

# Nazi Propaganda Pouring Into U. S. Connects Bund With Hitler Government

**A Blue Candle, A Picture Magazine, And A Calendar—**

Not just harmless trifles, but tangible evidence of the German-American Bund's direct connection with Adolf Hitler's Nazi government.

The evidence came directly from Germany to a member of the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League.

This is how it happened:

The member once attended a meeting of the German-American Bund in the Deutsches Haus, 634 West Fifteenth street, where there was a register for all those to sign who wanted to receive the Bund's notices.

The member signed an assumed name, but his own address. He received the Bund notices regularly.

Around Christmas, 1938, he received something else—a box with a crude wooden candle holder, a blue candle, and a printed circular. The box was mailed from Berlin, and it was addressed to the name that the member had written on the Bund's register.

A week later the member received something else from Berlin. This time it was a rotogravure magazine, "Volksdeutsche."

Another week passed and still another package arrived, a calendar with dozens of beautiful pictures and page after page of German text.

## A 'Gift' From the Nazis

What person or organizations was this that was sending gifts to people whose names were gathered by the German-American Bund?

It was none other than the Nazi government itself, working through the "Volksbund Fur Das Deutschtum im Ausland," the League for Germanism Abroad.

The head of this League is one of the most important officials of the German government, Ernst Wilhelm Bohle. Before 1937, Bohle worked only for the Nazi party as chief of the foreign organization whose duty it was to organize Germans in every country of the world into a strong racial bloc that would carry out Nazi orders.

In February, 1937, this department of the Nazi party was made an official section of the German Foreign Office with Bohle as its head.

Thus the building up of a Nazi party in other countries became a function of the German government.

Automatically the organizations which Bohle controlled, such as the League for Germanism Abroad, became a part of the government.

## The Bund Supplies the Names

And although the Nazi government has denied any connection with the German-American Bund, the Bund is the source through which the government obtains names to send its propaganda.

But the contents of the circular, the magazine, and the calendar are the best proof that they were sent out by the Nazi government.

The circular explains that the blue candle is a symbol of the loyalty of Germans all over the world to their homeland. It devotes



This picture of a benevolent Hitler receiving flowers from the hands of German girls is contained in the calendar sent to the mailing list of the German-American Bund by the Nazi government agency, League for Germanism Abroad.

## Purpose Of The Calendar

"The calendar wishes to build communal bridges between Germany and Germans, so that they may become acquainted with each other and realize that they belong to one nation, no matter to which State they have sworn allegiance and in what part of the world they may live. It should be instrumental in developing our pride in the accomplishments of Germans in all parts of the world and in calling all Germans of the world to do work in the service of Germany."

—Hans Steinacher, official of the League for Germans Abroad.

three pages to a letter to a "Dear Friend in America" justifying the persecution of Jews after the Von Rath murder.

"The press of your country, which represents us as barbaric torturers, is lying," it said.

Largest picture in the rotogravure magazine is one of the Nazi party congress and another of Konrad Henlein giving the banner of the Sudetenland to Rudolf Hess "in the name of the Fuehrer."

An article, "Memel Land Asks for Its Rights," gives a long list of political and economic abuses supposedly suffered by the German population at the hands of the Lithuanian government.

Another article laments that in Eastern Canada most of the Germans have been Anglicized.

The United States is symbolized by a picture of a broken down tractor mired in the mud. Three pictures of German kindergartens and summer camps in the United States are impressive if not truthful. In one of them a large sign "LIFE" shows the camp to be the one run every summer by Life Magazine.

## Calendar Glorifies Hitler

Illustrated with many fine photographs of German landscape and German life, the calendar's chief purpose is expressed in its foreword:

"May you find refuge from foreign lands in these pages, as you find it in the face of a dear friend far from your native country. In the Reich our thoughts remind us daily that 25,000,000 racial comrades beyond our borders carry German ideals and German heritage, and we announce to these countrymen out there that we in the Reich are standing with them and we are ready to make sacrifices true to our leader who says, 'He who loves his fellow-German can show it only through the sacrifices he is willing to make for him.'"

Hitler and other Nazi leaders are glorified on every page through a list of historical events.

Here is a typical one, labeled "Five Days of German History," which shows the vastly modified version of affairs which Nazi propagandists give to the German people:

"Friday, March 11, 1938—In Austria there is a great deal of excitement because the Chancellor has announced a plebiscite, and it is feared that the voting will be very disorderly.

"6:15 p. m.—The plebiscite for March 11 must be delayed.

"7:45 p. m.—Chancellor Schussnigg speaks on the radio for the last time. He resigns.

"11:30 p. m.—The President of Austria turns all governmental business over to Seyss-Inquart. The new Austrian government requests troops from Germany.

## What the Nazis Tell the People

"Saturday, March 12, 1938, 5:30 a. m.—The German military machine crosses the Austrian border at Passau.

"8:05 a. m.—Adolf Hitler and his co-workers leave the flying field Tempelhof en route to Munich.

"11:00 a. m.—A new National Socialist government is announced in Austria by President Miklas.

"12:00 a. m.—Dr. Goebbels announces over the radio the declaration of the Chancellor that German troops had crossed the Austrian border.

"1:00 p. m.—Adolf Hitler crosses the Austrian border and enters the country and town of his birth.

"7:50 p. m.—The Leader enters Linz amid indescribable joy, and the founding of a Greater Germany takes place.

"8:00 p. m.—Chancellor Seyss-Inquart renounces Section 88 of the Treaty of Versailles.

"Sunday, March 13, 1938—At an early hour the German army began marching into Vienna. From Linz went Adolf Hitler to Leonding, the final resting place of his parents. In the afternoon he goes to Salzburg.

"7:50 p. m.—President Miklas resigns, his duties being taken over by Chancellor Seyss-Inquart.

"8:00 p. m.—The Austrian government announces that Austria is now a part of Germany. The German government officially recognizes this reunion with Germany.

"Monday, March 14, 1938—In the late afternoon hours the Leader makes his entrance into Vienna and speaks there for the first time. The Army pledges itself to Adolf Hitler.

"Tuesday, March 15, 1938—Dr. Seyss-Inquart is named as Governor of Austria.

"11:00 a. m.—Says Adolf Hitler, 'The oldest state of the German people shall now become the youngest bulwark of the German nation, and finally the German empire.'"



Kissing babies is an old politician's trick, but Goebbels uses it to present himself in a favorable light to German people all over the world. This is another one of the pictures in the calendar which the Bund had sent to America from Germany.

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## Sez Youth...

ELECTIONS, and this is the last time, for at least five months, that that word will head this column—elections are over. Last Friday the Eastside Branch elected officers, and the Westside elected Wednesday. Below are the results:

- Eastside Branch officers:**  
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 George Martin  
**VICE-CHAIRMAN**  
 Maury Sherman  
**SPAIN COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**  
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 Lou Stark  
**EDUCATIONAL COMM. CHMN.**  
 Herbert Leo  
**SECRETARY-TREASURER**  
 Sylvia Jurow

There they are, and there, for six months to come, they will remain. It is up to you, the members of the Commission, to insure, by becoming active and by joining committees, that the work of the committees and the chairmen you have selected will be effective and worthwhile and will redound to the credit of the League. There are sufficient committees, and their work is sufficiently varied, to offer a place for every member of the Commission to do active and effective work in the anti-Fascist fight. All of you who are interested in joining any committee, and we hope that means all of you, should get in touch with the office as soon as possible.

**ITEM WITHOUT COMMENT:**  
 Sometime ago we called the Hollywood Roosevelt hotel to inquire about rates for the Academy Lounge in which the Youth Commission had held several meetings. We asked for the manager and were connected instead with a lady who told us that the Lounge was no longer available to propaganda organizations—under which category she believed the League came. The next day we called again, spoke to the manager and informed him of what the lady had said. He said that was an error. The manager told us that there was no discrimination against the League, but that since the Academy Lounge had recently been re-decorated, the price had been advanced.

The prices quoted to us were \$25 for a meeting up to 50 people and \$35 up to 75 people. Previously the Youth Commission had paid \$10 and seats were provided for 200 people. We learned that someone, calling for another organization, had asked for prices and was told that the Lounge was available for \$20 and no numerical limitation was imposed.

Then someone from the League phoned, spoke to the assistant manager and was told that the League could have the Lounge for \$25 up to 150 people (as against the manager's quotation of \$25 for 50 people). We called the manager a few days later and he told us his assistant had been mistaken and quoted his previous price. Complicated, isn't it?  
 To you, from  
 ME.

**'Stateless' Refugees**  
**WARSAW** — The authorities of the Free City of Danzig last week drove a number of Jews holding Nansen "stateless" passports across the Polish border, at the frontier station of Bernardowo.

## 'Poison' to Fascists



CLARK GABLE



NORMA SHEARER

## Nazis Punish More Church Leaders

**BERLIN** — In a daring sermon at Pastor Martin Niemöller's Dahlem church, Pastor Wilhelm Niemöller, brother of the imprisoned "fighting parson," revealed the Confessional Church pastors had been disciplined by the National Socialist regime because they had protested against anti-Jewish excesses.

He also said that previously some of the pastors had been punished for calling the faithful to repentance during the September war scare.

"Because in the face of threatening war the Confessional Church preached the profession of faith and repentance," he said, "its leadership has been subjected to treason. And because pastors felt themselves compelled, in the face of the persecution of Jews, to preach observance of the Ten Commandments they have been forbidden to preach and their salaries have been stopped."

He said four members of the Confessional Church's governing body, including Pastor Martin Niemöller, were in protective custody, eight more were under arrest, 130 had been removed from their posts and 40 had been forbidden to preach. Eleven had been expelled in Berlin, he asserted.

He further revealed that the government was preparing to attain the aim it has steadily pursued since 1933, to impose complete State rule on the entire church through government officials.

"A sham synod," he said, "is now being created to merge all elements

## Franco Press Attacks U. S. Film Makers

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when sanctions were applied by several countries with unjust severity." The "Diario de Burgos" also blacklisted Samuel Goldwyn, whom it accused of producing an anti-Nazi film, "The Emigrants."

"Clark Gable and Norma Shearer are two artists who must be put on the blacklist as undesirable in those countries today increasing in historical stature," the "Diario de Burgos" asserted.

"These two undesirables should not be allowed in Italy, Germany, Spain, Japan, nor in any of those countries who are today marching on the road to magnificent national health. Not only should their persons be barred but also their perfidious and very efficacious shadows, which glide, like thieves in the night, across the screen."

The close censorship exercised over the Rebel press by Serrano Suner, Franco's brother-in-law, gives, this press opinion official status, observers point out.

within the church under State compulsion. The church has its authority from God and cannot approve such a development and the German people who walk in darkness are beginning to see a great light."

Pastor Wilhelm Niemöller was arrested July 25, 1937, and held for one day by the German secret political police after preaching three sermons in two Dahlem churches. He then, as yesterday, read a list of Confessional pastors who had been arrested. Such publicity is forbidden in Germany.

## We Need a Loyalist Victory

THE French government bowed today to British pressure by agreeing to keep the Spanish frontier closed to aid for the hard-pressed defenders of Barcelona but determined on a 'vigilant defense' of French interests."

So runs the story that came out of Paris Wednesday. A few days earlier the newspapers reported that Neville Chamberlain had come away from his conference with Mussolini without offering any appeasement to satisfy the Fascist dictator's demands on France.

Only those who believe that the sole method of appeasement lay in giving Mussolini French territories or granting belligerent rights to Franco could come to such a false conclusion.

THE Loyalist government needs arms, arms that it can buy in France. Franco's success, and through him, Mussolini and Hitler's success, depend on the Loyalists' not receiving those arms.

It is clear that Chamberlain serves Mussolini and not France by threatening to desert France if it aids the Spanish Loyalists.

If Mussolini and Hitler should win in Spain, an attack by them on France from their base in Spain is an absolute certainty. Such an attack would mean war, a war which very soon would involve all of Europe.

But France is not the only country whose immediate fate depends on a Loyalist victory.

SPAIN is the fatherland of all the Latin-American countries, and the favorite Nazi technique is to foment returns to the fatherland, as it did among the Austrians and the Sudeten Germans.

The same technique, the same propaganda would be used to draw the Spanish-American peoples under the control of a Fascist Spain. Then our own country would be under the threat of attack, just as France is today.

The United States' fate, its future as a democracy, its freedom from war, depend on a Loyalist victory in Spain.

It can supply the arms that France is afraid to, if Congress will change the Neutrality Act so that the embargo can be lifted.

By so doing, it will help to prevent a great war, a war in which it might become involved.

Wire your Congressman to vote against the embargo.

## Catholics Supported In Refusal to Work On "All Saints' Day"

**S A A R REGION.—(ACANL) —**  
 Despite the demand of the leader of the mine pits in this region that All Saints Day be a regular working day, Catholic miners were unanimously supported by the rest of the miners when no one came to work that day.

In an attempt to curb the large and growing number of unexcused absences from work in the Mittelbe industrial region, which are an obstacle to the increased production tempo demanded by the Nazis after Munich, three workers were sentenced to a month, three and six weeks respectively in a Nazi prison, for being absent from work without prior notification of their "leader."

## Conference On Negro Problems To Be Held

Problems facing the Negro people will get a full airing at a state conference of Negro organizations and their friends called by the National Negro Congress for February 10-12 at 1158 East Twelfth Street.

Among the issues to be discussed are the passage of an anti-lynching bill, adequate appropriation for relief and works projects, inclusion of Negroes in health legislation, a maximum hour law in the state for domestic workers, abolition of discrimination in civil service and in public utilities employment, organization of Negroes into trade unions, and appointment of qualified Negroes to positions in state, city, and county agencies.

The call urged all organizations sympathetic to the aims of the conference to send delegates. "The Negro people need the support of all their friends; as a minority they cannot win their battle alone," it declared.

## Refugees Offer Entertainment Saturday

Refugee actors and actresses will present an evening of entertainment at 8:30 p. m. this Saturday night at the Hamburger Home, 1225 South Union street. On the program will be two one-act plays by Arthur Schnitzler, several sketches, and a group of modern songs.

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