

AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE

AN EDITORIAL

Canvassers determined to see Elizabeth Gurley Flynn run as a candidate for City Council are exhilarated by the results they get. The signatures come from every category of the population in the district, and canvassers report the growing dissatisfaction with the GOP and the Democratic Party, especially among large sections of the Negro and Puerto Rican voters. The presence of an honest, militant independent candidate in the field makes a lot of sense to many voters. Hence the response.

But the task is immense, nonetheless, for time is of the essence. Three weeks remain, and so far about 600 signatures have been gotten. Four thousand are necessary to safely put her candidacy across though legally, 3,000 are required. The number could certainly be raised if 100 canvassers turned up every day. This Sunday will see a special all-day mobilization of canvassers. Evelyn Wiener and Dr. Alfred E. Blumberg, co-chairman of the Committee, said they expected 200 to report at Flynn headquarters, 15 Second Avenue, Sunday. The offices open at 10 A.M.

The Committee says the signatures are there to be gotten that will enable Gurley Flynn "to speak to masses on the streets, in meeting halls, over radio and television and from the viewpoint of a Communist," as the New York State Committee of the Communist Party declared.

All who want maximum effort to grapple with the issues of graft and corruption in the city, the witchhunt in municipal government, peace, democratic rights and living conditions will be on hand Sunday.