

Delegation Asks Mayor's Stand on May 1 Permit

VIGOROUSLY PROTESTS POLICE SHIFTING OF HOURS FOR UNITED FRONT MAY DAY DEMONSTRATION IN UNION SQUARE

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NEW YORK.—“Let's not dispute it,” Mayor La Guardia cynically replied yesterday noon to the protests of a delegation from the United Front May Day Arrangements Committee that the police in assigning the hours for the use of Union Square on May Day ignored the priority of the Committee's communication to the police of the plans of over 200,000 New York workers to demonstrate in Union Square on May Day, between the hours of 1 to 5. The delegation declared that the police and city authorities had flagrantly discriminated against these workers in giving preference to the later applications of the leaders of the Socialist Party and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The Mayor's attitude was one of suave and cynical admission that the city government had given arbitrary preference to later applicants

for the use of the Square on May Day, coupled with the provocative query, “What are you going to do about it?” Despite his periods of suave urbanity and smooth demagoguery during the interview, the Mayor clearly showed that he was supporting, if not the actual initiator, the monstrous police attempt, aided by the reactionary leaders of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Socialist Party, to provoke a fight on May First.

Cacchione Points to Conflicting Police Schedule

Peter Cacchione, of the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League, and one of the spokesmen of the delegation, pointed out that the police had originally given the committee the option of choosing its own hours for the use of Union Square, and had

subsequently submitted three different schedules at three different times to the committee, finally shifting the committee's hours to “from 5:30 and on.” Cocchione declared this was a deliberate attempt by the police and others to interfere with the mobilization for the May Day celebration at Madison Square Garden that night. He restated the declaration of the committee that “New York workers will not be provoked, but neither will they change their plans,” and made it clear that the United Front May Day demonstration would welcome the Socialists.

To the protests of Charlotte Todes, of the Trade Union Unity Council, and one of the spokesmen of the delegation, the mayor replied “there's no question as to the

facts” and “suppose they (The Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Socialist Party) were given preference, what of it?” He defended the shifting of the hours for the United Front demonstration with the statement that other applications had been received subsequently, and that if further applications were received the hours would again be shifted, adding a further admission of the rank discrimination against the United Front demonstration with the statement, “you couldn't be put any later than you are now.”

Set Monday for a Conference

Following statements by David Leeds, treasurer of the district Communist Party, and Allen Taub, attorney representing the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners, the mayor suggested another conference on Mon-

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day afternoon at 4 o'clock, to which he said he would invite leaders of the Socialist Party.

The delegation was composed of representatives from the following organizations supporting the plan for one United Front May Day demonstration against Fascism and War.

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The Trade Union Unity Council, the Food Workers Industrial Union, the Marine Workers Industrial Union, the Young Communist League, the Unemployed Councils of Greater New York; the Furniture Workers Industrial Union; Workers Ex-Servicemen's League; Communist Party; League of Struggle for Negro Rights, International Labor Defense, Needle Trades Industrial Union; International Workers Order, the National Committee for Defense of Political Prisoners, and the "Daily Worker."

Following the interview with the mayor, members of the delegation stressed the necessity of workers organizations deluging the mayor with protests between now and Monday's conference, demanding the hours of 1 to 5 for the United Front May Day demonstration, and increased support for the United Front May Day Conference next Saturday, April 14, at 1 p. m., in Webster Hall, 119 E. 11th St.