500 Attend Rally Against Aid to Britain

Resolutions condemning aid to Britain and calling for democracy first at home were adopted here last night by a mass meeting of approximately 500, sponsored by the Washington Peace Mobilization.

The keynote of an enthusiastic session was struck by Herbert Biberman, Hollywood producer, playwright and chairman of the American Peace Crusade of California, who declared:

"We are the only fighters of Hitlerism extant, and we will not acknowledge for one second that Mr. Roosevelt is . . . nor Mr. Churchill."

He and other speakers declared proponents of all-out aid to England were leading the United States into the war. They called on "the common people" for a fight for democracy here, "not democracy somewhere else."

Morris Watson, vice president of the American Newspaper Guild, during a speech on "Labor's Stake in Peace," made sarcastic reference to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's attendance of a recent Washington Newspaper Guild meeting.

"I have no respect," he said, "for those in high places who by some technicality join a union . . . who in a time of crisis like this bring their knitting and vote for every reactionary motion."

In addition to adopting resolutions demanding "no further aid to Britain," condemning the Dies Committee and calling on Congress and the President to protect civil liberties in America, most of the audience wrote postcards to Senator Wheeler (Democrat), of Montana, commending him on his isolationist stand.

They also heard Hudson Wells, chairman of the Washington Peace Mobilization, ask them to telephone local radio stations today and urge that the organization be allowed to buy time on the air.

Other speakers were A. J. Isserman, labor lawyer and executive board member of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties; Thelma Dale, president of the Washington Negro Youth Foundation; Sarah V. Montgomery, secretary-treasurer of the Washington Peace Mobilization, and Goldie Irwin, secretary of the Philadelphia Council of the National Negro Congress.

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