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Hall Bars Nazi Bund Meeting

Mayor Kelly Joins
Protests Against
Hitler Rallies

Anti-fascists in Chicago scored a smashing victory for democracy yesterday by preventing local Hitlerites from holding a meeting here this Friday.

Widespread protests by local citizens—including Mayor Edward J. Kelly—resulted in the cancellation of the meeting of the German American Bund which had been called Friday night at Huntinghouse Hall.

After learning that his hall had been rented to Nazis, owner Rudolph Huntinghouse denied them permission to use his property.

Revelation that the Bund intended to use Huntinghouse Hall as a meeting site was made exclusively by the Record.

BAN ON NAZIS

Mayor Kelly joined the ranks of those condemning the Bund yesterday when he told a delegation of trade unionists that he would use Chicago police to prevent them from meeting, said Kelly:

"I am very much opposed

to Nazi Bund meetings, and I say this knowing that not all Germans are Nazis. At least 65 per cent of the people in Germany are opposed to Nazism. I will never permit a Bund meeting where uniforms are worn and un-American statements are made. I will instruct the police department not to permit any of these meetings to go on in Chicago."

In explaining his cancellation of the rental of his hall, Huntinghouse said:

"I told the Bund leaders that they had rented the hall under a misunderstanding. I had thought they were just another German society. I will not rent my hall to Nazis."

DIFFICULTIES

As a result of the campaign to halt the meeting, local Nazis today were not only without a place to meet but faced future difficulties in regard to the German American Citizens Alliance.

Leaders of the Bund have contended that the Alliance is not Nazi—a contention that was blasted when it was discovered that Dr. Homer E. Maerz, prominent leader of the Alliance, had signed the lease at Huntinghouse Hall and rented it for the German American Bund.

The disclosure was expected to prevent affiliation of several German organizations to the Alliance who were about to take such action under the impression that the Alliance was non-political.