

Kunze Ordered Bundists Work With America Firsters, Trial Told

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WASHINGTON, July 6.—Fuehrer Wilhelm Kunze instructed German-American Bund members to "work with the America First Committee," led by General Wood, and to give the Firsters "all possible support," said a former Bund Member at the Nazi plot trial today.

Kunze gave these instructions at a Bund meeting in the Deutsches Haus in Los Angeles, May 24, 1941, said the witness, Charles Young, who had joined the Bund to report to the Naval Intelligence on its activities.

The Bund Fuehrer, a defendant in the trial, also urged his members, at another meeting, not to shoot their "German blood brothers" if America

went to war, said the witness. "I saw a U. S. top sergeant in full uniform at a Hitler birthday celebration at Bund headquarters," said Young.

Defendant Herman Schwinn, the speaker at the celebration, compared Hitler to Christ, reported the witness.

At another time, said Young, he saw two uniformed Naval Signal Corps men drinking in the tap room at the Deutsches Haus with Schwinn and other leading bundists.

The bund tap room was a propaganda center.

"Father Coughlin's Social Justice, Pelley's literature, Robert Edmondson's 'Onward Christian Soldiers,' an anti-war, anti-Jewish pamphlet" were sold by the bartender, Young declared.

"Did the bund have a constitution?" asked defense attorney Morganston.

"The only constitution I heard of was 'the Fuehrer's Principle,'" said Young.

The Bund, said the witness, was busy distributing a so-called "geneological chart" of "Roosevelt's Jewish ancestry."

This forged document first came from the press of defendant Gerald P. Winrod in Wichita, Kansas, in the 1936 election campaign, and was falsely attributed to "the Carnegie Institute in Washington."

"Semitic blood," said the fascist forgery was responsible for the alleged "radical" drift of the Administration.

Justice Eicher gave the document to the jury over the objections of many defense attorneys, including those of Lawrence Dennis, author of "the coming American fascism."

Justice Eicher had to order James J. Laughlin out of the court room today, when the dismissed attorney resumed his old seat and attempted to speak.