

TOTAL RED VOTE IS ONLY 710 HERE

Ballots Were Cast for Miss Flynn in Council Race—

'45 Count Was 138,498.

Despite intensive Communist efforts only 710 votes were garnered for Elizabeth Gurley Flynn in Tuesday's election for City Council. But Communist spokesmen said yesterday more electoral races were planned.

For the Communists it was a far and sorry cry from an election only twelve years ago, just after World War II, when they re-elected two Councilmen whose total vote was 138,498.

Miss Flynn was released in May after serving three years in Federal prison for conspiracy to teach and advocate forcible overthrow of the Government. In September, she filed 4,036 signatures to get on the ballot as a People's Rights nominee.

She ran last as Councilman Daniel S. Weiss, a Democrat, was re-elected with 41,902 votes over Henry Del Rosso, Republican, who got 17,591 votes, and Walter L. Kirschenbaum, Liberal, 9,965, in the Twenty-fourth District on the lower East Side.

Arnold Johnson, Miss Flynn's campaign manager, said that getting her on the ballot was "an important achievement for civil liberties." During her campaign, he reported, 100,000 leaflets were distributed, including 23,000 mailed. Thirty outdoor meetings were held and three radio broadcasts and two one-minute radio announcements were presented.

Miss Flynn, 67 years old, has been a member of the Communist national committee since 1938. She was the party's only candidate this fall, although the Communist national convention last February had voted to continue party status. A spokesman said the Communists had organizational difficulties.

Mr. Johnson said the People's Rights label had been used in recent elections to "make clear" to signers of petitions that they were simply "presenting the right of a candidate to be on the ballot" without themselves being Communists.

Under that label, Miss Flynn polled 1,437 votes in 1954 in running for Representative in the Twenty-fourth District in the Bronx.

Former Councilman Benjamin J. Davis was the last candidate on a Communist ticket here—in 1949. At that time he received 1,212 Communist votes and 20,635 American Labor votes in failing to be re-elected to the Council in the Twenty-first District in Manhattan.

The Communists' only electoral successes here were under the proportional representation system, abolished in 1947. Under that system the late Peter V. Cacchione was elected Councilman from Brooklyn in 1941 with 48,536 borough-wide votes. He was re-elected with 69,149 votes in 1943 and 75,000 in 1945. Davis was elected in 1943 with 44,334 Manhattan votes and re-