

Urge Probe of Nazis in Seattle Plane Plant

Aeronautical Mechanics Link Bund Activities to Stratoliner Crash

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 SEATTLE, April 9. — The Aeronautical Mechanics took a hand in the probe of the Stratoliner crash here by calling for an investigation into the activity of Nazi-Bund members employed by the Boeing Airplane Co. in the plant where the giant plane was made.

Information that members of the Bund, including an officer, were employed in the strategic link in national defense was tossed in the lap of Thomas Hardin, vice chairman of the air safety board, who is conducting the probe of the civil Aeronautics Authority here.

The resolution was passed by the industry-wide AFL union at their regular union meeting in the Labor Temple Monday night.

Hardin said today he had received no copy of the resolution but expressed willingness to inquire into all phases of the disaster in an effort to determine the cause.

No evidence of sabotage has been uncovered up to now, Hardin said, but he volunteered the information that possible sabotage was being investigated. The FBI had been called upon to assist, he said.

REFER TO MEETING

In calling for the probe, the resolution referred to "treasonable utterances of the Bund" in the recent meeting held in Madison Square Garden, New York.

Declaring that investigators appeared to be baffled in seeking the cause of the craft "going to pieces" in the air, the resolution urged the searchlight be turned on activities of Nazis in the airplane factory.

"Encroachment of fascism is endangering the democracies of the world," the resolution said, recalling that President Roosevelt urged appropriation of large sums for national defense.

The Aeronautical Mechanics Local 751 urged the probe, the resolution said, as a means of safeguarding the national defense program of the United States.

The stratoliner crashed about sixty miles south of Seattle last month after an engine, wing tips and part of its tail had fallen off.

Ten men were killed, including high-ranking members of Boeing's technical staff and two representatives of a Dutch airline.