

STATE CP LAUDS GAINS IN GURLEY FLYNN DRIVE

The top officials of the N.Y. State Communist Party yesterday termed a "magnificent achievement" the collection of nearly 1,500 signatures to date in the campaign to put Elizabeth Gurley Flynn on the ballot in the city council elections.

A statement by Benjamin J. Davis, chairman, and George Blake Charney, secretary, also warned against efforts by a section of the capitalist press to "utilize the resignation of Joseph Clark to divide and weaken the Party and divert it from its present tasks."

The statement follows:

Yesterday's report in the Daily Worker on the signature drive to put Elizabeth Gurley Flynn on the ballot in the 24th councilmanic district shows that the campaign is gaining momentum.

"The total is now close to 1,500 signatures. This is a magnificent achievement. It demonstrates that

the job of qualifying Elizabeth as candidate can and will be done.

"However, there are reactionary forces in the city who will do everything they can to attack the Party, obstruct its activity on behalf of the people and for its full legal rights. As part of these attacks, sections of the capitalist press are now making a deliberate effort to utilize the resignation of Joseph Clark to divide and weaken the Party and divert it from its present tasks.

"We call upon our membership to answer these attacks by rallying more than ever around the Party to put Elizabeth Gurley Flynn on the ballot. We call upon our membership to rally more than ever around the Party to carry out all our other tasks to join with all other democratic-minded Americans to smash the Dixiecrat terror in the South and to achieve the full integration of the Negro people."