

HARLEM FINNS PACK HALL, CHEER PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT

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Celebrating Finnish independence granted by the Soviet Union in 1917 and the establishment of the new Democratic Peoples Republic of Finland, a packed house of Finnish-Americans yesterday at the Finnish Workers Hall, 15 W. 125th St., hailed the Soviet Union as the only force preventing the imperialist war makers from "opening the throttles and giving the signal for the destruction of civilization."

General Mannerheim was denounced as one of the greatest betrayers and butchers of the Finnish

people.

The meeting was in striking contrast to the so-called celebration held last Wednesday by enemies of the Finnish working people and of the Soviet Union. The genuine feeling of Finnish-American workers was expressed in a resolution of greetings addressed to Otto Kuusinen, head of the People's Democratic Republic of Finland, and read by Onni Kartinen, secretary of the Finnish Workers Federation.

The resolution declared: "We hope the day will soon come when the flag of democratic Finland will wave over Helsinki as a sign of liberation of the Finnish people. Your

struggle is the continuation of the struggle of 1918 which was drowned in blood with the assistance of German bayonets.

"Your program represents the true hopes and aspirations of the Finnish working people. Your struggle is not only a struggle of the Finnish people against their enemies at home, but also a struggle against the imperialist war.

"Rest assured that we do not only express our sympathy with your cause, but we will explain to the Finnish and American people the meaning of your fight and what it means to us and world peace."