

Student Peace Rallies Today Held in Nation

Mrs. Roosevelt Endorses Demonstrations in Note to Youth

American students will give their "birthday greetings" to Hitler on his birthday today—a nation-wide rally of about 1,000,000 college and high school students at 11 A. M. in support of President Roosevelt's vigorous peace plea to Hitler and his side-kick on the Mediterranean, Mussolini.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, known for her close interest in the youth movement, has endorsed the demonstrations.

"I think the call to peace action is very much better than anything I have ever seen before and, on the whole, it is very good. I hope the day will be productive in many places of real thinking on this subject," Mrs. Roosevelt wrote to Miss Frances Williams, Chairman of the United Student Peace Committee.

The million figure for expected participants in the sixth annual peace actions on April 20th was set last night by leaders of the United Student Peace Committee, united front body sponsoring the demonstrations.

20 GROUPS INVOLVED

In the metropolitan district, 20,000 demonstrators were expected to join the rallies on collegiate campuses, while another 90,000 high school

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students will attend administration-endorsed peace assemblies

In leading colleges, typical predictions ran to 4,000 for Harvard, 3,000 for Michigan, 4,000 for Berkeley (California), 2,000 for University of California at Los Angeles, and 10,000 for Ohio State University.

The United Student Peace Committee, representing 20 important campus and youth groups, unanimously adopted a resolution proposed by the American Student Union through its National Secretary, Joseph P. Lash, at a special meeting Monday. The resolution proposed that local peace actions place support of the President's proposals to the two dictators as central in the rally programs.

Strong support for this proposal came from the National Intercollegiate

which sent letters to all local members urging them to get united in favor of the President's initiative.

The slogans raised by the American Student Union for the rallies were placing America's resources in the scale against aggression, support for the Good Neighbor policy, opposition to M-Day plans and violations of civil liberties, extension of educational opportunities and academic freedom, unity of the nation for social betterment, and tolerance and justice for its people.