

# Descendants of '76 Flay Nazi Agents 'Americanism' Rally

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Educational Pamphlet Widely Circulated by  
Descendants of American Revolution Warn-  
ing Against Kuhn's Meeting

The Descendants of the American Revolution yesterday announced that it had sent an educational pamphlet to hundreds of persons and organizations in Greater New York directed against Fritz Kuhn's "German American Bund," Hitler's arm in America. The patriotic organization comprises prominent persons descended

from early American settlers who fought in the American Revolution. Heywood Broun, noted columnist and president of the American Newspaper Guild, is a member.

The educational brochure, directed against the "bogus Americanism" of the German-American Volksbund, is being sent today to every clergyman, school principal, educational executive, patriotic, parents' and veterans' organization in Greater New York.

The occasion for this action, according to Sylvia Wilcox Razey, executive secretary of the Descendants, is the announced intention of the Volksbund to conduct a rally for "Americanism" and George Washington Birthday exercises in Madison Square Garden on Feb. 20.

Declaring that the activities of the Volksbund aim at "undermining our democracy by creating and fomenting disunity and racial antagonisms," the Descendants urge that the material in their brochure be used as the basis of special school assemblies and church sermons "in which the fundamentals of our democratic institutions may be clearly reviewed."

## CHALLENGE BUND

"We challenge the effrontery of the German-American Bund in promulgating race hatred under the guise of 'Americanism,'" Mrs. Razey stated in a letter accompanying the brochure. "They are using the phrases and catchwords of patriotism to beguile the unwary to further objectives that are traitorous to our institutions. The Descendants believe this campaign is necessary to acquaint the American people with these undeclared enemies."

To the clergy, the Descendants wrote that "one of the great imperatives of our democracy—freedom of worship—is directly challenged by Nazi activities in this country."

"The Descendants of the American Revolution are, like yourself, deeply concerned with any threat to religious liberty. May we urge you to acquaint your parishioners with the un-American propaganda of the German-American Bund through every medium at your command."

The brochure contains what is said to be "unassailable proof" that the German-American Volksbund is the direct spokesman in this country for the Nazi regime, having the declared intention of serving as "the heralds of the Third Reich, as preachers of the German world viewpoint, of the incredible miracle of National Socialism."

The Descendants question the reconciliation of this attitude and the behavior which it fosters, with the Bund's current declaration that it is "the guardian of genuine Americanism."

## WILL MEET CHALLENGE

The brochure closes with the following:

"The Descendants of the American Revolution believe that the American people care enough about their democracy to meet the Nazi challenge by calling it by its right name, and by shattering its pretenses. When Nazi Germany is thus confronted by all democratic peoples, its power must, perforce, decline and perish."

The members of the Descendants of the American Revolution include Margaret Hatfield, Edward Everett Hale, Sylvia Wilcox Razey, Willis Gregar, Dr. J. Lester Razey, Dr. Forrest Long, Elizabeth Huling, Cordelia Ayer Palne, Katherine Devereaux Blake, Mary Hillyer, Dr. John Haynes Holmes, Judge Doro-

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