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Cleveland Labor Leads Fight Against Nazism

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CLEVELAND, Nov. 29—Led by a labor movement united against Nazi outrages and the threat of fascism in America, the progressive forces of Cleveland this week settled down to an intensified battle to halt the march of fascism both internationally and in America.

Central labor bodies of both CIO and AFL unions have angrily passed clear-cut resolutions setting a firm policy of battle against the fascist threat.

Noting that "labor has not been sufficiently articulate in its protest against the inhuman persecution of Jewish people and Catholics in Germany," the Cleveland Federation of Labor called for an intensification of the boycott of German-made goods.

The Cleveland Industrial Union Council last week unanimously resolved to condemn Nazi brutalities, to support the President in his condemnation of Hitler terror and to work for immediate suspension of trade relations between the U. S. and Germany as an economic thrust against Hitler's war plans.

WHITNEY CALLS MEETING

Following these actions, A. F. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, called leaders from all sections of the labor movement to a luncheon held in the Allerton Hotel yesterday.

More than 25 labor leaders attended the luncheon, which was called for the

purpose of uniting the forces of labor against the offensive of fascism. There were top leaders from the AFL and the CIO there. They agreed, as a minimum point of action, to support vigorously the plans of the American League for Peace and Democracy to send a large delegation from Cleveland to the legislative conference to be held in Washington the first week in January.

Each trade union leader took personal responsibility for the unions he represented, and a second conference of all labor forces was authorized to be held within the next three weeks. Whitney again will be chairman.

Of no small significance during the spirited discussion of labor unity against fascism was the frequent mention of the fact that this is the "first time we have really got around the table to discuss objectives of mutual importance." A keynote of labor unity prevailed, and it was indicated that future conferences called by the man who has frequently been mentioned as a mediator between the AFL and the CIO may bring even greater results.