

Supreme Court to Rule On Bund Convictions

Two of 24 Granted Review Are Sedition Defendants

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The Supreme Court agreed today to review the conviction of Gerhard Wilhelm Kunze, former national leader of the German-American Bund, and 23 other officials of the organization on charges of conspiring to advise evasion and resistance to the Selective Service Act.

Kunze and the other Bundists, including Wilbur V. Keegan, former general counsel for the organization, were convicted in the Southern New York Federal District Court and each was sentenced to five years' imprisonment. The Second Federal Circuit affirmed the convictions.

Kunze and one of the other Bundists, August Klapprott, are defendants in the mass sedition trial now going on in District Court here.

The Supreme Court at the same time granted a separate petition filed by Keegan on his own behalf. He asked review of his conviction on the ground that it denied his constitutional right to practice his profession. Keegan said that as an attorney he had merely informed the organization on constitutional questions involved in the act.

Kunze and the 23 other Bundists asked the Supreme Court to determine whether they had a fair trial "in view of the great mass of exhibits admitted in evidence having no relevancy to the issues before the court, but calculated only to inflame and prejudice a jury sitting in time of war."