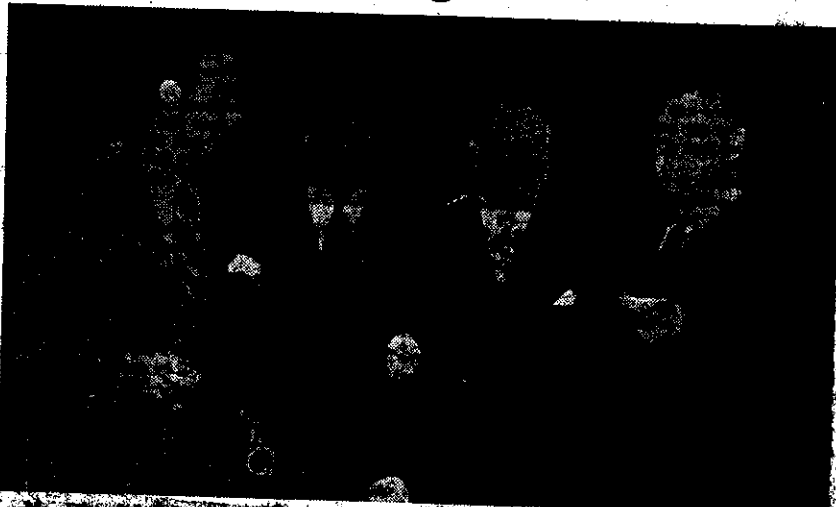


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# DEMAND PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DISSOLVE DIES COMMITTEE

## Are You Listening?



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## 'Red' Scare Fails To Scare Speakers

In one thunderous voice 3000 members and friends of the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League Wednesday night demanded the dissolution of the Dies Investigating Committee for its attacks on progressive organizations.

Presented by Donald Ogden Stewart, chairman of the League, the resolution condemning the Committee was addressed to President Roosevelt, the La Follette Civil Liberties Committee, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

It demanded an honest investigation of un-American activities by the LaFollette Committee because "its work and investigations have benefitted the cause of democracy and manifested its integrity."

It was a widely representative collection of speakers that looked over the footlights at the crowd that filled every seat in the Philharmonic Auditorium.

They represented almost every group on which the Dies Committee has pinned the label "Communist"—labor, the motion picture industry, the New Deal, anti-Fascists and pro-Loyalists.

Although all were deadly serious in their condemnation of the Committee, most of them made fun of its "revelations" and were hoarse from laughing at the audience with their "revelations."



Every seat in the Philharmonic Auditorium was filled Wednesday night as members and friends of the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League turned out en masse to show what they

think of the Dies Investigating Committee's charges of "Communism."

The purpose of the Dies Committee in publicizing so much uncorroborated testimony that the CIO is Communist is only to split labor further, Tenney said.

Judge Isaac Pacht, sponsor of the Anti-Nazi League, declared: "The work thus far done by the League in arousing the American people to a realization of the undermining influences at work in our country, has been so noteworthy, so effective, and so outstanding, that it has aroused the interest and enmity of these very subversive forces."

The next part of the program took the audience by storm. Four times Ray Mayer, Jack Albertson and Billy Griffith had to come back on the stage to sing, "It Can Happen Over There, But It Can't Happen Here," accompanied by Johnny Green, pianist and composer, a number from the MPAC show, "Sticks and Stones."

Introduced by Hy Kraft, chairman, Dr. Bruno Frank, exiled German writer, spoke with the fervor and intense seriousness of one who has known Nazism at first hand and received an ovation. His entire speech is printed in another column.

In facetious vein was the address of Donald Ogden Stewart.

"Folks, I ain't mean to be a Red. I want to tell you how it all happened. Three years ago I was just a good screen writer—at least I had a three-car garage and a tennis court. Dorothy Parker asked me to join the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League.

"Then I learned a lot of things (Continued on Page 4)

MAY I begin with a very short personal remark. There is one point, a single one, where I agree with the people who attacked the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League and who are being castigated by you tonight. If these people say that foreigners should not interfere with American politics, I believe they are right. So, when some days ago a committee of the League asked me to speak at this meeting, being still a foreigner in this country, I hesitated.

I thought it might do more harm than good. However, the committee put forward an argument that finally convinced me. They pointed out that very similar situations have existed in Germany before the Nazis came into power, very much the same attacks, very much the same accusations, and that these very proceedings greatly helped to undermine the German Republic and to pave the road for Adolf Hitler.

They said that someone who lived in Germany during those years and observed all these doings should not be silent, that he should talk and give a substantial warning. This, ladies and gentlemen, is my excuse for speaking a few words tonight.

The analogies are striking indeed. For it is not true that the German democrats were taken by surprise. They were not caught napping. They saw the tide rise. And they organized the defense in time. Our Anti-Nazi League in Germany was called "Reichs-Banner" and a powerful organization it was.

It included one and a half mil-

lions in their vast majority—a middle-class people. And the word Bolshevik to them was a synonym for the devil.

This went on and on. Now, as long as the German republic was led by democrats of strength and conviction, such as Gustav Stresemann, the underminers could not succeed. Men like Stresemann fully realized the character and the value of the organization. But Stresemann died, and weaker men took his place. They were not profascists, they were just weak.

They began to yield. They did not dare to support the Reichs-Banner any longer by which they supported themselves. They wobbled. They staggered. They ventured, for the sake of peace, that it might be better to restrain the activities of the Reichs-Banner, to hide it by and by from the public eye. After all—was there really any danger for the Republic?

Had not Mr. Hitler, as many times as you liked him to, pledged his word of honor and taken it upon his oath in court, that he would never try to overthrow the constitution? They believed him. They were, perhaps, no statesmen, but they were gentlemen.

So one restraint after the other was inflicted upon the Reichs-Banner. The meetings were to be held in semi-secrecy. Then manifestations were censored fretfully. Their headquarters were removed from Berlin to the province. And, finally, their arms were taken from them. They were a democratic, law-abiding organization, and they obeyed. They disarmed. They disarmed down to their last gun.

The Nazis, of course, were ordered to do the same. But they laughed at it. They not only kept

And so, when Herr Hitler broke his many words of honor and started his so-called revolution, there was no resistance. There was nobody to fight his well-equipped gangs. Then he set afire the House of Parliament, the Reichstag building, charged the Communist party with this crime and so crowned the whole infamous campaign that had yielded so glorious a result.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, I beg you to draw your own conclusions. Here in America, thank God, there is no question of firearms. This is a lawful country. There is no question of an army of a million men. There is no question of a single gun—but of moral weapons. Don't forsake them. Don't disarm morally. Don't listen to preposterous slogans.

This League styles itself the Anti-Nazi League for the Defense of American Democracy. This is a very clear and honest name, and no one who is in good faith can doubt its meaning. But let me just say one thing. The word democracy has become a household word and, like all household words, by and by it has grown a little dim, a little pale. It is perhaps not useless to establish once more what it means to our daily life.

It means, in the first place, that a man can freely elect the people into whose hands he wishes to entrust his fate. It means that human life is held in respect and not openly, boastfully proclaimed to be food for gunpowder. It means that a man has not to look at another man who wears a uniform as at a thundering semi-God, but that the man in the uniform is a public servant destined to help and defend him. It means that a man can trust his friend, nay his son and his brother, and must not fear to be denounced by them to the secret police for an outspoken word.

It means that a man has not to shudder when there is a knock at his door at an unusual hour. That he cannot be dragged out of his bed at five in the morning, thrown into a cellar, beaten, trampled on, tortured by officially paid rabble, or

Bureau and North American Committee have made ambitious plans for a three day bazaar September 30 to October 2.

A huge court yard at 115 North Glass street just off of East First street will be the scene of the fair.

Twenty-six large stalls will be stocked with donations of millinery, knit goods, gifts and novelties, music supplies, sporting goods, books, art objects, ladies' wear, children's apparel, men's furnishings, toys, furniture, pets, linens, shoes, pottery, hardware, electrical appliances, sweets, fruits, vegetables, and baked goods.

All the articles on sale will be new ones. Anyone who can solicit donations will be given a letter of credentials by the Committee.

To add to the "county fair" atmosphere, there will be entertainment, dancing in the evening, a fortune teller, and a "lift the embargo" game.

On September 14 the Committee will sponsor a mass meeting for the three delegates from Spain to the World Peace Congress of Youth that is being held at Vassar College.

## Anti-Nazi Seeks Affidavit To Leave Austria

The following appeal was received by the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League this week.

Because the League does not have the means of giving direct aid to refugees itself, it is printing the letter in the hope that someone who reads it will be able to help.

The League will be glad to give the name and necessary legal assistance to anyone who is interested in the case.

Vienna  
August 13, 1938

Gentlemen:

Getting your newspaper into my hands I take the liberty to write and ask, if you are able, to help me to get two affidavits for my wife and myself to the United States, as we are Austrians who want to leave the country.

I don't need to explain to you the situation in which we are living here and the good action you will do by aiding us.

I am a perfect bookkeeper and versed in all bank and insurance reports. Further, I have practiced as an optician. My wife is perfect in caring for a household and is a skillful milliner.

Perhaps you will be able to procure us a position of some kind.

In any case, I beg your advice as to what is best to do in order for us to come over to the United States.

Thanking you in anticipation for your kindness, I remain,  
Yours faithfully,

be condemned to life-long imprisonment without an accusation—much less a trial—because he does not see eye to eye with Mr. Hitler, or because he is a liberal, a Jew, an independent writer, a fearless priest, or quite simply because the government wishes to steal his money.

It means that a man does not live for death on the altar of an absurd idol, but for himself, for his work, and for those whom he loves. It means, with one word, living not the life of frightened cattle, but of upright, free human beings.

To stand for these rights, to defend them, is stigmatized by some individuals as un-American. Un-American—These principles, ladies and gentlemen, are exactly the same which are laid down in the great charter of your nation, the immortal Declaration of Independence. They are, in my humble opinion, as a foreigner, the most American, the most wonderfully American thing in the world.

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letter from Fern, and after reading it we decided the only way we could possibly be fair to you would be to reprint it. And because Fern did herself so proud we're going to stop right here and insert the letter . . .

World Youth Congress  
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.,  
August 23, 1938.

Dear Kids:

Lack of mail from me has not been due to lack of interest or inspiration. On the contrary, it was due to an overflow of enthusiasm which could not be channeled long enough to allow comprehensible writing—this is even true now.

Today is the next to the last day of the Congress and my last opportunity to meet and talk with fellow youth all over the world. If ever before I knew the meaning of the words: friend, youth, comrade, I understand them even better now. Hindus, Chinese, Spaniards, Englishmen, Brazilians, Mexicans, Czechs, and loads of other youth, different only because of the difference in boundary lines. They realize that only by becoming "World Youth" can they fortify themselves against the continuation and perseverance of Fascism.

We in the Youth Commission must begin a definite campaign for the boycott of Japanese goods. That is one task that we must do thoroughly. If you could have heard the pleas of the Chinese delegates you would further understand how frightfully important it is that we, as a widely recognized mass organization, take the lead in this vital work. I beg of you that you start immediately a more thorough program even if you must subordinate some of our other work in its favor. May I ask that some novel way be conceived of presenting this idea and when I return I shall give it my whole hearted support.

The publicity which the Congress has been getting has on the whole been extremely favorable. New York and Poughkeepsie papers have been running front page articles. Its first public reception in New York City was a genuine triumph. Mayor LaGuardia for the city and Assistant Secretary of State A. A. Berle, Jr., testified in their speeches to the Congress's recognized importance. Mrs. Roosevelt addressed the opening of the Congress. The quality and breadth of representation of the delegates has gained the respect and admiration of all. The label of "red" merely makes the delegates laugh, because they know that their job

symbol of training, sincere and sincere anti-Fascist youth.

FERN.

P. S.—I forgot to mention that I received a tremendous thrill out of the foreign delegates' recognition of the Hollywood Anti Nazi League. The League seems to be well known in Europe, particularly in Great Britain.

P. S. S.—I am terribly anxious to share some of my experiences with you, and can't wait until I get back to Hollywood, which will be around September 2.

There you are, and here we are! We don't know if there's anything in Robert's "Rules of Order" which would rule us out of order so we're going to make two motions . . . hoping that the Executive Committee will consider them. First, we move that, a meeting of the Youth Commission be planned sometime early in September at which Fern can give us a detailed report of the World Youth Congress. Second, we move that the delegates from China and Spain who will be in our town around this time be invited to speak also. Do we hear a second?

Attention all of you who will be in town Labor Day Weekend!!! There's going to be a Youth Commission Party especially for us poor underprivileged who won't be able to get away. It will be here Sunday night, September 4 at the home of Bob Metzner, 4751 W. 12 St. Details next column.

Much the same as we save the cherries on our ice-cream sundaes until the last we've saved this notice till now. At this week's meeting of the Youth Commission there's going to be a special feature. Moving pictures of Jewish persecution in Poland will be shown, and a speaker will be there to report on persecution of Jews and other minorities in our own country. It will be held at 4660 Melrose avenue on Wednesday, August 31, and will begin at 8:15 p. m.

### Refugees in Scandinavia

COPENHAGEN.—There are 3378 anti-Nazi German refugees in Sweden, Denmark and Norway, it was revealed in an official announcement here disclosing that the three Scandinavian states and Finland had agreed on joint action at the Evian refugee conference. The statement, said that Sweden has 2000 refugees, Denmark 1278 and Norway 100.

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