

Under Cover

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Bund, the Spear-head of Anti-Democratic Crusade With Powerful Influence Throughout the Country
CHAPTER 9

The influence wielded by the Bund in our political dissensions must not be underestimated. The Bund was the spear-head of the anti-Democratic crusade and set the pattern for the Christian Front and the Silver Shirts and countless others like them. Viewed over the years, the swastika-healing period was a temporary expediency staged to arrest public opinion and enthrall the admiration of frustrated and simple-minded Americans in the lower classes of our society.

The Deutsches Ausland Institut launched a two-pronged pincer attack on our Democracy. Leadership of the first "fifth column" was entrusted to German-Americans, while the second was entrusted to carefully selected candidates of non-German "one hundred per cent American" ancestry—the Edmondsons and Pelleys—whose job it was literally to translate Nazi propaganda into English terms and serve it as "patriotism" to those who would swallow it as such. The American wing of the Nazi psychological fifth column penetrated Park Avenue circles, or business and industrial society, or eventually projected itself deep into the halls of Congress.

A horde of Nazi agents travelled back and forth. Consul Herbert Scholz directed operations from Boston; Gerhard Alois Westrick worked the New York area; from his home overlooking the San Diego naval base, Count von Bulow managed the vital Western coast with Fritz Wiedemann. San Francisco consul, who was finally expelled, Hans Berchers. Frederick Draeger, Nazi clergyman like Rev. S. G. von Bosse furthered Nazism from the pulpit. At Columbia university Professor Friedrich E. Ahnagen and at Wittenberg college in Ohio, Frederick K. Kueper propagated the Nazi case in an extensive Nazi network that permeated every corner of America and made its influence felt in every class of our social, economic and political life.

It was the boom period for espionage in which the boats of the Hamburg American Line played a prominent role. Dr. Colin Ross, a Nazi of Scot ancestry, toured America photographing our industries, harbors, power plants, and rallying Hitlerites in our key cities. "Germans in America, too, have experienced their Versailles," he wrote. "A man will arise and rally them, a German—Thomas Payne."

In the meanwhile, the Bund had antagonized most Americans by its swastika-healing phase that originated from Berlin to cut out public singing of the Horst Wessel Lied, shelve the Sam Browne belts and marching boots and "go American." The party line changed as a bucket of red-white-and-blue paint was applied to make overnight "patriots" of the Nazi. The Deutscher Weckruf became the Free America. And no longer professing to convert the United States to National Socialism, the Bund became nationalistic and isolationist, showed great concern for the welfare of the Republic and adopted the slogan: America First.

When Fritz Kuhn was jailed for misusing party funds, Kunze took his place and promptly identified himself with the great Carl Schurz in leaflets titled Blood Is Honor and Germany, America's Great Friend In Need. The spirit of George Washington must never die, the Bund screamed. "To none is his memory dearer than to Americans of German origin."

Disguising itself as the Mannerchor (Male Chorus) the Los Angeles Bund attended a meeting of the League to Save America First, managed by T. W. Hughes. After the meeting had started the storm-troop unfolded packages resembling sheet music and distributed them to the audience. It was Nazi literature.

The Bund—that is the Nazi arm of the same old Bund—went underground to plot sabotage and espionage, while its "American" wing gushed out in patriotism and socialized with native fascists. Basically anti-Catholic, the Bund went in heavily for "Christianity," sponsored "giant Christian American" meetings, and frothed at the "persecution of Christians" by a handful of American Jews. Most laugh-

able were attempts to "prove that Christ was not a Jew." Kuhn said Christ was an Armenian!

With the change from the Hitler salute to spurious Americanism, and Christianity, the Bund spirit penetrated deeper into native American strata. Taking advantage of the depression years and making expert use of anti-Semitism, Roosevelt-hate and the pitting of group against group, the Bund began to radiate and to syphon its influence in the mass "Christian - American - Patriotic" movement. The promotion of native American "fronts" as a screen to Bund activity became standard practice, backed by illimitable capital and the extensive Nazi network of organization. With those native fascists it could not control, the Bund collaborated.

The law laid down by the Ausland Institut was enunciated by Fritz Kuhn in the Deutscher Weckruf on his return from Germany: "One thing must be considered quite definitely. We must impel American politics with a pure German feeling. We must demand from the candidates that they, above all else, must always use their influence that America, under all circumstances, must keep out of any European war. That is the greatest service that we can show Germany."

"Our task is first the consolidation of all German racial groups and second, the acquisition of influence for a subsequent show of power in American politics. This second part is most important. American Germandom must become dynamic, turn against its adversaries. Our battlefield is right here, and here is where we must fight it out."

The Bund was only one arm of the Nazi octopus—the "radical and revolutionary" arm of the scheme for America's conquest. Fantastic as it may sound, Nazi leaders who had already carved the world for themselves, had actually mapped out a "German Lebensraum" in the midwest which planned to have its own autonomous laws, press and political representatives, and would some day establish its independence—the identical tactics which Conrad Henle was assigned to follow in the Sudetenland. The final aim was to be the realization of unser (our) Amerika—German America!

Questionnaires were actually sent out to midwestern German societies to determine the number of votes controlled by German racial elements. It was the wild Nazi dream to convert German-American communities into solid German racial blocs (Volksgemeinschaft) which would vote to elect pro-Nazi officials to office, and thus serve the role of a "constitutional" fifth column. Hence, the diligent attempts of Nazi agents to establish Deutsche Volksgruppe (national groups) and still in them racial solidarity and pan-Germanism.

The German-American National Alliance, with headquarters in Chicago served the midwest as a "respectable" front for Hitlerite views. Throughout its 350 units, the Alliance vigorously promoted Die Einheitsfront—the United Front" of "American Germandom, race-conscious, politically unified and economically secure". It supported the America First Committee and exhorted members to "assist financially and morally" all isolationist and appeaser causes. Die Einheitsfront succeeded in inducing the Chicago Censorship Board to refuse the exhibition of the movie Pastor Hall showing Nazis in an unfavorable light. But it applauded Sieg im Westen (Victory in the West) which advertised Nazi military power.

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The leather in a pair of men's oxfords would make an officer's pistol holster.

Heads Invasion



Major Gen. Roy S. Geiger (above) a resident of Pensacola, Fla., has been named to succeed Lieut. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift, as commander of the Allied forces invading Bougainville Island in the South Pacific. Vandegrift led the invasion of Guadalcanal. (AP Wirephoto)

COAL MEN URGED TO REACH TERMS

Ickes Tells Operators To Make Peace With Mine Unions

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—(AP)—Interior Secretary Ickes told coal operators today to get busy and come to terms with the United Mine workers if they want their mines back.

He said the government, which now is running the mines under a Federal wage agreement con-

cluded between Ickes and mine union boss John L. Lewis, would immediately restore the properties to their owners if a contract were signed and another work-stoppage "were thus rendered improbable."

"I doubt, however, that I would be permitted by this coal-hungry nation to terminate government possession when many citizens feel that this would again result in the probability that, once the mines got back into the hands of their owners, widespread stoppages would occur again," Ickes told 29 producers gathered here.

He pointed out that the War Labor Disputes Act provides for restoration of the mines when "productive efficiency" has been restored.

The secretary branded as "specious" rumors he favors nationalization

of the coal industry, and announced he had already started the process of returning to the owners those mines at which no stoppages had occurred during the last work suspension.

He said he expects to issue the first orders releasing such mines this week.

"I am back in the job that I never wanted," Ickes asserted, "and that you probably didn't want to have. I have never wanted to be a mine operator. I have never even wanted to own a coal mine. The sooner the operators and the mine workers negotiate a contract and the sooner the mines are returned to the operators, the sooner you will make happier men of yourselves and of me."

The secretary said he was happy

to declare that production has generally been restored to normal.

The government seized the coal mines for a second time early this month when a new general work-stoppage developed from miners dissatisfaction over continued lack of a working contract, on which operators, miners and the War Labor Board were unable to get together.

WANTS JOB

BOSTON, Nov. 15.—(AP)—It's nice work if you can get it. An ad in a Boston newspaper read: "Man wants job, 39 years, 3-A. No hard work, and chance for advancement."

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HIGHWAY CHIEF WILL QUIT POST

D. B. McCrary Will Soon Step Down As Acting Chairman

RALEIGH, Nov. 15.—(AP)—D. B. McCrary soon will step down as acting chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission and a fulltime successor will be appointed, a high official said here today.

The spokesman, who asked that he be unidentified, said that McCrary had been asked to assume the fulltime chairmanship but declined because of the press of his textile business in Asheboro. McCrary, a member of the commission, has been acting chairman since Ben Prince entered the Army about a year ago. McCrary took the acting chairmanship on condition that he be allowed to spend part of his time in that capacity. He has been in Raleigh about two days each week, on the average, and has presided over the commission meetings.

It was understood that McCrary still would remain a commission member.

Governor Broughton said that he had no comment to make, either on the report of the change or on McCrary's successor as acting chairman. For the latter post the names of Chief Counsel Charles Ross and Chief Engineer Vance Baise have been mentioned.

Rumors of a rift in the personnel of the department have been as the propelling factors in the commission itself is known to have held at least one executive session to discuss the matter and to consider the appointment of a personnel director. No definite action was announced.

That, plus the fact that Governor Broughton already had directed the Highway Department to draw up plans for highway expansion and repairs were given as the propelling factors in the forthcoming change.

Governor Broughton announced some weeks ago that equipment and materials might become available before the end of the war and said the department should be in position to take advantage of those possibilities. About \$40,000,000 in State and Federal funds will be available for that work.

SIDE GLANCES



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