

FASCIST MENACE IN S.A. GOOD UNION BANISHMENT PLEA AT JOHANNESBURG MEETING YESTERDAY

TWO HUNDRED members of the Anti-Fascist League yesterday resolved to ask the South African Trades and Labour Council to call a special conference to discuss a united rally against Fascism in the Union.

The Johannesburg Trades Hall was crowded when the meeting unanimously adopted a resolution protesting against the infiltration of Nazi agents in South Africa, and demanding that the Government banish Nazi agents from the Union.

Mr. Alex. T. Wanless, M.P.C., and Labour candidate for Parliament in the Greyville constituency, stated that Fascism was gaining ground in South Africa and that the only way to check the Blackshirts was by fighting them in the streets.

"We demoralised and smashed the Greyshirt movement in that way in 1936," Mr. Wanless asserted.

"The reason for the advance of Fascism in this country is that a number of people are living in dire poverty and are willing to listen to the promises of the Fascist agents," said Mr. Wanless, who was confident that in Johannesburg a sufficiently strong organisation to deal a death-blow to the Fascist menace could be developed.

He pointed out that in the Labour Party there were many candidates standing in the elections who deserved special support at the polls for their fearless attitude on the Fascist question. Mr. T. C. Robertson, the Fordsburg candidate, he singled out for special mention.

Miss Hilda Watts, who took a leading part in anti-Fascist campaigns in England, attacked the United Party and the Nationalists—two fronts which were allowing the infiltration of Fascist ideas.

"We young people don't want war," she said. "We don't want to die fighting, and we don't want to live on our knees in fear. We were born into a world filled with fear, trouble and suffering. We want to live. That is why we must fight Fascism while we are in power and have the opportunity of doing so."

(News by Colin Legum, Express House, Main Street, Johannesburg.)

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The Collected £1 Notes For Stricken



700 CONDEMN JAPAN



Meetings were held simultaneously in Johannesburg and London yesterday in support of refugees in Spain and China, and the top picture shows Miss Hilda Watts, a London girl now living in Johannesburg, appealing for £1 notes for the sufferers. She collected £54! Second picture shows a world conference of 700 delegates in London organised by the international peace campaign for the boycott of Japan to aid China.

YOUNG GIRL'S PLEA BRINGS £54 FOR WAR SUFFERERS

Miss Hilda Watts, a young Johannesburg girl, after an eloquent appeal for funds to assist the Spanish and Chinese sufferers with food and medical supplies, last night succeeded, within 15 minutes, in raising £54 from an enthusiastic public.

This was in the Johannesburg City Hall at a mass meeting, organised by the South African Trades and Labour Council to rally support for the Spanish and Chinese people.

Mr. A. A. Moore, chairman of the South African Trades and Labour Council, said that the workers, rightly or wrongly, in the world had pinned their faith on Mr. Anthony Eden. "It seems to us," he said, "that the exclusion of Mr. Eden is a concession to expediency and international blackmail."

PLEADED REPUBLICAN CAUSE

Mr. Moore advocated the cause of republican Spain and republican China.

The Rev. J. Bruce Gardiner, in deploring the barbarisms in Spain and China, stated that the results of war were scientific terrorisation of civil populations, the starvation of women and children and the substitution of propaganda for truth.

Mr. E. J. Burford who has recently returned from Spain said that the strife which had come suddenly upon the Spanish, might one day come upon South Africa, and he urged all the citizens of South Africa to take immediate steps to prevent it.

RESOLUTION PASSED

Other speakers were the Rev. L. H. Pearson, Mr. W. de Vries, Mr. P. du Plessis and Mr. I. Wolfson, who seconded a resolution to express abhorrence of the bombing and killing of thousands of innocent women and children and call on the people of South Africa to do all in their power to assist the Spanish and Chinese people; further, to call upon the League of Nations to give all the aid and assistance to these people under the Covenant.

This resolution which was carried unanimously is being sent to the Spanish Prime Minister, the Chinese Prime Minister, the Prime Minister of South Africa, the British Trades Union Congress and the League of Nations.

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