

# Citizens Defense Group Formed

NEW YORK.—Formation of a Citizens Committee for Harry Bridges was announced this week by Orson Welles, John Henry Hammond, Jr., of New York, and Prof. E. O. Matthiessen, of Harvard university, from the committee headquarters, 11 West Forty-second street.

The committee is national in scope and includes educators, writers, stage and screen personalities, clergymen, artists and others.

More than 65 persons became sponsors of the committee on the invitation of Mr. Welles, the

playwright-producer, Mr. Hammond, music patron and critic, and Mr. Matheson, professor of English. The committee will rally support of non-labor organizations and persons, according to the announcement.

In their letter of invitation to sponsors Mr. Welles, Mr. Hammond and Prof. Matthiessen pointed out:

Mr. Bridges is now on trial in a second deportation hearing, the only man in the United States ever to be tried twice in this manner. On the pretext of a new law passed after an exhaustive hearing and acquittal by Dean James M. Landis, he is being tried anew on essentially the same charge.

"... We join in an attempt to inform public opinion as to the realities behind Mr. Bridges second trial, which we consider an attack on all organized labor, on the rights of minorities and a focal point of the entire current attack on civil liberties."

Sponsors include Dr. Thomas Addis, of Leland Stanford University; Stella Adler, the Group Theater actress; Carleton Beals, authority on South America; Elmer A. Benson, former governor of Minnesota; Dr. George Bishop, Washington University Medical school, St. Louis; Dr. Charles F. Brooks, director of the Blue Hill observatory, Harvard University,

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and Prof. Harold Chapman Brown of Leland Stanford University.

Dr. Charles Sumner Bacon, professor emeritus, University of Illinois Medical school; Robert M. Coates, writer, associated with The New Yorker; Russell N. Chase, chairman of the Cleveland committee of the American Civil Liberties Union; Prof. W. J. Crozier, physiologist, Harvard University; Hugh DeLacy, president of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born; Prof. John Mitchell Franklin, Tulane law school, New Orleans, and the Rev. Jerome A. Drolet, of the St. Rose of Lima church, of New Orleans.

Zara du Pont, of Cambridge; Dan Gillmor, publisher; John Groth, artist; Dr. Ralph H. Gundlach, of the University of Washington, Seattle; the Rev. Armand Guerrero, of Chicago, associated with the National Religion and Labor Foundation; Albert Halper and Henry Hart, writers; Leo Huberman, journalist; the Rev. Paul G. Hayes, Minneapolis; Lillian Hellman, playwright, author of the "Watch on the Rhine," awarded the New York drama critics' Circle prize recently, and Mrs. Thomas N. Hepburn, prominent Hartford, Conn., club woman and mother of the actress, Katharine Hepburn.

Julius Kiyman, assistant editor, St. Louis Post-Dispatch "Pictures" magazine; Alfred Kreyenborg, poet; Dr. Max Lerner, professor of Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., Miss Ray Lev, the pianist; Miss Florence Luscomb, of Brookline, Mass., vice-chairman, Massachusetts Committee of the American Civil Liberties Union; the Rev. John Howard Melish, Church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, N. Y., Clifford T. McAvoy, deputy commissioner of public welfare, New York; Professor William A. Noyes, University of Illinois, and Ray Mayeur, stage and radio actor.

Harvey O'Connor, Chicago, author of the recently published biography, "The Astors"; Clifford Odets, the playwright; Elliot Paul, the novelist; Arthur Pollock, drama critic, the Brooklyn Daily Eagle, Gardner Rea, artist; Prof. Fred Rödell of the Yale Law school, and Irwin Shaw, playwright and author.

Herman Shumlin, producer; Vincent Sheean, journalist and author; the Rev. F. Hastings Smyth, Superior of the Society of

the Catholic Commonwealth, Cambridge, Mass.; Donald Ogden Stewart, writer and winner of the 1940 Academy award for screen writers; I. F. Stone, Washington editor of The Nation; Professors Dirk J. Struik and C. Fayette Taylor of Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Dr. V. T. Thayer, of the Ethical Culture school, New York, and James Whittaker, music critic of the New York Daily Mirror, and others.

Sponsors signed a statement which read: "I believe Harry Bridges earned the right to remain in this country after he successfully defended that right in exhaustive hearings in 1939, when Dean James M. Landis found that he was not a dangerous alien."