

Lithuanian Pro-Nazis In U. S. Bear Watching

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PITTSBURGH, June 30.—Strong ties between fifth columnists and some leaders of certain Lithuanian organizations in this country were indicated here at the opening session of the Lithuanian Alliance of America Convention. In the main speech of the opening session, Pius Grigartis, editor of the "Lithuanian Daily" declared that "Czarist Russia was better than a Soviet Lithuania." At the same time, he was forced to speak of the "heroic resistance" of the Red Army.

Grigartis has strong connections with the Lithuanian National Council, an organization made up of Lithuanian emigres, who spent some time in Hitler Germany before coming to the United States.

Several members of the Council are known to be under FBI scrutiny since the declaration of war against Germany.

Grigartis and the National Council have dropped their open pro-Nazi position but, while paying lip-service to the Allies, carry on a consistent sniping campaign against Britain, the USSR and other Allied Nations.

Other speakers at the convention revealed pro-fascist tendencies by their attacks on the Soviet Union. Yet they all had to admit that the overwhelming majority of the Lithuanian people were "wholeheartedly in support of President Roosevelt's foreign policy."