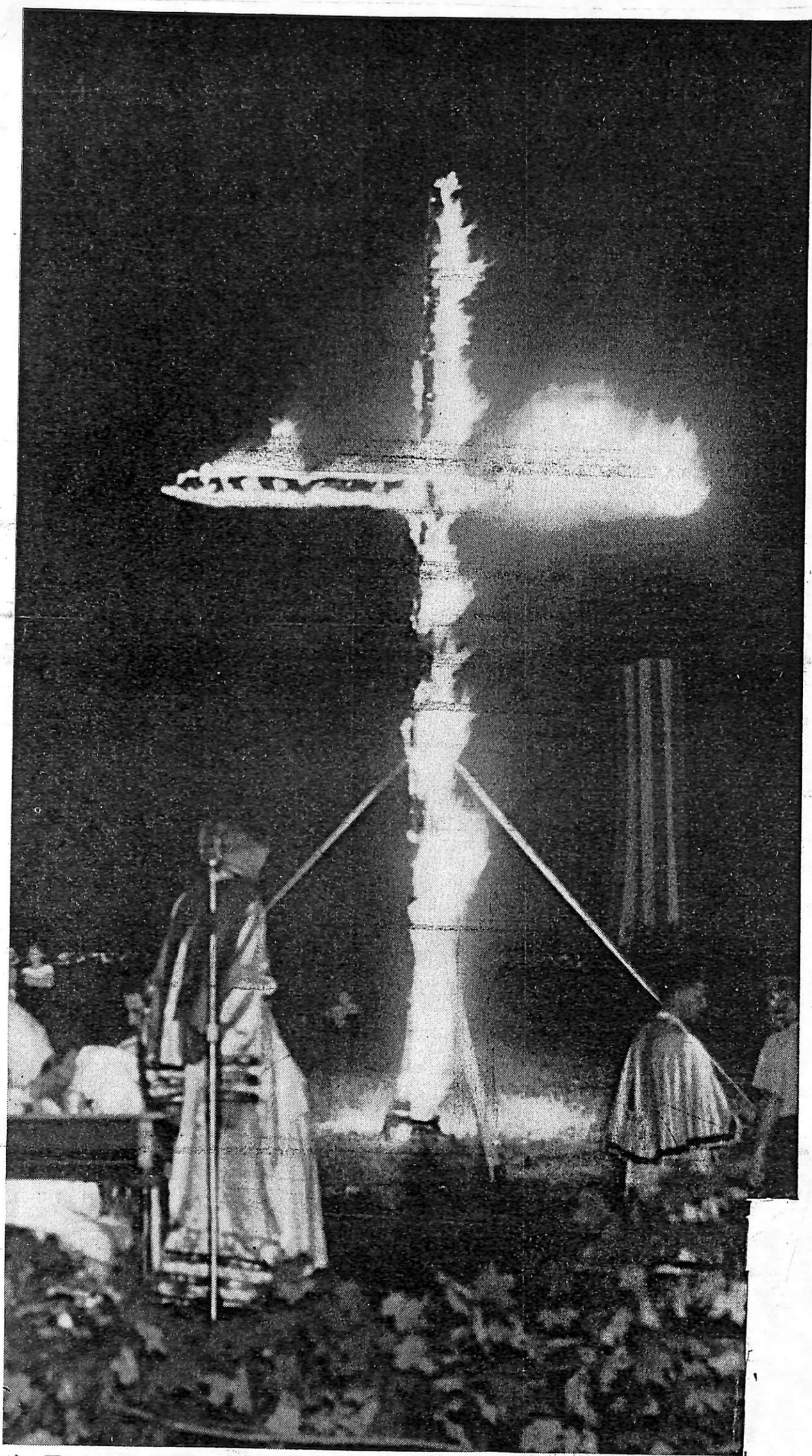


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PM **Bund, Klan Celebrate Their 'Americanism'**
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Klan and Bund Cheer Lindbergh As They Kiss Under Fiery Cross

They Unite First Time at Jersey Rally;
Indorse 5th-Column Work, Call for Whispers
Against War *PM 8/19/40*

The name of Charles A. Lindbergh was roundly cheered yesterday at a joint "anti-war, pro-American" rally of the German-American Bund and the Ku Klux Klan, Realm of New Jersey. The place: Camp Nordland, in the beautiful hills of Sussex County, N. J.

The occasion was historic. And hectic. The Bund and the Klan kissed in public for the first time.

"But it won't be the last time!" shouted guest speaker Edward J. Smythe of New York, vigorous anti-Semitic rabble rouser.

The ceremonies ended with the burning of a 50-foot cross.

All concerned were somewhat abashed in their affection. The bashfulness, however, was not due to modesty. Arrogance was the order of the day. The bashfulness was due directly to fear. Fear of publicity.

Camera-Shysters

The Bundsmen who turned out by the hundreds to give their blessings to this union were advised publicly to hide their faces from all cameras.

"We don't want anybody to lose their jobs because of their presence here," said Wilbur V. Keegan, West New York lawyer, general counsel to the Bund.

"Are they ashamed of being here?" a reporter asked.

"They're proud to be here," said Keegan. "But you know how some employers feel about this thing."

Fifth-column activities were openly advocated—and applauded.

"There's one message I want to leave with you," cried Smythe to the hundreds spread out on the hill facing the speakers' platform. "I want you to conduct a whispering campaign among your neighbors—against war!"

In Goosestep

Klan and Bund speakers alike gave lip service to American ideals. But in their next breaths they defiled the very spirit of this republic.

Following in the goosestep of Hitler, they heaped abuse upon minorities. They vented their spite and hatred upon all their enemies, and in this category they placed all who disagreed with them.

They were noisy in their admiration. They admired Lindbergh. They admired Fritz Kuhn (former Bund leader now serving a term in Dannemora prison for theft of Bund Funds). They called him a martyr, persecuted for the cause.

Buttons for Willkie

They distributed campaign buttons for Wendell L. Willkie, but they neither applauded nor booed his name.

There were two sessions: afternoon and evening. In the first, 1000 Bundsmen, including women and children, participated. For the evening about 4000 were present.

There were few Klansmen: two dozen hooded men and women. But they were the cream of the New Jersey Realm of the

Invisible Empire. Present was Arthur A. Bell, Grand Dragon of the State (he prefers to be called Grand Giant), and the Rev. Dr. Edward E. Young, Grand Klaliff.

Bell explained what appeared to be the poor turning-out of the Klan for this festive occasion.

"There are only a few of us here," he said, a smile of sorts breaking over his face.

"There's a reason. We don't expose our members. They are secretly among our enemies—watching."

Nobody Laughed

Keegan (Bund counsel) took it upon himself to be master of ceremonies in charge of press arrangements.

Reporters gathered around him. He said: "I was just inside talking to Bell (Klan Grand Dragon). I told him—ha, ha—there'd probably be an Irish Catholic or two (referring to reporters) witnessing the burning of the cross."

"Now," said Keegan, laying down the law, "you photographers will take only pictures that you are authorized to take—and nothing else."

"Who's going to authorize them?" a reporter asked.

"Well," said Keegan, "you won't get very far without me."

The rules as laid down by Keegan: No pictures to be taken of Bundsmen showing faces. No exceptions.

Kordial Klan

The newspaper men, escorted by Klansmen and Bundsmen were admitted to the grounds and taken into the presence of the Grand Dragon.

"Boys," said Grand Dragon Bell, "we're going to play ball with you. You can take all the pictures you want of us—the members. But not of Bund members."

Photographers were placed in a position facing the speakers' platform. Behind them were Bundsmen, in uniform: white shirts, black ties, black trousers, black shoes, black belts and, attached to many of the belts, brass knuckles.

Music: *The Star Spangled Banner* and German marches.

August Klapprott, chairman of the Eastern District of the German-American Bund and director of the camp, welcomed the Klansmen:

Cheers for Lindbergh

"You of the Klan, like the Bund, have been persecuted by the radio, the international press and the Kosher film industry."

"If you are like Charles A. Lindbergh (cheers) you will be called a fifth columnist—or even Gestapo agents (laughter). Everyone who is against the Roosevelt war party is persecuted." (Cheers.)

One incident marred the happy union. Six former members of the Bund attempted to distribute circulars calling for funds to help Fritz Kuhn carry on his appeal from conviction. They were ejected from the camp, arrested and fined \$17.50 each.

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