

## **Purpose and Aims**

### **German American Bund (Amerikadeutscher Volksbund)**

*An Organization of Patriotic Americans of German stock.*

To unite all honorable, serious-minded, courageous and unselfish men and women of the Germanic Race, now loyal citizens or residents of the United States, proud of their Germanic blood, and treasuring German traditions, language, and ideals of national and individual liberty, justice, truth, duty and absolute honesty, into one great, free, proud and respect-demanding German American Bund for the mutual benefit of the United States of America and Germany.

So bound together by our blood, ideals, and sympathies, by our free will, firm conviction, and determination to further the interests of both the United States of America, the country of our free choice or adoption, and Germany, the land of our birth and ancestors, we are obliged and we resolved:

1) Above all to uphold and defend the constitution and the laws of the United States of America;

2) To respect and honor the Flag and Institutions of the United States of America, and to cultivate their lofty ideals;

3) To promote Good-will, lasting friendship and continued beneficial relations between the United States of America and Germany;

4) We pledge our best efforts to expose and depose Communism, Marxism, Internationalism and Un-American Boycott Rackets within the United States of America;

5) To defend with all lawful means at our disposal the good name and honor of our mother-country Germany against all base defamation, willful and poisonous lies, and purposeful malice, emanating from any ill-wishing, jealous, avaricious and ignorant source whatsoever, be it race, people, tribe, clan, nation, association or individual, against a propaganda still being spread by print, script and mouth, openly and covertly, through books, magazines, newspapers, leaflets, and just cowardly rumors;

6) To try to bring home to our American co-citizens the real and indisputable German achievements in the sciences and arts, the German inventions and contributions toward the advancement of agriculture, industry and commerce, the great, world-wide recognized, German institutions of learning, the German high standard of the various professions, handicrafts and labor, the outstanding German laws and institutions for the protection and welfare of especially the working classes, the high German ideals of liberty, of justice, of honor, and of education, the honorable and energetic effort the new German Government is making to promote equality of classes of mental and physical workers, as long as they really work earnestly and intelligently not alone in their own individual interest but also in the interest of the commonwealth, the commendable, virtuous and forceful efforts of the new German Government to oppose, suppress, punish and eradicate all selfish interests trying to chisel, defraud, or graft;

7) To abstain from useless, harmful, and ignoble propaganda and incriminations of any kind;

To act at all times, everywhere, and under all conditions as straightforward, courageous, just and honorable descendants of the Germanic Race setting an example of blameless conduct, thereby unavoidably creating an atmosphere of genuine Good-will towards the German People and their Government;

8) To work incessantly and courageously for the fundamental right of every civilized nation to tend to their own business of self-government without any undue interference, threats, boycotts, or other illegal violence from outsiders;

9) To co-operate freely and willingly with all of good-will to promote mutual understanding and friendship among nations and for an honorable peace among mankind;

10) To keep our league clean of heart and mind, banning all selfish inclinations, and to stand unwaveringly for our motto: "ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL";

11) To be and remain worthy of our Germanic blood, our German Fatherland, our German brothers and sisters, who are now fighting for their very existence and honor; to cultivate our German language, customs and

ideals; and to be upstandingly proud of this all;

12) To always remember that only in UNITY is STRENGTH, and that, if firmly united, we then will be of real value and a desirable and respected class of law-abiding citizens of the United States of America.

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