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Must Stamp Out Race Hate, Murphy Wires Bronx Parley

Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy called for the strongest struggle against racial and religious bigotry in a stirring wire to the Bronx Conference for Racial and Religious Unity, which met at the Concourse Plaza Hotel Tuesday night.

City Councilman Michael J. Quill, the conference chairman, presided. AFL and CIO leaders as well as religious and civic leaders, were among the speakers.

More than 100 labor, religious and fraternal organizations were represented among the 1,500 persons crowding the hotel's grand ballroom.

JUSTICE MURPHY'S CALL

"Nothing is more important to America," said Justice Murphy's wire, "than to stem the evergrowing tide of racial and religious bigotry.

"Every available weapon must be utilized in this struggle to maintain the ideals of human dignity and decency.

"To the end that bigotry shall be given no sanction in this nation and persecution no assistance, your conference has a vital and difficult task to perform. But I am confident that your efforts will not be without enduring good."

Quill's appeal for unity in the war against fascism and in the peace to come, was matched by a message read from Senator Robert F. Wagner, which said:

"The maintenance of our national unity against the few who spread un-American dogmas of darkness and hate is a vital part of our war effort.

"We must not fail to preserve on the home front the ideals of which our boys are now making the supreme sacrifice."

This note was also struck in Mayor LaGuardia's message to the meeting through Quill, which declared that:

"We must not permit the acts of any vicious person or the attempts of any mean, un-American groups to create dissension among our people."

New York, said the mayor, has shown that people of different faiths and races can live in harmony together. By getting together and talking things over the people can defeat those who would divide them.

The mayor promised that his special city-wide unity committee would be at the service of the Bronx conference.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Wendell Willkie, Assemblyman Hulan Jack, Dr. Channing H. Tobias, George Marshall, Councilman Stanley Isaacs and other leading citizens joined in the greetings.

INTER-FAITH SPEAKERS

Speakers included Rabbi J. Altusky, chairman of the Bronx Rabbinical Board; Rabbi Mayer Herman; the Rev. Wayne White of the Westchester Ave. M. E. Church and the Rev. John Brett Langstaff of St. Edmunds' Episcopal Church; Roderick Stephens, chairman of the Bronx Inter-Racial Conference; Charles Rubenstein, chairman, the United Civic Assn.; the Rev. Elder Hawkins of St. Augustine's Church; Mrs. Ada Whitney, United Parents Assn. Miss Violet Clifter of the Bronx Council of Social Welfare; Lt. Hugh McGarney of the Juvenile Aid Bureau, Police Department and Jack Fitzgerald of the AFL Teamsters Union.

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