

Nazi High Command Beginning Campaign Against Rotarians

Declares Rotary Clubs Are
Not "Anti-Semitic," in
Announcement

Berlin, Aug. 24.—(AP)—The Nazi party high command started a campaign against Rotary Clubs in Germany today because the clubs are "not anti-semitic."

Walter Buch, chief justice of the party court, struck the first blow at the organizations in a statement circulated throughout the nation. Buch declared the "essential principles" of German Rotary Clubs run counter to national socialism.

"Rotary is not anti-semitic, and it is ruled by an international organization conceived in America," he explained. Jews, he said, have been "camouflaging" themselves behind the doors of the organization, which failed to climb on the Nazi bandwagon in 1933.

After ordering all Nazi party members belonging to Rotary to resign from the Business Men's organization by Dec. 31 or become liable for "penalties," Buch called on German officials to force government employes and regular army officers to give up Rotary membership.

A number of diplomats and a few army officers are Rotary members.

The official Rotary yearbook shows 1,365 members in 42 states and towns in Germany. Berlin members said "a small percentage" are Jews.

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