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Chicago Rally Indicts Heusinger

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CHICAGO — Adolph Heusinger, military leader of NATO, who was one of the mainstays of Hitler's army, should be tried for his crimes against humanity, declared 600 Chicagoans, who last Sunday night at a Sherman Hotel rally heard labor leaders, a Negro attorney, clergymen and a former general of the United States join in the condemnation of Heusinger.

Retired U. S. Army Brigadier General Hugh B. Hester, featured speaker of the rally held under the auspices of the Chicago Anti-Heusinger Committee, called not only for the removal of Heusinger but for other steps which could lead in the direction of peace.

URGES DISARMAMENT

Hester, who served in the U. S. armed forces for 34 years, including two years in Germany, 1945 to 1947, said that peace can only be achieved through disarmament, negotiated by the U. S. and the Soviet Union.

Hester told his audience, "We must face the bitter truth even if it hurts. General Eisenhower, at the end of the war said, 'The German General Staff must be

utterly destroyed so that it never again will be able to wage an aggressive war.'

"We have violated our own agreement. A great tragedy for us was to agree to rearm Germany," Hester added.

"Heusinger's removal from his position in NATO, important as it is, by itself will not be decisive in the present situation.

"West Germany is not a state with an army but an army that owns the state. More than 80 of the 150 generals and admirals in the West German armed forces served Hitler loyally in various important positions."

Seated in the audience were many civic leaders, Jewish and non-Jewish, including labor leaders, local officials of the B'nai B'rith lodges, prominent personages from the American Jewish Congress and the Jewish War Veterans.

AUDIENCE APPROVES

The audience broke into vociferous applause when Rabbi S. Burr Yampol, chairman of the Chicago Anti Heusinger Committee set the theme of the meeting by saying:

"I cannot rest when I know that my beloved country is sheltering one of the outstanding

murderers in the world. In Israel Eichmann, who committed crimes against humanity, no less severe than Heusinger, is found guilty, and here in my country this murderer occupies an office in the Pentagon in such a high position of NATO."

Abe Feinglass, vice president of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters Union, addressed the crowd in the name of his union and said he represented the views of the leader of the union Patrick Gorman. He joined in the condem-

nation of Heusinger by saying:

"The appointment of such a man as Heusinger to this position in NATO holds no good for peace, freedom and for the democratic rights of man." After presenting an indictment of Heusinger's crimes, the labor leader in an emotion filled voice proclaimed;

"He (Heusinger) should be removed from power and be given over for trial for crimes committed against humanity."

Another labor leader, Sidney Lens, of the Building Service Employees Union, introduced General Hester to the meeting. Other speakers included Frank Anglin, general Counsel for the African-American heritage Assn. and Rev. Leslie Pennington, pastor of the First Unitarian Church.

Dean Perrman, associate editor of the Christian Century, was unable to attend the meeting due to illness but sent a message of greeting.

