Catholic Groups Picket as Laski Calls for End of State Sovereignty

Prof. Harold J. Laski, chairman of the British Labor party, making his first public appearance in the United States since 1939, called last night for an end to existing State sovereignty among the nations of the world and also criticized the British Labor Government's present foreign policy.

The British Socialist leader spoke at a dinner meeting at the Hotel Astor to 2,000 persons who had gathered to discuss the problem of the atomic bomb.

Catholic groups objecting to his appearance because, in their opinion, he had insulted the Catholic Church in a speech broadcast from London to a meeting of the Spanish Refugee Appeal at Madison Square Garden some weeks ago, picketed the hotel and also lodged a formal protest with the hotel management, which merely relayed it to the Nation Associates, sponsors of the dinner.

Although there was no organized opposition to Mr. Laski's appearance, the pickets, including two unidentified priests, said they represented the Holy Name Society and the Catholic War Veterans, among others. The picketing was orderly and the marchers paraded silently, carrying placards that bore a variety of slogans. The picketing started at 6:30 P. M. and two hours later there were twelve persons walking in front of the hotel. A small police detail was on hand.

In addition to Professor Laski, speakers included: Dr. Herbert V. Evatt, Foreign Minister of Australia; Dr. Leo Szilard, one of the scientists who helped develop the atomic bomb; Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Leon Henderson and Miss Freda Kirchwey, editor of The Nation, who arranged the three-day forum that culminated in the dinner meeting.

In his speech Professor Laski stressed that the proper use of atomic energy means "planned internationalism, economic, social and political." He maintained that

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