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BUND MEETING HERE CALLED TRAITOROUS

Those Who Support It Owe Fealty to Hitler, Martin of Colorado Tells House

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LIKENS THEM TO HESSIANS

Hawks of Wisconsin Hits Attempt to 'Malign' German People and Assails Reds

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The annual commemoration of George Washington's birthday in the House today was enlivened by a bitter denunciation made by Representative Martin of Colorado against the "traitors" to America who attended the German-American bund meeting in New York Monday night.

Mr. Martin drew applause from both the Democratic and Republican sides when he said:

"Every man in that mass meeting who was in sympathy with it is a traitor to American democracy and government, whether he is still an unnaturalized alien or was born on American soil. In the World War their fealty was to the Kaiser. Now it is to Hitler."

Mr. Martin spoke with vigorous gestulations and several times the members and gallery occupants applauded.

He asserted that Chancellor Hitler was "the greatest enemy in the world of everything that George Washington stood for, and of everything that America typifies." He called members of the bund "men of the blood and fealty of the hired Hessians of the Revolution, men of the blood and fealty of the German Embassy at Washington prior to the World War, plotting to invite the sister republic of Mexico to make war on this country and American industry until they were officially driven from our shores."

"Among other delusions growing out of the World War was the delusion that it had rid us of the hyphenated American, only to find that we have in his place the 100 per cent Hun, or whose lips the words 'my fellow Christian Americans' is nothing less than a bare faced mockery," Mr. Martin continued.

Aim to End Democracy

"My fellow Christian Americans" are the words taken by the press from the lips of the Fuehrer in America of a pagan dictatorship which has denied God, suppressed the Bible, persecuted Christianity and refers to the founder of the Christian religion as a "dirty Jew pig."

"They have no more conception of democracy than if no such political philosophy existed in the minds of men, and it is their sworn mission to destroy that Americanism and to destroy that democracy. They are the blood-hound, oath-sworn enemies of everything sacred to America."

"Article I of the Nazi creed is that once a German always a German, and they are carrying on in this country a system of pressure, proselyting to effect the unity of their blood for Nazism and against America. 'The time will come,' the American agent of Hitler is quoted as saying at the meeting, 'the time will come when no one will stand in our way.'"

"The American Fuehrer would do well to recall the famous rejoinder of Ambassador Gerard to the threat of the Kaiser, that 500,000 loyal Germans in America were ready to spring to the defense of their fatherland. 'Yes,' said Gerard, 'and there are 500,000 lamp posts in America.'"

"Said Theodore Roosevelt in 1917: 'We can have no fifty-fifty allegiance in this country. Either a man is an American and nothing else, or is not an American at all.'"

"Says foreign Nazism in 1939:

"Today we know that the German is a German everywhere. Not countries or continents, not climate or environment, but blood and race determine the German mentality. We only know the concept of the complete German as a citizen of his country who is always and everywhere a German."

"When I saw the pictures of these uniformed and swaggering minions of an alien dictator on the pages of the morning papers and read what they said, I felt that if I had the power not one of them would be breathing the free air of America in twenty-four hours. A man would have to pinch himself to see if he were awake and in the United States. They cheered the names of misguided Americans who are lending aid and comfort to Nazism and they jeered and booed the President of the United States and every spokesman of democracy who has incurred the wrath of Berlin."

Refers to Communists

"I had rather my name remained forever unknown than to have it acclaimed by such a gathering. If these misguided men who are giving aid and comfort to the enemy were in Berlin and pursued the same attitude toward Nazism that

they do toward their own government they would be in concentration camps or decorating stone walls."

Later, Representative Hawks, Wisconsin Republican, answered Mr. Martin by saying that he had not "referred to Communist meetings being held all over the United States at the same time" as the Bund meeting. He added that there had been in the House an attempt to malign the German people, and an attempt to malign the Italian people.

"What has all this business to do with Guam?" Mr. Hawks asked. "I'd rather see this \$5,000,000 (sought to be appropriated for the navy base at Guam) given to J. Edgar Hoover down here in the Federal Bureau of Investigation to clean up some very rotten situations in this country. It is high time this House got down to common sense consideration of some of the real problems of this country."

Someone interrupted to ask Mr. Hawks whether he "sympathized" with the Nazis, whereupon Mr. Hawks, denying it, declared:

"All of a sudden the most vicious thing in this country—Communism—has been put in the background. Why all of a sudden do we hear no opposition on the part of men who used to be confirmed pacifists, now coming out in support of this bill?"

The reading of Washington's Farewell Address, an annual custom in Congress, was carried out today. Representative Lanham read the address in the House, and Senator Taft in the Senate.