

# Anti-Fascists Will Picket Bund Today

Chief Quinn Orders Extra Police;  
Maritime Labor Backs Indignation  
Action at Defamation of Washington

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—The Nazi German-American Bund rally in California Hall tomorrow night, under the guise of celebrating George Washington's birthday, today evoked wide protest in labor and anti-Fascist circles.

The Maritime Federation, organized veterans of the anti-Fascist forces in Spain and other groups voiced their indignation and announced support of a peaceful picket line that will be formed at California Hall to protest the Nazi gathering.

The Nazi meeting has no official status with the local German-American population, having been officially repudiated by the United German Societies, coalition body of German groups.

At City Hall, reaction to the Nazi rally ranged from non-committal Mayor Rossi to Rossi-appointed City Comptroller Harold J. Boyd who issued a vigorous denunciation of the Nazis urging "a counter-offensive which will demonstrate how San Francisco—and particularly the good German people of San Francisco—feel about un-American, anti-Semitic plots of the Bundists."

#### POLICE CALLED

Chief of Police Quinn declared he would order special details of officers and riot squads to stand in readiness in the vicinity of California Hall.

"We will have the entire district properly policed, and, with the number of officers we will have there, there will be no violence if we can possibly prevent it," he averred.

The tension in both city hall and anti-fascist circles was increased by the news of the clash that was provoked by a similar Nazi gathering in Los Angeles yesterday, following closely on the heels of the disturbance created at Madison Square Garden in New York.

#### VETS DERIDE PURPOSE

First group to announce intention to picket the Nazi meeting was the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. Dave Thompson, secretary of the Friends and himself a returned veteran from Spain, said:

"This meeting is being called in the name of George Washington, but as proven by the New York and Los Angeles meetings, it is for the adulation of Adolf Hitler and the spreading of anti-Semitism and un-Americanism," he declared.

The picket line will form in front of California Hall at 7 p. m. sharp.

Next to endorse the picketing was the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, which issued the following statement, signed by Bruce Hannon, secretary, and Z. R. Brown, secretary of the Maritime Federation District Council Number 2:

"We are heartily in accord with the contemplated picket line sponsored by the Veterans of the Washington-Lincoln Battalion to protest the Nazi Bund's meeting Friday, February 24.

"We urge all organized labor and its friends to support this action, since everywhere the Nazi regime has been introduced, trade unionism and the right of workers has been completely abolished, labor leaders cast into concentration camps and the living standards of all workers lowered to the point of destitution.

"The Maritime Federation stands ready at all times to work for the cause of the toilers and

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