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Bund Rally for Hitler in Bronx Arouses Protests

Anti-Nazi Meeting Tonight to Answer Fascist Celebration, CIO and AFL Leaders Condemn Threat to American Democracy

Bronx citizens swung into action this week to protest the Nazi celebration of Hitler's birthday to be held at Ebling's Casino, 742 St. Anne's Ave., tomorrow night.

Mr. Samuel Rubel, president of Rubel's Ice and Coal Co., who is the owner of the property at 742 St. Anne's Ave. is negotiating with the lessees of the Casino: Mr. Koenig and Mr. Weber, in an attempt to prevent the hall from being rented to the German-American Bund.

Prominent Bronx Community leaders will address a "Stop Hitler" meeting tonight at the Herman Ridder High School, 173rd St. and Boston Road, which is being held under the auspices of the East Bronx Council of the Jewish People's Committee, and give the people's answer to the Nazi Bund's proposed celebration.

Leading CIO and AFL trade unionists of Bronx locals have come forward with strong protests against the Nazi celebrations condemning Bund activities as a "threat to American democracy and an insult to the people of the Bronx."

Mr. Rubel, prominent Jewish leader, condemned all Nazi activities and explained that the lease given to the Ebling's Casino prevented him from getting rid of the present management. Since Mr. Weber maintained that all he cared about was the money received for the hall, Mr. Rubel's representatives are offering the equivalent amount of money to

Mr. Weber, in the hope that the hall will then be taken away from the Nazi Bund.

UNIONISTS BLAST NAZIS

Speaking for the Beauty Culturists Union, Mr. Benjamin Levy, organizer, stated. "This celebration represents a threat to American democracy, and an insult to the people of the Bronx. Everyone knows now that Hitler is responsible for the war crisis we are in, and all trade unionists should heartily condemn any activity which glorifies fascism."

Other trade union leaders who condemned the celebration in the strongest imaginable terms were: Mr. Abrahams, of the Building Service Employees Union, Local 32E, AFL, Mr. Max Gaft, leader of Local 261 of the Painters Union, and a member of the Socialist Party for 30 years, who said: "Fascism must be fought against locally as well as internationally. Workers everywhere must be alert to the dangers of fascism."

Speakers at tonight's Stop Hitler meeting are Michael Quill, Transport Workers Union, Mr. Rubinstein, of the Civic Association of the Bronx, Reverend Hurley, of the Crawford Manor Church, Rev. Dr. Land of the Bronx Free Fellowship, Rabbi Miller and F. Almazov of the Jewish People's Committee.

This meeting has been endorsed by Local 164 of the Bakers and Confectionary Workers Union, AFL, by Dr. Schwarz, President of the Bronx Association of Hungarians, and by the Bronx Division of the IWO.

Although Nazi Storm Trooper Henry Von Holt refused to speak to a Jewish Daily Worker Reporter, the Weckruff, Nazi weekly, stated that the meeting would be conducted completely in German and that the admission was 40c.

Police assured this reporter that adequate protection would be given to the community, and to protect the Mayor's ordinance on uniformed ushers. It is reported that the Bundsters plan to defy the Mayor's ruling.