Peace Movement Gathers Way; Plans For Congress On April 16

From end to end of Australia the workers, farmers, professional people and other democrats, irrespective of creed, are rallying in defence of peace and preparing for the big Australian Peace Conference on April 16.

At halftime, meetings, street meetings, college lectures and rallies by town halls, parks, factory gates and picket points are being held. We are identifying the meeting for the Peace Conference.

MEETING 150 to 200 people in New Town Hall, a meeting of women in New South Wales included a speech by Mrs. Edmunds, a member of the Australian Women's Peace Association, and support for the movement.

The next news on the NSW peace front will be the report on the proposed peace conference on Monday.

On Thursday, after a week's intensive peace meetings, the New South Wales Peace Conference will be held in Sydney. The resolutions of the conference will be divided into two parts: the first part will deal with the general question of peace and the second part will deal with the question of peace in the Middle East.

The resolutions of the conference will be presented to the NSW Peace Committee on Monday, and the NSW Peace Committee will be held in Sydney on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Newcastle Rally

Major Cullen, of the Salvation Army, and other speakers, will be present.

The rally will be held in the Civic Hall on Thursday evening.

Mighty Melbourne Rally Seeks Sharkey's Release

MELBOURNE. Two thousand people met in Melbourne Town Hall last week to discuss the release of the imprisoned Communist leader Sharkey, who was found guilty of the Crimes Act, following a peace movement.

UNDER A BANNER reading "Sharkey, Shamrock, and the Masses" the speakers took the rostrum and were loudly applauded.

The aim of the meeting was to discuss the release of Sharkey and to consider the possibility of obtaining his release.

"If there ever was a man in New South Wales, there's no better than Sharkey," said one speaker. "He is a true revolutionary, the embodiment of the spirit of the masses."

"Act In Concert"

This is an occasion when the peace movement can really act in concert.

Dr. Kalk and others are due to speak from the rostrum on Thursday evening, and the meeting will adjourn at 12 o'clock on Monday.

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One other committee leader who has turned the committee's action to the masses and to the working classes.

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