Peace Rallies Students' 'Birthday Greetings' to Hitler

By Celeste Strack
National Student Secretary, Young Communist League

Today's student peace demonstrations throughout our nation will hand Hitler a significant "birthday present" in the shape of timely and overwhelming endorsement of President Roosevelt's call to Hitler and Mussolini to keep the peace for at least ten years—underlining this by support to the President's proposals to amend neutrality to distinguish between aggressors and their victims.

Since the first student peace action in 1935, American students have come a long way. The early actions, usually strikes, served to awaken and mobilize the students' abhorrence of war, but were colored by the isolationist-pacifist outlook expressed in the now wholly discredited Oxford Pledge. Last year, the tide had changed considerably, and most demonstrations spoke up for lifting the embargo on Loyalists in Spain. But by this year, Mussolini had taught American students that peace can be saved only by collective resistance anywhere, with its backbone in collaboration between the great democracies of the United States and the Soviet Union.

All types of student organizations are today swinging over to the viewpoint of the American Student Union, which was the first student organization to take its stand for a peace bloc against aggression. They include even groups previously influenced by isolationism, such as the Student Christian Movement and the National Student Federation of America.

ISOLATE ISOLATIONISTS

This shift, dictated by human morality and awareness of growing danger to our own land, is still inadequately expressed in the United Student Peace Committee which should take national leadership in the student peace movement. The USPC is being hamstrung by the dilatory tactics of the isolationists' "Youth Committee Against War," controlled by the Young People's Socialist League and the paper organizations around it. On the campus, however, the Trotskyite-isolationist bloc is being rapidly isolated and defeated.

Today's demonstration is noteworthy, too, for its emphasis on the President's peace policy. The Inter-

Student's Business Is Peace and Democracy

Morris U. Schappes, Noted Teachers' Leader, Says Today's Demonstrations Show That 'Education Has Borne Fruit'

By Morris U. Schappes

College students, it seems to me, are rapidly learning that the best way to mind their own business is to begin by deciding what their business is. In increasing numbers they have defined their business as the business of peace and democracy.

They are recognizing that the threat to this prime interest of theirs comes externally from the Rome-Berlin-Tokio axis and its recently added satellite, fascist Spain, and internally from those who take their policies from Berlin. Among these latter are imperialists like Hoover and those Wall Street interests for whom he speaks, as well as such former progressives as Senator Nye and Charles A. Beard, and the Trotskyite sects pacifists and the other unassorted elements in the fast diminishing camp of the isolationists.

FALLEN IDOLS

The intelligent student today, in stressing the link between peace and democracy, rejects the dangerous position of one of his former idols, Bertrand Russell, who now publicly admits that he wants peace even if he has to pay the price of S.S-Stuttering Students 'Hail Hitler's Birthday'

"Birthday greetings" to Adolf Hitler on his 50th birthday today are being sent to Nazi consulates by outstanding student leaders, this afternoon on behalf of various peace actions. The "greetings" include: Support of Pres. Roosevelt's peace policy and resolutions urging boycott of Nazi goods and other "gifts" to the Nazi dictator.

Brooklyn College students are sending a message punning: "Dear Adolf Stop Have you heard ours Stop Stop Stop."