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and Political Conventions - A group of 26
Federal, Washington and Congressional
Candidates, New York, State and local
State seats, General Election, 1950
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Attached hereto are two copies of a self-explanatory memo-
randum from the Department to the Bureau dated 3/14/51.

You will note the Department has received information
indicating that the 26 congressional candidates of the American Labor
Party in New York, who sought election to the House of Representatives
in the 1950 General Election, as well as the Political Committee of
the American Labor Party, have failed to make a correct and itemized
account of contributions and expenditures to the Clerk of the House,
as required by Federal law. A full investigation has been requested
to determine whether there has been a violation of Section 202, Title 2,
USC, which requires statements to be filed by the chairman of the
committee with the Clerk of the House, in accordance with the provisions
of Section 204, Title 2. A full investigation has also been requested
to determine whether there has been a violation of Section 206, Title 2,
which requires statements to be filed by the candidates with the
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The investigation requested may be broken down into two
phases; one concerning the alleged failure of the candidates to file
and the other concerning the alleged failure of the Political Committee
to file the required statements. In regard to that phase of the
case dealing with the candidates, New York will immediately ascertain
from the official election records the identity of the 26 candidates
who sought election to the House of Representatives in the 1950
Election in New York. These names should immediately be furnished
the Washington Field Office so that it may be determined at the out-
set whether these candidates have filed with the Clerk of the House of
Representatives. You will note that the Department has suggested
that the candidates may have filed statements of expenditures and
contributions in their own state. Therefore, these names should be
furnished to the Albany Office so that the records of the State of
New York may be checked against the records which may be filed with
the Clerk of the House of Representatives. If possible, photostatic
copies of the available records should be obtained and at least
copies furnished to the Bureau and one copy to the USA along with
report. As soon as the records of the House of Representatives
are checked, New York should immediately interview the 26 candidates

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Memorandum to SAC, New York

In regard to the allegation concerning the Political Committee of the American Labor Party, New York should interview the officers of the Committee and at the end determine whether this Political Committee of the American Labor Party is a branch or subsidiary of a national committee, association or organization as described in the definition of "political committee," under Section 241 of Title 2. If this committee falls within the purview of Section 241, Title 2, which defines a political committee, you should then ascertain whether statements were filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, in accordance with the provisions of Section 241, Title 2, USC. The records of the Clerk of the House of Representatives should be checked and you may desire to check similar records which may possibly be filed with the Clerk of New York.

This investigation should be assigned to experienced, mature personnel and all interviews must be conducted in a discreet and tactful manner. Sufficient personnel should be assigned to complete the investigation at the earliest possible date. The investigation must receive expeditious and continuous investigation. Due to the nature of the investigation, it must be under the personal supervision of the SAC and followed closely. The Bureau should be advised immediately of any pertinent developments.

The Washington Field Office and Albany office will conduct no active investigation until the names of the 20 candidates are furnished to them by the New York Office. New York, the office of origin, should issue specific instructions to Albany and Washington Field concerning the coverage of the leads in the auxiliary offices.

New York is referred to their file 100-3522, entitled, "American Labor Party, Internal Security - C." Any pertinent background data set out in the reports submitted in instant case must be attributed to the original informant and, if necessary, proper symbols should be used. If confidential informant symbols are used, there should also be an evaluation of the reliability of the informant.

Reports are to be submitted to reach the Bureau not later than three weeks from the date of this communication and, thereafter, reports are to be submitted at intervals of two weeks until the investigation is completed.

Individuals interviewed during the investigation are to be advised that the investigation is being conducted upon the request of legislative attorney General and the original disclosure to the Department of Justice.

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Office Memorandum

TO: The Director
FROM: [Illegible]
SUBJECT: FINANCIAL REPORTS OF
CANDIDATES FOR
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If this information is true, a possible violation of Sections 242 and 243, Title 2, U.S.C., and other federal laws appear to be indicated. Accordingly, it is requested that you make a full investigation of this matter. It is suggested that you interview the ALP candidates for all information relating to their failure to file a full report as required by the federal election law.

It is also requested that you ascertain whether the political committee of the ALP (referred to in some of the filed reports) is a branch or subsidiary of a national committee, association or organization as described in the definition of "political committee" under Section 243, Title 2, U.S.C. If this organization comes within such definition, it may be found that this group had violated the provisions of Section 242, Title 2, U.S.C., by failure to file a financial report of contributions received and money expended. Your investigation should include the activities of the political committee of ALP in an effort to ascertain if any federal statutes have been violated.

A copy of your report should be furnished to this Division at your early convenience.

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- The Executive Assistant to the Atty. Gen.
- Director of Public Information
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- 2. BROOKLEY, Miss
- 3. COOK, Mr.
- 4. DAGGER, Mr.
- 5. ERDAHL, Mr.
- 6. FOLEY, Mr.
- 7. FRANKE, Mr.
- 8. GOTTSHALL, Mr.
- 9. HAMLIN, Miss
- 10. HELTER, Mr.
- 11. KIEFER, Mr.
- 12. KLEINFELD, Mr.
- 13. KNEIP, Mr.
- 14. McLEAN, Mr.
- 15. O'BRIEN, Mr. James
- 16. PAISLEY, Mr.
- 17. RENO, Mr.
- 18. SHAPIRO, Mr. Irving
- 19. STRINE, Mr.
- 20. TRIEDMAN, Mr.
- 21. WALKER, Mr.
- 22. WHEARTY, Mr.
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MEMORANDUM

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Mr. [unclear]
SUBJECT: Failure of 1950 National Candidates
and Political Committee, American Labor
Party, Manhattan and Bronx Congressional
Districts, New York, to file Financial
Statements, General Election, 1950;
ELECTION LAWS

PURPOSE:

To advise that the Department has requested a full investigation concerning the alleged failure of 16 Congressional candidates and the Political Committee of the American Labor Party, Manhattan and Bronx Congressional Districts, New York, to file an account of contributions and expenditures with the Clerk of the House during the 1950 General Election.

BACKGROUND:

The American Labor Party, reportedly a trade union and about 65,000 individuals, was organized in New York on 7/16/5. It is composed of affiliated trade unions and a number of individual members, including factory and clerical workers and small businessmen. Prior to 6/22/41, the Party sponsored an antiwar campaign. In March, 1944, the left wing of the party defeated the right-wing element and gained control of the American Labor Party. Their program in 1948 pledged support of labor, economic security for the individual, aid to consumers, increased public welfare and support of civil liberties. Informants have advised the Communist Party urges its members to join and work for the American Labor Party and that Communist Party officials advise the American Labor Party on policy.

In 1948, the Party advocated the election of Henry Wallace for President and, among others, advocated the election of Vito Marcantonio and Lee Pressman for Congress. Marcantonio, a State Committee Member, in 1948, was the only Progressive Party candidate supported by the Party that was elected in New York in the 1948 election. During the trial of the Communist Party National Board members in 1949, Communist Party members were instructed to join the American Labor Party and were told that all mass activities of the Communist Party in this regard would be conducted through the American Labor Party. The aims and purposes of the American Labor Party have, in the past, been closely paralleled with the aims and purposes of the Communist Party.

cc-Mr. Nichols

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Memorandum to the Director

By reason of the political activities of the American Labor Party in New York, however, has submitted numerous memoranda over a period of years reflecting Communist influence and control of the American Labor Party. New York has submitted a report on 4/9/48 and another report on 4/15/50 containing summaries of information available in the New York files. This information, however, is not as a result of investigation and much of the information has not been corroborated. (100-25589-78, 112, 20).

FACTS:

The Department, in memorandum dated 11/21/51, which was received on 12/1/51, advised that the 26 Congressional candidates of the American Labor Party in New York, who sought election to the House of Representatives in the 1950 General Election, as well as the Political Committee of the American Labor Party, had failed to report a correct and itemized account of contributions and expenditures to the Clerk of the House, as required by Federal law. A full investigation was requested to determine whether there had been a violation of Section 24, Title 2, USC, which requires such statements to be filed by the treasurer, in accordance with the provisions of Section 24, Title 2. A full investigation was also requested to determine whether there had been a violation of Section 246, Title 2, USC, which requires such statements to be filed by the candidates. These sections carry a penalty of \$1,000 fine and/or one year imprisonment.

This investigation will result in an interview of the 26 candidates who ran in the 1950 General Election in New York, and an interview of the officers of the Political Committee of the American Labor Party in New York. Records of the Clerk of the House of Representatives will be checked and records of the State of New York will be checked to determine what contributions and expenditures have been listed. This matter will be followed closely and detailed instructions are being issued to the Field.

ACTION:

Attached hereto is a memorandum to New York, with copies to Albany and Washington Field Office, instructing that the investigation requested by the Department be conducted.

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UNSUBS, FAILURE OF CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL COMMITTEES,
AMERICAN LABOR PARTY, MANHATTAN AND BRONX CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS,
NY, TO FILE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, GENERAL ELECTION NINETEEN FIFTY
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IN MYLET WHICH INDICATES THAT INTERVIEWS WITH THE TWENTY SIX CANDIDATES
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Office Memorandum
U.S. GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Albany

SUBJECT: UNSUBS: NAME OF CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE AND POLITICAL COMMITTEE, AMERICAN LABOR PARTY, MANHATTAN AND BRONX COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS, NEW YORK, NY AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, GENERAL ELECTION, 1950, ELECTION LAW

Rebulet to New York 3-2-51 and New York letter to Bureau 1-2-51.

Mrs. HELEN J. ALLEN, Secretary, Division of Elections, Office of the Secretary of State of New York State, advised that a "Statement of Receipts, Contributions and Expenditures of a Candidate" had only been filed with the Secretary of State in Albany in one instance out of the twenty-six Districts enumerated in referenced New York letter. The sole candidate out of the twenty-six who filed such a statement in Albany was OTTO SKOTTEDAL, District 1, Suffolk County. Photostatic copies of statements filed by SKOTTEDAL are presently being prepared and will be forwarded to the Bureau and New York City in the immediate future.

Mrs. ALLEN stated that any statements filed by the other twenty-five candidates listed in referenced New York letter would be on file at the office of the Local Board of Elections in the particular election District or if not there, they would be on file at the Board of Elections for Greater New York, located at Broome and Center Streets, Manhattan, New York.

New York is, therefore, requested to conduct appropriate investigation as outlined in referenced correspondence concerning all of the twenty-six Congressional candidates except OTTO SKOTTEDAL.

Report 11/25/50

JAMES PAUL
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cc: New York - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C. DATE WHEN MADE 9/17/51 PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 REPORT MADE BY JOSEPH L. GEMAU (A) JAG:cmg

TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; CHARACTER OF CASE ELECTION LAWS
Failure of Congressional Candidates and Political Committee, American Labor Party, Manhattan and Bronx Congressional Districts, New York, to file financial statements, General Election, 1950

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:
Selection Fraud
 Clerk of House of Representatives permitted photostating of documents entitled, "Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of Candidate for Election as a Representative in Congress" and "Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of Candidate for Special Election" in candidates of the American Labor Party in New York, who sought election to the House of Representatives in the 1950 General Election. Documents were addressed to Office of Clerk of House of Representatives at that time. MURPHY, District 4 (Queens County) and ROBERTS, District 11 (New York County) did not file above statement.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.
 On September 7, 1951, the writer contacted MR. H. W. MORRIS, Administrative Assistant to MR. RALPH E. ROBERTS, Clerk of the House of Representatives, U. S. Capitol, in the absence of MR. ROBERTS, and MR. MORRIS referred the writer to MR. DILLARD C. ROGERS, File Clerk in Charge, Room 522, Old House Office Building, for the information and records desired in instant case. On the above date, the writer contacted MR. ROGERS, and there were located forty-eight documents entitled, "Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of Candidate for Election as a Representative in Congress" and "Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of Candidate for Special Election" in candidates of the American Labor Party in New York, who sought election to the House of Representatives in the 1950 General Election. Documents were addressed to Office of Clerk of House of Representatives at that time. MURPHY, District 4 (Queens County) and ROBERTS, District 11 (New York County) did not file above statement.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: C. W. Stein SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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in Congress (Before and After General or Special Election)", for the following individuals who were Congressional candidates of the American Labor Party in New York, who sought election to the House of Representatives in the 1950 General Election:

1. District #1 (Suffolk County)

OTTO SPORNBERG
Babylon, New York

2. District #2 (Westchester County)

HERMAN OLENER
23 Jackson Street
Briarcliff, New York

3. District #3 (Queens County)

ARNOLD J. OLENER
Flushing, New York

4. District #4 (Queens County)

JOSEPH SHILL
East Elmhurst, Long Island, New York

5. District #5 (Queens County)

ROSE PODMAKA
Long Island City, New York

6. District #7 (Kings County)

LESTER ZIRIN
Brooklyn, New York

7. District #8 (Kings County)

ANTONIO LANDICORIO
Kings County (Brooklyn), New York

8. District #9 (Kings County)

HELEN WISHNOFSKY
615 Williams Avenue,
Brooklyn, New York

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9. District #10 (Kings County)

GEO. ED. ROOF
27 Kingston Avenue
Brooklyn, New York

10. District #11 (Kings County)

BLANCHE KATZ
Brooklyn, New York

11. District #12 (Kings County)

E. CLINE
Brooklyn, New York

12. District #13 (Kings County)

RALPH SHAPIRO
4815 15th Avenue
Brooklyn, New York

13. District #14 (Kings County)

HELEN PHILLIPS
Brooklyn, New York

14. District #15 (Kings County)

WILLIAM FOWELL
Brooklyn 12, New York

15. District #16 (New York County)

FRANK CREMONESI
211 Jules Drive
Staten Island 11, New York

16. District #18 (New York County)

VITO MARIANTONIO
New York, New York

17. District #19 (New York County)

BERNARD MURPHY
New York, New York

18. District #20 (New York County)

JOHN W. DEAR, JR.
200 West 107th Street
New York 25, New York

19. District #21 (New York County)

WILSON RUSSELL
515 West 104th Street
New York City 24, New York

20. District #22 (New York County)

JOHN D. WILLIAM
New York, Manhattan, New York

21. District #23 (Bronx County)

ROBERT DIAMOND
Bronx New York 52, New York

22. District #24 (Bronx County)

STEPHEN J. WHITE
1261 Sheridan Avenue
Bronx, New York

23. District #25 (Bronx County)

CHARLES J. HENDLEY
New York City, Zone 63, New York

24. District #26 (Bronx County)

AUGUST L. BURR
Post Office 61, New York

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MR. ROGERS informed that the following individuals did not file statements of Receipts and Expenditures of Candidate for Election as a Representative in Congress in the 1950 General Election in New York:

District #4 (Queens County)

MARY MURPHY

118-26 112th Ave.

Queens, Long Island, N.Y.

District #17 (New York County)

ROBERT S. LEICHER

119 Waverly Place, New York

Photostats of above forty-eight statements were requested of MR. ROGERS and he stated that he would have to await the return of Mr. RALPH R. ROBERTS, Clerk of the House of Representatives, to Washington, D. C. to obtain permission to photostat these documents.

On September 13, 1951, MR. ROGERS brought to the Washington Field Office the forty-eight documents entitled, "Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of Candidate for Election as a Representative in Congress (Before and After General or Special Election)", and they were photostated and photostats thereof are enclosed with this report for the Bureau and the New York division.

ENCLOSURES:

TO THE BUREAU:

Two Photostatic copies of each of the documents for the candidates listed as 1 to 24 in the body of this report entitled, "Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of Candidate for Election as a Representative in Congress (For filing before General or Special Election.)"

Two Photostatic copies of each of the documents for the candidates listed as 1 to 24 in the body of this report entitled, "Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of Candidate for Election as a Representative in Congress (For filing after General or Special Election.)"

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Enclosure: (Continued)

TO NEW YORK DIVISION

One photostatic copy of each of the documents for the candidates listed as 1 to 24 in this report, entitled "Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of Candidate for Election as a Representative in Congress (For filing before General or Special Election)."

One photostatic copy of each of the documents for the candidates listed as 1 to 24 in this report, entitled "Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of Candidate for Election as a Representative in Congress (For filing after General or Special Election)."

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REFERENCE:

Letter from New York Division, dated August 27, 1951.
Teletype from New York Division, 1:30 September 11, 1951.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.
Transmit the following message to:

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RE: FAILURE OF CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES AND SENATORS, MEMBERS OF PARTY, PARLIAMANT AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. TO FILE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, GENERAL ELECTRIC BUSINESS UNIT, CHICAGO, ILL. IN THE L. S. S. P. FOR THE YEAR 1950. ALL OFFICIALS OF THE COMPANY ARE REQUESTED TO FURNISH TO DATE ALL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MATTER FOR PERIOD OF LAST 12 MONTHS.

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Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO
FROM
SUBJECT:

Director,
SAC, New York

DATE: August 31, 1951

UNSUBS. FAILURE OF CONGRESSIONAL
CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL COMMITTEE,
AMERICAN LABOR PARTY, MANHATTAN AND
BRONX CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS, NEW
YORK, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS,
GENERAL ELECTION, 1950
ELECTION LAWS

Rebulet August 29, 1951.

The records of the Board of Election, New York City, reflect that the following 26 individuals were Congressional candidates of the American Labor Party in New York who sought election to the House of Representatives in the 1950 general election:

District #1 (Suffolk County)

OTTO SKOTTRDAL
Highby Avenue
West Islip, Long Island

District #2 (Nassau County)

HENRY DOLIKER
299 Jackson Street
Hempstead, Long Island, New York

District #3 (Queens County)

ARNOLD J. OLENICK
138-25 77th Avenue
Flushing, Long Island

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District #4 (Queens County)

MARY MURPHY
148-20 112th Avenue
Jamaica, Long Island

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District #5 (Queens County)

JOSEPH STILL
21-13 79th Street
Jackson Heights, Long Island

District #6 (Queens County)

ROSE PODMAKA
31-03 23rd Street
Long Island City

District #7 (Kings County)

LESTER ZIRIN
55 Linden Boulevard

District #8 (Kings County)

ANTONIO IANDIORIO
231 N. 7th Street

District #9 (Kings County)

HELEN WISHNOSKY
615 Williams Avenue

District #10 (Kings County)

GERALD ROAT
276 Kingston Avenue

District #11 (Kings County)

BLANCHE KATZ
490 East 17th Street

District #12 (Kings County)

VINCENT J. LONGHI
374 Clinton Street

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District #13 (Kings County)

RALPH SHAPIRO
4815 15 Avenue

District #14 (Kings County)

HELEN PHILLIPS
203 Avenue P

District #15 (Kings County)

WILLIAM POWELL
113 Osborn Street

District #16 (New York County)

FRANK CREMONESI
211 Jules Drive
Staten Island

District #17 (New York County)

ROBERT T. LEICESTER
119 Waverly Place

District #18 (New York County)

VITO MARCANTONIO
231 East 116th Street

District #19 (New York County)

BERNARD HARKAVY
60 Van Cortland Park Sq.

District #20 (New York County)

JOHN W. DARR, Jr.
200 West 107th Street

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District #21 (New York County)

WILLIAM H. EDDEL
545 West 16th Street

District #22 (New York County)

JOHN SULLIVAN
2357 Eighth Avenue

District #23 (New York County)

ROBERT W. ANTHONY
1145 400 York Street

District #24 (Bronx County)

STEPHEN W. WILSON
1264 Sheridan Avenue

District #25 (Bronx County)

CHARLES J. HENDLEY
3210 Fairfield Avenue

District #26 (Bronx County)

ALBERT FUHR
2310 Continental Avenue

In order to determine the nature of the organizational structure of the ALP and its practice in the past in filing accounts of contributions and expenditures on behalf of its candidates for public office, CHARLES W. CAMPBELL, 286 Corbin Place, Brooklyn, NY, a former upstate Director of the ALP, was interviewed.

CAMPBELL advised that, by law, five committeemen are elected during the ALP primaries from each of the 150 assembly districts in the State of New York, thus making a State Committee of 750 members. He regards this State Com

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as the Political Committee of the ALP. According to CAMPBELL, the State Committee meets within twenty days of the primaries and elects a State Executive Committee consisting of fifty members. The State Executive Committee later selects a small administrative committee of approximately twelve members, and it is this committee that runs the ALP.

CAMPBELL said that during the period of his association with the ALP itemized and accurate accounts of expenditures and contributions on behalf of ALP candidates in office were filed with the Secretary of State in Albany, NY, in compliance with the laws of the State of New York. He stated that to the best of his knowledge there was no Political Committee of the ALP which could be regarded as a branch or subsidiary of a national committee.

The records of the Board of Elections, NYC, fail to reflect any information which would indicate that any specific political committee was set up to handle contributions and expenditures for the twenty-six individuals mentioned previously.

The WFO is requested to immediately check the records of the Clerk of the House of Representatives to determine whether or not the twenty-six individuals mentioned above have filed statements as indicated in relet. If these statements are found to be in existence, photostatic copies should be obtained if at all possible and at least two copies be furnished to the Bureau and one copy to the United States Attorney, SDNY, along with the report.

The Albany Office is requested to conduct a similar type investigation of the records of the State of New York, inasmuch as relet reflects that the Justice Department has suggested that the candidates may have filed statements of expenditures and contributions in their own state.

The Albany Office is also requested to obtain photostatic copies of any statements filed by the ALP as such, in connection with the 1950 election campaign, of the twenty-six candidates with particular attention to ascertaining the names and addresses of any individuals filing as members of a Political Committee of the ALP.

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The Albany and ALP Offices are requested to conduct these investigations immediately in view of the fact that interviews with the twenty-six individuals mentioned above are being held in abeyance pending the results of your investigations.

Upon receipt of the for-mentioned information from the Albany Office, the NYO will interview the officers of the ALP to determine whether the ALP Political Committee is a branch or subsidiary of a national committee as described under Section 241, Title 2.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

CASE ORIGINATED AT: NEW YORK

REPORT MADE BY: NEW YORK
DATE WHEN MADE: 8/29-31; 9/20/51
PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9/17, 1951
REPORT MADE BY: JOSEPH PANGOL

TITLE: UNSUBS; Failure of Congressional Candidates and Political Committee, American Labor Party, Manhattan and Bronx Congressional Districts, New York, to File Financial Statements, General Election, 1950
CHARACTER OF CASE: ELECTION LAWS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:
Names and addresses of the 26 ALP candidates for Congress, 1950 General Election, obtained and set out. Records of cards of elections, etc., reflect that only 11 of the 26 candidates filed statements of receipts, contributions or expenditures. Records also reflect that treasurers of 4 political committees filed statements as to receipts and expenditures in connection with election.

DETAILS:
This investigation is predicated on receipt of a letter to the Bureau dated August 14, 1951, from JAMES M. McDERMID, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice. This letter stated that information has been received by the Justice Department that the twenty-six candidates of the American Labor Party in New York, who sought election as members of the House of Representatives in the 1950 General Election, failed to report a correct

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itemized accounts of contributions and disbursements, as required by the Federal election laws.

The letter further indicated that the majority of the candidates filed reports with the clerk of the board of representatives showing no contributions and disbursements. With the exception of the candidates reported small amounts received and small amounts expended. According to the above letter, disbursements on some of the reports referred to the financial statements filed by the American Labor Party, with appropriate explanation. The letter further indicated that the clerk of the board of representatives has no record of any statement of contributions or disbursements and consequently there is no record of any contributions received or expended by these candidates.

The letter further stated that the clerk of the board of representatives of the political committee of the party may have filed his report with the state authorities. However, this did not comply with the requirements of the Federal law. The letter also requested that the clerk of the board of representatives of the American Labor Party candidates in the New York area be informed for all information relating to the above mentioned candidates. The report as required by the Federal election laws. The letter also requested that it be ascertained whether the political committee of the American Labor Party is a branch of the national committee, association or organization as described in the definition of "Political Committee" under Section 241, Title 2, United States Code.

The above referred to letter also requested that investigation include the activities of the political committees of the American Labor Party in an effort to ascertain if any of the Federal statutes have been violated.

THOMAS C. WINTS, Deputy Chief Clerk, Board of Elections, 400 Broome Street, New York City, checked his records and advised that the following individuals were Congressional candidates of the American Labor Party in New York and sought election to the House of Representatives in the 1950 General Election:

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District #1 (Queens County)

OTTO SKOTTEDAL
Highby Avenue
West Islip, Long Island

District #2 (Queens County)

WILLIAM LINDS
209 Jackson Street
Hempstead, Long Island, New York

District #3 (Queens County)

ARNOLD J. BLENIC
138-25 77th Avenue
Flushing, Long Island

District #4 (Queens County)

MARY MURPHY
148-20 112th Avenue
Jamaica, Long Island

District #5 (Queens County)

JOSEPH SHILL
21-13 79th Street
Jackson Heights, Long Island

District #6 (Queens County)

ROSE POLWAKA
31-03 23rd Street
Long Island City

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District #1

SYDNEY DORRIS
15 Linden Boulevard

District #2

NO LA LIZO
3000 1st Street

District #3

LEN WISE O'NEAL
105 Williams Avenue

District #10 (Kings County)

GERALD ROBT
276 Kingston Avenue

District #11 (Kings County)

FRANCIS KATZ
490 East 17th Street

District #12 (Kings County)

VINCENT J. LONGHI
374 Clinton Street

District #13 (Kings County)

RALPH SHAPIRO
4015 15 Avenue

District #14 (Kings County)

HELEN PHILLIPS
203 Avenue P

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District #15 (New York County)

WILLIAM ROBERT
113 Osborn Street

District #16 (New York County)

FRANK CREWES
211 Miles Drive
Statens Island

District #17 (New York County)

ROBERT W. LEONARD
119 Waverly Place

District #18 (New York County)

VITO CARCONTINO
231 East 113th Street

District #19 (New York County)

BERNARD WARAVY
80 Van Cortland Park Sq.

District #20 (New York County)

JOHN W. DARR, JR.
200 West 107th Street

District #21 (New York County)

WILLIAM M. LINDEN
545 West 144th Street

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JOSEPH SHILL - District #5 (Queens County)
21-13 79th Street
Jackson Heights, Long Island

The above individual submitted a Statement of Receipts, Contributions or Expenditures which was notarized on November 12, 1950. A review of this statement reflects that SHILL claimed he had no receipts and no expenditures.

HELEN WISNIEWSKY - District #9 (Kings County)
615 Williams Avenue

The above individual filed a statement regarding receipts, contributions or expenditures which was notarized on November 27, 1950. A review of this statement reflected that this candidate also claimed to have no receipts and no expenditures.

GERALD ROOT - District #10 (Kings County)
276 Kingston Avenue

The above individual filed a Statement of Receipts, Contributions or Expenditures notarized on November 27, 1950. A review of this statement reflected that this candidate also claimed to have no receipts and no expenditures.

DIANORH KATZ - District #11 (Kings County)
490 East 17th Street

The above individual filed a Statement of Receipts, Contributions or Expenditures notarized on November 14, 1950. A review of this statement reflects that this candidate also claimed to have no receipts and no expenditures.

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VINCENT J. LONGHI, District #12 (Kings County)
374 Clinton Street

The above individual filed a Statement of Receipts, Contributions or Expenditures notarized on November 10, 1950. A review of this statement reflects that this individual also claimed to have no receipts and no expenditures.

RALPH SHAPIRO - District #13 (Kings County)
115 15th Avenue

The above individual filed a Statement of Receipts, Contributions or Expenditures which was notarized on November 17, 1950. A review of this statement reflects that SHAPIRO claimed to have no receipts; however, under contributions or expenditures he listed the following:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10/25/50	Committee To Elect American Labor Party Candidates	129 Montague Street, Brooklyn, New York	\$50.00

WILLIAM FODELL - District #15 (Kings County)
113 Osborn Street

A review of the statement by the above individual, which was notarized on November 9, 1950, reflects that he claimed no receipts and no contributions or expenditures.

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VITO MARCASTONIO - District #16 (New York County)
231 East 116th Street

A review of the statement filed by the above individual which was notarized on November 21, 1950, reflects that he claimed to have no receipts and no contributions or expenditures. A typewritten notation appears under the heading "Receipts" to "See Campaign Committee."

JAMES W. WARR, JR. - District #20 (New York County)
290 West 107th Street

A review of the statement of the above individual which was not notarized but was received by the Board of Elections on December 6, 1950, reflects that he claimed the following receipts:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Part of proceeds of concert	\$145.00

The following statement reflects the contributions or expenditures:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Police Department	New York, New York	\$65.00
Prompt Press	New York, New York	80.00

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also advised that the Board of Elections
political contributions which were made
in connection with the election of
twenty-six members of the Board of Elections
previously.

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OF CALIFORNIA
MURRAY BRANTLEY, Treasurer

A "Statement of Receipts" which was notarized on November 24, 1970, and receipts:

Date of Receipt		Amount
Oct. 9th to N. v. 20th	Voluntary contributions from several thousand persons for which we have receipts in files available for inspection.	\$5,607.73

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referred to statement of disbursements, and
 disbursements... facilitates the following:

<u>Date of Payment</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose of Expenditure</u>
Oct. 9	New York Labor Committee for the elections of Marcanonio and pro- gressive candidates - Treasurer - ESTHER LETZ	350 East 65th Street	\$1,000.00	Contribution
Oct. 19	Same		100.00	
Oct. 29	Same		100.00	
Oct. 28	Supreme Stationers and Printers	125 Lafayette Street, New York	3.57	stationery
Oct. 28	Mechanics Press	138 W 25th St. New York	22.75	printing
Oct. 30	New York Labor Committee for the elec- tion of Marcanonio and Progressive Candidates - Treasurer - ESTHER LETZ	350 East 65th Street	550.00	Contribution
Nov. 3	Same		1,450.00	"
Nov. 9	Supreme Stationers and Printers	125 Lafayette St., New York	2.75	stationery
Nov. 20	Mechanics Press	138 W 25th St. New York	210.00	printing
Nov. 20	M. Brown	250 West St.	20.00	perforated notepad

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COMMITTEE TO ELECT A.L.P. CANDIDATES
 IN YORKVILLE & HARLEM
 VITO MAGLI - Treasurer

A review of the statement filed by VITO MAGLI on behalf of the above committee reflects that there were no receipts. The following expenditures, disbursements and liabilities appear in the statement:

<u>Date of Payment</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose of Expenditure</u>
11/1/50	Gold Sound	New York, N.Y.	300.00	Sound Truck
11/20/50	Cash	"	50.00	Telephone

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 PRIMARY CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
 GERALDILE SPANDROS - Treasurer

A review of the statement filed by the above committee reflects the following receipts:

<u>Date of Receipt</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>
5/17	HENRY AFRANS	600 West End Avenue	75.00
5/17	JOHN MILLS	2542 Broadway	75.00
5/17	JOB SELTERMAN	42 East 3rd Street	20.00
5/17	MIKE DE MOTTES	126 East 7th Street	30.00
5/21	MARVIN MAVERNER	32 Market Street	25.00
6/12	JACK GARYANSKY	359 2nd Avenue	50.00
6/12	ARNOLD MOSKOWITZ	230 West 79th Street	50.00
6/12	JANE BENEDICT	110 East 75th Street	50.00
6/12	VICTORIA RITTKER	320 Riverside Drive	60.00
6/12	MURIEL MORRIS	570 Ft. Washington Ave.	50.00
6/12	ED MULLERSTEIN	391 Madison Avenue	50.00
6/12	ED P. ...	1 Marble Hill Avenue	15.00

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<u>Date of Receipt</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>
7/14	HOWARD MOSKOWITZ	230 West 79th St.	4.00
7/14	RUTH ORME	2058 Broadway	4.00
7/14	JOHN SCUDDER	12 Stuyvesant Oval	40.00
8/14	LARRY ROTH	225 West 25th Street	15.00
			<u>\$629.75</u>

The statement also reflects the following expenditures, disbursements and liabilities:

<u>Date of Payment</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose of Expenditure</u>
5/31	Collison & Klingman	301 Adams St.	\$225.00	Petitions
6/12	Collison & Klingman	301 Adams St.	35.60	Petitions
7/7	Collison & Klingman	301 Adams St.	10.62	Petitions
8/12	Prompt Press	113-4 Avenue	65.13	Primary card
			<u>\$636.35</u>	

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**CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE TO RE-ELECT
CONGRESSMAN LEO MARCANTONIO
LIL IAN DAN - Treasurer**

A review of the statement filed by the above committee reflects the following under receipts:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
25 Oct. 50	Abe Weiss	130 Market Street, Peterson, N.J.	10.00
	Melchiorre T. Elia	315 East 115 St., NYC	5.00
30 Oct. 50	Members of Armenians for Marcantonio E. Foreman	105 Arden St., NYC	75.00
	(C/O MRS. GLADYS SMULLY)	93 Remden St., Bklyn	5.00
31 Oct. 50	John Langwood	50 Crownell Place Sea Cliff, L.I.	1.00
	Leo Laskoff	515 E. 89 St., NYC	30.00
	Angelo Burlon	2087 2nd Ave., NYC	25.00
	Joseph Cunningham	1855 Carter Ave., NYC	10.00
	H. Scalia	354 E. 91 St., NYC	5.00
	Joe Arvizzone	53 Milford St., Bklyn	10.00
	H. Richman	1156 2d Ave., NYC	5.00
1 Nov. 50	Max Hirsch	1602 Arkansas Drive Valley stream, L.I.	5.00
4 Nov. 50	Joseph Cozik	481 E. 74th St., NYC	10.00
	Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Capace	2512 93 St., Jackson Hrts., L. I.	15.00
5 Nov. 50	Mrs. Flacke	308 E. 63 St.	10.00
	Members of Armenians for Marcantonio	105 Arden St.	77.50
	Mrs. Louise Kothsek	440 E. 75 St., NYC	5.00

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
7 Nov. 50	Lorbody and	1,00 York Ave., NYC	2.00
	Simone Mancione	117 E. 117th St., NYC	10.00
	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph A. Toboul	472 E. 86 St., NY	10.00
11 Nov. 50	Joseph Schubert	2051
	Richard Bjornascho	109 ... 127 St.	...
	Lucretia ...	228
	Josquina Lopez	62
	Frank Mippoli	231 ... 118 St., NYC	...
	Angelo Ciccimarra	2103 ... Ave., NYC	...
	ary ...	225 ... 12 St., NYC	...
	Sarah M. Goodman	1000 ... St., NYC	...
	A. Person	20 ... St., NYC	...
	Bill Gandall	225 W. 12 St.	...
16 Nov. 50	Anita Giacabbe	97 S. Portland Ave., NYC	10.00
	Focco Mariconda	346 E. 104 St.	10.00
	Osbraro Landi	1120 Crosby Ave., NYC	5.00
	Carl Wilhelm	304 E. 91 St., NYC	3.00
21 Nov. 50	Mrs. Annie Liebman	200 W. 94 St., NYC	5.00
	Harold W. Thompson, Jr.	300 Main St., Chatham, N.J.	5.00
		Total	2,488.62
		Previously Reported	2,001.50
		Total	4,490.12

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expenditures

1/27/50

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In order to determine the nature of the organizational structure of the ALP and its practice in the past in utilizing accounts of contributions and expenditures on behalf of its candidates for public office, CHARLES W. CAMPBELL, 206 Corbin Place, Brooklyn, New York, a former upstate Director of the American Labor Party, was interviewed.

CAMPBELL advised that, by law, five committee men are elected during the American Labor Party primaries from each of the 150 assembly districts in the State of New York, thus making a total State Committee of 750 members. Records of this State Committee as the Political Committee of the ALP. According to CAMPBELL, the State Committee meets within twenty days after the primaries and elects a State Executive Committee consisting of fifty members. The State Executive Committee later selects a small administrative committee of approximately twelve members, and it is this committee that runs the ALP.

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CAMPBELL said that with the ALP identified and contributions on behalf of the ALP filed with the Secretary of State with the laws of the State of New York. He stated that to the best of his knowledge there was no violation of the laws which could be regarded as a breach of the national committee.

ENCLOSURES

22 photostatic copies of statements of congressional candidates filed with the Board of Elections, New York City.

10 photostatic copies of statements of political committees mentioned in this report.

United States Attorney
Southern District of New York (15)

11 photostatic copies of statements furnished by 11 congressional candidates mentioned in this report to the Board of Elections, New York City.

4 photostatic copies of statements of four political committees mentioned in this report.

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Will have lately checked the records of the Clerk of the House of Representatives to determine whether the twenty-six individuals mentioned in this report have filed statements of contributions and expenditures as required by the Federal election laws.

Will also check the records of the Clerk of the House of Representatives for any financial statements filed by the American Labor Party.

It is to be noted that the Justice Department, by letter dated August 14, 1951, advised that twenty-four of the candidates filed reports with the Clerk of the House showing no contributions and no expenditures and that two of the candidates reported small amounts received and similar amounts expended. Notations on some of the reports refer to the financial statement filed by the "American Labor Party, with appropriate authorities."

If these statements are found to be in existence, photostatic copies should be obtained, if at all possible, and at least two copies be furnished to the Bureau and one copy to the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York along with the report.

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At Albany, New York

Will conduct a similar type investigation of the records of the State of New York since the Justice Department has suggested that the candidates may have filed statements of expenditures and contributions in their own state.

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