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"HELL IN AMERICA WITHIN SIX MONTHS"

Dr. Homer Maerz, Founder of Nazi United Front (German-American Alliance), Threatens - Big Industrialists Support Nazis - Silvershirts, Winrod, Coughlin, Nazis Unite - Republican National Committee Involved

CHICAGO. — On Sunday, March 26, Dr. Homer Maerz, the guiding spirit of the Chicago pro-Nazi United Front, part of the German-American Alliance, spoke at the open Forum of Mr. Ed. Clasby's Artists & Writers Club, 437 North Rush Street.

His opponent was the blind labor leader, Morris Levine. Topic of the debate: Should the Nazi Bund have freedom of speech? Between 150 and 200 people were present, and many of them are ready to testify to the words Dr. Homer Maerz uttered there.

With glassy eyes, his mouth grim and shouting rapidly at the top of his voice like Hitler, he tried to convey his emotions to the public. Like his leader he threatened the Jews foremost. "If they do not," he said, "stop preaching hatred against us (meaning the Nazis), if they do not stop monopolizing business in this country, I tell you now that in about six months there will be a living hell here that will make Hitler look like a cream puff. Our organization is growing by leaps and bounds. We have succeeded in securing the aid of two big industrialists, and you will hear from us six months from now."

The Republican National Committee, Coughlin, Winrod and the Silvershirts

On a later occasion he said to the audience: "The Republican National Committee contributes towards my organization. The Silvershirts, the followers of Winrod of Kansas and of Father Coughlin, will join together with us. This will mean that approximately five million people will form our front. But that is just a beginning."

He boasted of the "big beautiful house which we have all to ourselves, because we have the support of the majority of the Germans. If you do not stop fighting us, let me give you a warning. What Munich was to Germany, Chicago will be to America. The best people in the United States are backing the Bund."

Miss Ise Acker, secretary of the local Chicago of the German-American League for Culture who happened to be in the audience, took the stand and stated that the Bund is not growing and that Germans, who find themselves belonging to the German-American Alliance overnight, swamp the office of the German-American League for Culture with the request that it do something to relieve them of their new affiliation. She pointed out that the democratic Germans are in the majority and do not see the necessity of protesting any derogatory description of Nazi Germany because they do not approve of what is going on in the Third Reich. This she said in answer to Maerz' statement that the Bund was founded solely in defense to the slandering of the new Germany.

Privately asked what kind of a doctor's degree Homer Maerz has, he answered that he is a Doctor of Medicine.

Mr. Morris Levine, in his speech, explained that it would be an act of insanity to grant free speech to people who themselves suppress it. He was wildly cheered by the audience.

The revelations of Dr. Homer Maerz struck the audience as being very sensational. Especially his disclosure of aid for the Nazis by big industrialists and the Republican National Committee aroused the curiosity of everybody present. Questions came up which will have to be answered to the people of the United States. The "living hell in Chicago" which the Nazi leader promised is something that should have the closest attention of all democratically-minded citizens. Indeed, the preparations for Nazi and Fascist expansion are well on the way. Liberty loving America must be prepared for more to come. The answer of the liberals of this country, of the true American citizens, to the Nazi attack on the democratic institutions of this country will have to be still more forceful than the attack ever can be.