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This is how a South African, now in London, describes one of her "most thrilling experiences" in Britain when, on January 26, she was in the demonstration of 10,000 people outside the House of Commons, lobbying M.P.s against German Rearmament. She writes :

From Glasgow, Edinburgh, Manchester and Leeds, from Kent, from Wales, from all over Britain, peace councils and trade unions sent delegations to London to demonstrate for peace. By about 7.30 there was a huge mass of people pushing their way through Parliament Square to the doors of the House of Commons. Banners declaring "Women of East London want Peace", "Women of Sheffield want Peace" were held aloft by women. Ex-servicemen carried posters saying : "No arms for Germany " and "Never Again".

As they filled Parliament Square to overflowing, the crowd chanted : "Don't rearm the Nazis!" and "We want our M.P.". Scarcely a handful of M.P.s dared to come out to face their constituents. But the police came. They came in their vans, pouring out into the square. They came on their horses, and began to press the people back. Again and again they charged into the crowds; women were knocked over and kicked; men were grabbed roughly and arrested. They tried to clear the square - so terrified is the Government of the strength of public opinion against it.

And time and again we pushed back to the steps of the House, chanting our slogans, calling for our M.P.s. And the rigid, angry faces of the police greeted us each time. But the police had made a big mistake. They had attacked an ordinary, peace-loving crowd, brought up to believe that the police were their protectors. First the people were amazed. Then, angry and indignant, shouting "Gestapo" and "This is Fascism", they booed and booed. The spirit of the people was wonderful!

Then the march started - along Whitehall and through the centre of the city, so that the traffic had to stop, hooting. The noise was terrific - our chanting, the hooting, and the ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ police horses cantering up beside us, to try to crowd us off the road and break our column. "No arms for the Nazis.... One, two, three, four, we don't want War."

A wonderful column- youth groups were there, Cypriots, Indians, Africans, men and women of all colours, from all over the British

Empire, demonstrating for peace. And at intervals down the line, huge banners depicting the people's desire for peace. The Kent miners had a great maroon and gold banner, and they were marching just behind us, when suddenly up the road we heard cantering hooves. Six police horses thundered past and charged the banner. Down it went, men and women fell, and it was raised again. Again and again it fell, was torn and tramped in the gutter, and again and again it was raised, and the people cheered. When the banner of the Kent miners finally arrived at our goal - the peace meeting - what a cheer went up! All along the road the people watched us and saw what the police were doing, and many cheered us on our way. And finally everyone arrived at the meeting, addressed by Ivor Montague, chairman of the World Peace Council, in time to cheer wildly the workers of France, Germany and every country of the world, who are trying to stop the rearmament of the Nazis, and another world war.

Such a mood of hope and jubilation we were all in! Even though our M.P.s refused to see us, we had beaten the forces of the Government, we had had our march and our meeting and had voiced the opposition of the people of Britain to a rearmmed Germany.

We were part, and we felt it, of a great people's movement for peace and freedom.

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