

FASCISM IN AMERICA

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EACH NAIL a contribution; each contribution a bolster to the growing structure of swastikons in the United States

FASCISM was in a formative state in Germany when the people used to laugh at Adolf Hitler. They don't laugh any more.

Recently the German American Bund opened Camp Nordland at Andover, New Jersey. Amidst much heiling, drinking of imported beer, and assorted flag waving, was celebrated the cementing of the twenty-first link in a chain of camps which has been gradually growing. By car they came and by train, until the countryside was increased by ten thousand inhabitants.

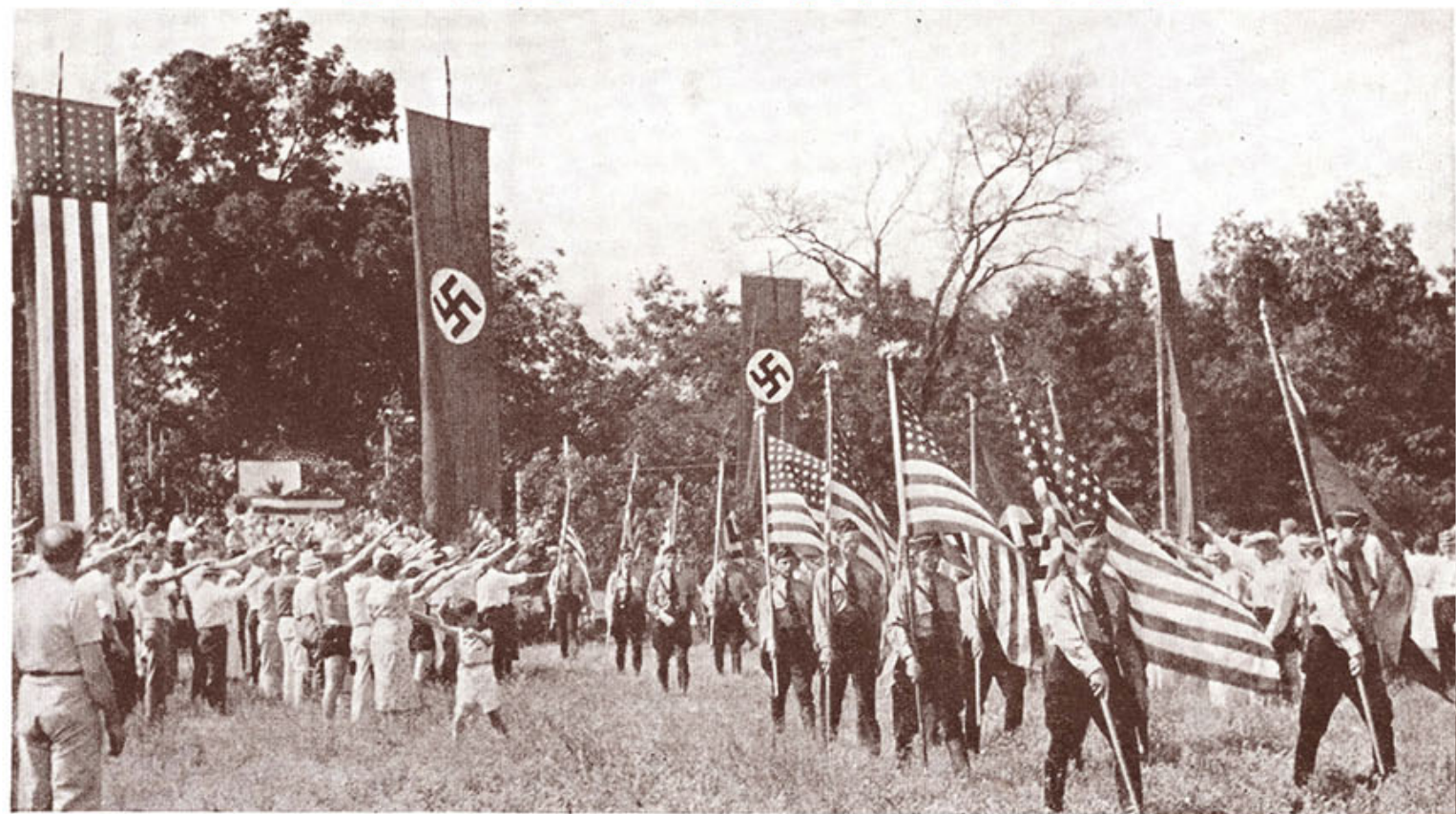
Salvatore Caridi and his troop of black-shirted Italian-American war veterans saw Fritz Kuhn's nazi storm troopers pass in review. Better known of the two, Fritz Kuhn is loud-mouthed, bombastic. In February of 1936 he strongarmed his way into the editorial offices of the *Deutscher Weckruf* and threw Walter Kappe, then leader, out on his ear. The job has been his since.

The German American Bund claims a membership of 200,000, but half that number seems a safer estimate. Its party journal continues to pour out propaganda distilled from the well known nazi product. Those in the know claim that Kuhn is more than friendly with Hitler, and that nazi money keeps the snow ball of propaganda rolling here in the United States.

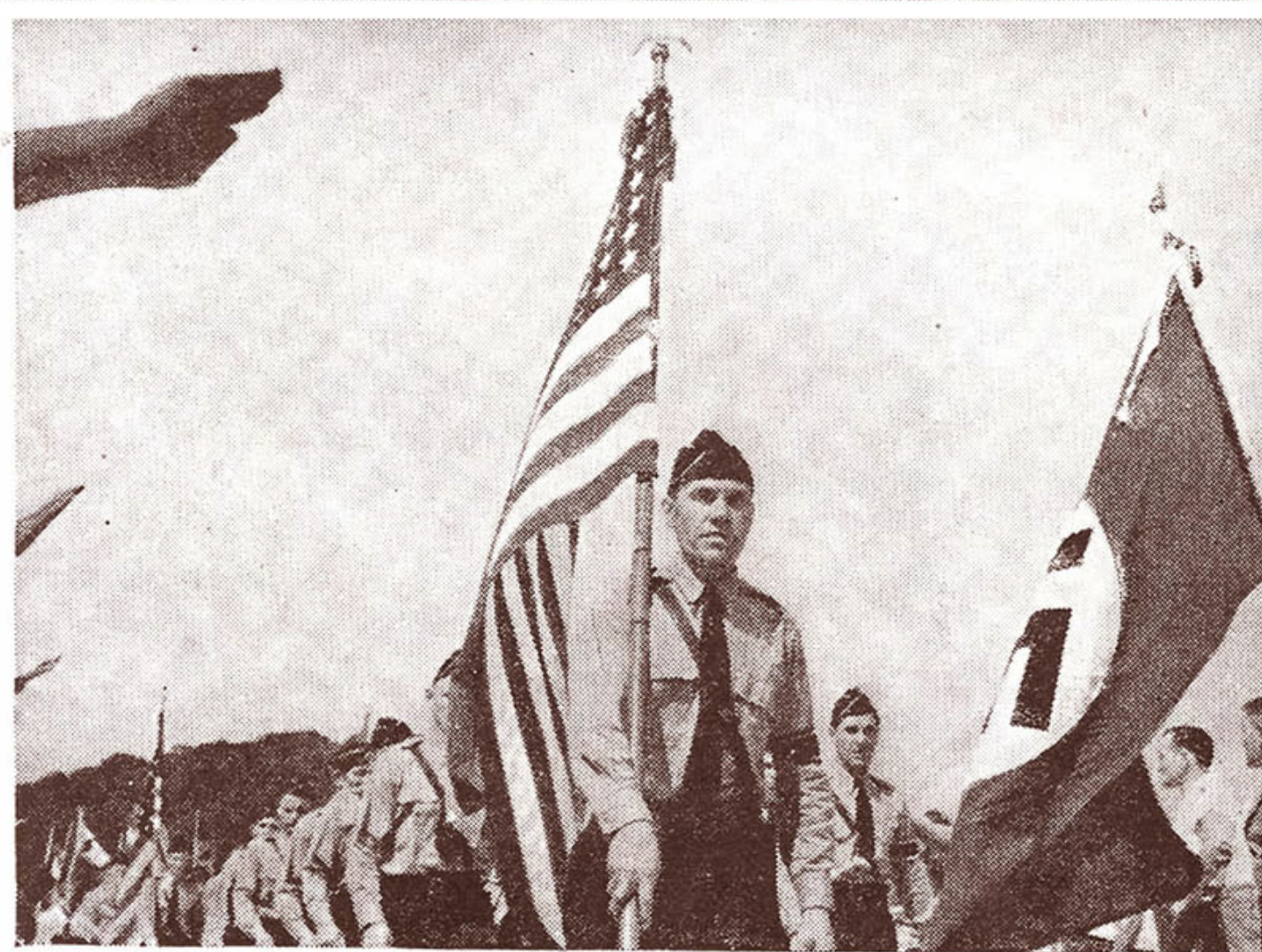


AMERICAN DUCE Salvatore Caridi speaks out to 10,000

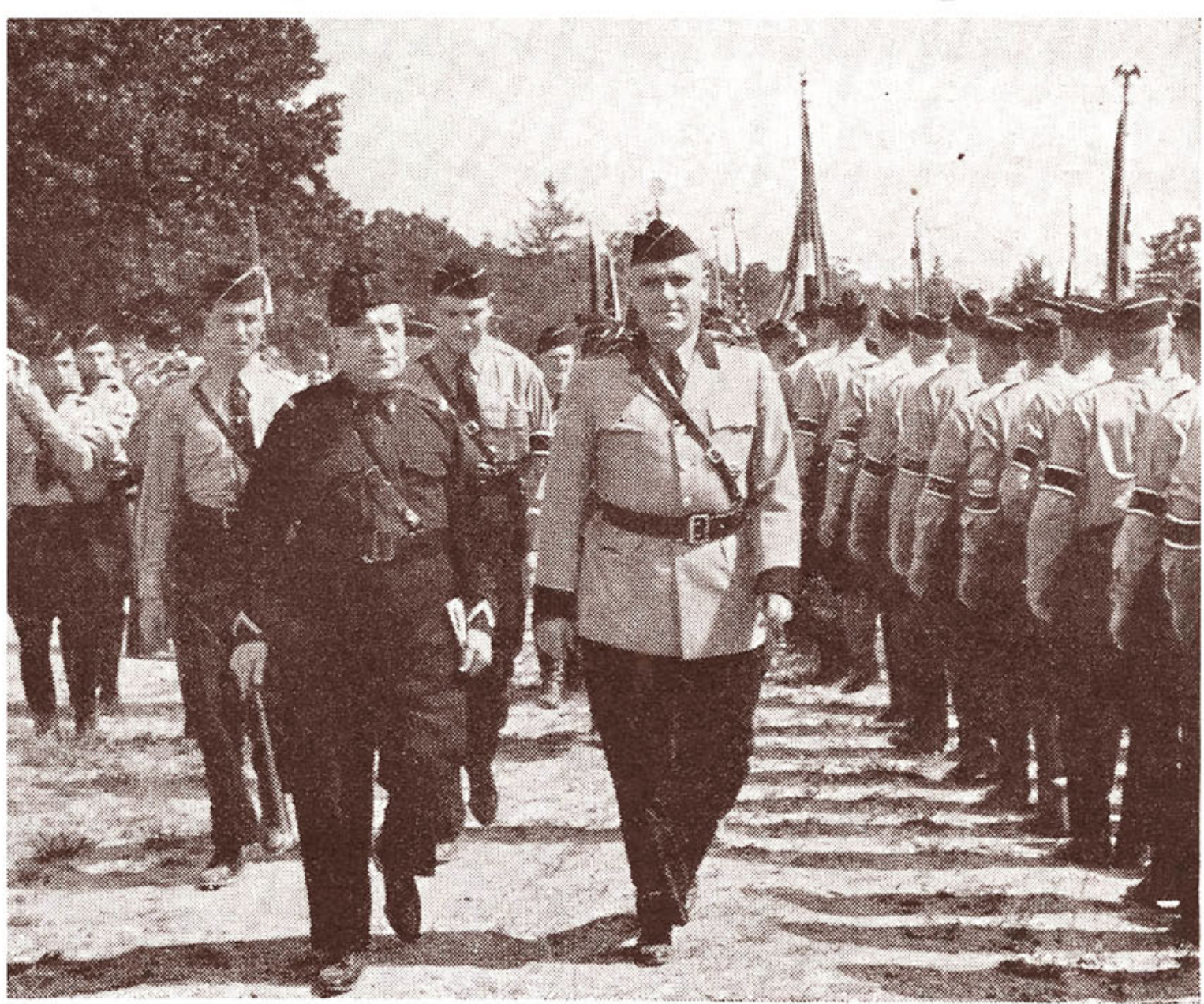
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BOOTS, BREECHES, SAM BROWNE BELTS bring swastika to Camp Nordland, New Jersey, where the nazi goosestep of the German American Bund brings goose pimples to haters of dictatorships, lovers of American democracy—and communists



ITALIAN-AMERICAN war veterans join Kuhn's nazis in a fascist jamboree. Below, both leaders inspect ranks



To estimate nazi strength in such densely German populated cities as Milwaukee, Cincinnati, Detroit, and St. Louis is difficult. Where German Catholics are prevalent, however, it is weakest, for they are no lovers of Catholic baiter Hitler.

Less publicized is Caridi, but Black Shirts seem strongest in New Jersey at the moment. Until recently they have not been much in the news, but it remains to be seen what effect friendly relationship with Camp Nordland will have on their activities.





AMERICAN FUEHRER Fritz Kuhn, greeted by New Jersey State Senator Dolan

Even so, both movements lack nationwide unity, either alone or as a combine.

The south remains ever a question mark. Its hatred of foreigners has kept any European brand of fascism from its soil, but were a southerner, a bigger and louder Huey Long, to play upon their intense nationalist feeling in the right way, almost anything might happen.

In the Rhineland it was big business that put Der Fuehrer in control, though it regrets it now. Could a strong Red scare in this country do the same?

Americans want no foreign carboncopy dictator here. But will we ever get an original American brand of fascism?

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