

# UNITED ACTION URGED AGAINST ALL FASCISTS

## *Friends of Democracy Warn of 'Pressure Groups' Here*

United action against active and potential fascists in this country was urged yesterday afternoon at a meeting in the Hotel Pierre, sponsored by Friends of Democracy, Inc., at which speakers outlined the aims and policy of the organization.

Rex Stout, author, recently elected president of Friends of Democracy, pledged a continued active fight against those he said were beginning to propagandize for post-war friendliness toward the axis. He declared that after the Allies win the war there might be a repetition here of what followed the last World War. Pressure groups he said then became active in this country "urging sympathetic and generous treatment of defeated Germany." He pointed out that the present war is one of the results of such an attitude, which he characterized as "mistaken."

"If we are to be again influenced by pressure groups, we will have lost the war and the peace, and we will have the job to do all over again in perhaps twenty years or so," Mr. Stout said.

Other speakers were W. L. White, author of "They Were Expensible," and Struthers Burt, both of whom endorsed the work of the group.

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