

11 PICKETS AT FASCIST RALLY OUT ON BAIL

Jailed for Picketing Silver Shirst

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Protested Appearance of Would-Be Assassin of F.D.R. in Spokane

SPOKANE, July 22.—Eleven members of the League for Peace and Democracy are today out on \$15 bail each after their arrest Monday night. The seven men and four women are unanimous in accusing Police Chief Ira A. Martin, who ordered their arrest with being in league with Roy Zachary, field organizer of the fascist Silver Shirt Legion, whose meeting was being picketed here by the League.

The eleven were arrested outside of Redman's Hall. Inside, Roy Zachary was spinning his Berlin-inspired line: "Roosevelt is an enemy of mankind," "the Jews are the cause of our misery," "John Lewis is a Moscow-led Jew." He also urged his followers to use "bullets, not ballots."

The pickets were protesting the spread of this poison by signs reading: "We don't want fascism—we don't want Silver Shirts." "This is Spokane, not Berlin," "Zachary's Silver Shirts threaten to assassinate Roosevelt," and "Ask Redman's Hall to refuse a meeting place for fascism."

When the picketing started over a thousand gathered to add their voices to the protest.

Ordered to Disperse

A police car with siren screaming arrived and night captain Dugger stepped out and ordered dispersal of the picket line. The crowd booed this order, and Dugger selected Jim Haggin, executive member of the Workers' Alliance, and arrested him, charging "disturbing the peace."

The crowd swelled until two solid blocks were jammed, and the pickets were cheered when they continued to march.

Shortly thereafter 13 police cars arrived, but still the pickets refused to disperse. They pointed out that they were violating no law, that no anti-picketing ordinance exists against peaceful picketing of meetings. Women pickets, members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, demanded the immediate release of Haggin or arrest of the entire group.

Ten More Jailed

Finally ten pickets were put in the patrol wagon. One of the police apparently felt guilty and is reported to have said to Mrs. Jim Haggin: "We got orders from above, mam."



JIM HAGGIN, Workers' Alliance president in Spokane, leads the picket line of the League for Peace and Democracy against the appearance of Roy Zachary, Silver Shirt chief and inciter of Roosevelt's assassination. Haggin and ten companions were jailed and later released on bail.

The pickets were charged with "disorderly conduct," and released on bail the following morning. Appearance in court is scheduled for a month from now.

Agreement to form the picket line was reached on Sunday, when the Silver Shirt meeting was learned of. Members of AFL, CIO, RR brotherhood unions and Ladies' Auxiliaries of trade unions united in the plan.

Today protests were being received by city and government officials on the illegal arrests as a result of a statement released to the press by the league yesterday.

The statement was signed by those arrested: Jim Haggin, Caroline Haggin, J. H. Van Orman, Ruth Van Orman, Frank Haggin, George Curbow, O. J. Fisk, Margaret Weaver, Barbara Hartle, Ray Wildman, and Sürley Johnson.

All are prominent in trade union and working-class organizations.