

Burros Was 'Abnormal'

G. L. Rockwell Claims

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George Lincoln Rockwell, leader of the American Nazi Party, had nothing — well, almost nothing — but kind words for Daniel Burros, the Grand Dragon of the New York Ku Klux Klan who committed suicide when it became known that he was a Jew.

Rockwell, tired of answering questions about Burros over the phone, invited the press yesterday to his party headquarters at 228 N. Randolph-st., Arlington. Burros was once a member of Rockwell's group, and the two often played chess together.

DOCUMENTS

"I have reproduced the basic documents you're all going to want copies of," Rockwell started off, and he handed out photocopies of "Kill," a magazine Burros had edited.

"Man is a killing organism!"

Burros wrote in the lead article of Volume 1, No. 1, in July, 1952: "He must kill to survive. He must kill to advance."

"I feel very sorry for Burros," Rockwell said. "He died in the fact that he was a sinner. In fact, anytime any of us got arrested, he would tell us with laughter, especially if we were chained up."

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Rockwell said Burros once described to him an idea for a "torque piano" so arranged as to shoot electrical impulses at a person when the pedal was depressed and drive him "raving mad."

"Burros described it to me with great glee," said Rockwell. "He was slightly abnormal but I hoped it could be overcome in time."

Why did he keep Burros around, Rockwell was asked. "Because he was brilliant," the leader replied.

Parents Claim Body of Klan Leader Who Killed Self on Exposure as Jew

READING, Pa., Nov. 1 (AP) — The body of Daniel Burros, Ku Klux Klan official and American Nazi Party member who advocated death for all Jews and killed himself when his own Jewish heritage was revealed, was claimed today by his grief-stricken parents.

George Burros, 71, and his wife, Esther, 63, arrived here from New York City today and identified the body of Daniel, 33, their only son, just before an official certificate of suicide was issued by Dr. Michael Austin, deputy coroner of Berks County, after an autopsy.

Police Lt. Walter A. Nawozenski, of the homicide department, said the autopsy disclosed that one bullet entered the left side of the chest and penetrated a lung, causing a hemorrhage. The second bullet entered the right side of the temple, and was the fatal one, according to the autopsy report.

Burros, named by the House un-American Activities Committee as "Grand Dragon" (leader) of the KKK in New York State, killed himself yesterday with two shots from a

32-cal pistol, a few minutes after reading an article in the New York Times, revealing his Jewish background, police said.

Burros killed himself in the apartment of Ray E. Frank, house No. 12, named by the House Committee as Grand Dragon of the Klan in Pennsylvania. Present then were Frank Rotella, 25, of New York City, identified as a New Jersey Klan leader, and Bogdan Kupstowski, 21, described by police as Frank's girl friend.

[Robert M. Shapiro, the im-

perial Wizard of the United Klans of America, issued a statement in Washington saying that Burros would be alive but for the House Committee Klan hearings and the "intimidation, hounding and prying of a conscientious reporter."

Shapiro said "it is regrettable that a brilliant young man — Dan Burros — whose love for his country and his principles established and preserved by the founding fathers transcended all else has been brought into taking his own life."

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