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# Wiedemann Nazi- Propagandist, Firm Charges

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Consul General

Attacked in Suit

Over 'Mein Kampf'

NEW YORK, Sept. 17 (C.T. P.S.).—A charge that Fritz Wiedemann, Hitler's captain when the Fuehrer was a corporal in the World War, is not German consul general at San Francisco, but director of German propaganda in the United States, was made in Federal Court here today.

"Wiedemann claims to be the consul general, but he isn't," said Phillip Wittenberg, attorney for Stackpole, Inc., publishers of one American edition of Hitler's "Mein Kampf."

Houghton Mifflin Co., publishing firm which claims the "Mein Kampf" copyright, is seeking to make permanent a temporary injunction obtained to forbid Stackpole from continuing to print its edition.

Opposing Houghton Mifflin's request to take depositions from Wiedemann in San Francisco, concerning the assignment of copyright, Wittenberg said:

"The depositions would be useless. Wiedemann is notoriously a liar."

Federal Judge Samuel Mandelbaum reserved decision.