

# Virginia Stands Fast...

## IN FACE OF JEWISH PRESSURE!

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### State Backs Rockwell's Party Charter

The Virginia Corporation Commission reaffirmed yesterday the right of George Lincoln Rockwell's American Nazi Party to a State charter.

The Commission issued a charter to the group on March 14. In a letter to Joseph F. Barr, national executive secretary of the Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. A., Commissioner Ralph T. Catterall said that "it is not a crime to call yourself a Nazi; criminality stems from acts and not from words."

The veterans group had called on Gov. J. Lindsay Almond to review the issuance of the charter and criticized a previous Commission statement that the charter application disclosed no illegal purpose.

In a letter to the Governor, the organization said recognition of Rockwell's party as legal by the State mocked the sacrifices of Virginians and others who died fighting Nazis in World War II.

In Richmond, the Governor's office said the letter had been referred to the Corporation Commission because statutes give authority over the issuance of charter to the Commission.

Catterall's letter to Barr said that approval of a charter is automatic "to all who file proper papers and pay statutory fees."

Rockwell is a resident of Arlington where the American Nazi Party has its headquarters.

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### Nazi Charter Is Upheld By Almond

RICHMOND, April 5 (AP) Gov. J. Lindsay Almond today upheld a state agency's issuance of a Virginia charter to the American Nazi Party.

He sought to end what he called "a campaign of publicity that misrepresents" Virginia by the Jewish War Veterans.

Almond wrote Joseph F. Barr, the group's national executive director in Washington, D. C., that the State Corporation Commission acted in accord with provisions of the Virginia constitution in issuing the charter to the American Nazi Party.

The action had brought an earlier protest from Barr.

In a second letter to Almond on March 31, Barr suggested the Governor or Attorney General "should consider the correctness" of the view on the charter expressed by Commissioner Ralph T. Catterall.

Almond, cited the state constitution and said "What you are demanding is that officials who have sworn to obey the constitution should disobey it. Mr. Catterall's reference to B'nai B'rith was not to equate that organization with the Nazi, but to point out that all applicants, whether they are the best, like B'nai B'rith, or the worst, like the Nazis, are entitled to charters no matter what he as an individual may think of them."

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### Legion Decides Nazis Complied With SCC Rules

RICHMOND (AP) — A Virginia American Legion committee said Tuesday it found the State Corporation Commission had no choice but to grant a charter to the American Nazi party.

Former State Sen. John J. Wicker Jr. of Richmond, chairman of the committee, said his group had found the party's "charter application complied fully with all the requirements of law" and that the SCC had no choice.

Wicker noted that the chartering in no way implied "any sort of approval."

Wicker's committee was named by Virginia Department Commander Murray York of Springfield. In a statement, Wicker said that many Legionnaires at the recent state-wide convention wanted York to protest the chartering of the American Nazi party.

"However, Commander York does not believe in going off half-cocked," Wicker said, so the committee was named to investigate.

The State Corporation Commission last week chartered the American Nazi party, headed by George Lincoln Rockwell of Arlington, a printer.

Criticism has cropped up in some quarters over the chartering.

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## American Nazi Party



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# U.S. NAZIS RULED LEGAL !!

## Virginia Official Rules U. S. Nazi Party Is Legal

Special to the Herald Tribune

ARLINGTON, Va., Mar. 30.—A Virginia Corporation Commissioner reaffirmed today the right of the minuscule American Nazi party to a state charter so long as it complies with Virginia's laws.

"It is not a crime to call yourself a Nazi; criminality stems from acts and not from words," Commissioner Ralph T. Catterall wrote in defense of the commission's issuance of a charter to the group on March 14. Approval of a charter, his letter said, is automatic "to all who file proper papers and pay statutory fees."

Mr. Catterall's letter was received today by Joseph F. Barr, national executive director of the Jewish War Veterans. Mr. Barr wrote Virginia's Gov. J. Lindsay Almond Jr. on Tuesday to suggest that the Governor "review the charter in terms of the history, conduct and avowed purpose of the party." The Governor turned the letter over to the Corporation Commission, which operates independently of the executive.

The swastika-adorned charter application filed by George Lincoln Rockwell, leader of the bush-league movement which has its "national headquarters" here, said the purpose of the group was to gain political power "by all legal means." It said the party sought to "edu-

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## U. S. Nazis Ruled Legal

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cate" the public about "suppressed facts concerning the Communist conspiracy to destroy us and the white race."

Issuance of that charter, Mr. Barr contended in his letter to the Governor, gave Mr. Rockwell grounds to claim his movement is a "legal" party with "lawful" status in Virginia, even as it inculcates the "foreign, subversive ideology" of Nazism.

Reached at his headquarters, Mr. Rockwell seemed pleased, but not surprised by Mr. Catterall's letter. He said he needed the charter to incorporate his movement, "because our funds are growing so large that I didn't want to handle them as an individual." He said he'd rather not say how large the funds might be.

The would-be Fuehrer, whose anti-Jewish outbursts and brown-shirted appearances have stirred near-riots and official action in New York, Massachusetts and the District of Columbia, said he knew Virginia would issue him a charter "because I always obey the law."

"The movement" was based in Virginia, Mr. Rockwell said, because the state "is the last stronghold of American freedom in the world; it does things according to law and won't bow to this sort of blackmail."

Because he is so pleased by the old Dominion's political climate, he said he plans to try to get on the ballot to run for Governor this year. He said he hopes to get enough signatures on his nominating petition by campaigning in agricultural southern Virginia on pledges to "see to it that there is no integration."

Asked how his party is doing for man power, Mr. Rockwell reported without dismay that its current membership is ninety-six in Virginia and "about 500" throughout the nation—plus "several million who are with us."

He took indignant exception to a line in Mr. Barr's letter accusing his party of seeking to "gas citizens of Jewish and other faiths whom it considers 'traitors.'"

"We don't want to gas Jews," Mr. Rockwell said. "The head of our Los Angeles branch is a Jew. We just want to gas people who are convicted by American juries of committing treason."

Asked how these people are to be found, he said "hundreds" would be unearthed if the F. B. I. were to make public dossiers which he claims were suppressed by Presidents Truman and Eisenhower.

"We'll keep at it," Mr. Rockwell said, "and the more the Jews scream, the more interest there will be."