

Citizenship Trial Opens

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Denaturalization of Alexander M. Hartmann, 42, described by Federal officials as Philadelphia's "No. 1 Nazi," was sought today in Federal Court on grounds that he made mental reservations when he took the oath of allegiance.

Hartmann, a former German army officer and one-time metal engineer in a war production plant, was president of the German-American Bund here in 1937-38 and frequented a Bund camp at Sellersville, Pa., officials said.

His wife, Elsie, who was not naturalized, is detained at the Gloucester (N. J.) immigration station as an enemy alien. When she was arrested, FBI agents said, they found Nazi pamphlets and insignia in the Hartmann home.

Federal agents said Hartmann had maintained a "defiant and sneering attitude" toward questioning, and had boasted that his citizenship held him above court action.

The Hartmann case was the fourth instituted in Philadelphia, and U. S. Attorney Gerald Gleeson said approximately 300 more would follow.