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JAECKLE, STATE G.O.P. HEAD, LINKED IN ATTEMPT TO WHITWASH NAZI BUND

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ALBANY, N. Y., May 9.—Papers incorporating the German-American Bund were filed with the Secretary of State in a "legal jacket" bearing the name of the law firm of Edwin F. Jaeckle, Chairman of the Republican State Executive Committee, the Daily Worker learned exclusively today.

The papers reveal that Jaeckle's firm of Ladd, Garono and Jaeckle whitewashed the Bund for the purpose of incorporation by declaring the principles of the stormtrooper organization to be:

"To promote, create and encourage sociality, friendship, good-fellowship and the spirit of comradeship and brotherhood."

This was after four years of Hitler's terroristic rule in Germany

and Nazi activities in this country. Jaeckle, who is of German origin, last week moved to conceal his connection with the Nazi movement by sponsoring in the legislature a bill to prohibit the wearing of Nazi uniforms in the state. The measure was introduced by Joseph Hanley, Majority Leader of the Senate, and Oswald D. Heck, Speaker of the Assembly.

At the time, Mr. Jaeckle declared in a widely publicized letter:

"It goes without saying that groups masquerading dishonorably in the guise of foreign adherents have incited bitterness and strife in this state, particularly because of intolerance and racial prejudice."

While recognizing this maneuver as the "liberal mask" policy of the state Republican Party and as an

attempt to counteract the effects of the anti-Semitic gubernatorial campaign waged by the Republicans last fall, progressive groups enthusiastically supported the measure.

Disclosure of the Republican leader's tie with the Nazis followed on the heels of a letter addressed to Israel Amter, State Chairman of the Communist Party, in which Senator Hanley and Speaker Heck sharply rejected Communist support for the anti-Nazi bill.

"Your party is not warranted in taking comfort from this bill," the G. O. P. spokesmen wrote to Amter in reply to his endorsement of any legislation that would curb groups which attack American democratic institutions.

They threatened to force through

the legislature fascist measures of the type of the McNaboe-Devany storm trooper bills by declaring:

"If we understand the temper of the present legislature (Republican-controlled) you may expect equal diligence in expressing subversive activities on the part of the Communist Party."

The papers incorporating the German-American Bund were filed by the Jaeckle law firm on June 4, 1937, in the city of Buffalo.

The five directors of the Bund, which formerly was known as the Friends of New Germany, are known as Hans Neubeck, Karl Ritz, Thomas Haas, Mathias Hugel and Joseph Haas, all residents of Buffalo at the time, according to the papers.