

SIX NAZI OFFICERS ON TRIAL TODAY FOR VIOLATING LAW

Are Indicted for Failure to File
Membership Lists With
Secretary of State.

ALLEGIANCE TO HITLER
SWORN TO, CHARGES D. A.

Organization is a Secret So-
ciety Known As the Ger-
man-American Settlement
League, Incorporated.

Riverhead, N. Y., July 6—(UP)
—Assistant District Attorney
Lindsay R. Henry charged today
at the trial of six Nazi camp offi-
cers that members of the German-
American bund subscribe to the
leadership and pledge allegiance
to Adolf Hitler.

In his opening statement to a
Suffolk county jury of nine men
and three women, Henry asserted
that he would summon a witness
to testify that as a former mem-
ber of the bund he had taken an
oath of allegiance to Hitler.

The six directors of the Ger-
man-American Settlement League
Inc., which operates Camp Sieg-
fried, Nazi settlement at Yaphank,
N. Y., were on trial under an in-
dictment charging violation of the
state civil rights law. The officers
and the corporation were charged
with failing to file membership
lists with the secretary of state as
required for secret organizations.

County Judge L. Barron Hill
convened court in the presence
of Fritz Kuhn, head of the Ger-
man-American bund, and Roy P.
Monahan, New York state com-
mander of the Disabled American
World War Veterans, and the
complainant in the case. The
courtroom was crowded and Hill
warned against any demonstra-
tions.

The defendants, he said, "are
entitled to a fair trial and we are
here to see that they get one."

During the questioning of tales-
men, Henry explained that the
state will seek to prove that "in
order to be a member of the Ger-
man-American Settlement League
Inc., and to have the privileges of
the Yaphank camp, one must be-
long to the German-American
Volksbund."

"We will show," he said, "that
that bund is an oath-bound organ-
zation."

If convicted, the defendants
each face a maximum penalty of
\$1,000 fine and a year in prison.
The corporation faces a maximum
fine of \$10,000.

Henry said he would call Willy
Brandt, a former Nazi storm
trooper in Germany, to testify
concerning the oath. He said that
in an affidavit Brandt gave the
oath as:

"I pledge faith to my leader,
Adolf Hitler. I promise Adolf
Hitler and those put in charge by
him and well-known to me or by
means of insignias to be recogniz-
ed as superiors, loyalty and obe-
dience and oblige myself to ex-
ecute all commands carefully and
without personal regard because
I know that my leader does not
ask anything unlawful of me."

Henry said the affidavit con-
tinued: "While I was saying the
oath I was standing with my right
arm raised and giving the Hitler
salute. I finished by saying 'Heil
Hitler,' on which occasion the su-
perior raised his arm, giving the
Hitler salute and saying 'Heil Hit-
ler.'"

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