

GERMAN ENVOY DENIES STORY OF BUND CONNECTION

Ambassador Says There Is No 'Understanding' as Testified to by House Investigator.

CHARGE OF DIRECT TIE-UP REPEATED

Witness Asserts One Document Lists A. F. of L. as One Source of Literature—Swastika Tie-Pin.

By the Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—Dr. Hans Dieckhoff, German Ambassador to the United States, assured the State Department today there was no "understanding" between the German-American Bund and German envoys in this country.

The House committee investigating un-American activities was told yesterday there was such a connection. Its testimony came from John C. Metcalfe, a committee agent, who quoted Fritz Kuhn, the Bund's leader.

While the Ambassador was at the State Department, the Embassy issued the following statement, which it said was in substance what Dr. Dieckhoff told Sumner Welles, Undersecretary of State:

"The German Government has always taken the point of view that the Amerika-Deutscher Volksbund is to be considered as a purely American affair. There has never existed any open or secret 'understanding' between the Bund and the German Ambassador, the German Embassy, or the German consulates."

"On the contrary, for a long time all German nationals have been strictly prohibited to be or to become members of the Bund, in view of the fact that it is their duty to refrain from any interference in internal American affairs. The Government of the United States is informed about this point of view adopted by the German Government."

"Unfair Statement." Meanwhile, Representative Dies, the committee chairman, accused Dr. Hans Thomsen, German Embassy counselor, of issuing an "unfair statement" criticizing Metcalfe. He quoted Thomsen as saying Metcalfe was "not a trustworthy person" and suggested that, if the committee wanted facts, it question Kuhn himself.

Dies said evidence was almost conclusive that Kuhn had issued orders to all Bund posts to destroy their records immediately after the House created the investigating committee.

Kuhn would be welcome as a witness, Dies said, if he would produce books, records and financial statements and explain correspondence which the committee was showing "a close connection between the Bund and the German Government."

Metcalfe, appearing for the third day as a witness, said he would leave the question of his integrity "to Americans who are in better position to judge my responsibility."

"Charge Is Repeated." "We have charged and we continue to charge," he said, "that there is a direct tieup between the German-American Bund and the Nazi Government. Dr. Thomsen's own statement proves it. If there was no tie how would Thomsen be able to say: 'I know that he (Kuhn) has said no such things.'"

He said the attache failed to mention that his country's consul in the United States "were the first to use their diplomatic immunity to foster hatreds, to buy propaganda with cash that they hoped could not be traced, and urged a loyalty and allegiance to Germany after the men and women had sworn they wanted to become American citizens."

Propaganda Activities. Later Metcalfe discussed in detail and propaganda activities which he attributed to the Bund. He listed the German Business League, commonly called the DKV, as one of the chief sources of funds. The League, he said, is designed to counteract boycotts of Nazi goods, and Bund members pledge themselves to buy only from DKV members. The New York DKV, he said, is reported to have more than 3000 members among New York merchants alone.

Bund leaders, the investigator testified, have stated repeatedly that the organization is in need of funds. Yet, he added, it is able to purchase and lease camp sites and pay out thousands of dollars for construction of buildings. He said Kuhn contemplated spending \$2,000,000 for a building in or near New York City to house the national headquarters.

The investigator produced several packages which he said contained Nazi propaganda printed in Germany; Fascist propaganda printed in Great Britain, and material of anti-racial and anti-religious character printed in America, shipped to German Government agencies, and then sent back to the United States.

As one of the chief Nazi propaganda agencies shipping material to the United States and elsewhere, Metcalfe named the American section of the World Service, in charge

Breach of Promise Winner and Loser



—Associated Press Wirephoto. MISS ELSIE KADLEC.

of Johannes Klapproth. He said the agency's headquarters was in Erfurt, Germany. The propaganda, he added, contains Nazi literature from the pen of Ernst Goerner of Milwaukee, who, he said, had been falling material of vicious characters to all parts of the country and "is deeply linked with sundry subversive movements in this country."

Says A. F. of L. Is on List. He said one document lists these as organizations which should be supported and from which which literature may be obtained.

The new Federalist, Wichita, Kan., edited by Rev. Gerald E. Winrod; Pelely Publishers, Asheville, N. C., edited by William Dudley Pelely, chief of the Silver Shirts; the American Federation of Labor, Washington, D. C.; Industrial Control Reports, Washington, D. C., published by James True Associates.

Metcalfe said a pertinent item of Nazi propaganda of American origin was entitled "Stepchildren of Czechoslovakia" and edited by Viola Bodenschütz of Louisville, Ky. He said Karl Neumeister, New York City, was responsible for the distribution weekly of material containing Julius Streicher's "Sturmer" newspaper from Germany.

Metcalfe said he had interviewed Neumeister, who admitted disseminating propaganda for German agencies and was "so brazen in his declarations and attitude that he even came to an executive session of a subcommittee of this committee with a swastika tie-pin."

Quoting a statement which he said was made to him by Kuhn, Metcalfe told the committee yesterday co-ordination between the Bund and the Nazi Government had brought about the recall to Germany last year of Ambassador Hans Luther, who was replaced by Dr. Dieckhoff, the present Ambassador. Dieckhoff, he said, had a "secret relationship" with the Bund and did "German consuls throughout the country."

"Arrangement With Hitler." Metcalfe testified that Kuhn declared he had a "special secret arrangement directly with Adolf Hitler."

Metcalfe related information as to how Bund leaders regarded several German official representatives in this country. This information was obtained, he said, while he was a member of the German Government."



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WOMAN WINS \$875 ON BROKEN PROMISE

Chicago Jury Finds for Elsie Kadlec Against Edward I. Tureczek, St. Louis.

Special to the Post-Dispatch. CHICAGO, Sept. 30.—Miss Elsie Kadlec, Chicago stenographer, received a judgment of \$875 today in her \$25,000 breach of promise suit against Edward I. Tureczek, St. Louis hardware dealer. Motions for a new trial will be heard Oct. 7. The jury deliberated three hours and 20 minutes before reaching a verdict.

Both told the jury they became engaged to marry in December, 1933, after a meeting at the Century of Progress Exposition had renewed a childhood friendship. What the jury had to decide was who broke the engagement.

Tureczek's version was that Miss Kadlec, who had been visiting the home of his parents at 4322A Eichberger street, over the hardware store, broke the engagement when she left there Sept. 11, 1934.

Meeting on Stairway. She met him on the stairway, suitcases in hand, and demanded, without giving any explanation, that he take her to the railroad station at once, Tureczek testified. He did, and when he returned home he found on a buffet a bracelet and the diamond engagement ring he had given her.

Moreover, Tureczek testified, Miss Kadlec had other boy friends. "There was Jimmy Merlink, who was in her father's tavern," he said. "When she came to see me in St. Louis she talked about him all the time. She even asked my permission to go out with him."

"He wasn't the only one, either. There was Laurrie Arden, a neighbor boy, she liked pretty well. "After telling me of her other boy friends, she left me. She even sent back \$20 which we were saving for our honeymoon."

Letters to "Dear Pal." Tureczek's attorney, over the protest of Miss Kadlec's counsel, read to the jury parts of two letters she had written to Merlink. They addressed him as "My dear pal," told him she was homesick, and assured him she would return home "unattached."

Miss Kadlec admitted her friendship for Merlink, but said Tureczek "knew all about it." "I told Eddie how the other boys loved me," she said, "but that I was choosing him."

She left the diamond ring in St. Louis, she said, because it belonged to Tureczek's mother before he gave it to her. A ruby ring she wore on her "engagement finger," also the gift of Tureczek, was offered in evidence.

"I loved the ruby ring Eddie gave me," Miss Kadlec testified, "but the other, his mother's, I didn't mind giving up."

Miss Kadlec is 23 years old, and Tureczek is 34. Her suit was filed three years ago, a month before the Illinois legislature, by statute, outlawed suits for breach of promise.

SHOTGUN FALLING, KILLS CHILD

Victim's Sister Wounded By Discharge at Steel, Mo.

By the Associated Press. BLYTHEVILLE, Ark., Sept. 30.—Two-year-old Howard Frost was killed and his sister, Yvonne, 5, seriously wounded Wednesday night by the accidental discharge of a shotgun at their temporary home near Steel, Mo., where the family has been picking cotton.

Officers reported the children were wounded when their brother, Charlie, "attempted to get the gun down from a rafter and fell, causing the weapon to discharge."

HUNGARY SEEKS DEAL ON MAGYAR ISSUE SOON

League Demanding Czech Border Revision Says Daladier Seems to Oppose It.

By the Associated Press. BUDAPEST, Sept. 30.—Hungary apparently was concentrating all attention today on revision of its border with Czechoslovakia as a result of the four-Power conference in Munich yesterday.

The agreement reached there prepared the way for satisfaction of Hungary's demands for slices of Czechoslovak territory. It seems certain that the Hungarian Government will have the support of all factions, including otherwise oppositionist Nazis, until a complete settlement of Czechoslovakia's nationalities issue is reached.

The newspaper Orsi said the return of former Hungarian territories apparently was assured. Hungarian revisionist circles approved of the Munich plan for negotiations with Czechoslovakia.

They said Hungary would demand unconditional return of Magyar-inhabited frontier regions in which more than 1,000,000 Magyars live. The director of the Hungarian Revision League, which is said to have more than 2,000,000 members, declared Hungary had the promise of British Prime Minister Chamberlain, Italian Premier Mussolini and Reichsfuehrer Hitler for complete settlement of the issue.

He said only French Premier Daladier seemed opposed. "Those statesmen," he said, "have agreed on the principle of self-determination and we, therefore, insist on the same treatment for our Magyar brethren as granted to the Sudetens."

"We welcome the achievements of the conference and are ready to occupy the Magyar regions in Slovakia."

"We also are willing to abide by the results of a plebiscite in Slovakia and in Ruthenian areas."

"Then only will there be permanent peace in this part of Europe. We are certain Rutenia and Slovakia, who will naturally obtain full autonomy, will be only too glad to join hands for prosperity and peaceful conditions."

A Foreign Office spokesman said the Hungarian Government, while accepting the Munich verdict, saw difficulties ahead now in the reaching of an agreement between Czechoslovakia and Hungary concerning the return of Hungarian-inhabited Czech regions. Some believe no settlement could be possible without another four-Power conference.

It was agreed in Munich to meet in three months if the questions of Polish and Hungarian minorities in Czechoslovakia had not been settled meanwhile. Pester Lloyd said another Hungarian demand was that Slovaks in Czechoslovakia should decide in a plebiscite whether they preferred to be autonomous within Czechoslovakia or join Hungary. Some Hungarian newspapers said the situation of Hungarian minorities in Czechoslovakia remained "intolerable."

Balkan Capitals Sing and Dance All Night Celebrating Munich Pact. BELGRADE, Sept. 30.—Thousands of Southeastern Europeans celebrated "the new peace treaty of Munich" all night by singing and dancing in streets and coffeehouses of Belgrade, Bucharest and Sofia.

Some Belgrade diplomatic circles, however, held France and England responsible for "betraying" Czechoslovakia for the second time in a month.



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