

Bronx Communists Answer Slanders of U. S. Munichmen

By Angelo Herndon

Members of branch one and three of the Communist Party in the Third A.D., Bronx, meeting Tuesday night at the Chalet D'Or, 671 Prospect Ave., held an informative and comprehensive discussion which cut through the maze of confusion created by headlines and garbled news stories in the capitalist press regarding the proposed Soviet-German pact of non-aggression.

Intelligently and with calm nerves and a dignity rare even in diplomatic chambers and editorial sanctums of bourgeois newspapers, the so-called sudden "shock" caused by the announcement of plans to conclude the pact between the Soviet Union and Germany, was considered with great seriousness along with the drive to raise \$25,000 for the Communist Party and the election of Isadore Begun to City Council.

Certainly, Neville Chamberlain, whose temperature must be running high as a result of the explosion of his new Munich schemes by the clear and invincible peace policy of the Soviet Union, could not have been in such a sober state of mind, especially after the collapse of his back-sliding policy of appeasing Hitler.

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Each subject on the agenda was handled efficiently and with satisfaction. Plans to raise a quota of \$300 and \$600 by branches one and three respectively, were accepted enthusiastically by all members present.

The most illuminating and dramatic part of the meeting was the very lively discussion which followed on the proposed Soviet-German pact. A summary of the Daily Worker editorial which appeared on Wednesday was made by Bob Friedman after which questions were asked from the floor by members who were anxious to clear away all the confusion left by the capitalist press.

Bob Friedman, who answered all the questions raised, said: "It is obvious now that all of the secret dealings of Chamberlain to give birth to a new Munich only ended in the betrayal of his own expectations. He was disappointed in

thinking that he would get away with another Munich based on the order of Czechoslovakia."

He explained further how Chamberlain's plans to provoke Germany to war against the Soviet Union had met with crushing defeat by the skilful diplomacy of the Soviet Union.

"The most significant thing to understand," he said, "is the fact that in spite of all the blood-curdling stories in the capitalist press, the Soviet Union with one firm but well directed blow has smashed the anti-Commintern alliance and left Japan and Italy in a state of surprised wonderment."

He also went into a detailed analysis of the various pacts of non-aggression concluded with the Soviet Union, Germany, Italy and scores of other countries as far back as 1925 and '26.

Asked whether the new Soviet-German pact would aid the fight against fascist aggression he answered emphatically — "yes" "It will do more. It will let the German people know for the first time that the 'strong' Germany of which Hitler has often boasted is not so strong after all. It strengthens the peace position of the Soviet Union and weakens Nazi Germany as well as the Munichmen of Great Britain and France."

At the close of the meeting the organizer of branch number one, Jerry Brill, called upon the members of both branches to join in the fight to boycott the movie "Leading Citizen" now playing at 43rd St. and Broadway.

This should be a fairly good answer to the inquiring reporters of the capitalist press who have been breaking their necks trying to find out how "confused" are members of the Communist Party over recent developments in Europe.