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G.O.P. Leaders and the Bund

- It was supposed to be done quietly. But the Daily Worker has smoked out the facts. The chairman of the New York State Republican Executive Committee, Edwin F. Jaeckel, has his name on the papers which were filed incorporating the Nazi Bund. Mr. Jaeckel's law firm sponsored the Bund's request for incorporation.

This is even more interesting when it is recalled that Mr. Jaeckel apparently tried to prepare a smoke-screen by sponsoring a measure to bar Nazi uniforms in the state. There is some kind of double-dealing going on here.

The connection between the reactionary Republicans and the Nazi Bund started back in 1936. At that time, the Republican Party hired Fritz Griebel to make anti-Semitic speeches for Landon. Today Griebel is a refugee from the United States Department of Justice for spying against the U. S. Fritz Kuhn has taken his place as head of the Bund today.

While Republican Party higher-ups thus build up their connections with the Nazi Bund, District Attorney Dewey announces that he is looking into the Bund's finances. It is high time real action were taken against the Bund's disrupting activities. But it is well to recall that Mr. Dewey stalled for weeks when the Daily Worker presented evidence of Bund anti-Semitic incitements, and that Dewey's move to examine the Bund was begun by Mayor LaGuardia.

Why is Dewey's office silent on the anti-Semitic outrages which are being perpetrated in the city by the shamefully misnamed "Christian Front," which insults passers-by with anti-Semitic jeers? Why is nothing being done to protect storekeepers from similar intimidation? And what does Mr. Dewey think of his Republican Party colleague's connection with the Bund?

The people of New York are eager that the District Attorney's office take action against the lawlessness of the Bund. But the people will also watch that certain gestures toward investigating the Bund shall not be used as smokescreens behind which the Tory Republicans will nurture and nurse policies on which the Bund would thrive.