

# TOWN MEETING TURNS DOWN PROPOSAL FOR NAZI TRAINING CAMP

## Historic Method Used to Pass Zoning Ordinance In Connecticut.

Southbury, Conn., Dec. 15 (UP)—Citizens of this usually placid New England town succeeded today in blocking the efforts of the German-American Bund to establish a pro-Nazi training camp here—succeeded by way of the historic town meeting

—an institution as old as the country itself.

Aroused to a pitch of excitement that touched even the staid old families, the citizenry gathered in town meeting late yesterday and by a vote of 142 to 91 passed a zoning ordinance designed to prevent the German organization from setting up a camp in the Connecticut hills.

The meeting reflected democratic process. Everyone was urged to "turn out" for the vote. Hunters still clad in their heavy logs, trooped down from the hills. Laborers dropped their tools. Even the village doctor came down to the community hall to take part. The minister, the Rev. M. E. Lindsay, presided.

The minority opposed the ordinance vigorously. Its most eloquent spokesman proved to be a lean, long-necked Yankee, Ewing Barclay, the town carpenter. He termed the proposed zoning measure "un-democratic, un-American, discriminatory, confiscatory, and vicious."

He cited Biblical quotations, notably the "mess of pottage" allegory from Genesis, and finally shouted:

"Why you can't bury your brother without 15 days' notice, according to this ordinance."

Scores of voices shouted it "wasn't true," and Barclay sat down.

The Democratic town chairman got his point in:

"They say if you don't zone this town," Democrat Gregory Cassidy said, "the Germans will get you. It's not true. As long as the great Franklin D. Roosevelt is in the White House he will protect us."

Boos from the Republicans.

After a number of speeches, the question was placed and the voters filed past an empty canned tomato carton—the ballot box.

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