

Dies to Reveal Fifth Column Under Kappe

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The Dies Committee, it was learned authoritatively yesterday, will send to President Roosevelt this week a copy of a confidential letter sent from Germany to trusted Nazi sympathizers in the United States advising them that Walter Kappe had been appointed to head a fifth column front in this country and paving the way for his work.

The FBI is seeking Kappe in connection with its investigation of a Nazi sabotage ring and has charged he was associated with six saboteurs executed here last Saturday after a military commission trial.

Signed by Kappe, whom the FBI described as head of "a contemplated German sabotage organization," the letter, bearing the salutation "Heil Hitler," said:

"I have accepted the leadership of the Comradeship U. S. A. . . . on the grounds that a central office of the Comradeship U. S. A. must also exist in time of war . . . I depend upon the cooperation of everyone."

In view of the fact Kappe has had more than a year and a half to operate in this country, since the letter was written, the committee was reported to have taken the position that all persons identified with Nazi movements in America should be under constant surveillance.

Along with the letter, it was learned, the committee will send to the White House a list of names of approximately 17,000 persons whose past activities indicated Nazi sympathies.

How the letter came into the committee's possession was not disclosed. It was written in German, dated at Stuttgart, Germany, January, 1941, and bore an admonition that those who received it were to keep it confidential. It was numbered one of what presumably was a series of instructions sent out by Kappe from the House of Germanism, Stuttgart.

"It is meant exclusively for the members of the Comradeship U. S. A.," said a prefacing note.