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TO ALL CHAPTER HEADS:

The time for talk has ended. Roll up your sleeves -- there's work to be done.

It is now evident that Congress will not repeal the Neutrality Act unless the people of this country assert their will and force its repeal.

Under separate cover you have received a quantity of petitions and a supply of post cards addressed to our Congress in Washington urging repeal of the law that renders our aid to the Allies useless -- the Neutrality Act.

It is your job to see that these petitions are signed by every man and woman of voting age in your town, also that cards are signed and mailed. It's a big job and it takes workers. Get on the phone now. Call every member of your chapter to your headquarters for an emergency meeting. Take no excuses. Every man and woman in your chapter should be present at this meeting.

Once you are assembled, explain what must be done, why, and how. Be brief. The important thing is to get these petitions signed.

Here is what we suggest you do:

- (1) Send your members to railroad and bus stations, theatres, hotels, stores, office buildings and traffic centers all over town with petitions. Get them desk space where possible, but do not go into any lengthy negotiations for it -- a large flat board with a clip at the top to hold the paper makes as good a writing surface as anything. Have your people stop every passer-by and get a signature.
- (2) Get in touch with the editor of your local interventionist newspaper. Tell him what you are doing. If possible, get a photographer to cover your activities in the streets and office buildings and railroad stations. Urge the editor to write news stories and editorials on your activities and the importance of repealing the Neutrality Act. Take



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advertising space in newspapers and reproduce the petition so readers can sign it.

- (3) Instruct your Labor Committee to get the petitions out to local union members. Assign people to get signatures outside of factories as shifts change or workers leave for the day. Tell your Labor Committee chairman to get the petitions before the greatest number of people in the shortest time possible.
- (4) Have your members make a house-to-house drive for signatures.
- (5) Send out automobiles to the suburbs.
- (6) Be sure your workers are supplied with literature which clearly explains why the Neutrality Act must be repealed and which explains the purpose of the Fight for Freedom.
- (7) Dramatize the drive. Use flags, bunting, posters on your desks and automobiles.
- (8) Petitions must be returned to us before October 10th, 1941. Be sure they are stamped with the name and address of your local chapter. (Get a rubber stamp made at once.)
- (9) Let individuals mail their own post cards, but urgently request them to do so at once.

Don't hesitate to put into action any other ideas you might have for the collection of signatures on the petitions.

But remember: They must be signed and delivered to this office by October 10th, 1941.

It's up to you!

Fraternally yours

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