

POLICE ARREST YOWL SPEAKERS; CROWD PROTESTS

Cheers for Y. W. L. As Speakers Are Taken

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NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 29.—Four members of the Young Workers' League, Clarence Miller, Arnold Shaw, Julius Malpern and Harry Sukhetsky were arrested on the evening of Sept. 23, while holding an open-air meeting at 110th St. and 5th Ave. Three workers who were listening to the speakers were also arrested.

Clarence Miller, who had been arrested several times in Chicago for speaking, had been in New York City only two days, and his arrest was evidently the method employed by the police to welcome him to New York.

LaFollette Cause of Arrest.

Dozens of meetings had previously been held on the same corner, without any interference. In the past few weeks, however, there had been acute competition between the Young Workers' League and the LaFollette forces for the corner. The Young Workers' League, being more energetic, had managed to capture the corner every time. This must have riled the LaFolletteites, and it is suspected that they instigated the arrests.

It was about 9 o'clock in the evening. Comrade Miller was speaking. The crowd numbered well over 500. A policeman approached and demanded a permit. He was informed that no permit was necessary for open-air meetings. The cop left, muttering "We'll see." About a half hour later, the cop returned with reinforcements. A Jewish comrade was speaking. The policeman asked him whether he was a citizen and upon learning that he was not, ordered him off the platform. Comrade Miller immediately got up in his place. Upon giving the police the information that he was a citizen, he was placed under arrest. The other comrades were arrested when they came to see what the row was about. One spectator was arrested for handing a comrade a cigarette.

Crowd With Yowls.

The charge at first was: Holding a meeting without a permit, but it was later changed to obstructing the traffic. The judge dismissed the charge without much ado.

There were at least 1000 workers listening when the arrests were made, and the crowd was very sympathetic to the Young Workers. A patrol wagon was called. As the yowls entered they shouted, "Three cheers for the Young Workers' League" and the crowd responded with a roar.