REX STOUT CALLS
OUR UNITY 'PHOOEY'

Assrets Outbursts Against OCD
Appointments Show Enmey
Is at Work in U. S.

HE CALLS FOR A REMEDY

Mrs. Roosevelt Opens Carnival
for Democracy—Birkhead
Tells of its Purpose

Visitors to the Carnival for De-

decency, whose scheduled three-
night run at the Grand Central
Palace was opened by Mrs. Eleanor
Roosevelt at 6 P. M. yesterday, 
heard Rex Stout, the author, assert 
later in the evening that any idea 
of national unity was "phooey" so
long as the appointment of Miss
Chaney to the Office of Civilian
Defense caused an "outburst more
bitter and more violent than the
outburst against the Japanese for
their treacherous attack at Hono-
lulu.

Mrs. Roosevelt, whose selection 
of the blonde dancer for the OCD
had loosed a torrent of criticism
from some quarters, did not hear
Mr. Stout's attack upon her critics.
She had left immediately after in-
pecting the booths and displaying
some of the forty pro-democracy
and anti-Axis organizations spon-
soring the carnival.

First Lady Lands Carnival

As she was leaving the building, 
Mrs. Roosevelt said: "I think it is
wonderful that all these organiza-
tions can get together under one
tent to show how democracy is be-
ing defended at home.

Mr. Stout and Dr. L. M. Birk-
head, chairman of the sponsoring
committee, made brief speeches
preparatory to the presentation of
a program of folk dancing by cos-
tumed national groups, music,
demonstrations and other enter-
tainment, for which Sigmund
Apaath was master of ceremonies.

Declaring that "the enemy is
having things pretty much his own
way today in the Atlantic, in Eu-
rope and in the Far East," Mr. Stout
said: "But it is also true here at
home, on our own soil. Look at the
week just past. The avalanche of
decennials and cattails that
expressed two OCD appointments
was by no means the culmination
of an insignificant episode. It was a symp-
ton of a deep and dangerous dis-
est that the battle of Pearl Harbor
momentarily obscured but did not
cure, and did not even af-

Mr. Stout said that while the
appointments of Miss Chaney and
Miss Morgan may have not have been
ill-advised" the reaction in some quarters showed that
"most of the appeasers are na-
 tionals and home-grown Fascists,
and certainly the worst of them,
are today exactly what they were
before Pearl Harbor."

They were the enemies then—
conspiring on both sides. What is
the difference?—of the hopes and
 purposes of people who loved freed-
 dom, and they still are," he said.

Asks What Is Being Done

Mr. Stout then addressed him-
selves directly to the groups spon-
soring the Carnival for Democracy
and asked what they were doing
about the situation he had just
outlined.

"Pathetically little," he said,
answering his own question. "They
are holding meetings of executive
committees and boards. They are
preparing to plan, to arrange to do
something."

Dr. Birkhead said the carnival
itself was an answer to the ques-
tion: Why don't the various pro-
democracy and crisis organizations
gather together? He said: "We are
团结在一起 in a united front against
the forces which seek to destroy
democracy throughout the world.
Forty organizations are joined to-
gether here. Each has its separate
program. But they are together in
their final purpose—to defend
our way of life at all costs."

Six-year-old Eva Hegedus of
409 East Seventy-eighth Street, 
bright in Hungarian folk costume,
handed Mrs. Roosevelt a bouquet
of daffodils and tulips and then
posed with her for pictures in front
of a defense savings booth.

Groups from most of the United
Nations and the "free" movements
of Europe shrewdly at the carni-
val with local civilian defense
and welfare organizations, displaying
waxes, demonstrations of service
and literature. One of the most
strangely decorated booths is that
of the German-American Congress
for Democracy, in which German-
-speaking attendants plot the drop-
off of Hitler.