

# America's Women Rally To the Peace Struggle

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From Boston to Los Angeles, American women—mothers, wives, and sisters—are crusading for peace.

Busy at thoroughfares with peace ballots, carrying tots at their sides, putting aside household chores, they are signing the people up for peace, and building peace committees of women. In shop and community, women are spearhead-

ing the peace crusade for five million signatures to the World Peace Appeal to ban atomic war.

In a single day of activity, in Harlem, a Harlem Women's Peace Committee, a division of the newly-launched Harlem Provisional Committee for Peace and Freedom, secured 1,200 signers, mainly women, to a petition which carried the Stockholm World Peace Appeal. Their petition carried the slogan "Without Peace, No Freedom, No Life Itself!" Over 100 women indicated willingness to join peace committees.

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# VOTE FOR CP CANDIDATE IN CALIF. NEARS 400,000

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## FBI Chief Opposes U. S. Aid to Lynchers' Victims

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, June 11. — Violations of the civil rights of the Negro is a "delicate question" which "the south should handle," in the opinion of J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI. "Where you have out-

Hoover appeared before the committee Feb. 3 and 7 to ask for a budget increase for fiscal 1951 of \$4.6 million, to raise the annual cost of the FBI to \$57.4 million. The

carried the Stockholm World Peace Appeal. Their petition carried the slogan "Without Peace, No Freedom, No Life Itself!" Over 100 women indicated willingness to join peace committees.

In Newark, N. J., 200 women, organized by the New Jersey Chapter of the Congress of American women on Mother's Day, obtained 3,000 signatures, mainly from women shoppers. "It's peace and life teamed up against death," said the ballot. "Which side are you on? To ask the question is to answer it." Two hundred women indicated willingness to join peace committees.

### OREGON CAMPAIGN

A women's peace committee in Oregon was among the first to send for petitions to the World Peace Appeal, according to spokesmen from the Peace Information Center's Campaign Committee on the World Peace Appeal signature campaign.

A delegation of almost 100 New York women journeyed on May 26 to the United Nations to meet Trygve Lie, secretary general of the UN, on his return from his European peace mission.

These women were aware of the efforts of reactionaries in our own land to soft pedal these significant peace efforts. They were aware that even prior to Lie's return, his peace mission was assailed and called "appeasement" by senators like Sen. Knowland, who represents the very forces who appeased Hitler, and who are today reviving the German war power potential in Western Germany.

The women carried a banner on which was inscribed a dove of peace, with the words: "Welcome Trygve Lie—Women Support Your Position for Peace."

### OTHERS JOIN

Joining the women's peace delegation was a woman resident of Great Neck, L. I. On seeing the triangular peace tags worn by the women which said: "Women for Peace Welcome Trygve Lie" this woman, a Norwegian American, said: "I was going to the chiropodist. I, too, am for peace. Mr. Lie is a great man and I'm proud of him. I'm a Norwegian, too."

Later, the women encountered a group of five Negro women, who on their own initiative, had come all the way from Philadelphia to welcome Lie. They represented a Negro community center for underprivileged children.

"We came, they told the women, "because we think Trygve Lie is a great man and fights for peace."

Then there was the young mother who brought her eight-year-old son on the peace delegation. Claspng her hand, the boy heard Trygve Lie's assertion that "Europe wants peace—that mothers and veterans especially declare, 'No More War on Earth!'"

"Never, Mommy, never?" the boy asked. Looking into his face, with grim lips, the young mother replied, "Never!"

The delegation literally submerged Trygve Lie in a sea of flowers, as they presented him with the statement which read: "We read with great emotion your statement 'I bless every man and woman who fights for peace. This is the aim and target for which the UN stands! We bless

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# Women

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you in turn for your patience, your faith in people."

## BOSTON DELEGATION

One month earlier, on April 26, a delegation of 37 women, from Boston and surrounding cities, journeyed to the UN to present 7,000 "Outlaw the A-Bomb" ballots. They carried the signed ballots in a child's trunk, collected on a door-to-door house-to-house campaign, on Boston Commons and in the South End Negro ghetto Roxbury community.

Women in Boston were roused to activity for peace when, as a result of war maneuvers, an explosion resulted, killing one man.

In Philadelphia, a citywide Women's Committee for Peace has already obtained close to 10,000 ban-the-A-bomb ballots.

In Los Angeles, women are sparking a Ballots for Peace campaign. Recently, on every major thoroughfare in Los Angeles, women placed tables on the streets. Spurred to activity at a luncheon of 300 women who heard Rockwell Kent report on his recent trip to Moscow as a member of a delegation to the World Peace Congress, they collected, on the eve of Mother's Day, 4,000 Outlaw-the-A-bomb ballots in a single day.

Another area of the women's peace activity is the newly-established Women's Division of the National Labor Peace Conference, which has women's divisions in Chicago, Wisconsin and New York.

## N. Y. GROUPS

In New York City, the initiative for the delegation of welcome for Trygve Lie came from such women's groups as Congress of American Women, the Emma Lazarus Division of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order, the Women's Division of the American Labor Party, the Women's Division of the American Slav Congress, the Women's Committee of the Harlem Trade Union Council, the Women's Division of the National Labor Peace Conference. They were joined by such groups as the American Federation to Aid Polish Jews, the East Harlem Child Care Conference, and women's committees organized on a neighborhood basis, with such names as Volunteers For Peace, Mothers For Peace, Pyramids For Peace.

Over 55,000 postcards urging banning of the bomb were distributed by the Metropolitan Chapter of the Congress of American Women.

Prominent women leaders, associated with the Committee for Peaceful Alternatives, were among sponsors of the Mid-Century Conference.

These developments show the wide uneasiness of women with re-

gard to the growing war danger. While not yet recognizing the true source of this danger, they do not accept the monstrous doctrine spread by the imperialists that war is inevitable.

The significant feature about the community movements for peace is that they are led, organized and initiated by women. It points up the historic fact that women have always been forefront lighters for peace. As wives, mothers and sisters, they have historically fought imperialist war in the sharp realization that war destroys the home, causes untold misery and deprivation, that the first victims are children. That is why they have so eagerly rallied to the call for peace.

That is why they will be in the vanguard of the fight to help achieve the campaign for 5 million peace signatures. The development of a distinct women's peace movement must therefore be encouraged, united and developed.

## Stoppage

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taking the only effective action they know to halt the speedup drive.

In the absence of leadership from local officials of the CIO Steel Union, the workers have been going to the gates and explaining the issues of the strike to their fellow workers.

They have been meeting twice a day in the union headquarters. They are told by union officials only that they should go back to work.

The Communist Party of Bethlehem has been distributing leaflets at two of the gates to explain the issues of the strike to other workers.

## Cool Staff Averts Panic in Fire At Bellevue

Doctors and nurses rushed 150 mental patients from their rooms through thick black smoke early today when fire broke out in the psychopath building of Bellevue.

Possible panic and disaster were averted as the staff quickly and calmly herded the mental patients to safer quarters.

The fire started in an oil separator in the boiler room, and dense clouds of smoke poured through the ventilating system of the six story building.

No one was injured or affected by the smoke.