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Nazis Boast Army Friends

2/13/34 By DeWitt Gilpin **RR**
"We have friends in military circles—men like General Mosley who are waking up and speaking out."

That statement is one that G. Wilhelm Kunze, national leader of the Nazi Bund who addressed several hundred Bundsmen here Friday night, didn't want to see in print.

In an effort to prevent publication of quotations from his speech, Kunze's storm troopers evicted me from their meeting at the Haus Vaterland, threatened me with violence and failed in an attempt to take my notes from me.

Following the refusal of the management of Huntinghouse Hall to permit the Nazis to meet there after their plans were exposed in the Record, the Bundsmen moved the parley to their own headquarters at 3855 N. Western Ave.

After my eviction from the party, other spectators reported later, Kunze declared the Bund intended to sue the Record for preventing their meeting at Huntinghouse Hall.

Previous to the Bund meeting, Mayor Edward J. Kelly had announced that he would instruct police to prevent any Nazi gathering where uniforms were worn and un-American statements were made.

The Record therefore calls the following facts to Mayor Kelly's attention:

1. There were over 25 uniformed storm troopers

present at the meeting who stood guard in the aisles and around Kunze on the stage.

2. Colonel J. Blacky, former U. S. Surgeon General, spoke at the meeting in the uniform of the National Guard and praised the Bund.

3. The speech of the Nazi Kunze was one long un-American statement, of which the following is typical:

"The code of the Jew is alien to ours. He has proven that he cannot be assimilated into a white man's culture. The Jew has been taught that he can rob, rape and kill outside of his own family. You can't fight the Jew with our present methods and we have to decide whether we are going to knuckle under to him and submit to his rule. He is not entitled to rule this country where he represents less than 3 1/2 per cent of the population."

But despite all these violations of Mayor Kelly's ruling, the 80 policemen assigned to the meeting to prevent "violence" remained outside the hall and made no effort to stop the Hitlerite orgy.

Particularly significant was Kunze's description of the anti-Semitic General Moseley as a "friend." Since Moseley's forced retirement from the army, he has made numerous attacks upon the Roosevelt administration as "Jewish" and has urged violence against the New Deal.

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Kunze declared that the Bund has supporters not only in the army but in the police departments of all large cities and the American Legion. He called upon these individuals to "speak out now" against alleged Jewish rule.

Also claimed as supporters of Kunze was the notorious anti-Semitic Father Coughlin. Said Kunze:

"Jewish control of the radio stations forced Father Coughlin off the air but not until he had let America hear the truth. When we see Father Coughlin, General Mosley and other such prominent people bringing

forward the same facts that were originally made known by the Bund, you can see that our ideas are making progress."

SOLICITS MEMBERS

To strengthen his point of military support for the Bund, Kunze declared that "our newspaper carried a large advertisement from a National Guard regiment in New York soliciting Bund members to join the regiment until New York's Jewish governor, Lehman, put a stop to it."

Declaring that Jews now rule the country, Kunze said:

"When the American understands this he will settle the question with far more violence than there has in Germany and Italy. We are preaching the recognition of the Aryan race and the rule of that race in America."

Sounding a Nazi battle cry to drive all Negroes from this country, Kunze said that "the Negroes would be happier in a country of their own in Liberia anyway."

COLONEL SPEAKS

Colonel J. Blacky spoke to the

Nazis before I gained admittance to the meeting and reportage of his speech must be limited to the comments of others in the audience who told me that he greeted the Bund and praised its "Americanism." The colonel remained seated stiffly on the stage during the 45 minutes that I was present.

A play by play account of my eviction from the Hitlerite talk fest is interesting in that it gives a graphic picture of storm troopers in action in Chicago—not Berlin.

After taking notes for approximately a half hour, I was approached by a uniformed Nazi who asked to see my press credentials. Upon examination of my police card he informed me that "the Daily Record wasn't invited to this meeting and you will have to leave."

DELEGATION

When I refused to comply with the request, pointing out that it was a public meeting which entered by paying admission, the Nazi left. Approximately 15 minutes later I was confronted by a delegation of three uniformed Nazis who declared that "the police sergeant wants to see you outside in the bar."

Taken in by the ruse, I accompanied them. The uniformed sluggers attempted to force me into a room occupied only by several more Nazis in uniform. Breaking away from them I made for the door that opens out onto the street from the bar only to find it guarded by more Bundsmen. One of the Nazis, William Vernicke, told me with his best imitation of Goering's snarl that, "if you try to go through this door, I'll kill you." Shoved away from the door and surrounded by storm troopers trying to get my notes away from me, I shouted loudly for police. None came, but eventually the hubbub became so loud that I was permitted to leave—notes still intact.

Incidentally, the Nazis were supposed to be "celebrating" Abraham Lincoln's birthday. Too bad that the great president, who was never much for parley language, can't say something about that.

On February 21 the Nazis will "celebrate" Washington's birthday in the same style. How about Chicago and Mayor Kelly saying something about that?