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Charwomen were cleaning up paper and shifting scenery in the great amphitheatre of Madison Square Garden today just as they do after an ordinary boxing match, dog show or rodeo.

The Garden and the city had taken in stride, as befitted democracy, the much-discussed mass meeting of the German-American Bund.

In return for permitting the meeting, purely as a matter of free speech, Mayor LaGuardia was roundly booed by 17,000 in the Garden. President Roosevelt and half his Cabinet were attacked and ridiculed in a way that national leaders in Germany, Italy, or Russia, could never be attacked and ridiculed at any meeting in those countries.

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Some 1,745 policemen kept order and made thirteen arrests on minor charges.

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An unemployed plumber named Isidore Greenbaum, twenty-six, of 96 Ten Eyck Walk in the Williamsburgh Housing Development, Brooklyn, clawed his way alone to the platform during the address of Fritz Kuhn, national Bund leader, was subdued by storm troopers and police and hustled off, ending up in Bellevue psychopathic ward.

Greenbaum was found to be of sane mind and not injured beyond a few scratches. Taken to West Side Magistrate's Court today, he pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct.

Resents Attack on Religion

"I had no intention of interfering, but I heard them talking so much against my religion that I lost my head," he said.

"Some innocent person might have been killed there," Magistrate Harry G. Andrews said, giving the defendant a choice of a \$25 fine or ten days in jail.

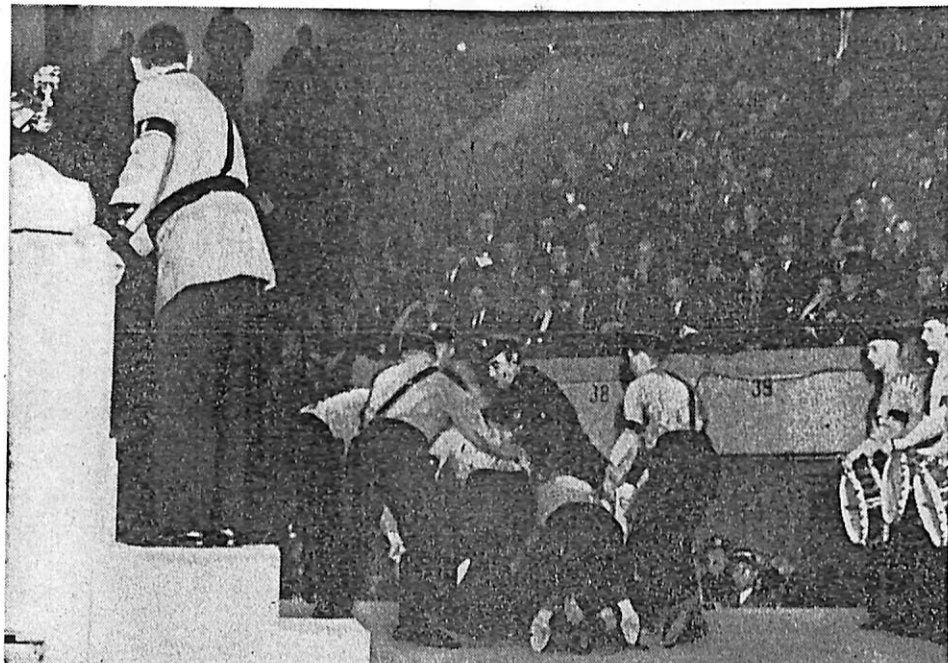
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The reports published by the Daily Herald were not otherwise confirmed.

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"Wake Up America—Smash Jewish Communism" and "Stop Jewish Domination of Christian America."

In between these banners were electric signs giving details of the hockey games played on certain nights at the Garden.

Sing Anthem at Start

The rally started with the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner." Thereafter martial music and German folk songs, the irregular tramping back and forth of the uniformed Ordnung Dienst, and displays by groups of young boys and girls set off a long line of speeches which indulged heavily in epithet.

National Secretary Wheeler-Hill made the opening address, referring to the audience as "My fellow Christian Americans." Later speakers used "white men," "Aryans" and "gentiles" as synonyms for "Christians."

At least one speaker referred to the President as "Frank D. Rosenfeld" and contrasted his foreign policies with President Washington's.

George Froebese, Mid-West Bund leader, declared: "We admit we are reactionaries, but that term gives an indication of a cause from which we are reacting. That cause was the founding of the boycott, the anti-German policy in the United States."

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Praise for Ku Klux Klan

In the course of his historical excursions, which left the audience passive, Kuhn aroused temporary enthusiasm by praising organization of the Ku Klux Klan after the Civil War.

"It was the only way out for the South," he said. "It paid back terror for terror."

It was about this time that Greenbaum got up on the right hand side of the platform, from the press box, eluding five Storm Troopers posted on the edge. He got within six feet of Kuhn before the first uniformed German-American hit him. Within a few seconds he disappeared under a fist-swinging group of troopers, while the audience rose growling and shouting. Police rushed in and restored order.

Clothes Are Torn

When carried off the platform, shouting wildly, "I'm no Communist," Greenbaum's clothes were in tatters, his coat and pants gone. He was hustled into a patrol wagon outside.

Kuhn declared that the press, radio and cinema were "in the hands of Jews," and particularly denounced what he called the suppression of Father Coughlin, Boake Carter and others on the air.

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Comment varied from a statement by Senator Bankhead (Dem., Ala.) that he favored "concentration camps for those trying to spread un-American propa-

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"I think these Bund meetings would amount to a lot less if the opponents of Hitler in this country would just ignore them," said Downey.

Bankhead declared, "I am against attempts to spread the doctrines and theories of Fascism or Hitler in this country. I don't believe in letting foreigners stay in this country, even if naturalized, when they try to destroy our American Government."

Senator Holman (Rep., Ore.) said it was a question in his mind whether or not immigration should be stopped altogether "until we can assimilate the discordant elements already here."

Senator Gurney (Rep., S. D.) declared that "there isn't any sense in having these bunds in this country. I don't think we ought to allow it."

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