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MRS. LUCE QUITS AS DINNER SPONSOR

Withdraws From Anti-Fascist Committee With Rebuke for 'American Communists'

LINKS THEM TO U.S. 'NAZIS'

Sends Resignation to Louis Bromfield, Who Sought Her Aid Originally

Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce, Republican candidate for Congress in Connecticut, has withdrawn as a sponsor for a dinner to be given at the Hotel Astor next Tuesday for the benefit of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, it was learned yesterday.

"I accepted the invitation to be sponsor at the request of Louis Bromfield, an old and admired friend of mine," Mrs. Luce explained. "I want it clearly understood that I have no more desire to sponsor anything in behalf of the American Communists than in behalf of the American Nazis."

At the offices of the committee it was said that Mr. Bromfield, who is chairman of the dinner committee, had received the resignation yesterday morning.

The committee is the successor of the American Rescue Ship Mission from which Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and others withdrew as sponsors last year. The chairman of the committee is Dr. Edward K. Barsky, who was chairman of the mission. The mission went out of existence after the British Government refused a sailing permit to its rescue ship, the Lovcen, which was to have carried Spanish refugees from French Morocco to Mexico.

The theme of the dinner has been announced as "the century of the common man." Mr. Bromfield will be chairman. The speakers will be Joe Curran, president of the National Maritime Union; Carl Sandburg, Paul Robeson and Jan Struther. The dinner has been arranged as part of the committee's national campaign for funds "to speed the rescue of men and women now in Vichy internment centers who have been granted Mexican visas and to maintain essential relief projects."

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