

# 85 Citizens To Sponsor National Sharecroppers Week March 4-11

NEW YORK, Feb. 2—Sixteen noted leaders have joined with 69 white distinguished Americans in the sponsorship of the fourth annual National Sharecroppers Week which will be observed from March 4 through March 10, it was announced this week by Miss Pauli Murray, secretary of the movement.

Among the sponsors are Dr. W. E. B. DuBois of Atlanta university; T. Arnold Hill of the National Urban League; Prof. Abram L. Harris of Howard university; A. Philip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler of the Independent Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks, and Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Miss Murray described National Sharecroppers week as an annual effort to acquaint the public with the sharecropper problem and to raise funds to finance a program of remedial action.

She explained that it is conducted under the auspices of the Southern Tenant Farmers' union, the sharecropper labor organization, and the Workers Defense League, its official defense agency.

Howard Kester, secretary of the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen, is acting as treasurer. Offices have been established in New York City.

#### LaGuardia Behind Move

Other sponsors of the "Week" include Mayor F. H. LaGuardia of New York City, Carrie Chapman Catt, Theodore Dreiser, David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, President Frank P. Graham of the University of North Carolina, Carey McWilliams, the noted authority on migratory labor, William Allen Neilson, president emeritus of Smith college, Bishop Edward L. Parsons of San Francisco, Norman Thomas, the Socialist leader, Oswald Garrison Villard, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, and William Allen White.

Other noted leaders who are sponsoring the "Week" include Mrs. Ernest R. Alexander of the Harlem Y.M.C.A., Frank R. Crosswaith, chairman of the Negro Labor Committee, Hubert T. Delaney, Tax Commissioner of New York City, Rev. William Lloyd Imes of New York, Dr. Charles S. Johnson of Fisk university, Professors Alain Locke and Dexey A. Wilkerson of Howard university, William Pickens of the N.A.A.C.P., Augusta Savage, the celebrated artist, and Frances H. Williams of the Young Women's Christian Association.

#### Muni is Chairman

Miss Murray also announced that Paul Muni, distinguished screen and stage star, had accepted the chairmanship of a theatre committee for the "Week" and that Mr. Muni would be assisted by artists and impresarios of the rank of Tallulah Bankhead, Angna Enters, the celebrated mime, and Louis Schaffer, director of Labor Stage, Inc.

Professor Harris and Dr. Mary E. Wooley, president emeritus of Mt. Holyoke college, are acting as co-chairmen of the educators committee.

Religious leaders include Rev. John Lovejoy Elliott of Ethical Culture Society, Harold E. Fey of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, Rev. John Hayes Holmes, Rabbi Edward L. Israel of Baltimore, Rev. John Howland Lathrop of New York, Prof. Reinhold Niebuhr of Union Theological Seminary and Kirby.