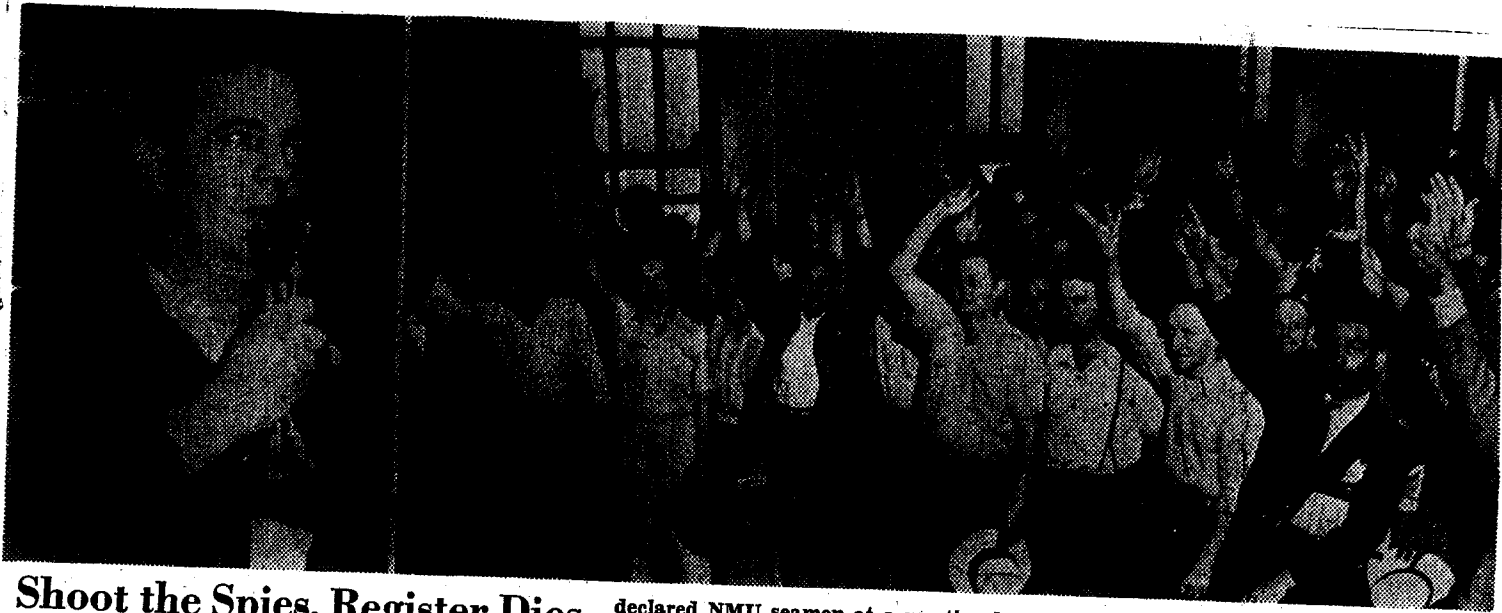


DW 7/11/42



**Shoot the Spies, Register Dies** declared NMU seamen at a meeting here yesterday in their union hall. At left is seen John Rogan, NMU Port Agent, as he read the resolution which was unanimously adopted. —Daily Worker Photo.

# 'Nazis Gave Us No Mercy' --- Sub Victims Ask Death to 8 Spies

DW 7/11/42

By John Meldon

A thousand fighting-mad seamen, many of them survivors of Nazi torpedoes, met at the National Maritime Union headquarters here yesterday and raised their hands

unanimously urging two things of the government.

That the eight Nazi spies recently captured on our shores be executed AT ONCE.

**Say Register Dies as a Foreign Agent**

And that Martin Dies and Charles E. Coughlin be compelled immediately to register as "AGENTS OF A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT."

These urgent requests upon the government were made during a special meeting called to act on a single resolution; a resolution which included Dies, Coughlin and the

## What NMU Seamen Said Of Spies And Dies

Here's what these NMU seamen had to say on the Nazi spy issue upon which Attorney General Biddle can't seem to make up his mind:

"Nazi spies have been landed on our American shores by German submarines, and it was the avowed aim and intention of these spies to strike terror and confusion and death among the American people.

"It is the established custom in all countries at war to execute all spies. The landing of these spies and their intentions coincides with the work of such appeasers as Martin Dies, Charles Coughlin and other fifth column elements.

"Hundreds of thousands of people have been slaughtered by Hitler and his fascist gangs.

"The National Maritime Union, whose members are giving their lives daily in the fight against Hitlerism and all it stands for, demand the immediate execution of these spies and their accomplices, caught and given the same treatment, and be it further resolved that Martin Dies, Charles Coughlin and other similar pro-fascist elements be called on immediately to register as agents of foreign governments.

"This resolution is to be sent to President Roosevelt, Attorney-General Biddle and all other agencies, and to the press.

**AN EAST COAST PORT, June 30 (UP).—Two American seamen who saw 32 of their shipmates go down with a United States merchantman in the Atlantic, begged today for a chance "to get back at" the Nazi U-boats which "murdered our buddies."**

eight captured Nazi saboteurs within its few, terse paragraphs.

The seamen who attended the meeting were those who had been waiting in the various dispatchers halls in the NMU building for calls to sail on ships that they well know might be their last voyages.

John Rogan, New York port agent of the NMU read the hard-hitting resolution to the meeting. It was received in dead silence and when the call for a vote was taken, every hand shot up like a regiment of bayonets.

And while the chorus of rough, human voices roared approval of the resolution, one could imagine a unanimous echo coming from the

ghosts of over a thousand dead American seamen who might have been standing in back of the hall.

Before the seamen voted, many took the floor to express their opinions upon the resolution.

Said Mike Luchinsky, deck and steward dispatcher:

"Turn these spies over to our torpedoed merchant seamen—or the relatives of the dead—and the matter will be settled quickly."

Al Perina couldn't take the speakers' stand because he had to sit throughout the meeting. He barely escaped with his life in a torpedoing in the Atlantic and was left a physical wreck. He spent 23 days in a life boat. All that time he needed medical aid for a split head, badly torn lips and a smashed leg. He was 32 days in a hospital and is still under treatment. Although still a young man, his hands shake as though he has palsy. From where he sat he said:

"Why do we have to pass resolutions asking that these spies be executed? In Germany, the Nazis shoot spies an hour after they're caught."

George A. Urpin, an AB (able-bodied) seaman just returned from a convoy trip to Murmansk, said:

"If Dies had acted against the Bund years ago, these spies would never have gotten away from here to return as saboteurs."

Blackie Varner, who recently returned from a troop convoy trip to Australia was sore:

"Dies — Coughlin — Bund — saboteurs—it's all one pattern."

The resolution was rushed to the White House and Biddle last night.

Now the seamen are waiting for action.