places, I went immediately to the hospital to see what I could do for Mrs. Scottoriggio, to see what help I could give her and to Scottoriggio himself. I talked to his wifethen and the doctors and was told that Scottoriggio was very badly hurt and they could not tell how badly because they had done X-rays and were going throu the diagnosis process. I saw Scottoriggio at that time. He was conscious enough to recognize me. I talked to him very briefly because he was obviously a very sick man, but I got the impression from the conversation that he didn't know who had hit him; that he had been struck from behind and from that point onhe pretty well blacked out. I can recall the time of that pretty well because he asked me what time it was and I said it was 10:30, andhe said, "Are the returns in yet?" and I said, "Joe, it's only 10:30 in the morning. There are no returns yet. Don't worry. Everything is goin to be all right. Just relax and take care of yourself." I think that is all I can tell you about that incident because I never, while I saw him on several occasions, incuding the visit of Governor Dewey the day after election, saw him conscious again.

Q Did you accompany the Governor to the hospital?

A Yes.

Q Were you present when the Governor made certain remarks to newspapermen?

A Yes; I was.

Q Were those remarks correctly reported in the papers?

A Yes.

A And the remarks that the Governor made were that the assault onScottoriggio was perpetrated by persons - how did he describe it?

A I can't give you the precise words.

Q Did he say something about left wing elements?

A Yes.

Q Did he also say that the resources of the State of New York would be used to find out who these people were?

A Absolutely; he did. I think you will find the quotation in the press of that afternoon or the next day. There was an accurate quotation of the Governor's remarks.

Q And as a result of Scottoriggio meeting with this accident, did the campaign definitely have a setback in that election district or the activities in your behalf?

A I think that it did. During the course of my tour of the district, the Scottoriggio assault was a source of constant conversation among the various workers to whim I talked and as the day went on, rumors grew. For example, there was a rumor that I picked up that Patrick J. Hannigan, who was the defeated candidate in the Democratic primary and who was then supporting me had been badly beaten up and his jaw had been broken. There was another rumor to the effect that William Bianchi, who had been one of my principal supporters in the north end of the district, an Italian worker, had been stabbed.

Q Were either one of those rumors rounded?

A Neither one of those rumors was rounded in fact, because both the men mentioned were perfectly intact when I saw them later in the day. There was also a rumor to the effect that one of the Spanish supporters, Laura Santiago, had met with some injury.

Q Was she the compleining witness against Tizol?

Q Yes, or one of the complaining witnesses.

Q And that is the Tizol who was convicted?

A That is the Tizol who was convicted in the Magistrate's Court of threatening three women workers on Election Day.

Q And who is now, according to the press, held in high bail as a material witness by the DistrictAttorney?

A That is correct.

Q Then you think this assault created an atmosphere of fear in that area?

A I think that it did create an atmosphere of fear.

Q Do you have any knowledge that any of your workers or watchers or election district captains were thereby intimidated?

A I cannot give you any specific individuals who were intimidated.

Q Or who took to theirheels?

A No.

Q Or who failed to show up?

A No. I will qualify that statement this way. All my volunteer workers who were not members of the regular Republican organization were not easy people to intimidate because they were full of a crusading enthusiasm. As far as the effect on the regular Republican workers was concerned, the effect may well have been different.

Q This volunteer outfit was full of zeal?

A Yes. These were all volunteers and they were all enthusiasts for the cause of my election and the Republican cause, generally.

Q Were some of those from forces that had formerly supported Patric Hannigan?

included both Democrats and Republicans.

Q Did Scottoriggio ever mention or discuss any possible political enemies that he might have had?

A He did not.

Q Did Mrs. Scottoriggio ever mention anyone?

A No. Mrs. Scottoriggio has never mentioned any specific enemies. As a matter of fact, she has always said to me that Joe was a man without personal enemies.

Q You, yourself, have not been summoned before the Grand Jury?

A No.

Q But you have talked to the District Attorney?

A Yes. I have given the District Attorney all the information and cooperation I possibly could, and the same way with the police.

Q That would include the District Attorney's assistants?

A Yes.

Q Was a fund raised by popular subscription to assist the widow?

A Yes; there was. That fund subscription or collection is still going on.

Q Was the establishment of the fund actively supported by any of the press here in New York?

A Yes. It got considerable publicity in the press, and of course I, as well as a very substantial number of people who had worked with me in the campaign, were most anxious to see that Scottoriggio's wife and daughter were provided for.

Q Was there also a volunteer subscription taken up to constitute a reward for the apprehension of these men?

A As far as the reward is concerned, that happened this way:

In the first place, as soon as I was notified of the assault, I offered a personal reward of $500 for the apprehension of the criminals. Therewere various other individuals who were interested in the campaign, who offered individual sums totaling $3,000. Then I am informed that the New York Journal-American, after thedeath of Mr. Scottoriggio, offered a reward of $10,000 for the apprehension of the criminals.

Q With the further stipulation that the information be brought to them first?

A That is my recollection.

Q You had the active support during the primary and in the general election of certain papers in New York. Would you name those papers, please?

A I think I had the active support of all the newspapers in New York with the exception of PM and the Daily Worker. The newspapers that actively supported me included the New York Times, the New York Herald Tribune, the World-Telegram, the New York Sun, the New York Journal-American, the New York Daily Mirror and the Daily News and the New York Post.

Q Would it be a fair statement to say that the campaign between Bryan and Lascantonio got more space in the press then any of these other Congressional races?

A There is no question about that. It probably got more space than all the rest of the Congressional campaigns in this area combin

Q Was there more interest in that race here in New York City than there was in the Governor's race?

A I would say there was almost as much.

Q. Didn't some of the papers already concede the election of the Governor?

A. Yes. The general impression was that the Governor was going to be elected by a very substantial majority.

Q. 500,000 votes?

A. Yes. 500,000 or more, perhaps, whereas it was perfectly clear that in the 18th Congressional District it was going to be a very close fight.

Q. In regard to your expenditures during the campaign, do you know of any violations of the law pertaining to yourself?

A. None.

Q. You filed all reports as required by law?

A. Yes, and my individual expenditures are listed there.

Q. And the limitation on this, I believe, is prescribed by the statute at $4,000?

A. I think it is prescribed by statute at $4,000 in the state, and as I recall it nationally, I think the figure is somewhere around $2,500 for the general election, if I am not mistaken.

Q. You also filed a report with the Clerk of the House?

A. Yes.

Q. Under the Federal Corrup Practices Act?

A. Yes.

Q. The Committees working in your behalf likewise complied with the statute?

A. Although I didn't obviously personally supervise any of their filings, I am quite sure that the Committees all would have filed, as required by law.

Q Did the volunteers, working in your behalf, actually do more campaigning than did the Regular Republican organization in the nort end of the Congressional district?

A I would say so, yes. We didn't attempt any independent canvassingprogram up there because most of our volunteers were not people who would be particularly effective among the foreign-speaking population.

Q Their activity was almost confined entirely to south of 99th st

A Yes, except for speaking and there was a great deal of speaking done up there on street corners during the course of the campaign by my volunteers and by myself.

Q Did the Republican regulars also come out and make speeches or were they passive?

A We had comparatively few speeches from the Republican regulars up there.

Q Although you were the candidate of the regular organization?

A Yes, and duly designated as such by the voters in the primary election.

Q Going back to the primary election, tell us how Congressman Marcantonio got the designation as the Democratic candidate?

A It was the general talk that there was a fight on in Tammany Hall that had resulted in a man named Loughlin becoming the leader of Tammany Hall. There were certain maneuvers going on which, I would say, were designed to line up the American Labor Party vote behind the Democratic candidates, whomever they might be.

Apparently, the Democratic leaders decided to designate Marcantonio

because they wanted American Labor Party support, and perhaps because in the previous year, in 1944, he in turn had beaten the incumbent, Congressman Martin J. Kennedy in the Democratic primaries. In 1944 Congressman Marcantonio had taken all three primaries, the Republican, Democratic and American Labor. He was the designee of all three parties.

Q And he had no opposition in the general election?

A That is correct.

Q When you speak of Loughlin, that is Edward V. Loughlin?

A Yes.

Q Does he have certain associates by the name of Clarence Neal and Bert Stand?

A Both those men are Democratic district leaders.

Q And close associates of his?

A Yes.

Q And then the general talk was that Congressman Marcantonio and Tammany Hall made a deal?

A That was the talk.

Q So he appeared in the Democratic primary as the duly designated Democratic nominee?

A Yes; the regular organization Democratic nominee.

Q His opposition was Commander Patrick Hannigan?

A Yes.

Q And he ran as an independent?

A Yes, or as an insurgent Democrat.

Q And it was a very close race, by 500 votes or so out of -

A Out of 18,000 or 19,000.

Q. Congressman Marcantonio had no opposition for the American Labor Partynomination?

A. None.

Q. Did Congressman Marcantonio endeavor to get to be designated as the Republican candidate?

A. As far as I know, he did not.

Q. In the primary?

A. In the primary. After I had been designated as Republican candidate, Congressman Marcantonio then obtained petitions which were required to put his name on the ballot in the Republican primaries and he therefore ran in the Republican primary as an insurgent against me.

Q. And Mr. Hannigan was running against him in the Democratic primary?

A. Yes.

Q. How many signatures are required for a Congressional nominating petition?

A. I believe the figure for Congressional primary is 3,000.

Q. How many signatures did he file?

A. I believe he filed something over 4,000.

Q. How many votes did Congressman Marcantonio receive in the Republican primary orAugust 20th?

A. My best recollection of the figures is that he received 2700 votes and I received approximately 3600, out of a total vote of over 7,000. We got a number of void ballots.

Q. Then he did not receive anywhere near the number of Republican votes to equal the number of signatures on his nominating petition?

A That, to the best of my recollection is correct.

Q Did you cause any investigation to be made regarding these nominating petitions as to the validity of the signatures?

A Some of my workers did check it and they checked a substantial number of nominating petitions.

Q What did they find?

A Mr. Sargent was one of those who checked the petitions and I believe that he found a substantial number of signatures of people who did not intend to vote for Marcantonio in the primaries, as well as a number of duplications.

Q Do you have any knowledge of any violations of the law regardi[illegible] excessive expenditures or otherwise by Congressman Marcantonio?

A [illegible] I know what the sources of Congressman Marcantonio's run[illegible] [illegible] no have any detailed knowledge of his expenditures. I wil[illegible] [illegible] it was merely clear that there was a great de[illegible] more money spent in support of Marcantonio's candidacy than there was merely people who were supporting me. This was clear from the large number of small headquarters which sprang up all over the district, the large signs in electric lights emblazoning Marcantonio's name, the great number of posters, and the vast amount of literature which was mailed and distributed. There seemed to be very many sound trucks throughout the district for Marcantonio, many more than there were available to us. All in all, it was apparent that a very great deal more money was being spent in the Marcantonio campaign. There was also a very large number of canvassers and other workers throughout the district on his behalf.

Q You are not prepared to say that Congressman Marcantonio in any way violated any law?

A I am not prepared to make any such statement.

Q Approximately how many votes separated you from Congressman Marcantonio at the end of the election on November 5th?

A Almost 5,500 votes, out of a total of 80,000; somewhere between 78,000 and 80,000.

Q That was not strictly Democratic and Republican votes. He had the American Labor Party vote.

A Yes. Congressman Marcantonio was running on both the Democratic and American Labor Party lines. I was running solely on the Republican lines. I wasnot on the Liberal Party line.

Q The Liberal Partyhad no candidate of their own?

A Not in that district.

Q Did they actively support you?

A Yes. When I say "actively" they made statements through the public press and there was some other support given me.

Q Did they contribute to your campaign?

A No.

Q Did you receive substantial contributions from people outside of your Congressional District?

A I would say yes; various committees did.

Q Did you yourself receive any contributions?

A I got $1,000 from theRepublican Congressional Campaign Committee, which was certainly outside.

Q That was sent from Washington?

A Yes.

Q Congressman Clarence Brown is the Chairman of that?

A Yes.

Q Did your Committees receive substantial contributions from person outside the Congressional District?

A Yes; they did.

Q Can you recall any of those indiviquals? Did Mr. Winthrop Aldrich make a contribution?

A He may have.

Q What about Mr. John Hay Whitney?

A Yes.

Q And Thomas W. Lamont?

A That I am sorry to say I can't tell you. He may very well have.

Q Do you know these people that I have just mentioned?

A I don't know Mr. Lamont. I met Mr. Whitney overseas when he served with me in the European Theater. I haven't met Mr. Aldrich. All contributions to Committees would be listed in the appropriate Committee reports.

Q Did you yourself solicit any contributions from any prominent persons or persons of considerable means?

A I made it quite clear whenever I could that there was insufficient money available to carry on as effective a campaign as we hoped to be able to do.

Q Was any attempt made by yourself or any of your Committees to circumvent in any way the election laws of the State of New York regarding campaign expenditures?

A Not at all. As a matter of fact I will say that athe very beginning I made it clear that I wanted our financial records to be

kept in the best possible shape throughout so that all laws would be fully complied with, and that all necessary reports would show in detail what the expenditures in my behalf were.

Q The campaign between Congressman Marcantonio and Commander Hennigan was a rather bitter campaign?

A It was a very bitter campaign.

Q Moreso than your campaign, wouldn't you say?

A Moreso than my primary campaign because the general election campaign was a pretty bitter and hard-fought campaign.

Q You were absent from the country for a considerable period?

A Yes.

Q Would you please name the Committees that worked for you in the primary?

A There was the Citizens' Committee for Bryan, and then there was the Committee which did some work in the primary, which also carried on in the general election, which was the Citizens' Committee for Bryan, Mauriello, Douglas and Gioeli, who were the other Republican candidates in the Congressional District.

Q Did you have a Veterans' Committee?

A In the primary there was a nonpartisan veterans Committee which was opposed to the nomination of Marcantonio in either the Republican or Democratic primaries. There was also a Veterans' Committee for me in the general election, but I can't give you the precise name of that Committee.

Q Did the same person head those Committees?

A I believe that those Committees were separate Committees. A man named Lynch was the head of the NonPartisan Committee in the primary

and I don't remember now who was Chairman of the veterans' committee in the general election.

Q Could you furnish the Committee with information concerning the organization of Mr. Marcantonio?

A He had the American Labor Party organization in the district, and a substantial proportion of the Democratic organization working for him. In addition to that, there sprang up in almost every election district a local Marcantonio club with a headquarters usually in a store. These various local headquarters were extremely active and certainly were of great assistance to the incumbent Congressman. How much aid he got from Republicans in the north end of the district is difficult to say, but as I have mentioned before, there were undoubtedly some substantial defections up there. The Congressman also had the active support of the Communist Party and I believe drew very heavily for support on various left wing labor organizations.

Q The Democratic organization more or less split up in the primary?

A Yes. There was the insurgency that I spoke of.

Q And Hannigan ran a very good race?

A Yes.

Q Without hardly any money?

A I think he did it on a complete shoestring.

Q To your knowledge, did the Communist Party endorse Marcantonio in the Daily Worker?

A Yes, in the Daily Worker, and there were Communist Party sound trucks in the area.

Q Who did the labor organizations support?

A The A.F. of L. Central Trades Council supported me. I was endorsed by them officially. A very substantial number of labor organizations supported Congressman Marcantonio. I can't give you a precise catalog on this. I have no idea at this time.

Q Was it the majority of the C.I.O. unions?

A I should say that the majority of the C.I.O. unions supported Marcantonio.

Q Did you have the support of Mr. David Dubinsky?

A Mr. David Dubinsky issued a public statement in support of me.

Q He is the head of a very large independent union?

A The International Ladies Garment Workers Union?

Q Did he have the support of the N.C.P.A.C.?

A The Kingdon group supported him.

Q What about the C.I.O.-P.A.C.?

A They supported Congressman Marcantonio actively.

Q That was formerly headed by the late Sidney Hillman?

A Yes.

Q And he was succeeded by Jack Kroll?

A Yes.

Q Did you have the support of American Action?

A American Action did nothing in my district, as far as I know.

Q Do you know Robert Christenberry?

A I may have met him before the war, but I certainly haven't seen him since the war.

Q Did they contribute to your campaign?

A They didnot, as far as I know.

Q Do you know Mr. Edward Hayes, the former National Commander of the American Legion, who headed American Action, Inc?

A I have met Mr. Hayes once.

Q Are you a veteran of the first World War?

A No. I am now 42. I was nothing but a Boy Scout in the first World War.

Q Can you tell us anything about violence regarding Mr. Mercantonio's workers? Do you have any knowledge of any assaults or beatings of Congressman Marcantonio's workers?

A On the contrary. I would be amazed to learn that there was any violence at all with respect to Congressman Marcantonio's workers.

Q You are aware that he protested to the Police Commissioner that police protection was being given to you exclusively and not to him?

A I am aware of that.

Q I assume that was in the press?

A That was in the press at the time.

Q Outside of the volunteers that came to your district to support you, did any other organization support you actively in the campaign? Were these volunteers residents of your district?

A Not necessarily, no. There was great interest in the campaign and a number of Republican women from the Republican Women's Auxiliary of the County Committee came and worked in my district. My workers were a mixed collection of citizens who were interested in this campaign and they were not necessarily confined to my district.

Q To your knowledge, did you have any ex-convicts or persons of doubtful reputation campaigning in your behalf?

A Most assuredly not.

Q You are aware of the charge to this effect that has been made against Congressman Marcantonio?

A Yes; I am aware of it.

Q Is there any foundation for it, in your opinion?

A I think there most assuredly is because I understand that Willie Tizol, who has a record as long as your arm, was a local captain for Marcantonio.

Q Was there any statement by Mr. Marcantonio that held Willie Tizol in disrepute, as far as he was concerned?

A I know ofno such statement.

Q Where were your headquarters?

A They were in a building owned by the Chase Bank at 104th Street and First Avenue.

Q Did you have any difficulty in obtaining the use of that building

A Yes. There was, I am told, some reluctance on the part of the Chase Bank to rent us those premises because they were concerned about possible damage to the building during the course of the campaign, or some violence taking place there.

Q Who raised that objection?

A I believe that theChase Bank raised the objection when some of my people approached them to try to rent those vacant premises.

Q Did you have to put up any bond or guaranty?

A As far as I know, we did not. I am not familiar with the details of the renting of those premises.

Q Who was the person that was in charge of those details?

A There was a Mrs. Ford who was very active in that headquarters

Q Do you know Mr. Bianchi who is employed by the Chase Bank?

A Yes, I know him quite well.

Q Was he instrumental in obtaining the premises?

A No; he had nothing to do with that at all. Mr. Bianchi's efforts during the campaign were almost entirely speaking, in Italian and Spanish, both, in the north end of the district and he was a very effective speaker. I may say that Mr. Bianchi received threats against his personal safety.

Q What is Mr. Bianchi's employment?

A He is a lawyer and he also works for the Chase Bank at night in their Stock Transfer Department.

Q Do you know a Mr. Israel Davila?

A I did. He was the Republican candidate for Assembly from the 14th Assembly District.

Q Was he threatened in any way?

A He may have been.

Q Was the assault upon Scottoriggio, in the first instance, from what you have learned, motivated by political considerations?

A From all I know of the Scottoriggio case, there is no question but that the assault was politically motivated.

MR. HARKER: That is all. Thank you, Colonel Bryan.

(The hearing was concluded at 7:00 o'clock p.m.)

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