization, with no connections
with Germany," he declared.

"We know that the malicious
propaganda against our organiza-
tion and our camps has created
bad feelings among our American
citizens which we do not deserve.
As a matter of fact, we are the
only movement which fights com-
munism successfully, and for that
reason alone we are being attacked
by Mr. Dickstein and his hench-
men.

"We are proud of being attacked
by characters like that of Dickstein,
who has imbedded into the Ameri-
can public nothing but lies. Dick-
stein is a disgrace to this country.
The aim of the German-American
Bund is to unite all Germans and
Americans in our country to a
united front against communism.
We do show the Nazi emblem along-
side of the American flag, with the
biggest respect for Hitler and his
movement in Germany, fighting the
world's madness, communism."