

Repulse Pickets From Federal Reservation

Guards Push C. O. Demonstrators Back from Prison Road.

SECOND ATTEMPT FAILS

Spectators Boo New Yorkers; March from Station to F. C. I.

Repulsed by prison guards when they attempted to march up the roadway from Pembroke district to the Federal prison this forenoon to stage a demonstration for the release of the conscientious objectors imprisoned there, some 50 men and women, calling themselves "Families & Friends of Imprisoned C.O.'s," went to the home of Warden Milton Kennedy, on the edge of the federal reservation, where they were again driven back by another force of guards.

A state police detail headed by Lieut. Harry T. Tucker patrolled the state highway but did not participate in the brushes with the demonstrators.

The demonstrators told reporters early this afternoon that unless Warden Kennedy agreed to their demands to be allowed to demonstrate on the government property while the conscientious objectors on the inside were supposedly demonstrating they "would fight their way to the prison."

The warden finally admitted two representatives of the group, all of whom are from New York city, to his home to speak for the demonstrators. Those admitted were Julius Eichel and Paul Goodman. They were still conferring with the warden at press time.

Guards Mobilized

Practically the entire custodial force of the prison, was mobilized for the demonstration. Announcement that the demonstration would take place was received by the Danbury News-Times Monday forenoon from Mat Kauten, of 20 Jane street, New York city, the leader of the so-called association. The guards on the outside were commanded by Lieut. Glen P. Stevens.

Kauten personally led the delegation consisting of 20 men, most of whom have served time as conscientious objectors, and 30 young women, from New York to Danbury.

March To Prison

Arriving at the Danbury railroad station the hatless New Yorkers placed printed placards over their chests and backs and marched all the way to the prison grounds, approximately three miles.

The placards read "Danbury, U. S. Concentration Camp" and "Amnesty Granted Abroad—Why Not Here?" Enroute to the prison the marchers passed out printed propaganda to any who would accept it. Most Danburians they approached refused the printed matter and in no uncertain terms told of what they thought of conscientious objectors.

Heckle Demonstrators

A large crowd of Danbury and New Fairfield residents, including a great many war veterans, gathered near the entrance to the federal prison grounds and hurled insults at the demonstrators.

Most of these had to do with the failure of the pickets to serve their country in its time of need. All the men in the picket line appeared to be of draft age.

The crowd of onlookers at times appeared to be in an ugly mood, especially the war veterans and the parents of youths who served their nation and some of whose sons were killed and others wounded in defense of their country.

Guards Use Force

When the pickets, bedecked with placards and led by Kauten, started up the driveway on the federal prison grounds, they were warned by Lieutenant Stevens to get off government property and when they persisted the guards forcibly pushed them back onto the highway while the onlookers cheered the guards and hurled insults at the New Yorkers.

The same thing happened when the pickets went to the warden's house.

State Police Watch

The state police detail remained on the highway and took no part in the ejection of the demonstrators from government property, leaving that to the federal prison guards.

The state police directed traffic and kept it moving along the highway but were ready for any situa-

tion that might develop off the government property.

Officials Silent

Whether or not the many conscientious objectors serving prison sentences for violation of the Selective Service act, demonstrated inside the prison as was planned, could not be ascertained.

It was reported unofficially that when prison authorities learned yesterday of the proposed demonstration that steps were taken to keep all the conscientious objectors locked in their cells today, thus nipping in the bud any plan to demonstrate inside while the New York pickets attempted to demonstrate outside.

No information could be obtained from prison officials as to what was happening inside the prison where the conscientious objectors are reported as being unpopular with other prisoners.

Seek Publicity

It was reported that the chief aim of the so-called "Families & Friends of Imprisoned C. O.'s" is to obtain publicity for themselves and the conscientious objectors now serving sentences.

The attempted demonstrations inside and outside the prison simultaneously are said to be the first ever tried in this country.

Some months ago the conscientious objectors attempted to attract attention by staging sit down strikes at the prison and some refused to eat but finally forcibly fed they quickly agreed to eat voluntarily.