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'Crusader' Meet Hits New Deal, Praises Nazis

Fascist Calls for 'Annihilation' of Jews 3/1/39

The rally of the pro-Fascist Crusaders for Christian Social Justice at which speakers demanded the extermination of Bronx Jews has been denounced as "un-American" and "un-Christian" by religious, union and civic leaders of the borough, it was learned yesterday.

The meeting was held on Feb. 15 at the McKinley Gardens, 169th St. and Boston Road. Speakers departed from the general anti-Semitic theme only to attack President Roosevelt, the New Deal, WPA, Mayor LaGuardia and the Spanish Loyalist Government.

Protests immediately were made by the American Labor Party, locals of the Baker Union, Local 905 of the Painters Union, several Bronx Rabbis, the American Jewish Congress and the Ladies Day Nursery as well as by branches of the International Workers Order and hundreds of individuals.

A Negro minister asserted the Crusaders' Jew-baiting would lead to incitement against the Negro people and against all other minorities in the community.

Others described the Crusaders as an organization receiving instructions simultaneously from the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin and from local Nazis.

DUNN SPEAKS

The list of speakers at the rally was headed by the notorious anti-Semite, Russell J. Dunn, two of whose followers recently were arrested for attacking a young Jewish engineer in the Grand Central I.R.T. station.

Inveighing against what he termed "the Jewish influence" in American government, Dunn demanded the extermination of Jews from public life. His talk was replete with such terms as "kikes" and "lousy Jews." The Lincoln Brigade veterans were described as the "boys from the Abie Lincoln Brigade!"

Dunn roused the audience with an appeal for unity between the Crusaders and the Nazi German-American Bund.

Employing the arguments of Hoover and the National Association of Manufacturers, other speakers called for the abolition of the WPA and of home relief in the interests of "economy."

ATTACK MAYOR, PERKINS

They asserted that "for every dollar we receive today on WPA and relief, our children will have to pay \$3 and \$4." The speakers referred to Mayor LaGuardia as the "little red flower of City Hall" and to Secretary Perkins as the "Commissar of Labor."

President Roosevelt was jeered for his opposition to the "alleged persecution" of Jews and Catholics in Germany. The role of the Nazis in oppressing German minorities likened to the "healthy" activities of the Ku Klux Klan in this country.