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AN UN-AMERICAN SCENE

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S name was hissed. The names of Martin Dies, Herbert Hoover, Father Coughlin and of Senator Nye were applauded by the fascists.

Under the sign of the swastika— which is carried by Franco's forces in Spain, which led the hosts that destroyed the national independence of Austria and dismembered Czechoslovakia, and is now pointed toward the Americas—uniformed storm troopers defended members of the fascist German-American Bund in Madison Square Garden, Monday night.

In true Hearst-McCormick-Coughlin style, "international Jewry," members of the President's Cabinet, and any program of concerted action for peace and defense of American democracy were denounced. A more un-American scene enacted by foes of democracy in America has seldom been seen.

Fascism was intent on showing its power. And New York, today the most democratic and progressive of American cities, expressed in no uncertain terms the opposition of the progressive people of the world.

The Madison Square meeting is only a slight token of what would happen here, were we under the hob-nailed boots of a fascist regime.

The birthday of George Washington was desecrated. Fritz Kuhn, the American Fuehrer, called for a reign of terror against the people.

It is significant that the building line for the attack by these agents of Hitler upon the New Deal national defense program is furnished by the Herbert Hoovers, the Father Coughlins, who were applauded, and the reactionary press.

Almost the precise language of Hearst and McCormick, of Hoover and Garner, was used in the attack upon the American domestic and foreign policy.

The German-American Bund, an organ of Hitler, has begun a systematic program of interference in American politics.

It is the refuge of spies. It is the defender and champion of the un-American Dies Committee. It has become a campaign leader for Herbert Hoover and the Republican hierarchy.

The Madison Square Garden meeting emphasizes the need of consolidating the ranks of American progressives. It discloses the need of marshalling them for the defense of the Administration's program of social security and national defense, now so savagely attacked by this unholy combination of reaction, from Hitler's personal agents to United States Senators and the Father Coughlins.

That unity for progress must be forged in the defense of the National Labor Relations Act, the Wages and Hours Law, the anti-lynching bill and the struggle for reconsideration of the cut in the WPA Appropriations.