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Kuhn Sweats in Two Tangles With Law

Bund Chief's Bluster Fades as He Faces Herlands on Tax Evasion Quiz After Hearing on Libel Charge

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he was highly pleased with the results of the investigation to date.

After Herlands and his assistant Abraham Bloch had quizzed Kuhn and six of his lieutenants under oath in executive session, he told reporters:

"No comment can be made at the present time. The investigation is continuing. The witnesses will be required to return at 10:30 Monday morning for further questioning."

DODGED POLICE

Kuhn, who dodged police attempting to serve him with a subpoena for a week and was finally served on Thursday, has been ordered to appear again for questioning at 10 A.M. next Wednesday.

The organizations being investigated are the German-American Bund, the A. V. Publishing Corp., the German-American Businessmen's League, Inc. and the German-American Front, Inc., all located at 178 E. 85th St.

Those who appeared with Kuhn before the Commissioner of Investigation, all of whom were subpoenaed by plainclothesmen of the Police Department, were:

Gustave J. Elmer, national director of organization of the Bund; Mrs. James Wheeler-Hill, wife of national Bund secretary James Wheeler-Hill; Max Rapp, vice-president of the German-American Businessmen's League; G. W. Kunze, Bund press agent, and Conrad Kohler, bookkeeper for the A. V. Publishing Corp.

QUIZZES NAZI'S WIFE

Mrs. Wheeler-Hill, a young and well-dressed woman, was the first to be questioned by Herlands. She insisted on hiding her identity from newspaper men, stating her name was Miss Josephine Hill, just one of the Bund secretaries, but in no way related to Bund leader Wheeler-Hill, who had been questioned on Friday.

Mr. Herlands, however, advised reporters that "it was learned" the

woman was the wife of storm trooper Wheeler-Hill.

The Nazis were represented at the hearing by Vahan H. Kalenderian, an attorney with offices at 36 W. 49th St.

He advised Mrs. Wheeler-Hill who was brought in on a Jane Roe subpoena, not to reveal her identity to reporters.

How Kuhn had dodged two detectives who had been trying to subpoena him since last Monday and how they finally served him was learned for the first time yesterday.

GERMAN FOR "BEAT IT"

Kuhn, who had remained in hiding from Monday until late Thursday afternoon, was accosted by the detectives as he attempted to enter his office from the Third Ave. entrance to his office, located at 178 E. 85th St., but two bodyguards blocked the officers and shouted in German: "Lauf!" meaning "beat it."

Kuhn ran up the stairs with the detective after him. But the detective guessed his man would attempt to escape through the 85th St. entrance. So he ran around to that side of the building and handed Kuhn the subpoena as the Nazi rushed down the steps trying to escape.

Others still being sought by police for questioning on the tax-dodging charges are Rudolph Markmann, of the A. V. Publishing Corporation, and Richard Metten, national treasurer of the Bund.

TREASURER MISSING

Fred Schwiering, business manager of the Nazi publishing company, was served with a subpoena but did not appear at the City Treasurer's office.

The total amount of taxes the Nazi organizations are believed to have failed to pay the city was not revealed in official circles. But it is reported that the sale of uniforms, flags, trappings and other taxable goods by Nazi organization stores has been considerable in volume.

The Department of Investigation and the City Treasurer's office is

checking these sales as against taxes paid to the treasury.

Kuhn was halled into Bay Ridge Court on the libel action at 10 A. M.

Magistrate Brill set next Friday for a hearing on the case and released the Nazi Bund "fuhrer" in the custody of his attorney, V. H. Kalenderian.

Opposing Kuhn's release without bond, Goldstein declared that he did not believe the man would show up. "He is yellow and his gang is yellow," Goldstein shouted, explaining that he and "17 detectives" trailed Kuhn for weeks before they were able to corner him to serve a subpoena.

Kuhn objected violently to giving his real address, but Magistrate Brill upheld Goldstein's insistence that it be entered into the court records. Kuhn finally said that he lived at 33-42 73rd St., Jackson Heights, and not at the Bund office, 178 E. 85th St., Manhattan.

Kuhn Sweats In Double Tangle With Law

Bund Chief's Bluster Cracks Under Quiz On Tax Dodging

Fritz Kuhn, blustering leader of the Nazi German-American Bund, appeared frightened and nervous yesterday as he twice became enmeshed in the net of the law, once on serious charges of dodging city taxes, and again on a charge of criminal libel.

The fascist trooper came out of the office of City Treasurer Almerindo Portfolio at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, sweating and downcast after being grilled for two and a half hours by Commissioner of Investigation William B. Herlands, who has launched a sweeping investigation into Nazi financial dealings and tax payments.

Earlier in the day, Kuhn was halled into Bay Ridge Magistrates Court, Brooklyn, where he was charged with criminally libeling former Magistrate Joseph Goldstein.

CALLED YELLOW

There he was paroled for a further hearing next week and called "yellow" by Mr. Goldstein.

But Kuhn's toughest hours were spent in the office of the City Treasurer who, on direct orders of Mayor LaGuardia, has ordered the entire Bund leadership to appear before him with membership rolls and business records to determine if business and sales taxes were paid by the Bund and affiliated organizations on sales of uniforms, boots, flags and other trappings to members.

These taxes are the principal source of the city's unemployment relief fund.

Commissioner Herlands indicated