

Anti-Red Rally, Refused Twice, Goes to a Hotel

Carnegie Hall and Mecca Temple Reject Pleas of 3 Groups Backing Meeting

After having been refused permission to meet in Carnegie Hall where their "great pro-American mass meeting" had been scheduled, several thousand members of the Christian Front, American Patriots, Inc., and the American Federation Against Communism trooped last night to the Great Northern Hotel, 118 West Fifty-seventh Street, where State Senator John J. McNaboe, John E. Kelly, writer; J. E. McWilliams, lecturer, and others assailed Communism.

The main ballroom in the hotel on the ground floor held only 900 people and when the place was filled the doors were closed by police.

Others were sent to Columbus Circle, where about 800 gathered to hear outdoor addresses.

George U. Harvey, Borough President of Queens, and Boake Carter, commentator, who were to have spoken at the meeting, did not appear.

Allen Zoll, head of American Patriots, Inc., and leader also of the American Federation Against Communism, explained that at noon yesterday that the management of Carnegie Hall, headed by Robert E. Simon, returned the \$200 Zoll had left for the hire of the hall and told Zoll that the meeting was canceled because of the announcement that Boake Carter was not to appear as had been scheduled.

Tries Mecca Temple

Zoll said that there was nothing in the contract for the meeting beyond the words that it was to be "a meeting," and there was no specification in the contract that Carter was to appear. "But that was the only reason Mr Simon gave me for canceling the meeting at Carnegie Hall," said Zoll.

About 4 p. m. Zoll said, he tried to hire Mecca Temple and while Irving Verschleiser, the head of the place, was at first willing to let him

have this hall, he later refused. Zoll said he finally was able to get the Great Northern ballroom, which has about one-fifth the capacity of Varnegie Hall.

"The man at Mecca Temple told us," complained Zoll, "that the meeting would hurt his Jewish business."

He then explained, that as the crowds began to arrive for the meeting, representatives directed them to Mecca Temple and there others shunted them to the Great Northern. For hours, Zoll said, crowds swarmed over this three-point course, causing confusion in the neighborhood.

John L. Lewis Attacked

While speakers harangued the crowded meeting at the Great Northern ballroom, attacking John L. Lewis as "public enemy No. 2," and the audience booed Mayor F. H. LaGuardia, Lieutenant Governor Charles Poletti, Morris Ernst, counsel for the Civil Liberties Union, and others, pickets from the overflow meeting at Columbus Circle began to parade before Carnegie Hall shouting, "Boycott Carnegie Hall," "Carnegie Hall bans free speech."

These pickets later in the night paraded to the Commodore Hotel, where they demonstrated against the Mayor, who was then attending

a formal reception to the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Roman Catholic Archbishop of New York.

Occasional skirmishes among the crowd in front of Carnegie Hall, arising from hecklers charging anti-Semitism against the demonstrators, were broken up by the police, about a hundred of whom had been scattered along Fifty-seventh Street to prevent disorders.

3 Faiths Join to Assail Fascists in U. S. at Rally

3,000 Hear Mead and Morris Condemn Intolerance

Representatives of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths united last night in a civic rally at the Brooklyn Academy of Music to denounce Fascist organizations in the United States and individuals who sought to arouse racial prejudices here. The rally, attended by 3,000 persons, was sponsored by the Council Against Intolerance in America.

Newbold Morris, president of the Council, of one of the principal speakers, urged support of the proposal now pending before Congress to admit 20,000 refugee children to the United States. He said that he

recently had received letters from 1,600 persons in forty-six states, each offering a home to one or more of the children.

James M. Mead, United States Senator from New York, another speaker, told the audience that "it is up to us to put down these attempts to organize intolerance." He spoke of the submarine disaster at Portsmouth, N. H., and asked his hearers to "hope and pray that their sacrifice shall not have been in vain."

City Comptroller Joseph D. McGoldrick and Mrs. Estelle Sternberger, executive director of World Peaceways, also spoke.

The Rev. Dr. Christian F. Reischer, of the Broadway Temple Methodist Church, is treasurer of the Council Against Intolerance.

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