

NEW BUND FRONT ENDORSED HAMILTON FISH; ISSUED LITERATURE THROUGH BUND SOURCES

Christian Civil Liberties Group Headed By Traitors

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Action to denaturalize Henry Von Holt, Bronx Bund leader, taken recently in the course of the Federal drive against Bundsters, supported by a large-scale expose effected by the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League in the press, may have prevented the opening up of another Bund front in the Bronx, New York, according to the League, which has asked the F.B.I. to take action against other leaders.

Operating under the name of the Christian Civil Liberties Committee, the group is headed by Fred W. Yockel, who used to be a Bronx Bund leader, and Edward James Smythe, organizer of the "American War Veterans," a letterhead group with no membership. Smythe, who publishes a semi-literate pamphlet filled with attacks on the Government, has long been known for his pro-Nazi views. He was the liaison between the Bund and the Ku Klux Klan in New Jersey when a joint rally of the groups was held in the summer of 1940.

Von Holt was the man behind the scenes for the new Committee, with Yockel and Smythe, according to the Anti-Nazi League, as his stooges. Von Holt and the

Bund underground planned to develop a high-sounding organization to be used in the fall elections. The group was intended to provide counsel and other aid for subversive individuals running for office.

All three are leading figures in the Bronx Athletic Club, exposed by the Anti-Nazi League over a month ago as a Bund front. Von Holt was President of the club which the League charged at the time served as a rallying place for subversive elements including Bundsters and Christian Fronters.

The first activity of the new Committee was the printing of a leaflet in the shop of Louis Helmond, 1056 Erock Avenue, Bronx, a former supporter of Joseph E. McWilliams, would-be fueler and storm-troop leader now in trouble with Selective Service in Chicago.

The circular indorses the candidacy of Congressman Hamilton Fish, pointing out that "his Congressional record speaks for itself. It also asks for enrollment under the "Cross and The Flag," which is the name of the publication and the slogan of Gerald L. K. Smith, Detroit Fascist.

A spokesman for the League asserted that Smith was in communication with many of the individuals involved in the new Committee and the Bronx Athletic Club. The League asked the F.B.I. to check the source of funds for printing the circular and Smythe's publication.

The League's comment on this endorsement of Fish by the Smythe-Bundster group is:

"By their friends shall ye know them."