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3. COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN LOCAL 108

This Local has jurisdiction in the McCormick Works of the International Harvester Company.

On May 22, 1945, CGO-56, who is familiar with the membership of the Communist Political Association in the Chicago Area, named the following members of Local 108 as 1945 members of the Communist Political Association. The letter "N" following the name indicates that the member is a negro. (u)

Name	Address	Position	CPA Club
BRUNO BARTNICK	1531 N. Maplewood	Pub. & Educ. Dir.	32nd Ward
TONY MATUZAK	-----	Recording Sec.	Back-of-the-Yards
JOHN COOKE (N)	4547 Prairie Ave.	Co-Chair, Griev. Com.	Washington Park
JOHN MARTINO	4159 S. Throop	Member Griev. Com.	Back-of-the-Yards
BOOKER WHITE (N)	3600 S. Wabash	-----	2nd Ward
ROY RAMSEY (N)	315 N. Damen	-----	28th Ward
CURTIS SASSER (N)	5130 Calumet	-----	3rd Ward
ELLIS CARPENTER (N)	5923 Wabash	-----	Washington Park
HUSTON STANLEY (N)	4609 Calumet	-----	3rd Ward
GLADYS MADDOX (N)	5627 Indiana	-----	Washington Park
FRED MOORE (N)	311 E. 60th St.	-----	Washington Park
KENNETH WAUGH (N)	5732 Indiana	-----	Washington Park
JAMES TRIPLETT (N)	352 E. 60th St.	-----	Washington Park
WILBUR PERRYMAN (N)	6134 Prairie Ave.	-----	Washington Park
FREMAN PERRY (N)	348 E. 61st St.	-----	Washington Park
JAMES LYMAN (N)	5600 Calumet Ave.	-----	Washington Park
BELL FISHER	1348 E. 61st St.	-----	6th Ward
G. PELLIGRENI	-----	-----	Cicero

Confidential Informant CGO-5496 recently reported that a group of right wing leaders in the UFEW were involved in a fight at the headquarters of Local 108 of the UFEW on V-E Day, May 8, 1945. This Informant made available a copy of a leaflet published by Local 108 which severely criticized the members of the right wing faction involved in this incident. This Informant stated that the Communist element in Local 108 had taken advantage of this fight to publish slanderous remarks concerning the character of certain right wing leaders in an effort to prevent these leaders from possibly being elected to office if and when the UAW takes over Local 108. u

This Informant further reported that it has been apparent recently that Communists in Local 108 had toned down in their attacks on UAW but had concentrated their attacks on the right wing leaders in this Local for the purpose as set out above.

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point, this Informant stated that it was his understanding that in discussing merger proposals with the UAW, International Officials of the UFEMWA had demanded as one of their points that all members expelled from various Locals of the UFEMWA would remain expelled subsequent to any merger that might be consummated. It was the belief of this Informant that JOSEPH WEBER, Organizational Director of the Farm Equipment Union, was behind this strategy.

CGO-5097 reported that he recently overheard an official of the McCormick Works call BRUNO BARTNICK a Communist traitor to his face and, according to the Informant, BARTNICK did not deny this charge. u

On June 2, 1945, Confidential Informant T-1 made available a pamphlet published by the Committee for the UAW-CIO affiliation which indicated that the International Harvester Company was attempting to cut wages in the plant and the Farm Equipment Union was doing nothing about it.

On July 5, 1945, CGO-5496 made available a leaflet issued by the Executive Board of Local 108 in which it was admitted that the company was attempting to cut the wages of employees in the McCormick Works Plant and a strike threat was made in this pamphlet in the following words: u

"We are serving notice on the company and their stooges that no one is going to bust our union and cut our wages."

It will be noted that a strike in the McCormick Works immediately followed the publication of this threat.

On June 19, 1945, CGO-5051 reported that a strike was started on June 18, 1945 at the McCormick Works, Local 108 and that this strike had been instigated by the following individuals: u

CLARENCE STOECKER, Financial Secretary
TONY MATUZAK, Recording Secretary
JOHN MARTINO, Member of Grievance Committee
FRED MOORE (colored)

All of the above named individuals have been reported by Informants of the Chicago Field Division as active Communists in Local 108. According to CGO-5051, these individuals went from one department to another in the McCormick Works, telling the people to stop work but not to leave the shop and by so doing, they would be paid for their time, even though they were not working. This Informant stated that the Communists in Local 108 definitely instigated this strike and it was the belief of this Informant that the strike was called in order to impress UAW sympathizers in Local 108 with the strength of the Farm Equipment Union. This Informant stated that while the official attitude of the UFEM

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