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OKLAHOMA DEFENSE RALLY RECEIVES ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT

Trade unions throughout the metropolitan area have announced their enthusiastic support of the mass defense rally in behalf of the Oklahoma criminal syndicalism cases to be held in New York City on Wednesday, January 22, under the auspices of the International Labor Defense, it was announced by the I.L.D. last week.

New Yorkers, threatened with the passage of a series of repressive bills one of which is openly modelled after the Oklahoma criminal syndicalism law under which Robert Wood and Alan Shaw have already been convicted and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment and \$5,000 fine will now have a special interest in attending the January 22nd rally where they will hear a first hand account of the workings of the Oklahoma law from one of its victims---Alan Shaw.

Professor Frederick Ewen of Brooklyn College from which Alan Shaw graduated with honors in 1939 will also address the rally as a victim of the Rapp-Coudert inquisition which is threatening the freedom of the American schools.

Congressman Vito Marcantonio will fly in from Washington to address the rally. Other speakers include John P. Davis, national secretary of the National Negro Congress; Frederick V. Field, executive secretary of the American Peace Mobilization; Eugene Connolly, chairman of the American Labor Party; Samuel A. Neuburger, chairman of the Legal Staff of the International Labor Defense and the noted authors Muriel Draper and Dashiell Hammett.