

# New Model Bund

*The Nazis in America streamline their machine as they lead the united reactionaries*

By David Karr



Ernst Wilhelm Bohle, head of "Germans Living Abroad," is rehauling the German-American Bund

AMERICAN Fascism is going streamlined. Hiding their fangs behind the American flag, preying upon the American public's love for Democracy, liberty and patriotism, the forces of reaction have reorganized to smash with renewed vigor at our democratic institutions.

The Fascists, led by Hitler's agents, the German-American Bund and the Nazi spies, have realized that the American public will not stand for the importation of Nazi uniforms here as the means of carrying reaction to victory over progress. They have therefore given their propaganda a sugar-coating, wrapped it neatly in the Stars and Stripes, and are distributing it through their wholesale outlets from New York to San Francisco, from Maine to Florida.

The wholesalers are the Silver Shirts of William Dudley Pelley, the Paul Reveres, the American Patriotic Vigilante Association, the American Coalition of Patriotic Societies, the Associated Farmers of America, the Ku Klux Klan—and the German-American Bund, sponsor, paymaster and coordinating figure behind the scenes.

### *The Attack on Frankfurter*

These groups have come out into the open with greater frequency since the beginning of the current session of Congress. Their acts get more daring hour by hour. Perhaps the most malicious attack ever launched upon a presidential appointee was the campaign carried on at the hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee on the appointment of Felix Frankfurter to the Supreme Court bench.

The tactics used to try to stalemate Frankfurter's appointment were so brazen that several of the witnesses against the former Harvard professor had

the audacity to base their protests upon Frankfurter's race.

One of the leaders of this new streamlined campaign is the Reverend Father Charles E. Coughlin, whose vicious anti-Semitic mouthings are copied almost verbatim from the outbursts of the mad Nazi Propaganda Minister Goebbels.

Coughlin, leader of the National Union for Social Justice, has been condemned by one of the leading figures of the Catholic Church—Cardinal Mundelein of Chicago—but his drive goes on unabated.

Coughlin's anti-Semitism was recognized in New York, where he was banned from the use of Station WMCA. However, many other avenues of agitation—including some two dozen radio stations—are still left open to the would-be *Fuehrer* of American Fascism.

### *Nazi Spy Network*

Recently the American public was aroused by the revelation that there were within the borders of the United States spies of a foreign power who were gutting the land of valuable secrets, who had carefully laid plans for a devastating attack upon our country, who knew of the existence of military inventions even before the information had been transmitted to Washington.

These spies were the "small fry" of a huge ring of agents of Nazi Germany actively at work in America. Four were sentenced to from two to six years in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta. One has since been transferred to Alcatraz, the prison where desperadoes and vicious anti-social elements are interred.

In sentencing the four in New York's Federal Court, Judge John C. Knox said:

"The agents of a totalitarian power will here today receive the mercy of a democracy. They are

fortunate to be before the court of a democracy. In this country we spread no sawdust on the floor of our prison yards."

Despite the light sentences—light in comparison with what would have happened to the traitors in their own land if apprehended—the seven-weeks trial exposed to the American public the amazing ramifications of Nazi espionage. It proved that Germany has more spies in America today than it had at a time when we were at war in 1918.

It showed that the snake-like net is being directly controlled and operated from the German Embassy in Washington, D. C. The scope and ruthlessness of the Nazi terrorism defied the thoughts of the most imaginative of Americans.

To cap the entire indictment, proof was given that one of the topmost figures in the spy ring was the predecessor of Fritz Kuhn as head of the Bund in America, Dr. Ignatz Griehl. Kuhn and the Bund spent \$5,000 to disavow the spies at the outset of the trial, but the tactics were futile.

### *The Bund and the Spies*

Sworn testimony, 3,200 pages in length, lies securely locked in federal files, giving a detailed account of connections between the Bund and the spy ring, giving detailed accounts of the tieup between the Bund and the spy network as they operate today.

The recently reported arrival in America of Ernst Wilhelm Bohle, head of the bureau of the Nazi government known as "Germans Living Abroad," is expected to mark a new trend in the machinations of the Fascist propaganda machine.

Bohle and many of the leading National Socialist Party leaders are dissatisfied with the work of Fritz Kuhn. Bohle has accused Kuhn and the Nazi agents in America of "working with a heavy hand." They have blundered too frequently. They have made

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facéd form. The proposed amendments to the Act which the A.F. of L. leaders induced Senator Walsh of Massachusetts to introduce also fall into this category—since their function clearly would be to destroy the C.I.O. Much as the right-wing bloc in Congress hates the C.I.O., they also fear the votes which the C.I.O., the A.F. of L. progressives and other liberal groups would assemble against them if they backed legislation of that type.

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too many enemies. Thus the call for streamlining.

What are the tactics to be adopted? Kuhn has already taken the hint. Co-operation is the latest keynote. Let's drop our petty differences. After all, Fascists must stick together—and that's precisely what they're doing. They all have the same objective, many have the same theories: so they have organized a "united front."

The plan is as follows:

1. Smash the New Deal.
2. Smash and smear all progressive organizations by continuing the Dies Committee witch-hunt.
3. Bring about a wave of anti-Semitism to unite all Fascist forces.
4. Openly incite a campaign of violence to overthrow America.

The attack upon the New Deal is foremost for several reasons. First, President Roosevelt has come out as an unalterable enemy of Nazidom and Fascism. Second, the New Deal, through its program of effective economic reform is forestalling opportunities for the organization by the Bund and its collaborators of dissatisfied backward elements among the hungry, the ill-clothed, the ill-housed of America.

The second point, that of smashing all progressive organizations by making the best use of the Dies Committee, is obvious. By these red-baiting campaigns, the Fascists hope to smear in the eyes of the public all progressive and anti-Fascist forces which attempt to act effectively to stop their onslaught.

The Dies Committee proved in its pre-election hearings that it was able to effectively smear leading progressive and anti-Fascist candidates in many states, while practically covering the tracks of the real un-American subversive elements, the German-American Bund and its affiliated Tories.

### Coughlin's Anti-Semitism

Use of anti-Semitism as a means of furthering the drive toward Fascism in America is being carried on with increasing intensity. Leading the campaign is Father Coughlin. Using the cloth as his shelter, he has taken the Henry Ford-sponsored notorious forgery, *The Protocols of Zion*—which attempts to prove the existence of an

"international plot" by the Jewish people to capture the world—and has been able to pass off this forgery as a clever "indictment" of Jews the world over.

Thus Father Coughlin is following the exact line of Europe's butcher, Adolph Hitler, as a leader in the struggle for American Fascism.

The forged "Protocols" have been widely established to be the work of the former Czarist army officer, Colonel Armand Nicolai, and several masterful assistants.

More recently the radio priest of the Shrine of the Little Flower has dragged from the mire a tattered compilation entitled *The British White Paper*. This is supposedly the work of investigators for the British government, allegedly "suppressed by Jewish influence" within the British Cabinet. It also purports to show the plan of the Jewish people to "bring revolution to a head simultaneously throughout the world."

While such material sounds ridiculous when read here, untold numbers of Americans are unfortunately being trapped by it.

### Storm-Troop Battalions

For their campaign of violence which is to lead to the complete destruction of American Democracy, Hitler's agents are trusting nobody but their own picked battalions. These they are carefully molding within the ranks of the Bund.

For the past few summers sixteen major camps have been operated by the Bund. These resemble, with the exception of one detail, military training bases operated by any government.

The members report in uniforms complete to boots, gray shirts, Sam

Browne belts and swastikas, for regular drill sessions in which the only absent piece of equipment is the rifle. That these can be supplied on short order is a certainty.

The writer has it on good authority from an informant within the Bund's ranks that while arms are not part of the regulation equipment, the overwhelming majority have pistols, rifles and tear-gas guns issued by their leaders.

Investigating this aspect of Nazi penetration, the writer successfully trailed two sailors from a Nazi steamship docked in New York to the home of a Bund leader, and there observed the transfer of revolvers and tear-gas pencils from the sailors to the Bundsman for resale within the ranks of the local uniformed order.

### The "New" Nazis

The rapid progress of the Bund in recent months has already given one of its leaders cause to talk openly of the "Revolution of 1940," planned to forestall the election of a New Deal presidential candidate. The writer has seen statements concerning the prospective uprising as issued by Russel J. Dunne, a leader of a Bund-affiliated group.

How does Bohle plan to take the crude, coarse, blundering, blustering Bund and transform it from the comparatively weak, thoroughly hated group that it is into a skilful, well-oiled unit?

His first idea is to wipe out the small differences between leaders of semi-Fascist groups in America and the Bund, in order to bring into his camp additional forces which can be trained to act in his behalf. Among these groups are the many Tory pa-

triotic societies, reactionary veterans' groups, Father Coughlin's following, the many mid-west and western vigilante units, the Silver Shirts, the re-organized Ku Klux Klan and any other small units that are willing to work with the Bund.

In order to accomplish this, Bohle will necessarily have to crush the strong grip of many of the topmost figures in the Bund's leadership, possibly even replacing Fritz Kuhn with a dummy leader of American birth.

Bohle will also have to place in the saddle less loud-mouthed commanders, who can more effectively negotiate with the American Fascists—who have thus far repulsed their coöperation purely for personal reasons.

There must also necessarily be a re-organization of the spy apparatus. The damage done to the Bund by the exposure of the spy ring will be hard to remove from the minds of real Americans.

The new line will necessarily carry on with renewed vigor the anti-Jewish campaign. This will be used as the point around which a "united front" machine can be welded.

### The "Heavy Hand"

Why has Bohle accused Kuhn and his collaborators of "working with a heavy hand"?

Thus far, the sheer stupidity of the Bund has caused it to be too obviously exposed in the eyes of the American public, despite the coöperation of the Tory press of America in attempting to cover its tracks. The open agitation carried on by the Nazis behind the swastika has failed. Kuhn has never held meetings under the American flag. Always the swastika has hung highest in the meeting-halls.

As this is written, Kuhn is planning a meeting of the Bund to be held in New York's largest indoor arena, Madison Square Garden. Here for the first time will go into effect the new line.

Previously the Bund spoke of "our Fuehrer, Adolph Hitler," of "the fatherland"—blood-spattered Germany.

In the Garden Kuhn will disavow any connection with the land of his birth. He will attempt to show the "American heritage" of Fascism. Recently he announced plans for turning his newspapers, which are published weekly in several large cities throughout the country, into all-English periodicals. Previously they were all-German in content.

America must be warned of the new line that the Nazis are taking within our borders. America must be informed of the presence of a wolf in sheep's clothing. If Kuhn takes off his swastika, it does not mean that Fascism is gone. It merely means that Fascism is attempting to work more effectively, and that the forces of progress must form new and more solid lines to frustrate effectively its spread.

## STRENGTH THROUGH JOY

By Egargo



"Poor Schneckenpfleigel . . . He was ordered to make a new poison gas . . . But it turned out to be a chocolate ice-cream soda!"