

Morris Assails Bund As Challenge to U. S. Democracy; Hits Rally

Warns Nazis Against Provocations Tonight; Calls for Defense of Progressive Americanism in Radio Talk; Acting Mayor Scores Fascists

The Nazi German American Bund is a "challenge to American institutions" and must confine its "bundling" inside the Madison Square Garden pro-Hitler rally tonight, Acting Mayor Newbold Morris warned yesterday.

He stated that "no loudspeakers or other sidewalk demonstrations" would be permitted to "provoke disorder."

Mr. Morris, speaking over the WMCA radio network on a Knights of Pythias program on the subject of "The Survival of Democracy," declared that as Acting Mayor he would carry out the policy of Mayor LaGuardia in not permitting uniformed storm troopers to usurp police duties during the meeting.

WARNS OF PROVOCATIONS

"The Bund may do its 'bundling' inside," Mr. Morris said. "There will be no loudspeakers or other sidewalk demonstrations to carry the proceedings out of doors or calculated to provoke disorder while I carry out the responsibilities of Mayor."

Mr. Morris is Acting Mayor while Mayor LaGuardia is absent from the city on a speaking engagement in Little Rock, Arkansas.

There will be no repetition of the Yorkville disturbance," he warned the Nazi Bundsters.

"However, as every decent citizen in our city views with concern the presence of three thousand 'storm troopers' as 'ushers' at the rally, I want to make it clear that I feel the same concern and have no hesitancy in expressing myself on this subject."

He explained that the Foreign Relations Act provides in "no uncertain terms" that it is unlawful within the United States "to wear any naval, military, police or other official uniform or regalia of any foreign state, nation, or government or any uniform or regalia so nearly resembling the same as to be calculated to deceive, unless it be authorized by a state, nation or government."

"The penalty for violation of this

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act," the Acting Mayor said, "is three hundred dollars or six months' imprisonment or both."

"The purpose of this law is obvious. It follows the spirit of certain sections of the Aliens and Citizenship Law of the United States Criminal Code which holds that an American citizen taking an oath of allegiance in any foreign army shall forfeit his United States citizenship."

Mr. Morris asked if the Nazis who are organizing the meeting are Americans.

"And if they are," he asked, "why is it necessary for them to disport the storm trooper uniform, the symbol of a doctrine which stirs bitter resentment in the hearts of free people throughout the world? We do not want a hostile Sudeten garrison within our gates."

FIGHT FOR DEMOCRACY

He declared Americans can no longer take American Democracy for granted.

"People often ask me the meaning of the word 'Americanism,'" Mr. Morris continued. "To me, 'Americanism' implies progressive, vigilant and militant defense of democracy."

He pointed out that while "catastrophe has overtaken some of

private property and social order in every move towards efficient and democratic government.

"We have, unfortunately, men in high places who look with favor upon totalitarian governments where democratic rights have been crushed. So, we find a real challenge to American institutions."

This challenge, Mr. Morris said, cannot be answered by indifference.

"Democracy," he insisted, "is not a lifeless thing, no abstract phrase to be trotted out on holiday occasions amidst the blare of trumpets and the waving of flags. It must take on meaning for the millions of our common people. Democracy must work and work successfully. It must bring security into the lives of the many. Only after it brings some degree of security into the hearts of the people will democracy be forever safe."

"Today, Brother Pythians and all lovers of democracy, let us determine that we will make our structure of government work. Let us reaffirm our faith in the principles of the Bill of Rights, the only sure guarantee of human liberty. Let us thank God that three-quarters of a century of growth of the Pythian order has promoted these principles which have given us a way of life."

"Let us make sure that the hungry will be fed and that the homeless will be sheltered. Let