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## 'Crusading Mothers' Scuffle With Capitol Police After Demonstration Against Aid Bill



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**OFFICER TAKES LEAD IN THIS SWING STEP**—Left—Lieut. Walter H. Hunt, in the lead, and Mrs. Minnie Fisher, of Milwaukee, whirl through the swinging door and out of the Capitol. She was the leader of a flag-waving group of "Crusading Mothers" who shouted their opposition to the lend-lease bill. The women, who also call themselves the Paul Revere Sentinels, carried their demonstration to the British Embassy, where they hung a two-faced effigy representing President Roosevelt and Wendell Willkie



## Women, Shouting 'Down With H. R. 1776,' Demand to See Senator Lucas but He Gives Them Slip; Then the Law Steps In

Capitol police late yesterday ejected more than a score of indignant women who called themselves "Crusading Mothers" and shouted their opposition to the lend-lease bill.

Waving small American flags, they marched into the Senate reception room in search of Senator Lucas (Democrat), of Illinois, as many of them were from Illinois. Lucas saw them coming and slipped into a room off the lobby. The Senate had adjourned.

Under the leadership of a militant woman with a small megaphone they chanted: "We want Lucas," and "We want Pepper," then "We want Sol Bloom and his henchmen."

Several times they broke into "Down with Britain" and "We are Americans," then "Kill H. R. 1776 and not our sons."

After listening for a while to the rally, the Capitol Police seized the leader, Mrs. Minnie Fisher, of Milwaukee, and escorted her out of the Capitol while several other women, some of them gray-haired, burst into hysterical denunciation of the police.

The Capitol policeman, Ed Brown, 6 foot 10 inches and weighing 328 pounds, was caught in the turmoil as the women resisted ejection.

Several women pounded futilely on his massive back.

When the remaining women continued to mill about the lobby muttering their displeasure, the police ordered them all out on the ground that the Capitol was being closed.

One graying mother shouted just before departing: "I know how we'll get even with 'em. We won't have any more sons for them to kill."

Meanwhile, a two-faced effigy—one showing President Roosevelt and the other Wendell Willkie—was hanged from a wall on the British Embassy grounds, 3100 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest, by a group of women who said they represented the Women's Neutrality League and Paul Revere's Sentinels.



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**THE LAW'S VOICE** — Big Edward Brown, of the Capitol Police, shouted down the women shouters