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Bund Heils And Plugs for Isolated U. S.

A crowd of 300, meeting under German American Bund auspices at Deutscher Haus this week heard representatives from three fascist groups proclaim that American totalitarianism want nothing but peace. Aggression for Europe and isolation for America was the keynote they offered.

Herman Schwinn, West Coast Fuehrer, put it succinctly.

"The Bund is a force for peace and wants nothing but American neutrality," he declared.

"The fault of the war is not Germany's. Germany must not lose the war. Hitler must not lose."

To demonstrate the solidarity of the local "axis" powers, Schwinn introduced Joe Ferrig, leader of the local Italian fascists. Ferrig, who has copied Mussolini's every gesture, said nothing but "We are with you," and introduced another vest-pocket Benito, Mr. Catello, head of the San Jose Italian-American Patriotic Society.

Unbiased by declarations of war and Italy's announced neutrality, the black-shirted Catello shouted that England would not "really go to war because then they know Italy come in so quick and then boy they will wish they don't."

Stick Together

Shouting that the Bundists must work with the Italian fascists, Catello finished with the statement that "there are enough German-Americans and Italian-Americans to control California if we stick together and fight together!"

After brief talks by G. K. Hein, of Oakland, and David S. Hall, Schwinn again mounted the platform to disclose "inside information" that the Bremen "was met outside New York Harbor by German submarines and since last Friday has been safe near Rio de Janeiro."

Once again Schwinn lent credence to the rumor that the Bund will assume a more "American" name under which to cloak its un-American activities. "The name of the Bund is unfortunate," he said, "it doesn't represent us. But no matter what its name is, the work of the Bund will go on."

It was announced that great preparations had been made for the "German-Day" picnic to be held in Hindenburg Park this Sunday. However, when pressed for a definite statement concerning the appearance of Fritz Weidemann, German Consul, a spokesman declared that "we don't know whether or not he will appear." It is believed that the Bund feels that Weidemann's appearance might point too strongly to the connection between the Bund and the German government.