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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Please be advised that an examination of the Congressional Record of even date reveals that the following individuals were charged therein as being members of the Communist, Nazi, or Fascist parties, or previous allegations of membership in such parties are denied:

Record Page	Name	Subversive Organization	Place of Employment	Address (if given)	Al- lega- tion	De- nial
A2395	Vito Marcantonio	Communist	House of Representatives		X	

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Respectfully,

*W. R. Glavin*  
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MUMFORD

RE: VITO MARCANTONIO

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffee \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Kramer \_\_\_\_\_  
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K. R. McIntire

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# AMERICAN LABOR PARTY

LUCIO APONTE

Chairman

ALEX ROSE

Vice-Chairman

ARTHUR S. ARMSTRONG

Treasurer

\* \* \*

STATE CHAIRMEN:  
BOSTON: WILLIAM  
KOREY / BRICKLEY  
BIRMINGHAM: CHAYKIN  
PHILADELPHIA: COHN / KAHN  
DETROIT: HARRIS  
FARIBAULT: COLEMAN  
FOXBORO: MCGOWAN  
HARTFORD: HUGGINS  
ALBANY: MCNAUL  
INDIANAPOLIS: COLEMAN  
MEMPHIS: POTOMAK  
NEW YORK: RYAN  
PROVIDENCE: FLEMING  
ST. LOUIS: UNKNOWN

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RALPH BAER  
MELVIN BATTIN  
ROTHAELIN BECKWITH  
EARL J. CHAPMAN  
RICHARD CLARKSON  
A. FREDERIC COHENSTEIN  
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SYNDICATE  
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FRED DUNN  
FRED  
LUCIO APONTE  
Treasurer  
AMERICAN LABOR PARTY

## RESOLUTION DENOUNCING VITO MARCANTONIO

WHEREAS, Vito Marcantonio has demonstrated by word and by deed, in and out of Congress, his opposition to the basic principles and aims of the American Labor Party; and

WHEREAS, Marcantonio falsely parading as the American Labor Party representative in Congress, by his actions in opposing measures to aid national defense and to help Great Britain in its heroic stand against dictatorship, has created confusion in the public mind concerning the position of the American Labor Party on these questions and has tended to bring the Party into disrepute and disgrace; and

WHEREAS, Marcantonio, although having been elected on the Republican and Labor Party tickets, represents neither party but rather does he speak and proclaim the Communist Party point of view; and

NOTWITHSTANDING THESE ACTIVITIES OF Marcantonio who masquerades as an American Laborite while slavishly adhering to the line of the Communist Party, have tended to harm and injure the American Labor Party in its organizational, legislative and political efforts;

### A. M. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the American Labor Party at this City-Wide Conference here assembled in the Hotel Capitol on this 24th day of February, 1941, does hereby denounce, condemn, and specifically repudiate Vito Marcantonio, and does hereby publicly announce that the self-styled American Labor Party representative does not in any way speak or represent the views and opinions of the American Labor Party.



Vito Marcantonio, president of the Inter-American Labor Defense

# WAR CONSCRIPTION CIVIL LIBERTIES

By Congressman  
**VITO MARCANTONIO**

## UNLIMITED POWER FOR THE PRESIDENT

4. The President is empowered to use his judgment as to the number of men to be conscripted. Thus he is given unlimited power over the lives of millions of families. Treatment of married men is left to the judgment of the President and no part of the Bill exempts them from service.

5. Once conscripted, a man has no choice of the branch of service to which he may be assigned. He can be sent to army, navy or CCC "occupational group" by arbitrary decision.

6. The bill provides \$30 a month pay, and makes no provision for the millions of families whose lives will be disrupted by the reduction in income. Loans, mortgages, debts, even starvation and hunger needs are ignored in the arbitrary wage.

## NAZI RULE OF FIRING SQUAD

7. Constitutional rights to fair trial would be eliminated for millions of citizens by the Bill, which calls for trial by court-martial for violations of the act. The Nazi rule of firing squad would be substituted for the American system of trial by jury.

8. The call to active training can be made by a proclamation of the President. No written notice to conscripts is required. Failure to appear can be tried in military courts as a military offence.

An amendment has been proposed to charge a fine of \$10,000 or a prison term of 5 years to any person who in speech or writing opposes conscription once the bill is passed. This provision would bring all the terror of Nazism to our land, allowing the round up and arrest of millions opposed to war.

## FALSE NATIONAL DEFENSE

All this in the name of a false national defense.

We destroy democracy under the guise of protecting it. How much of our freedom which we seek to defend will be left in America after the enactment of this bill. It seems to me that we cannot consistently speak of going to war to defend freedom if we must begin by destroying it with our own hands, and we do this, how?

First, by setting up a totalitarian program and isolating us in a military alliance for war.

Second, we destroy the civil rights and freedom of the American people by the creation of war hysteria and ruthless suppression of all individuals and groups that have dared raise their voices against war.

Third, by segregating and dispossessing those million that have immigrated throughout our cities.

## FBI INTO GESTAPO

Fourth, by converting our F.B.I. into a Gestapo, and

Fifth, by enlisting the Youth of our nation.

Armaments, conscription, war and dictatorship. That is the path along which those who sit in the seats of the mighty of our nation are leading us. The American people alone can stop it. The same spirit that guided us in 1776 and in 1865 is now awakening throughout the land. Millions of Americans are gathering in our Congress of the United States against the evil juggernaut propelling us into war and dictatorship.

This blighting against the peace and freedom of America must be stopped and it will be stopped.

People from all walks of life, labor, farm, youth, corporation, fraternal, business, regardless of race, color or creed are uniting to defend America by keeping America out of war and by keeping America a free and democratic nation.

My fellow Americans, let us meet this crisis as we have met those of the past, with the firm resolve to exercise our democratic rights, to the end that these rights shall not perish from our land.

A speech delivered by Congressman Mannanen on the  
NBC Network August, 12, 1940.

INTERNATIONAL LABOR DEFENSE  
113 East 19th St., New York City

## Marcantonio Bolt Costs GOP One House Seat

The Republicans of the House of Representatives had their newest election gains whittled down yesterday.

Representative Mike Marcantonio, of the Twentieth New York district, left them flat when he wrote a letter to South Trimble, Clerk of the House, moving his name off the rolls, and asking to be admitted to the American Labor party. He had been certified to the House by the Secretary of State of New York as a Republican.

With Marcantonio sitting off by himself as a one-man party, the official count of the new House stands:

Democrats 242; Republicans 185; Progressive 1; Former Labor 1; American Labor 1.

The Democrats, by the offical count, lost 21 seats to the Republicans. The Republicans took four seats from the Former Labor party and five from the Progressives. There will be 111 new faces in the next House.

1/6/36 - ny Times

## MARCANTONIO IS DEFEATED

Losses Sent to Congress by J. A. Lopez by 2,345 Votes.

Returns from the Twentieth Congressional District, which Major La Guardia represented in the House, showed yesterday that his successor, Vice Marcantonio, had

been defeated for re-election. James J. Lanza, a Democrat, Lanza had a plurality of 2,345 votes. Marcantonio, who was the Republican Representative from New York, was arrested yesterday in connection with a disorderly meeting place in the primary. Had another charge against Democratic campaign by neither charge has come to trial.

## Puerto Rican Spots Marcantonio

WASHINGTON, May 20 (UPI) — Rafael Martinez Nodal, President of the Puerto Rican Senate, said in an interview today that Representative Mike Marcantonio had "no right to speak for Puerto Rico in the American Congress." Mr. Marcantonio, he said, "does not represent Puerto Rico. He represents only a bunch of Marxist nationalists and Communists from Puerto Rico in New York." Mr. Marcantonio has recently criticized Governor Elanor Winslow of Puerto Rico.

5/20/59  
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## Marcantonio Strikes Oil

Rep. Vito Marcantonio (A.L.P., N.Y.) is being hailed in Mexico City as the man who will cut the Gordian knot of the oil expropriation controversy—all on account of a bill which (1) he is supposed to have introduced, (2) he did not introduce, (3) he never heard of before and (4) he now wishes he had thought of first.

A news dispatch purporting to be from Rep. Marcantonio from New York, carried in Monday's *Heraldo*, large Mexico City paper, said that Rep. Marcantonio had offered legislation making mandatory U. S. Navy purchases of oil from the expropriated properties. Mexico would be paid operating costs and the balance would go to the U. S. and British companies which formerly owned the wells. Marcantonio indicated that the Mexican government was overjoyed. The astonished Rep. Marcantonio today denied all knowledge of the bill. "Not, rep," he added, "that's a good line."

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REP. MARCANTONIO

WORKERS SPOTLIGHT

## Marcantonio

### 'Ousted' by Party

#### ALP Right Wingers

#### Bar Congressman

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (UPI)—The right-wing leadership of the American Labor Party declared today that Representative Luigi Marcantonio had been "reprobated and cast out" of the A. L. P.

At a city-wide meeting last night, according to State executive Director Ed L. Oliver, 400 A. L. P. delegates unanimously demanded action taken two weeks ago by the State executive committee to affirm that Marcantonio was not an A. L. P. member.

Before the vote State Chairman Luigi Antonini asserted that Marcantonio was an "out-and-out Communist" and asserted:

"He commits an outrage when he speaks in Congress in the name of the American Labor Party."

Antonini cited 30 individuals of fine build or "services rendered" which he said proved Marcantonio was a Communist.

Members of the opposing faction contested the authority of last night's meeting. Edward M. Bunker, vice chairman of the New York county committee, asserted that scores of A. L. P. clubs had not been invited to send delegates.

Delegates at last night's meeting included Dean Allerton, District leader for the Bronx, who declined to say whether he would run for the office of chairman of the Bronx County committee.

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WOULD BAR MARCANTONIO

Lorenzo Suggs House Refuse  
Suit Because of Red Charges  
*WILMINGTON, Dec. 1 (UPI)—Rep-*  
*representative Lorenzo Domenico, of*  
*New York, who was defeated for re-electi-*  
*on by Vito Marcantonio, has suggested in a letter sent to*  
*members of the House that they re-*  
*refuse to seat Mr. Marcantonio because*  
*of charges against him made*  
*before the House Committee on Un-*  
*American Activities.*

The letter, addressed to Charles  
Dale of the committee, was  
made public today by Mr. Lazzari.  
The New Yorker said Mr. Marcantonio  
was elected as a Republi-

cans and American Labor party can-

didate, but "these people changed

before your nomination with being

the head of a Committee from or-

ganization (International Labor De-

livery).

"If the charge is true, and ap-

parently it is, then he failed to

avail himself of the opportunity to

deny it under oath." Lazzari

wrote Dale, "then he should not be

seated, because as the head of such

an organization he stands for some

very beliefs in communism and the

advantages of our present form of

government."

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**MARCANTONIO FACED  
TRIAL FOR ASSAULT**

Indicted as Street  
on Democratic Police

Watchers

By the Associated Press  
NEW YORK, October 30.—After  
a shooting in which there was a slight  
wound, police watchers, Representatives  
Vito Marcantonio, Democrat, of New  
York, was indicted yesterday for an  
assault in the second degree.

The charge, he said, was "That  
heway attempt to subdue me in my  
campaign for re-election."

Defense lawyer, the complainant,  
Robert Marcantonio, learned three  
days ago, indicated, to assault him  
Wednesday night.

Silverman, 37, said the attack fol-  
lowed a meeting of a  
committee of 10 members of a  
poling place, and Mr. Marcantonio  
had told a group of his followers:

"Don't shoot me, I'm here. Don't  
let them both of us get shot."

Marcantonio, saying he was not  
asked to appear before the grand jury,  
denied the accusation was a "rash  
political frame-up."

I went into the polling place after  
I heard that some of my people which  
are bad been beaten up by Thompson  
police," he added. "One of my  
workers is now in the hospital, and  
dying from neck wounds."

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**Ex-Congressman Roads Chief  
Communist Subsidiary.**

Vito Marcantonio, former Rep. from  
New York who, while in Congress,  
became a Communist sympathizer, has  
been elected president of the chief Communist subsidiary in  
the United States, the International Labor Defense, American Co-  
operative Association of the Communist International. This occurred at the three-  
day national conference just concluded in Washington, D.C.

The I.L.D. has adopted a new consti-  
tution entitling "the whole field of civil, democratic and individ-  
ual rights," as well as legal defense of Reds. Anna Damon, nation-  
al secretary of I.L.D. summed the new united front program up by  
saying that "our whole organization will be adapted to working  
with new masses of people in all strata of the population, from  
voter's clubs to the Daughters of the American Revolution."

## Marcantonio Wins Primaries Recount

A RECOUNT of the primary election in the 28th Congressional District was ordered yesterday by Supreme Court Justice McLaughlin up an application by representative Vito Marcantonio to appeal to the court for a retrial and a new primary election in that district. He claimed the official count of the Democratic primary votes gave him 3,300 votes against 3,700 for James J. Lankford, but said enough ballots "showing clear indications of having been cast for me" were needed. There were more ballots than enrolled democratic voters, he added.

Justice McLaughlin directed that the ballots be opened and checked in the Board of Elections office at 11 a. m. Monday after Mr. Marcantonio pays \$500 to the Board of Elections for the cost of the recount.

**REPRESENTATIVE VITO MARCANTONIO** will return to New York—his 18-year-old mother of a French father, who was arrested Saturday on a count of a \$500 robbery. Marcantonio, still recovering from a Clinton Deneen attack that nearly disfigured his nose, is ill—and may not return to his job . . . George P. Steele, the attorney who had his eye reoperated for disfigurement of a \$500 robbery . . . Richard Knight, the terrible lawyer who was found dead in the Metropolitan Opera Monday night, was found out of his car in the evening.

Vito Marcantonio, former Congressman to You.  
His Experience In Congress  
Is Starting Fed I.L.D.  
Office In Washington.

He is a member of Congress to divorce the cause of Communism in the United States.

Vito Marcantonio, formerly a Congress-  
man from New York but now president  
of the Communist legal defense or-  
ganization, the International Labor  
Defense, is going to use his expe-  
rience in Congress to divorce the cause of Communism in

Marcantonio has announced that he is opening an I.L.D. office in Washington to promote a local, state and national legislative drive for "civil rights" legislation. This, of course, means that Marcantonio is going to use his influence and knowledge gained as a Congressman for the promotion of legislation that will reduce the legal hazards for Communist agents and give them the "legal" right to promote revolution without fear of arrest or interference.

"From the military point of view the United States must be considered as an island nation. We are separated from potential enemies on the east and west by broad and deep oceans. On our northern and southern borders are nations which have been friendly heretofore. Across those land frontiers could come no armies of sufficient strength to menace our security. Our situation is not similar to that of the British at the present time. Prior to the advent of our power the British Isles were island countries. This complete similarity is now compromised in the military sense in that they are subject to damaging attack by aircraft based on the continent."

"The arms of Europe and Asia do not menace us. To be a menace they must be transported across the sea in ships. Airplanes on the continents of Europe and Asia do not menace us. To threaten seriously our continental security they must be transported across the sea and operated from bases in or near this hemisphere.

"The armed forces of no foreign nation or group of nations can seriously threaten our continental security if we make sure that we command the sea which separates us from all potential enemies."

This statement was not made by those of us who are now opposing conscription. It is found on page 3 of a report issued by the Committee on Naval Affairs of the Senate of the United States on May 13, 1940. This report was the unanimous opinion of the members of the Senate Committee which has made a thorough study of the problem of defense against invasion. Despite the fact that the new and others in authority have been fit to keep the contents of this report from the American people, no one has yet even attempted to refute the conclusions contained therein. Hence the hysterical argument advanced by the proponents of the Burke-Wadsworth Bill to the effect that we are in danger of successful invasion is not founded in fact, but is a basal dependent of the war hysteria propaganda of 1916 and 1917.

A careful analysis of the events which have taken place since the President of the United States turned the defense of the general welfare of the country for a war armament program demonstrates conclusively that armaments and conscription are not being undertaken for defensive purposes, but constitute preparations for active participation in an unprovoked war from which the American people have nothing to gain and all to lose.

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## ARMAMENTS MEAN WAR

You cannot keep out of war when you become a military accomplice for one side of the belligerents as against the other.

You cannot keep out of war with a war armament budget which will amount to \$19,000,000,000 in less than two years.

You cannot keep out of war by forcing the youth of America into a Europeanized military machine.

The President of the United States is himself an authority for these conclusions. During the winter of 1936 at Buenos Aires, the President stated that out of his wide experience and historical study, nations which spend heavily on armaments "inevitably face the day when their weapons of destruction must be used against their neighbors, or when an unmeasured calamity like a house of cards will fall apart."

The President himself, on May 16th, informed us that we had the biggest and best Navy in the world.

Hence the conclusion is inescapable. The program is armaments, not for defense, but for war; conscription, not for defense, but for war.

The similarity between 1916 and the war preparations of today is so great that it is shocking and alarming, except that in 1916, no one dared even to suggest conscription.

## WHY CONSCRIPTION?

We are preparing, not for a war in behalf of the American people and their interests, we are not preparing for a war in defense of men and women on WPA - we are not preparing for a war in defense of the men and women in the shops and factories, we are not preparing for a war in defense of the interests of the men on the farms, we are not preparing for a war in defense of the men in the mines and in the mills, but we are preparing for a war to protect the value of the American dollar in the British pound, and for a possible extension of our imperialism in South and in Central America.

Such a war is not a war of the American people.

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Since such a war is not a war of the American people, it is only natural that the American people are overwhelmingly opposed to such a war. Therefore, it has become necessary by those who are conspiring to catapult America into war to destroy the Civil Rights and Liberties of the American people and to subdue the Brad systems for American institutions. It is precisely because you are opposed to such a war that the war conspirators find it necessary to conscript, to draft, to forcibly take from the home your son, place him in a camp, militarize him, regiment him, knock out of his system every democratic concept which he had learned since childhood and then send him to war.

## THE BURKE-WADSWORTH BILL

This and this alone is the scheme of things behind the Burke-Wadsworth Conscription Bill now pending before the Senate of the United States. The Burke-Wadsworth Bill now provides for the following:

1. Compulsory registration of all males between the ages of 21 and 31.

This feature, passed over lightly by the press, is the heart of the Bill. It would, by requiring all registered persons to carry passports, set up a vast system of Nazi-like control over the lives of the millions of men and their families. It would strip us of our liberty, the American way of life for which our forefathers fought.

2. Compulsory military training for a period of 12 months to be extended indefinitely if the treasury wants.

The young men of America, once registered lose their right to decide their own future. They could be transferred to the army or navy without their consent for compulsory service up to 10 years. The Bill is drafted so that these registrants may be sent to the battlefields for war, at any moment.

3. Contrary to press reports, the Bill contains no committal and indenturing provision which requires an employer to release a man after the training period is up. If the Bill were to pass, thousands of men would lose their means of support, with no right to return to work afterwards.

NEW YORK

January 19, 1943

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CONGRESSMAN VITO MARC ANTONIO

Probably one of the fiercest fights among the Democrats is being carried on in Washington at the present time. Southern Democrats hate the guts of this Communist but he made a deal with the northern Democrat and voted with them and the Administration demands that he be put on some important committee as this is his fourth term in Congress.

This Communist, who was formerly secretary for Mayor La Guardia and later on his law partner, maintains a secret apartment in New York on 16th Street for his mistress and used this apartment as a meeting place for special Communist gatherings. SE 100-28126-13

Mayor La Guardia has been in Washington forcing the issue and demanding that Marco Antonio get his just dues. If it was up to the Democrats of the South his just dues would be a good kick in the pants.

The real inside story is that La Guardia is trying to arrange a setup so that Vito could become a candidate for Mayor of New York City. Vito has the backing of the left-wing of the American labor party and anything could happen in this cockeyed New York City during the war period.

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New York, New York

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Director, FBI

Re: VITO MARCANTONIO  
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find two photostatic copies of the testimony of Congressman Vito Marcantonio before the Individual Exclusion Order Hearing Board, Second Service Command. He appeared as a witness before the board in behalf of one, ARMANDO/CENNARAZZO, who was being considered by the board for exclusion from the Eastern Military Area.

It is noted that Marcantonio was questioned in detail regarding his attitude toward American Aid to the Allies and his change of attitude after Russia entered the war. This testimony was all under oath and is being submitted for the Bureau's information and interest.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy  
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This high-contrast, black-and-white photograph captures a massive, dense crowd of people from a high vantage point, likely from above. The individuals are packed tightly together, their forms creating a complex, organic texture. The lighting is stark, with deep shadows obscuring much of the crowd, while the edges of figures and occasional bright highlights reveal the sheer number of people present. The perspective emphasizes the scale and density of the gathering.

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