

Silver Shirt Riot Rouses City's Ire

Arrest of Record Staffmen Hit

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An entire Chicago community

Portage Park, was up in arms here yesterday following a Silver Shirt meeting at 5835 W Irving Park Blvd., that precipitated fascist violence Monday night.

Twelve men arrested after the melee were released on bond yesterday. Aaron Ragins, 3101 Augusta Blvd., was being held in the Gale Avenue police station pending booking.

More than 800 residents of the community had formed a spontaneous demonstration in front of the anti-Semitic meeting, where Roy Zachary, "field marshal" of the group, was the speaker.

PROTEST ARREST

Meanwhile, city wide protest was being organized by progressive groups against the arrest of a Daily Record reporter and photographer who were covering the demonstration.

Julius Rosenthal and William Rice of the Daily Record staff were jailed, together with seven others, when they were pointed out by Silver Shirts as being involved in the demonstration.

Thirteen defendants, including Zachary and three other Silver Shirt chiefs, will come up for trial in the Boys Court today.

IN HOSPITAL

Clarence Sutherland, 5705 Dakin Ave., a Silver Shirt, was in the Swedish Covenant Hospital with a fractured skull sustained in the clash.

The fascist storm troopers

clashed with the Northwest Siders after they were prevented from holding their meeting in the Odd Fellows Hall. The clash lasted for three minutes in which several people were injured and the meeting dispersed.

Ten minutes later, the Silver Shirts pointed out to police persons whom they called the "leaders" of the popular protests against the anti-Semitic meeting.

Ira Latimer, executive secretary of the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee, said yesterday that their board requested Attorney Pearl Hart to attend the hearing today to see if the arrest of the Daily Record men was an attack on the freedom of the press. The committee will then take action to defend the freedom of the press.

Attorney Irving Krane, secretary of the International Labor Defense, said:

"Because the arresting officers knew they were reporters for the Daily Record and both carried police press cards of identification, the arrests constitute a clear denial of the constitutional rights to freedom of the press. This act is consistent with the general attitude of the Chicago police."

The following anti-Nazis were arrested, in addition to the Daily Record men:

Seymour Brodofsky, 2905 Cortez St.; Milton Marks, 2751 N. Whipple St.; Aaron Ragins, 3101 Augusta Blvd.; Irving Botnek, 1500 S. Ridgeway Ave.; Max Kamm, 2416 Cortez St.; David Foreman, 2525 W. Division St.; Herman Lieb, 1545 S. Millard Ave.

In addition to Sutherland and Zachary, who gave his address as 340 W. 75th St., the other Silver Shirts seized were: Frank Sfarr, and his son, Richard, 5714 Byron St.