

the bank. It was a very noisy audience. I wish some of you men in Washington would come up and see what is going on up there.

Q How far was this headquarters of Bryan's from the residence address of Mr. Scottoriggio?

A Right across the street. He lived in the housing project.

Q There was no one in the headquarters on the morning that he started to the polls?

A He said that I should be there at 6:00 o'clock in the morning, and this was at 10:00 o'clock the night before election, and I said, "I can't get up at 6:00. I'll be up here at 7:00." So this boy who was a friend of Scottoriggio's, a very nice young fellow Scottoriggio was very anxious to put these card tables or some kind of tables on which to put literature, on a particular spot at one of the corners and he said if we didn't get it at 6:00 o'clock the Labor Party people would be there and get it, so this boy said he would be in the headquarters and would decorate the tables and have the literature ready.

Q What was the boy's name?

A Joseph Parriola. The District Attorney has him under custody for his own protection. I gave him the keys to the headquarters and he met Scotty coming out and he was just ahead of Scotty when Scotty was assaulted. Then he got scared, put the card table in front of his face and ran back to headquarters.

Q Who did you learn that from?

A From him and from everybody. I got there at 7:00 o'clock. You did talk to Joe?

A Oh, yes. I got there at 7:00 o'clock and I called the

men over and asked him to go over and get me the keys from Ferriola which he did and Ferriola came down later to see me.

Q Was Ferriola scared?

A He was shaking like a leaf.

Q How many men did he say were in the party that attacked Scottoriggio?

A I don't think he knows. He was so shocked and so surprised. Scotty was behind him and he was going to put up the card table and he heard this commotion and when he turned around and saw what was happening, he just put the table up in front of his face and ran.

Q Is Joe a small person?

A Ferriola is short and slim.

Q Was he in the service during the war?

A No, I don't think so. Scottoriggio wasn't, either.

Q Have you testified before the Grand Jury?

A No. The District Attorney came up and interviewed me on Election Day at headquarters.

Q Was that Mr. Hogan or one of his assistants?

A One of his assistants. There were two of his assistants, one was Whitehouse and I forget the other fellow's name, and a detective has been down from up there.

Q Do you have any knowledge of any other incidents that occurred on Election Day?

A No. The only thing I know is that this man denied that Scotty had been assaulted and said he slipped on a banana peel, and was very cold blooded about it.

A Who was that?

A The Democratic captain, whoever he was. I would know him if I saw him, but I don't know his name.

Q Was he at that polling place where Scotty was?

A No. He was at the corner where we had the literature. I stayed there all day, practically. I was the most amazed person at the majority that he got.

Q You mean the majority that who got?

A That Marcantonio got in the general election. Whether the machines were fixed or not, there is something very screwy went on.

Q Did you talk to any of the voters on Election Day on their way to the polls, or if they had been to the polls?

A On their way to the polls we handed them this literature.

Q Were those voters intimidated in any way, in your opinion?

A I wouldn't know. I do know that a number of times, just the day before, a man living in the house came over and we had a voting machine and we tried to show him how to vote, and he was so afraid - we were trying to impress upon him that the vote was secret once they pulled that curtain. They told these poor ignorant people

that they could tell by the "click" which line they are voting on.

We were trying to impress them, and he said, "Well, I am so afraid.

After all, I am living in the project, and you know what they can do to me."

Q He was a tenant there at that Federal project?

A Yes. There is no questioning the fact. Marcantonio has built up his following in two ways, all with taxpayers' money; projects and the welfare department. Take those two things away from him. Nobody could get welfare or go on relief or get an old

age pension without being O.K.'d by Marcantonio.

Q When you say "welfare", do you mean city welfare?

A City, state and Federal.

Q What do you base that statement on?

A Plenty. You can ask any priest. Ask Father Finley.

Q Where is his parish?

A He is at St. Stephen's of Hungary, 82d Street near East End Avenue. The housing project should be looked into. There are a lot of people living there who earn more than they should to live there, but they cannot be moved. I would like to know how much Atlas was getting when he went in there.

Q Was Atlas very active in behalf of Marcantonio?

A Oh, yes.

Q And so was Atlas' wife?

Q Do you have to have a recommendation to get into the housing project?

A No, but there are certain laws you don't have to live up to if you are a Marcantonio person. The housing projects and the welfare department needed investigation for a long time, and if I could have gotten that, they could take all his power away from him. I think you could not move out of a house that had a bathroom in it. It was supposed to take people out of the very low grade housing. You were not supposed to have over a certain amount of salary, but that salary depended on the number of children you had, etc. Certainly, on \$110 a week he was never entitled to live in the project.

Q You knew Scottoriggio quite well?

A I met him in this campaign and got to know him very well.

Q Was that in the primary?

A Just after the primary.

Q Did you see him often before the election?

A I saw him every day.

Q Did he express any apprehension to you?

A No, but I did, to him. I didn't think he should go to the polls alone on Election Day. I had made that statement in his house. I had dinner in his house Sunday night.

St. Stephen's of Hungary is at 414 East 82d Street.

Father Finley was very active during the war.

I am told that a great many of Marcantonio's people don't work, and any cop will tell you that those people don't work but they always seem to have money and have no means of a livelihood.

Q You spoke of having dinner at Scottoriggio's house on Sunday night. That was the Sunday before election?

A Yes.

Q Who was present besides yourself?

A Just his wife, he and I.

Q Did he at that time go over any of his canvassing or plans with you?

A No, he didn't.

Q Did he tell you what he had done to further the cause?

A Oh, yes. He was so sure of carrying the district for Bryan against Marcantonio, and then we lost.

Q Did he say anything about having a list of voters that he was going to challenge?

A Oh, yes. Every voter in the district. He had made 800 and some personal calls. He just worked like a beaver.

Q Did he say anything about that information being known to Marcantonio, that he had been very active?

A No. He knew Marcantonio knew he was doing that. You don't move up there that they don't know. Marcantonio had spotters around all the time.

Q Was this work entirely voluntary on your part?

A I have been fighting Marcantonio for 12 years. I can't help if they kick him out of the Republican party and then the Democrats pick him up. I always resented LaGuardia and Marcantonio.

Q Not all the Democrats took him over.

A No, but the leaders took him over and that was maddening. Two years ago he ran on all three tickets and won all three, and that is enough to get any American upset, to have anybody go in on all three. That is the first time it ever happened. The Republicans were so sure that he could win that they didn't work very hard. I carried my district 7 to 1 against him, but a lot of them didn't.

Q What was your district?

A In my neighborhood. I have four square blocks.

Q You didn't get any pay for your work?

A No. Neither did Scottoriggio.

Q Did you spend some of your own funds in this effort?

A Oh, yes; you have to have expenses.

Q Was Bryan's campaign well supported, financially?

A He didn't have enough; nothing like Marcantonio had. It is a terrifically expensive thing to run a campaign in New York City.

Q Did Marcantonio have a large number of workers?

A Thousands. He got them from all over. He was in a different position. I don't make any difference between the American Labor Party and the Communist Party. I think it is all the same. Now they control our primaries is that they have so many people they think that they need and they have them enrolled as Republicans and as Democrats. When John O'Connor was running the last time, they had 2,500 people that they moved into the district, enrolled them a year before election, and with the Democrats it was the same way in this election. You saw people you never saw in the neighborhood. I lived in the neighborhood for so many years, since 1928, so you got to know the kind of people that are in the neighborhood.

Q Was that shortly before the election?

A Yes. You are talking about workers in the campaign. They had Gill as a speaker, the header of the Transport Workers. Then the canvassers called on me as a voter in the district to vote for Marcantonio. They couldn't speak English. You knew that they didn't belong in the neighborhood. They were union workers or workers from outside the district. He had 2,000 or 3,000 canvassers in that district.

Q Would those people work without being paid?

A I imagine they would. Those Communists are fanatics. They work night and day. The last canvasser that came to me was a woman and she certainly never lived in the district, and she was making calls on people in the block, and the people on the other side of Third Avenue tell me that they were canvassing there.

Q They had canvassers calling on them 3, 4, and 5 times?

A 3 and 4 different people would call.

Q Did anybody ask you to sign a pledge card?

A They did, for Marcantonio.

Q Did Bryan have any such pledge cards?

A He had them on the primary, and he had them in the election, too. I didn't have much to do with canvassers.

Q Did Bryan have to circulate petitions in order to get a certain number of signatures and then get his name on the ballot?

A Yes.

Q In addition, did Bryan also have people that went around to canvass?

A Yes.

Q Did they ask people to sign them if they were going to vote for Bryan?

A Yes.

Q Did you sign one yourself?

A No.

Q Did you see the Marcantonio pledge card?

A Yes. I got it in the mail.

Q Did you get one of those (handing leaflet)?

A No, I didn't get one of these. Mine was a little blue card, as I remember it.

Q What did it have on it?

A Just that you pledge yourself to vote for Marcantonio.

Q Whenever the came to you to ask you to do that, was it a woman or a man, or both, that called on you?

A There were two people I saw. My housekeeper said there were a couple of others that came - to vote for Marcantonio.

There was a man that I saw and this woman.

Q When you declined to sign the form, which they presented to you, did they make any threats?

A No. They did that among the poor people, not in my kind of a house.

Q Just a certain class of people?

A Yes.

Q Would you say illiterate or ignorant people?

A Yes. Marcantonio boasts that he is in his headquarters all day Sundays in the lower end of the district, and also in the upper end of the district on Saturdays, and I am told that anywhere from 500 to 600 people go through that place asking favors of him.

Anyone he does a favor for he has a card file. There are so many things. On the primary, for instance, he served these subpoenas.

It might be on any infraction. You can't live without having committed an infraction of some minor law. Then they have to go around to headquarters and get it fixed.

Q To Marcantonio's headquarters?

A Yes. And the same way with relief. The neighbors say that all you have to do is see Marcantonio and he will get it for you. So, they go to Marcantonio and I am told all during the year there is a constant parade of people coming in to see him, and in one of the letters he says that he tells you how much time he spends in his district. Of course, there is no other Congressman that has every done it that I know of, and I am told that he comes up practically every night from Washington; he flies up.

Q Where are these headquarters that these people go to?

A That is somewhere near the project, the one downtown. I couldn't tell you right now.

Q Those subpoenas were in connection with this lawsuit to have Hannigan's petition declared invalid?

A Yes. For instance, on any pretense at all, he serves a subpoena, and in order to get out of appearing in court, they go to Marcantonio. If they voted for Marcantonio, that is one way to save themselves, they are told.

Q In your opinion, was that election of November 5th a free election?

A Definitely not. Have you the records on how many Porto Ricans were brought into this country before registration day?

Q When did the registration books close?

A October 12.

Q That was after the primary and before the election?

A Yes. Whether he brought them up or not, I don't know, but they came up in flocks up to that time and dropped. That is where you are going to get your information if you check on how many people came in. They come in without a passport from Porto Rico. I was flying up to Saranac in September and I saw all these Porto Ricans. I never saw so many Portoricans at LaGuardia Field so I mentioned it to the chap from the company where I was taking the airplane and I said, "where do they get money to come up?" These people were coming up from Porto Rico and were the poorest looking trash you ever saw getting off these planes. That is happening all the time and this man told me that, and he said, "I don't know why

they are coming up or where they get the money, but they are coming up." Then I saw in the paper something that said 3,000 a month and somebody told me that it was costing Marcantonio \$500 to bring a family up. Marcantonio was alleged to be the backer of all of these people coming up here from Porto Rico.

Q They all went to his district?

A I don't know.

Q They didn't settle anyplace else?

A They were taken up in busloads. I said, "Where are they going to get living quarters?" That is where he got his big vote, in the Porto Rican District. We got the big vote downtown, and he got the big vote up there, much bigger than we expected him to get.

Q In your opinion was the attack on Scottoriggio motivated by political considerations?

A Definitely.

Q Do you have any opinion as to what group of political party?

A My own opinion is that I think they were not natives that did it; not natives of the district.

Q Were they imported hoodlums?

A Yes, and apparently very vicious ones because his face was beaten to a pulp.

Q Did you go to the hospital to see him?

A No, I didn't see him at the hospital. He was not conscious and I couldn't go, but I did see him when he was laid out.

Q You said they might have been imported? Would that be for the reason they would not be identified?

A Yes. But they are just vicious. After I saw them at the meeting, they were so vicious that once they started they couldn't stop.

Q Would it be necessary to go out of the District to locate a person who would do a job like that?

A Yes. The only thing is that they wouldn't be so quickly identified. In case anybody did see them, say Hennigen or anybody could identify them and say that so and so was hanging on the corner.

Q What is your affiliation. Are you a registered Republican?

A Yes. I have been all my life, ever since I got to vote. That doesn't say I always voted for Republicans. I never voted for anybody that took the American Labor Party line.

Q How long have you been in business in New York?

A Since 1915. I have always been interested in politics. I am not always as active as I am on something like this. I never held a political job nor sought one.

Q You never sought political favors?

A No.

Q Someone said something about the Republican election district captain doublecrossing Bryan. Do you know anything about it?

A I believe it, but I don't know. In Levy's district they doublecrossed him.

Q In Bruno's district, too?

A Yes.

Q Can you assign any reason for that? Did Marcantonio get people jobs?

A They were under obligation to Marcantonio. Whether they liked Marcantonio or whether they could get favors from Marcantonio, who knows?

Q They might be afraid of Marcantonio?

A They might have been, yes.

Q That would be one of your conclusions?

A I don't know why anybody who is in a party would double-cross the party. Why they don't get out and do something about it is beyond me.

Q Why did you mentioned Levy the first one?

A That was Scotty's district.

Q Did Scotty ever refer to Levy in any conversations?

A No. He said a lot of captains take on jobs and don't do it.

Q Was Scotty working without pay?

A Yes. He may have had political ambitions. He was the kind of person who does as good a job as he can and takes great pride in accomplishing a good job, whether it be for pay or not.

Q Do you know his brother Nathan?

A Slightly.

Q He was also an election district captain?

A I think so. But not the type Scotty was. Every club has that. They have outstanding captains and they have others.

Q That would apply to Marcantonio's party or any party?

A Yes.

Q Do you think that Joseph Scottoriggio was singled out among the captains?

A Yes, because he was more active and couldn't be reached. He was outspoken in his opposition to Marcantonio.

Q Do you know anything about the break he had with Marcantonio?

A Six years ago he told me and that was when he saw the way Marcantonio was going. I said he should have broken sooner than that.

Q Can you think of anything else we haven't asked you that you can supply?

A No, I can't.

MR. BARKER: All right. Thank you, Mrs. Brown.