

Meeting Spurs Drive For Gurley Flynn

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A meeting of workers in the Elizabeth Gurley Flynn campaign for the City Council launched plans Wednesday night for an all-out mobilization beginning Sunday to complete the drive for 3,000 signatures to the petition to place Miss Flynn's name on the November ballot.

The campaign workers, who met at the Flynn headquarters, 15 Second Ave., heard former City Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, chairman, and George Blake Charney, secretary of the Communist Party, discuss the importance of going over the top in the signature drive, thus assuring that Miss Flynn, Communist and veteran labor leader, will be able to appear before the East Side Manhattan voters as Councilmanic candidate on the People's Rights Party.

Plans adopted at the meeting called for dispatching from the Flynn headquarters, beginning at 10 A.M. Sunday, 200 canvassers with petition blanks.

Thirty-five canvassers, who worked the district prior to the Wednesday meeting, returned with 101 signatures. This brought the total of signatures to 700 to date.

The meeting projected the goal of bringing the signature total up to 1,500—the half-way point in the

drive—by Sunday night.

Large delegations of canvassers have been pledged for the Sunday mobilization by the Communist Party organizations in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx.

Brooklyn has pledged to deliver 1,000 signatures. The Brooklyn group has called on the other counties to announce and complete their goals.

Speaking to the campaign workers, Davis and Charney stressed the importance of the Flynn campaign in bringing into the municipal campaign important issues facing the common people.

The speakers pointed out that the signatures drive to place Miss Flynn on the ballot is a major contribution toward the winning of full political rights for Communists and the American people generally.

Both Davis and Charney said experiences of the campaign were helping to unite the ranks of the Communist Party.

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E. Blumberg, co-chairmen of the campaign committee, said:

"The results thus far prove it is possible to place the name of Elizabeth Gurley Flynn on the ballot. What is required is an all-out effort during the remaining 15 days of the signature campaign beginning Sunday."

Under the election law, 3,000 signatures of registered voters on the Flynn petition must be filed not later than Sept. 23.

The Flynn campaign committee reported that a detailed breakdown of results to date in the signature drive showed the average team of canvassers has been collecting from 2 to 3 times as many signatures as a similar team brought in during the 1954 campaign when Miss Flynn ran for Congress in the Bronx.

During the Wednesday night night meeting, several canvassers spoke in the discussion exchanging their experiences.

A woman, who said she had never before canvassed in an election, described the "great interest" among East Side residents in Miss Flynn's program on housing, slum clearance, the fight for political representation for Puerto Rican people, the fight against anti-Semitism, for school integration, a positive program for young people and anti-bias legislation to end discrimination against Negro and Puerto Rican people in housing and jobs.

A number of canvassers, who had earlier expressed doubts about the campaign, reported they were convinced the goal of 3,000 signatures could be reached. They appealed to the canvassers present to return to the Flynn headquarters Sunday and bring their friends.