

COAST BUND PLOT TO HALT INDUSTRY TOLD DIES GROUP

Former Member Testifies Paralysis of Pacific Area From Seattle to San Diego Planned in 1936

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—(AP)—Neil Howard Ness told the Dies committee today that plans to "paralyze the Pacific coast from Seattle to San Diego" were discussed at German-American bund meetings at Los Angeles during his membership in that organization in 1936.

Ness said the tie-up was to be achieved through bund members employed as mechanics in key industries. The plans, he declared, provided for the destruction of docks and waterworks.

Industrial plants against which sabotage was planned, the witness asserted, included "power plants like the one at the Hercules Powder company." He testified, too, that one of the bund members, a man named Schunke, was employed at the Douglas aircraft factory.

"The biggest majority of the bund members were machinists or mechanics," he said. "Some were shop foremen."

"There were at one time 100 members we could depend on to paralyze the Pacific coast," Ness testified before the house committee, which is investigating un-American activities.

He also told the committee under questioning that the bund was "an arm of the Nazi government for espionage purposes" and said that he and the Los Angeles bund leader in Los Angeles helped a German espionage agent photograph United States submarine and destroyer bases at San Diego in 1936.

When testimony about the west coast plans was discussed Rhea Whitley, committee counsel, commented "this is the organization which Fritz Kuhn, the German-American bund leader, said was 'purely an American political organization'."

"There's nothing American and there's nothing political about it," said Ness. "It's just an arm of the German government."

On Germany's side, Ness said there was no doubt in his mind bund members would be on the side of Germany in case of war between that country and the United States.

He said sabotage and espionage against the United States in such a war were discussed frequently at bund meetings.

The witness asserted he heard Herman Schwinn, the Los Angeles bund leader, describe himself as "a representative of the German government" and Schwinn once told of his personal association with Adolf Hitler in Germany during the early days of the Nazi party.

Ness said he frequently met German secret agents who went from Germany to the Pacific coast.

One of them, whose name the witness said he could not recall, asked to see the position of the fleet at San Pedro and the San Diego bases, Ness testified. With Herman Schwinn, Los Angeles bund leader known as the "father of the west," they started out, the witness continued.

When we passed a golf club about 20 miles south of Long Beach, there was a CCC camp driving up to this club and I mentioned that the place was a proving ground for our coast defenses," Ness testified. "This German agent became very excited and wanted to stop to take some pictures."

The agent took 3 or 4 snapshots.

Ness said, then the party resumed its journey to San Diego, where photographs of the bases were taken.

Ness said that "in addition to being on the editorial staff of a bund west coast publication, he was chairman of a 'camouflage committee,' the purpose of which was to distribute German propaganda 'in a way that it would not be recognized as coming from Germany' to newspapers and other publications.

He remarked, too, that Schwinn had said that the "camouflage committee" was to function "exactly in the same manner as the communist party" operated.

Livestock

Portland
PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 5.—(AP)—USDA—HOGS: Salable 150, total 400; market steady with early Thursday; good-choice 175-210 lb. drive-ins mostly \$7; 230-265 lb. butchers \$6.50; odd light lights \$6.50; packing sows \$5.25; choice light feeder pigs quotable \$7.

CATTLE—Salable 35, total 50; calves, salable 100, total 150; practically no early sales; few cleanup sales cows weak; demand very limited for lower grade offerings; strictly fat grass steers quotable \$8.25 and above; grain-feds eligible to \$9.25; cutter-common heifers salable \$4.25 to \$5.50; week's best grassers \$7.85; grain-feds \$8.25; cutter-common cows \$3.25 to \$4; canners down to \$2.50; fat dairy type cows eligible to \$4.50; good beef cows salable \$6 and above; calf supply mostly stockers bought to arrive; choice vealers \$10.

SHEEP—Salable 100, total 500; week-end demand limited; week's bulk good-choice lambs \$7.75; few up to \$8; extreme top \$8.25 fed; feeders \$6.50; medium-good ewes \$2 to \$3; good-choice \$3.25.

South San Francisco
SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 6.—(AP)—USDA—HOGS: Salable 50, few butchers sold around 10c higher; choice 175-220 lb. butchers quoted to around \$7.50.

CATTLE—Salable 10. Calves none. Nominally steady; medium to good short-fed steers salable \$8.00-85; medium to good cows eligible \$5.65 to \$6.50; few light cutter grade heifers, \$5.25; few canner cows sold at \$4.50; bulls salable up to \$7.00. Calves: Nominal; choice vealers quoted around \$9.50 or possibly above.

SHEEP—Salable 175. Lambs steady at week's advance; long deck strictly good 87-lb. Oregon lambs carrying about 50 lbs. fleece \$8.50 straight; other lambs and classes lacking.

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bulls \$7 to \$15, selected vealers \$11.50; bulk and good to choice lots \$10.50 to \$11.

Portland Produce
PORTLAND, Oct. 6.—(AP)—BUTTER—Prints. A grade, 33 1/2 lb. in parchment wrappers, 34 1/2 lb. in cartons; B grade 32 1/2 lb. in parchment wrappers, 33 1/2 lb. in cartons.

BUTTERFAT—First quality, maximum of 6 of 1 per cent acidity, delivered Portland, 31-31 1/2 lb.; valley routes and country points, 2c less or 20 1/2c; premium quality, maximum of 35 of 1 per cent acidity, 1 1/2c more than first quality; second quality 2c less than first quality.

EGGS—Buying price: Extras, large, 25c; standards, large, 20c; extras, medium, 18c; standards, medium, 17c; extras, small, 11c; standards, small, 10c.

Cheese, country meats, live poultry unchanged.

TURKEYS—Selling price: New crop hens, 19-20c lb.; toms, 18-19c lb. Buying prices, No. 1 hens, 17-17 1/2c; toms, 16-16 1/2c lb.

POTATOES—Yakima gems, 1.40-1.50; Deschutes, 1.50-1.60; Klamath, 1.40 per cwt.; local whites, .09 per orange box; Scappoose Burbanks, 1.15-1.25 cental.

Onions, hay, wood unchanged.

Chicago Wheat

CHICAGO, Oct. 6.—(AP)—Wheat: Open High Low Close
Dec. 84 1/2 84 1/2 82 3/4 83
May 83 1/2 83 1/2 81 1/2 81 1/2
July 83 83 81 1/2 81 1/2

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Dec. 79 79 79 79
Cash grain:
Oats, No. 2, 38 lb. white \$25.50.
Barley, No. 2, 45 lb. bearded white \$23.50.

Corn, No. 2, eastern yellow shipment, \$25.50.

Flax, No. 1, \$1.85 1/2.
Cash wheat (bid):
Soft white 70c, western white 70c, western red 78 1/2c.
Hard red winter ordinary 76c, 1 1/2 percent 77c, 12 percent 80 1/2c, 13 percent 81c.

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Wall St. Report

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—(AP)—Steel, aircraft, chemical, rail and some specialty shares put on a power demonstration in today's stock market it didn't outlast the morning trading and gains of fractions to 4 points were badly cut or turned into losses.

Trading was fast at first and the ticker tape got behind transactions. After the initial enthusiasm prices began to slip and activity to die down. Transfers approximated 1,400,000 shares.

The opening accumulation of buying orders, brokers said, was due largely to the interpretation of traders that Hitler in his Berlin peace appeal this morning had been too vague and not conciliatory enough, to earn serious British and French consideration of his demands.

Today's closing prices for 32 select stocks follow:

Al. Chem. & Dye 184
Am. Can 112
Am. & Fgn. Pow. 2 1/2
A. T. & T. 162
Anaconda 33 1/2
Arch. T. & S. P. 31 1/2
Bendix Avia. 28 1/2
Beth. Steel 88 1/2
Caterpillar Tract. 59 1/2
Chrysler 92
Coml. Solv. 13 1/2
Curtiss-Wright 7 1/2
DuPont 176 1/2
Gen. Elec. 40 1/2
Gen. Foods 40 1/2
Gen. Mot. 54
Int. Harvst. 63 1/2
I. T. & T. 51 1/2
Johns-Man. 77
Monty Ward 54
North Amer. 22 1/2
Penney (J. C.) 89
Phillips Pet 45 1/2
Radio 5 1/2
Sou. Pac. 17
Std. Brands 6
St. Oil Cal. 29 1/2
St. Oil N. J. 47 1/2
Trans. Amer. 61 1/2
Union Carb. 91
Unit. Aircraft 43 1/2
U. S. Steel 75 1/2

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