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Nazis Backing 7 Candidates For Congress, FBI Told

Friends of Democracy, Inc., Declare
Preparations Are Under Way to Seize
Power Here Through Legal Means

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation was told yesterday that Nazi Germany, preparing to seize power in the United States through legal means, is backing seven candidates for Congress in the forthcoming elections.

The charge was made by Friends of Democracy, Inc., whose national director, L. M. Birkhead, is a Unitarian minister from Kansas City. The organization has been active in attacking the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, Detroit radio priest, and Nazi organizations.

Birkhead, calling for an F. B. I. investigation of the political supporters of the candidates, mentioned these would-be officeholders:

Joseph E. McWilliams, candidate for the House of Representatives from the Eighteenth Congressional District, New York.

Kenneth A. Brown, candidate for the House from the First Congressional District, Oregon.

Harold A. Sparling, candidate from the Seventeenth Congressional District, California.

Louis B. Ward, candidate for the United States Senate from Michigan.

Dr. George H. Derry, candidate for the House from the Fifteenth Congressional District, Michigan.

T. W. Hughes, announced candidate for political office, from Los Angeles.

George Deatherage, St. Albans, W. Va., who has announced he would run for Congress as an independent candidate of the American Destiny Party.

"All of these candidates," Birkhead said in a memorandum to the F. B. I., "are running on a platform which suggests appeasement of Nazi Germany.

"We believe," he asserted, "that they represent a deliberate move to gain political power and political

office for the purpose of obstructing the legislative processes of the Nation."

The aspirants to office intend, Birkhead charged, to establish "focal points around which an American Sudeten group, whose first allegiance is with Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy, can be developed."

Sponsors of Friends of Democracy, Inc., are listed as including Westbrook Pegler, George Gordon Battle, Louis Bromfield, David Cushman Coyle, Van Wyck Brooks, Thomas Mann, and Robert Millikan