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ANTI-REDS FORMED TO OPPOSE MAYOR

E. E. Spafford, Ex-Head of
Legion, Announces New Party
Under Liberty Bell Emblem

WILL SUPPORT MAHONEY

Leader Says Strike Violence in
La Guardia Regime Has Made
City a Laughing Stock.

Organization of the Anti-Communist party to oppose the re-election of Mayor La Guardia was announced yesterday by Edward E. Spafford, formerly national commander of the American Legion. Headquarters have been established in the Hotel Commodore. The emblem of the party is the Liberty Bell.

Associated with Mr. Spafford in this group are Cyrus C. Miller, an independent Democrat, who formerly was Borough President of the Bronx; Timothy C. McCarthy of Brooklyn and Alexander E. Light of Richmond.

Mr. Spafford said the party would support Jeremiah T. Mahoney, Democratic candidate for Mayor, and his running mates, Controller Frank J. Taylor and Max J. Schneider, candidate for President of the Council.

"When in the course of party politics a prominent party endorses a candidate for Mayor of this city sponsored and supported by Communists and anti-Americans, then it behooves loyal citizens to form a party diametrically opposed," Mr. Spafford said. "As a lifelong Republican I vigorously resent the coalition of our party with the United Red Front, composed of the Communist party, the Socialist party and the communistic element of the American Labor party.

"When I say that, I know I voice the sentiment of the leading members of the Republican party and of thousands of other Republicans and those men who for decades have been working for the best interests of honest labor. I think it is outrageous to have this great city of New York the laughing stock of the nation, particularly with the disorder and violence that occurred during the sit-down strikes. The public will recall that during many of these strikes the red element even went so far as to take over government property on some of the Federal works projects, while our police force, recognized as the finest in the world, had to stand idly by and submit to open insults at the hands of communistic agitators.

"How any true American can support Mayor La Guardia, tagged all over with the communistic label, is beyond me. His continued occupancy of City Hall is a threat to every traditional concept of law and order."

The announced aim of the anti-communistic party is to provide a political medium by which voters may specifically express their opposition to alleged "red coddling" by the Mayor, and to furnish a vehicle by which Republicans who believe in the principles of Abraham Lincoln, war veterans and citizens with respect for law and order may express their opposition to Mayor La Guardia and still remain independent.