

Russell Atom Rally Is Banned by Britain

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LONDON, Sept. 13. — The British Government banned tonight the mass demonstration against nuclear weapons planned for next Sunday by the Committee of 100.

The committee's president, Bertrand Russell, was jailed yesterday for seven days because he refused to give a pledge that he would keep the peace. Today he was fined for having broken a municipal ordinance.

But the frail, 89-year-old philosopher issued a defiant statement from Brixton Prison foreseeing a "great massacre" by nuclear war, and committee members pledged themselves to continue organizing a rally of 10,000 people in Parliament Square on Sunday.

After long and anxious consultation between the Home Office and the police, Scotland Yard issued an order prohibiting any public procession organized by or for the committee in a wide area of central London.

The committee's initial reaction to the ban was that "the demonstration goes on." Paul Pottle, acting secretary, said demonstrators would be notified that the Government had forbidden the rally.

"They are aware that they

are taking part in a serious movement," he said.

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This will be Battle of Britain Sunday, a day on which the nation celebrates the Royal Air Force's triumph over Germany's Luftwaffe on Sept. 15, 1940.

To many Britons this was the

most important event of World War II. Those who will march on Sunday represent the section of the populace probably least tolerant of the nuclear disarmament movement.

Meanwhile, a police court magistrate fined Lord Russell £1 (\$2.80) and ordered him to pay 9 guineas (\$26.46) in costs for having used loudspeakers at a Hyde Park meeting of his committee despite an ordinance prohibiting their use.

Clyde Wilson, magistrate at the Marlborough Street court, said the case reminded him of a quotation from the Book of Job: "Great men are not always wise, neither do the aged consider judgment."

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Lord Russell, who did not appear in court today, issued his

plea against atomic arms through the Committee of 100. It was addressed "to all in whatever country who are still capable of sane thinking or human feeling."

"I am to be silenced for a time—perhaps forever, for who can tell how soon the great massacre will take place," the statement began.

"The populations of East and West, misled by stubborn governments in search of prestige and corrupted by official experts bent on retaining their posts, tamely acquiesce in policies which are certain to end in nuclear war," it went on.

"There are supposed to be two sides, each professing to stand for a great cause. This is a delusion.

"Kennedy and Khrushchev, Adenauer and de Gaulle, Mac-

millan and Gaitskell are pursuing a common aim: the ending of human rights.

"You, your families, your friends and your countries are to be exterminated by the common decision of a few brutal but powerful men," Lord Russell said. "To please these men, all the private affections, all the public hopes, all that has been achieved in art and knowledge and thought, and all that might be achieved thereafter is to be wiped out forever."

"It is for seeking to prevent this that we are in prison," the statement concluded.

Although the possibility of violence was a major reason for banning Sunday's rally, the Government also was worried over the effect abroad of a series of mass anti-nuclear demonstrations in Britain.

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