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THE OREGONIAN, THURSDAY

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Mrs. Isabel Lundberg, executive secretary of the Committee for Cultural Freedom, answering the statement made by the Teachers Union that this organization did not support Bertrand Russell or oppose the released time bill, declared that the cultural freedom committee had been in the forefront of both these movements.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 1941

Riley Rejects Plea of Reds

Group Unwelcome, Leader Told

Complaints by communists against members of the police bureau for supposed activities in 1938 received short shrift from the city council Wednesday when Mayor Earl Riley told James A. Murphy, secretary, that neither he nor his organization is "welcome here and we don't want to be bothered with you."

Mr. Murphy had protested that Captain John J. Keegan and Lieutenant William Browne had intimidated persons who attended a political meeting in Viking park in 1938 and asked for an investigation. When the matter was presented Wednesday, he asked for a week's postponement of the hearing.

Stronger Terms Available

"Frankly, I may tell you that neither you nor your people are welcome here and we just don't want to be bothered with you," said the mayor. "If that is not strong enough language, I am willing to make it stronger," said the mayor.

"I think I understand you," said Mr. Murphy and left.

The mayor explained that the operation of the police bureau is not a council matter and that the council at this time has no jurisdiction in the complaint and request for a hearing. The police bureau is under Mr. Riley.

Mayor Silences Communist Aide Bent on Plaint

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Murphy, who had gone to complain about Captain of Detectives John J. Keegan and other policemen, said "I think I understand you." Then he left.

Riley suggested that if Murphy did not understand his language he would make it stronger. Murphy didn't wait to hear the second chapter.

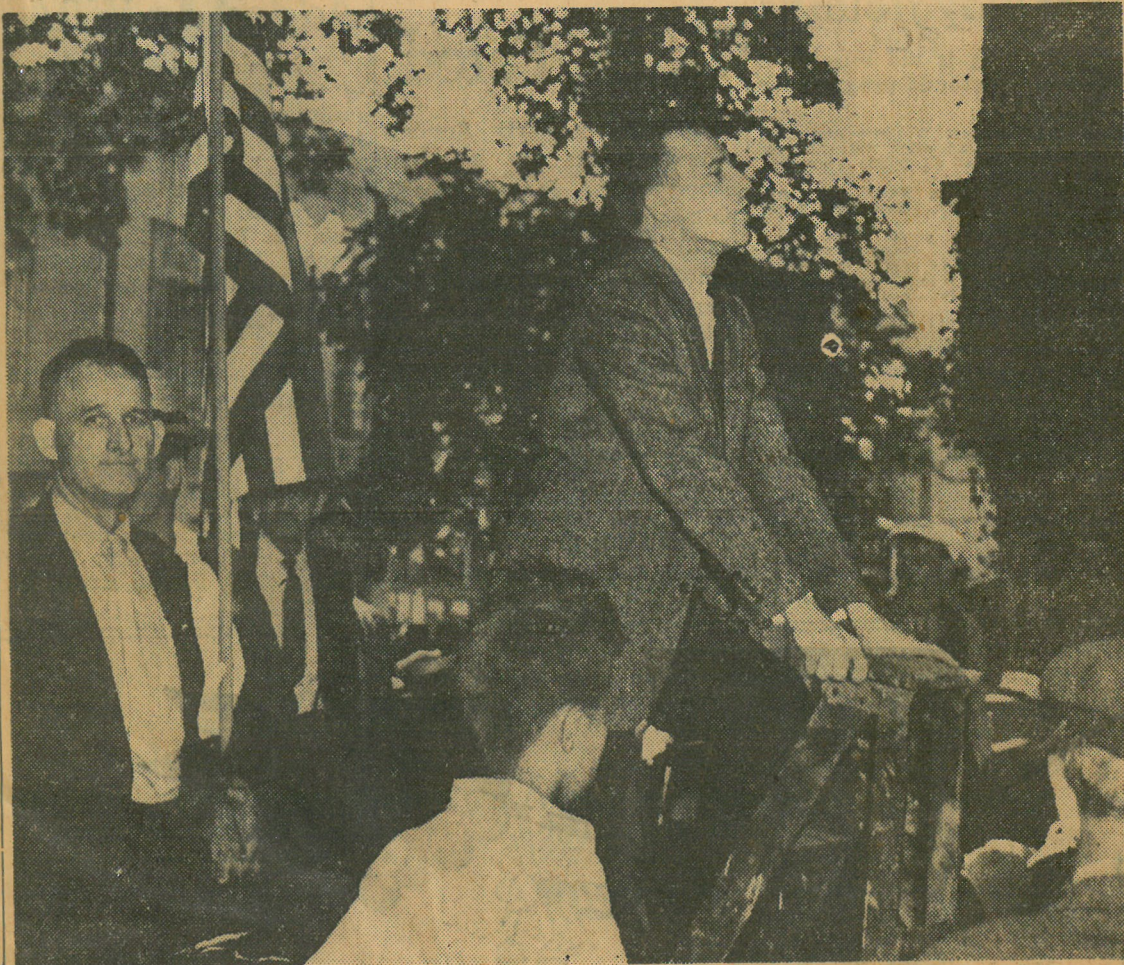
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THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN, PORTLAND, JULY 13, 1941

Communist Denounces Hitler in Portland Park



Multnomah county communist party speakers did not discuss, as anticipated, Portland "police persecution" at their mass meeting Saturday in the Plaza blocks, but Harold Spring, party official, is shown pleading for a "united fight against Hitler" and a campaign to "free Earl Browder." Harry Pilcher, county communist chairman, is standing near the American flag.

Reds Ignore Police Issue

Speakers Silent About Charges

Multnomah county communist party speakers failed to utter a word about alleged persecution by Portland police Saturday at a mass meeting held in the Plaza blocks.

Following a letter to Mayor Earl Riley Friday in which communists requested that misconduct charges be filed against Captain of Detectives John J. Keegan and Sergeant William D. Browne, it was advertised the subject would be discussed in open meeting.

Police Hit in Letter

In a letter signed by Harry Pilcher, Multnomah county communist chairman, and James Murphy, executive secretary of the group, the police officers were charged with "intimidating, threatening and coercing law-abiding citizens" and they asked for a public hearing and summary dismissal of the officers if charges were substantiated.

Ignoring the police charges, the speakers, Murphy and Harold Spring, organizing secretary of the communists, pleaded for a "united fight against Hitler, Mussolini, fascism and nazism," and urged a campaign to "free the imprisoned Earl Browder, No. 1 anti-Hitlerite in America."

FBI "Layoff" Urged

Murphy said "the department of justice should lay off communists who are now leading the fight against Hitler" and also attacked what he termed "the unjust activities of Dies and his lackeys."

Pilcher presided and the speakers orated from a step-ladder with an American flag in the background. Captain Keegan, Sergeant Browne and other detective were in the audience, but no untoward event occurred.

Communists Plan Meeting

A public meeting to discuss the attitude of the communist party toward the Russo-German war will be held Monday at 7:45 P. M. in the Finnish Federation hall, N. Fremont street and Montana avenue.

Speakers on the program will be Andrew Remes, northwest district secretary of the party; Henry Huff, district chairman, and James Murphy, local secretary.

The discussion, it was announced, will center on questions of aid to the soviet union, communists and sabotage in defense industries and American intervention in the war.