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Bay Area Czechs to Extend Anti-Nazi Boycott

SAN FRANCISCO, March 13.—Weekend developments in the Czechoslovak colony of 10,000 in the Bay Area resulted in the following decisions:

1. The Czechoslovakian exhibit at the World's Fair will not be turned over to the Nazi agent, Fritz Wiedemann, but will be maintained as a "shrine to democracy."

2. Instead of grieving for the lost independence of their homeland, local Czechs will fight back by intensifying the boycott of Nazi goods, thus forcing Hitler to "face the wrath of the great German people," according to Wencil Storek,

president of the United Czechoslovakian Societies.

3. The Czechoslovakians will cooperate with anti-Nazi Germans in a mass meeting to be held Friday to lay plans for a nation-wide boycott campaign.

In a meeting at Sokol Hall, delegates from a score of Czech societies gathered to discuss plans for the exhibit at Treasure Island, shouted "No," when they were asked by Nicholas V. Mara if he should surrender the exhibit to Wiedemann. Mara, the representative of the Czechoslovakian government warned the delegates they

would have to accept the exhibit as American citizens and provide for its upkeep, otherwise, he would be forced to surrender it.

"As American citizens you can defend the exhibit, whereas I cannot," he said. "Therefore, I assign it to you to do with as you wish."

Ernst Thieler, president of the German-American League for Culture, who attended the meeting to extend his sympathy and dissociate the anti-Nazi German-Americans from Hitler's deeds, immediately pledged the cooperation of his organization with the Czechoslovakian societies' efforts to support the exhibit.

Following the meeting, Thieler and Storek announced a mass meeting at Eagle's Hall, Friday, March 24.

Said the announcement:

"Though grieved at seeing Hitler's concentration camp system extended in Czechoslovakia, the cradle of democracy and freedom, we Czechoslovakian-Americans and German-Americans feel that this is no time for tears. It is time to awaken from our grief and strike back so that Czechoslovakia may again be free."