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# 'NAZI' GROUP HELD IN PHILADELPHIA

## Court Orders 13 'Terrorists' to Face Grand Jury After Arrest at Tolerance Meeting

### BARS 'EUROPEAN' ACTIONS

### Police Complain to Judge of Attacks on Jews—Bail Is Set at \$1,000 Each

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PHILADELPHIA, March 15.—At a spirited hearing behind locked doors in Central Police Court, thirteen men, denounced by police as "Nazi terrorists," were held in \$1,000 bail each for the grand jury today on charges of inciting to riot and disorderly conduct.

This action, taken by Chief Magistrate John J. O'Malley with a warning that "we're not going to have conditions here such as there are in Europe," grew out of the alleged acts of the defendants in "crashing" a meeting of the Committee for Racial and Religious Tolerance, held last night in the West Philadelphia Y. M. C. A.

The defendants are members of the Anti-Communist Association which, it was asserted by Detective Jacob Gomborrow, chief of the headquarters squad investigating un-American activities, specialized in anti-Semitic propaganda and circulated anti-Semitic literature "too vicious and scurrilous to be read" at the hearing.

Over the protests of Ralph A. Dungan, defense attorney, who told him to "leave the word Nazi out of

this," Detective Gomborrow declared that the association was a blind for Nazi activities and that its meetings frequently were addressed by speakers of the German-American Bund.

#### Terrorism Charged to the Group

"They have distributed this literature, set neighbor against neighbor, and at times actually terrorized sections of West Philadelphia," the detective charged. "They have thrown bricks through windows and uttered statements amounting to threats."

The arrests resulted from alleged heckling of speakers by the defendants after the latter had filtered into last night's meeting. Detective Gomborrow told the magistrate that the men were taken into custody to prevent violence and bloodshed and that "scurrilous" literature was found on them.

The policeman declared that Joseph A. Gallagher, secretary of the association and one of the defendants, was "a frequent attendant at Nazi rallies," and testimony was given that he wore a swastika band on his arm.

The defense lawyer admitted that some of the literature was reprehensible, but he denied that any of the defendants possessed it or had knowledge of it. Boos and shouts of "Nazi lawyer" greeted his next statement.

"Bad as it is, it is not a drop in the bucket compared to what the Communists are doing to destroy the United States Government."

#### Attacks on Jews Laid to Speaker

Detective Leo Brezenski, a member of the Gomborrow squad, declared that one of the defendants, William Rigney, a stenographer of the State motor police, arose at the

Y. M. C. A. meeting and denounced the Jews.

"Judge, I'm a Catholic," Detective Brezenski said, "but I hate this mob. Every other sentence of Rigney's had something in it about 'down with the Jews.' He said the Jews were to blame for conditions in Germany, that that was why Hitler drove them out, and that we'll have to drive them out of this country." Some one asked him to stop preaching hate and he said "this is a free country and I can say what I please."

The Rev. Daniel G. Finestone, a Presbyterian Mission Board official who attended the meeting as a speaker for the Committee for Racial and Religious Tolerance, told Magistrate O'Malley that he had been shouted down by the defendants.

#### Mrs. Roosevelt Called a "Red"

"I didn't think it possible that such things could happen here," he said. "One of the statements which caused trouble was a denunciation of a meeting at the Academy of Music, to be addressed by Mrs. Roosevelt, Heywood Brown and Mgr. Ryan. A speaker said that the three are 'the reddest of the red' and that any one should be ashamed to listen to such radicals."

Magistrate O'Malley terminated the hearing after five witnesses had testified.

"I've heard enough of this," he said. "This sort of thing has got to be stopped—and the time to stop it is right now."