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New York City

The Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade held a mass rally to celebrate the 25th anniversary at Palm Gardens at 306 West 52 St. Sunday at 2:30 p.m., Feb, 25, 1962, NYC.

The main purpose in it was to fight the McCarran Act registration, and second for amnesty of political prisoners in Spain. About 1,500 persons were present, and hundreds had been turned away. Among those observed there, HY ROSNER, MOE FISHMAN, BOB LEVINE, BENNY CAPPADONA, MILTON WOLFF, PAUL SCHRIEBER, CARRIE SCHRIEBER, JACK YELLIN, and wife, GEORGE CHAKIN & wife, FELIX KUSMAN, PETE SEEGER, SAM SCHIFF, CELIA SAPERSTEIN, SARAH PLOTKIN, TAMARA TRACH, REGINA BIELIK, LOUIS SECUNDA & wife, HARNOLD SMITH, STEVE NELSON, JOE BRANDT, SYLVIA BRANDT, ARTHUR KNIGHT, MARY ANNE KNIGHT, VINCENT COPELAND & wife, DEIDRE GRISWOLD, JACK SCHULMEN ESTHER CANTON, PAULINE ROSEN, HARRY FISHMAN, CHARLES O'KEEFE, PAULA KRANES, LOUIS KRANES, ALBERT PAULA & CELIA PAULA.

There was no chairman, it was presented in narrative style, the speakers were CLARK FORMAN, Dr. EDWARD K. BARSky, VINCENT HALLINAN, and the entertainment were PETE SEEGER, WOODY GUTHRIE. MILTON WOLFF made the collection speech, all the speakers going in condemning the MC Carran Act registration, and praising the vets for their anti-fascist struggle and refusal to register.

A collection was made that amounted $2,200 dollars, Slides, the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in Spain, were shown. A letter by LAURENCIO PENA smuggled from Spain was read, a letter from 'AN O'CASEY was read urging amnesty for political prisoners in Spain. A dispatch by ERNEST HEMINGWAY was read. The farewell address by DOLORES IABURRI was also read.

The meeting ended at 4:30 p.m.