

# Irish "Patriots" Rally In New York Flay U.S. Leaders

O'Kelly, City Officer  
Active Participant

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The second meeting of the ~~Post-War Amity League~~ was held on July 12 at Tuxedo Hall, 59th Street and Madison Avenue. The meeting is memorable because of the return of ~~Pat Clare, John Henihan, James F. O'Kelly~~ — men who had worked feverishly to bring America First to light, using their "Irish," "Christian" and "Patriotic" fronts as rallying points; also, Tuxedo Hall was the scene of Joe McWilliams gala money-raising dances. In every way the event was a flash-back to the Pre-Pearl Harbor days of Christian Front meetings, with the identical faces, "line" and program.

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Another speaker, O'Kelly, was asked by Clare to become president of the new organization. He regretfully refused and explained he was restrained from public speaking because of a court order. O'Kelly is a \$2340 a year probation officer in the Domestic Relations Court—East 22nd Street Court in Manhattan — however, he would gladly become a member of the executive committee. Henihan also would be on the executive committee but refused to act as president; he is too busy with three organizations in the

Bronx and several study groups. Henihan cautioned the group to be very careful to take into the organization only people who are known to be trustworthy, it is not quantity but quality that counts. When Mr. McClinchy, vice-president of Aid To Ireland also declined the presidency, it was decided to elect officers at the next meeting.