

Witness Links Pastor to Nazi Suspect

By the Associated Press

Hartford, Conn., Aug. 7.—Otto H. Kaupp, vestryman at Old Zion's Church in Philadelphia, testified today that he knew that Pastor Kurt B. Molzahn was "friendly" with a suspected Nazi residing in that city as agent for the North German Lloyd Steamship Line.

Kaupp, appearing as a defense character witness at the Rev. Molzahn's trial on espionage conspiracy charges, identified the steamship agent under cross-examination as a man named Kessemeyer.

Prosecutor Thomas J. Dodd, jr., asked whether he had ever discussed Kessemeyer's connections with Molzahn, and the witness replied that he had not because "it was none of my business."

"No business of a vestryman that your pastor was running around with a Nazi?" Dodd demanded.

"To a certain extent, yes," Kaupp replied.

Q. "Why didn't you talk about it?"

A. "I didn't know Kessemeyer enough to discuss such things with the pastor."

Kaupp had appeared on the stand yesterday, asserting that at one time Pastor Molzahn had told him he had asked another vestryman to resign because the latter was "very active" in the bund.

Chief among other character witnesses testifying yesterday was organist-choirmaster father of Gerhard Wilhelm Kunze, former head of the German-American Bund and one of four guilty-pleading defendants indicted with Mr. Molzahn.

Mr. Molzahn, Kunze and three others are charged with conspiring to hand over American military secrets to Germany and Japan.

The others were Dr. Otto Willuweit, of Chicago, Mid-West leader of the Bund; Dr. Wolfgang Ebell, of El Paso, Tex., and Anastase A. Vonsiatsky, Russian Fascist leader.

The Government charges that Mr. Molzahn used his parish house as a "postoffice" to further the ends of the other four.