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Unite for Votes

Bund, Klan, Front and Other Nazi-Type Groups Join Hands for Primaries

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The New York area's chief Fascist-type organizations have come to a gentlemen's agreement for concerted political action in next month's primaries, it was learned today. They have formed an intolerance front.

In an unprecedented joining of groups trading on racial and religious prejudice, at least five candidates will be supported for key elective government offices.

While the groups differ on minor points, they agree on Nazi-type philosophy. In most cases each has agreed to take one section of the city, keep out of others, and give whatever mutual elective aid is possible.

Christian Front Has Brooklyn

Thus the Christian Front will have no competition if it puts up candidates in Brooklyn or Queens; the Christian Mobilizers and the German-American Bund in Manhattan; the Italian-American Black Shirts in the Bronx, and the revived Ku Klux Klan in New Jersey. In several of these links the Bund seems the liaison agency, but it will have no candidate avowedly its own.

The status of the Christian Front is difficult to determine. Members and leaders deny that it has Fascist tendencies. Reports were current yesterday that it would disband and re-form under another name to engage in politics.

An odd facet of the situation is that many of the candidates, instead of starting their own parties, are expected to designate themselves as Republicans.

Linked to the Christian Front through former direct association, the Christian Mobilizers in Harlem plan to back Joe McWilliams, who will run for Congress from Yorkville. He has the backing, it is understood, of members of the German-American Bund:

The Bund and the Klan

The Bund is the link to the next part of this strange set-up. Through Edward K. Smyths, an agreement has been reached so that eventually Bund-okayed candidates will run for office in New Jersey, also backed by the revived Ku Klux Klan.

Dividing up the city further, the intolerance front has James Stewart, aid of McWilliams, to run for Congress from a Washington Heights district.

And in the Bronx, Paul Castorina, self-styled leader of the Italian-American Black Shirts, will try to get a nomination for Congress.