

Local witch hunters get Kennelly's blessing

Accuse Dem precinct captain in assault on Progressives

Marceline Blair, Democratic captain in the 27th precinct of the 5th ward, this week was named in a police complaint as the leader of a mob of hoodlums who attempted to break up a Progressive Party street meeting by violence.

A second outbreak of violence also was reported soon after Mayor Kennelly had gone to great pains to announce that there'd be no political assaults in Chicago.

A group of "young toughs" threw stones and tomatoes at speakers who were protesting against the state electoral board's action in barring the new party from the state ballot.

Some 150 people were listening to the speeches in an open lot near 55th and Ingleside when the outburst of violence occurred.

"I personally saw Blair hand a bag of tomatoes to some one in the crowd, who began throwing them at the speakers," Mrs. Leone Phillips, 1316 Madison Park, secretary of the 5th ward Progressive Party, declared.

Mrs. Meredith Sheehan, 1500 E. 55th, and her child were injured by stones. They were treated at their home by a doctor.

The arrest warrant, signed by Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Janet Wolfe, 5330 Harper, charged Blair with having been an accessory to the assault.

Violence broke out at another Progressive rally during the week.

Rod Holmgren, radio commen-

tator, was speaking on behalf of the new party at a street meeting in Washington Square when some hoodlums on the edge of the crowd began throwing eggs. None hit Holmgren.

The crowd, amounting to about 800 persons, turned on the hoodlums and ran them out of the park.

Register today!

All three major political parties this week speeded up their drives to register a maximum of Illinois' voters in time for the crucial Nov. 2 election. Eligible citizens can register in room 308 at the City Hall from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays through Oct. 4. On Oct. 5, the last day, precinct polling places will be opened for one-day neighborhood registration.

Ald. Burmeister seeks probe for 'red taint' in city employes

Everybody's trying to get into the act! Now it's Ald. John C. Burmeister (44th), a fat-cat Republican who lives on Lake Shore dr.

Burmeister has discovered — the Red Menace.

The Reds, he says, are trying to overthrow the Loop!

(Given a little encouragement, they might even join the liberal citizens of the 44th Ward who are trying to overthrow Burmeister.)

In the City Council, Burmeister painted a lurid picture of what those wild-eyed Communists are trying to do to Chicago.

It's illegal! It's awful! It's radical!

Burmeister didn't disclose the source of his information, but he says that the Communists are trying to infiltrate the city government.

They're raising their heads in the bureau of bridges. They're flowing into the water system. They're utilizing the public utilities. (That's why the city's in the Red.)

And do you know why? Burmeister does.

"It would be easy," he says, "for a few men well organized under the guidance of the Communist Party to paralyze utilities, isolate the Loop by throwing up the bridges, then destroying it."

But Chicago's citizens need not fear. Burmeister, like the U.S. Cavalry, is riding to the rescue!

He has proposed a resolution, now under consideration by the City Council rules committee, which would require all officials and employees of the city—both elected and appointed—to sign affidavits swearing that they are not and never will be members of the Communist Party (ya gotta be a fortune-teller, too).

Lest his fellow aldermen should doubt the need for such a measure, Burmeister reassured them. He said that the American Legion, which has been devoting its mighty energies to trying to kick a gentle, middle-aged woman teacher at Senn High—Miss Emily Noack—out of the school system, has placed its OK on his proposal.

But that wasn't enough to satisfy Ald. Reginald DuBois (9th), who thinks that Congressman Rankin is a piker on "white supremacy."

DuBois asked why the resolu-

tion couldn't be extended beyond the 20,000 city employes. He said he would like to see it include semi-autonomous agencies, like the Chicago Housing Authority (which has an interracial policy) and the Mayor's Commission on Human Relations (which believes in the Constitution). Both outfits are "Red," according to DuBois.

Before the Council sent the resolution to committee, Mayor Kennelly got into the act, too. He said he thinks the resolution ought to call on the state government to cooperate by chasing the Red out of the Red, White, and Blue at the State House at Springfield.

As far as the resolution goes, Kennelly's all for it.

In that he differs with a lot of Chicagoans, it seems. For example, Zal Garfield, county director of the Progressive Party.

Referring to Burmeister's wild account of how the Communists are out to paint the town Red, Garfield cracked:

"He forgot the dangerous possibility that the Communists might also release the monkeys from the Lincoln Park Zoo. But so many of the purge-minded politicians in City Hall are acting like monkeys that I guess our supply would be equalized." Garfield, who called on "all Chicagoans" to "fight the resolution," remarked acridly that it "would start searches for Alger Hiss Jr. in our sanitation department."

Vote non-compliance

NEW YORK—(FP)—A policy of non-compliance with the Taft-Hartley act was overwhelmingly endorsed, 36,297 to 6,055, by the members of the United Office & Professional Workers (CIO) in a nationwide poll, the union announced here.

The results were greeted by union leaders as a "blow against company unionism and against those employers who raise the false issue of compliance in order to divide and weaken the union's fight for increased pay and security for its members."

Jewish leader says Israeli will fight for full freedom

There will be "further warfare" in Palestine unless full recognition is granted to Israel, it is admitted to the United Nations, and the arms embargo is lifted, Dr. Joseph Mayer, chairman of the Israeli Emergency Medical Council, declared this week.

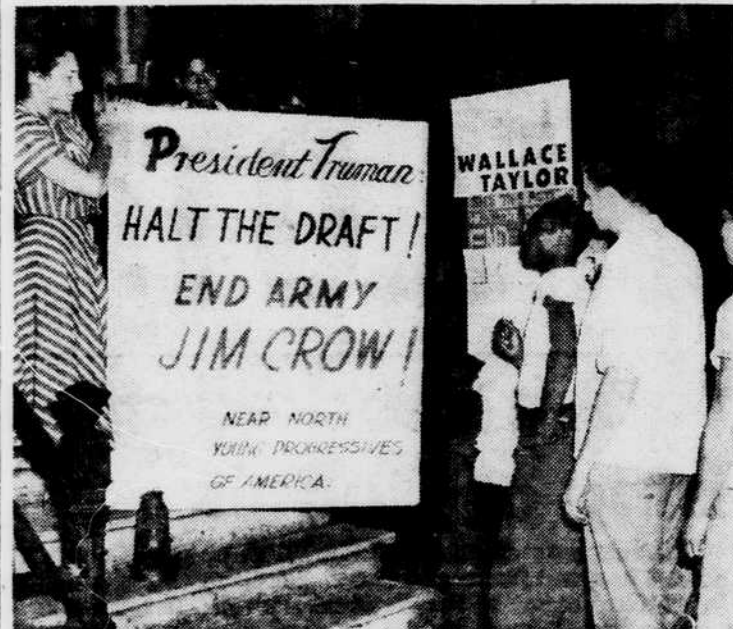
But Dr. Mayer said that there could be no doubt of the outcome of such fighting.

"Our people went to Palestine to live there and to die there," he said. "We can't be chased away."

Dr. Mayer was in Chicago to raise funds for the National Committee for Labor Palestine, the U.S. backer of Histadrut, the Arab-Jewish labor federation in Palestine. He is medical director of Histadrut's sick fund, Kupat Holim.

Many Arabs desire an Israeli victory, Dr. Mayer contended, because of the improved standard of living which the Jews have brought to the Holy Land.

In support of his statement, he pointed out that the infant mortality rate among Palestinian Arabs has dropped from the 240 per thousand level of 25 years ago—before large-scale Jewish immigration—to the 130 per thousand level of the present day. This rate will drop still further in the near future, he predicted.



IN PREPARATION for their coming convention, members of the Young Progressives on the Near North Side tell the people of their opposition to the draft and to Jim Crow in the armed services.

Torchlight parade planned for state YPA convention

Youth from campuses and industrial centers all over the state will gather in Chicago this weekend for the first annual convention of the Illinois branch of Young Progressives of America.

The convention will be held at the DuSable Community Center, 49th and Wabash.

Saturday morning YPA delegates will be addressed by Charles P. Howard, keynoter of the Progressive Party national convention, and on Sunday morning by John Gojack, national vice-chairman of YPA and international vice president of the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America.

The Saturday afternoon session, which will open with singing, will end at 5:30 p.m. At 7 p.m., the delegates will form a line of march outside the DuSable Community Center and parade by torchlight through the South Side community urging repeal of the draft and an end to Jim Crow in the armed forces.

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