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Nazis Push Spy Moves With Local Rally Friday

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George Washington's birthday—unless Chicago calls a halt—is to be besmirched this year by a meeting of Nazis pretending to honor the first president's name.

After failing to secure numerous halls in Chicago, the German American Bund has prevailed upon the management of the Huntinghouse Hall at 4616 N. Clark Street to rent them space for a meeting this Friday night.

G. Wilhelm Kunze, Nazi Bund leader whose tour of the country last year was marked by numerous attacks upon anti-fascist spectators, will be the principal speaker.



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Present at the so-called "all American rally" will be "honorary guest" Colonel J. Blacky, former United States Surgeon General.

The meeting at Huntinghouse Hall is one of a series which the Nazis in America have planned in an effort to prove their "Americanism" through commemoration of Washington's birthday.

Ironic is the fact that the local Nazis—being a little ignorant of their American history—will stage their Hitlerite parley 12 days before the actual date of Washington's birth.

Similar meetings are to be held at Walker

Hall in Milwaukee on Feb. 9 and in Madison Square Garden in New York on Feb. 20.

Before securing Huntinghouse Hall here, the Bund attempted to rent several other places including Lincoln Turner Hall. The managements denied their requests.

Joining with the Nazis in sponsoring the meeting, the Record learned, will be the Silver Shirts, the Ku Klux Klan and the American Vigilante Intelligence Federation.

Nazi literature advertising the meeting lists Kunze's subject as: "The Bund and Our America."

Kunze's last appearance here was at Germania Hall on Feb. 23, 1938. During the meeting uniformed storm troopers attacked Dr. Erich Von Schroetter and others in the audience when an attempt was made to ask questions concerning religious persecution in Hitler's Germany. One Nazi storm trooper, Emil Horitz, smashed the camera of a newspaper man. Police arrested Dr. von Schroetter, two other anti-fascists and a Nazi but later released all four.

In his speech at Germania Hall, Kunze said:

"We have nothing against the church as long as it stays in its place and does what it is supposed to do and we have nothing against the Jews as long as they do what they are supposed to do—and we know what that is."

Following the riot created at Germania Hall by the Nazis, the management barred them from further meetings.

Revelation by the Record of the Bund's latest meeting site is expected to result in a large number of protests to the management of Huntinghouse Hall. The phone number is Ravenswood 7230.

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