



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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**PART 12 OF 12**

**FILE NUMBER : 100-28126**

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR  
SUBJECT: Failure of Congressional Candidates  
and Political Committee of the American Labor  
Party, Manhattan, New York, to file Financial  
Statements, General Election, 1950  
ELECTION LA 8

Attached hereto are two copies of a self-explanatory memorandum from the Department to the Bureau dated 8/14/51.

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 to the Washington Field Office so that it may be determined at the out 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 same time 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 244, 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 State 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 notified that the investigation is being conducted upon the request of Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, U. S. Department of Justice.

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Office Memorandum

TO : The Director

FROM : James H. Mohr

SUBJECT: FILING OF  
CANDIDATE'S  
SECTION 305  
FINANCIAL REPORT

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ELECTION LAW

The American Labor Party candidates of the House failed to report expenditures

in the House, as well as candidates reported expenditures on some of the reports by the American Labor Party, with no public record of the money candidates. It is possible that they may have filed a report

which was not required by the Federal Election Law.

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 241, Title 2, U.S.C.

If this information is true, a possible violation of Sections 242 and 246, 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 241, Title 2, U.S.C.

If this information is true, a possible violation of Sections 242 and 246, 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 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 241, 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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MEMORANDUM

- The Attorney General
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- Director of Public Information
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- 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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FROM: Mr. [illegible]  
SUBJECT: Failure of 1950 General Candidate  
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, supported by 250 trade unions and about 65,000 individuals, was organized in New York on 7/16/35. 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 9/9/48 and another report on 1/15/50 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. (100-25559-78, 112, 20).

FACTS:

The Department, in memorandum dated 1/15/50, which was received on 1/15/50, 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 244, Title 2, USC, which requires such statements to be filed by the treasurer, in accordance with the provisions of Section 245, 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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AMERICAN LABOR PARTY, MANHATTAN AND BRONX CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS,  
NY, TO FILE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, GENERAL ELECTION NINETEEN FIFTY  
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ARE CHECKED. IN VIEW OF ABOVE THIS OFF  
UNABLE TO MEET DEADLINE SET BY BUR. CANDIDATES WILL BE IMMEDIATELY  
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Office Memorandum  
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Albany

SUBJECT: UNSUBS: RAISES OF CONGRESSIONAL  
CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL COMMITTEES,  
AMERICAN LABOR PARTY, MANHATTAN AND  
BRONX COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS, NEW  
YORK, EX-791 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 E. 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 particu-  
lar 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 appro-  
priate investigation as outlined in referenced correspondence concerning  
all of the twenty-six Congressional candidates except OTTO SKOTTEDAL.

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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      REPORT MADE BY W. L. GENUA (A)      JAN 1952

TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;      CHARACTER OF CASE ELECTION LAW  
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 (General and Special Election)" filed by two candidates of the American Labor Party in New York, who sought election to the House of Representatives in the 1950 General Election. Documents enclosed. Office of Clerk of House of Representatives advised that 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. W. H. 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 532, 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..."

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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 SPORNEDAL  
Babylon, New York

2. District #2 (Westchester County)

HERMAN HOLTER  
233 Jackson Street  
Briarcliff, New York

3. District #3 (Queens County)

ARNOLD J. OLEWIK  
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. LO. BOOT  
200 Kingston Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York

10. District #11 (Kings County)

BLANCHE KATZ  
Brooklyn, New York

11. District #12 (Kings County)

M. 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 FODILL  
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

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17. District #19 (New York County)

BERNARD BERKAVY  
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 SUDILL  
515 West 104th Street  
New York City 24, New York

20. District #22 (New York County)

JOHN D. JULLIAN  
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. BUHR  
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 #1 (Queens County)

MARY MERRI

118-20 112th Ave.

Queens, Long Island, N.Y.

District #17 (New York County)

ROBERT S. BELMONT

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.)"

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REFERENCE:

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

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

SEPTEMBER 17, 1951

Transmit the following message to:

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FBI - NEW YORK

RE: FALLEN OF CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES AND SENATORS, NATIONAL  
ON PARTY, MANHATTAN AND BROS. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, N. Y. TO STATE  
ANCIAL STATEMENTS, GENERAL ELECTION DISTRICTS FIFTH, SEVENTH AND EIGHTH  
IN THE L. S. SENATOR POSITION AND. ALL OFFICES WITH INFORMATION  
REFLECTING INFORMATION TO DATE AND. ALL OTHER BUREAU OFFICES  
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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CC: NEW YORK OFFICE (BY SPECIAL AGENT)  
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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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 SCOTTEDAL  
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 WISHNORSKY  
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 POELL  
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. DEBEL  
545 West 16th Street

District #22 (New York County)

JOHN GUILLE  
2357 Eighth Avenue

District #23 (New York County)

ROSE M. ANTONIO  
1145 400 York St. Avenue

District #24 (Bronx County)

STEPHEN W. WILSON  
1264 Sheridan Avenue

District #25 (Bronx County)

CHARLES J. HENDLEY  
3210 Fairfield Avenue

District #26 (Bronx County)

AUGUST BUHR  
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 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.

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 for 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 AF 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

U.S. CASE ORIGINATED AT: NEW YORK

REPORT MADE BY: JOSEPH BANGAL

REPORT MADE BY <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/29-31; 9/20/51</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/17, 1951</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOSEPH BANGAL</b>
TITLE <b>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</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ELECTION LAWS</b>	

**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.

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**DETAILS:**

This investigation is predicated on receipt of a letter to the Bureau dated August 14, 1951, from JAMES M. McDERMERY, 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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*Edward J. [Signature]*

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itemized account of contributions and disbursements as required by the General Election Law.

The letter further indicated that only 10% of the candidates filed reports with the clerk of the board of representatives showing no contributions and no expenditures and that two 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 statement filed by the American Labor Party, with appropriate annotations. The letter further indicated that the clerk of the board of representatives has no record of any statement of any candidate or party and consequently there is no record of any contributions received or expended by these candidates.

The letter further stated that it was possible that the political committee of the party may have filed its reports with the state authorities, however, this did not meet the requirements of the federal law. The letter also requested that the American Labor Party candidates in the New York area be interviewed for all information relating to their failure to file a full report as required by the federal election law. The letter also requested that it be ascertained whether the political committee of the American Labor Party is a branch of a 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 CUMMINGS, 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  
Higby Avenue  
West Islip, Long Island

District #2 (Queens County)

LINER  
209 Jackson Street  
Hempstead, Long Island, New York

District #3 (Queens County)

ARNOLD J. LEVINE  
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 FODAKA  
31-03 23rd Street  
Long Island City

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DISTRICT #8 (KINGS COUNTY)

ESTER DUBIN  
15 Linden Boulevard

District #8 (Kings County)

DISTRICT #9 (KINGS COUNTY)

NO LA LIZ  
3000 1st Street

District #9 (Kings County)

DISTRICT #10 (KINGS COUNTY)

LEN WISE O'NEAL  
1015 Williams Avenue

District #10 (Kings County)

DISTRICT #11 (KINGS COUNTY)

GERALD ROSE  
276 Kingston Avenue

District #11 (Kings County)

DISTRICT #12 (KINGS COUNTY)

FRANCOE KATZ  
490 East 17th Street

District #12 (Kings County)

DISTRICT #13 (KINGS COUNTY)

VINCENT J. LONGHI  
374 Clinton Street

District #13 (Kings County)

DISTRICT #14 (KINGS COUNTY)

RALPH SHAPIRO  
4015 15 Avenue

District #14 (Kings County)

DISTRICT #15 (KINGS COUNTY)

HELEN PHILLIPS  
203 Avenue P

District #15 (Kings County)

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District #15 (New York County)

WILLIAM ROBERTI  
113 Osborn Street

District #16 (New York County)

FRANK CREMONESI  
211 Jules Drive  
Roosevelt Island

District #17 (New York County)

ROBERT W. LEONARDI  
119 Waverly Place

District #18 (New York County)

VITO CARCONTINO  
231 East 113th Street

District #19 (New York County)

BERNARD HARAVY  
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 141st Street

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District #26 (Brook County)

CHARLES J. BELMONT  
3210 Fairfield Avenue  
District #26 (Brook County)  
August 26th 1941  
2310 Commercial Avenue

reflected that the following eleven individuals were the only ones out of the total of twenty-six listed above who filed statements concerning receipts, contributions or expenditures. Mr. CRAWFORD further stated that the only one who had received receipts, contributions or expenditures, however, he was unable to locate such a statement for any of the congressional candidates of the American Labor Party for the election of 1940 following:

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

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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

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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

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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.

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

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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 16, 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 M. BARR, 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	60.00

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WILLIAM W. HANDEL - District #21 (New York County)  
55 West 16th Street

A review of the statement submitted by the above individual, notarized on November 27, 1950, reflects that he claimed to have no receipts and no contributions or expenditures. Under the heading contributions or expenditures the following appears:

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STEPHEN WHITE - District #24 (Brooklyn County)  
1264 Sheridan Avenue

A review of the statement filed by the above individual, notarized on October 27, 1950, reflects that he claimed no expenses and no contributions.

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OF MARYLAND  
MURRAY BRANTLEY

Statement of receipts  
which was notarized on November 24, 1970

Date of Receipt

Amount

Oct. 9th  
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N. v. 21th

Voluntary contributions from several  
thousand for which we  
have receipts in files available  
for inspection.

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referred to state... facilities 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 collection of Marcan... and pro- gressive candidates - Treasurer - ESTHER LETZ	350 East 25th 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 Marcan... and Progressive Candidates - Treasurer - ESTHER LETZ	350 East 25th 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	per... costs

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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

NEW YORK COUNTY, ALP, 1950 FALL  
 PRIMARY CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE  
 GERALDILE SHANDROS - 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	HARRY AFRANS	600 West End Avenue	75.00
5/17	JOHN MILLS	2542 Broadway	75.00
5/17	JOB SELTERMAN	42 East 3rd Street	50.00
5/17	MINE DE MONTES	126 East 7th Street	30.00
5/21	MARVIN MAVERNER	32 Market Street	25.00
6/12	JACK GARTENBERG	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	340 Riverside Drive	50.00
6/12	MURIEL MORRIS	570 Ft. Washington Ave.	50.00
6/12	ED MULLERSTEIN	391 Madison Avenue	50.00
6/12	ED MULLERSTEIN	1 Marble Hill Avenue	50.00
6/12	ED MULLERSTEIN	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	2638 Broadway	4.00
7/14	JOHN SCHUBER	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.	18.62	Petitions
8/12	Prompt Press	113-4 Avenue	65.13	Primary card
			<u>\$624.35</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, Paterson, N.J.	10.00
	Melchiorre T. Elia	315 East 115 St., NYC	5.00
30 Oct. 50	Members of Armenians for Marcantonio E. Foreman (C/O MRS. GLADYS BRADLEY)	105 Arden St., NYC 93 Remsen St., Bklyn	75.00 5.00
31 Oct. 50	John Langwood	50 Cromwell 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 Arbizzone	53 Milford St., Bklyn	10.00
	E. 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 Capece	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 Head	1,10 York Ave., NYC	2.00
	Simone Mancione	117 E. 117th St., NYC	10.00
	Mr. Mrs. Joseph A. Toboul	402 E. 87th St., NYC	10.00
11 Nov. 50	Joseph Schubert	2051 1st Ave., NYC	1.00
	Richard Bjornasche	109 W. 127th St.	.12
	Lucretia Demelli	222 W. 111th St., NYC	.50
	Josquina Lopez	62 W. 100th St., NYC	.50
	Frank Miggoli	231 W. 110th St., NYC	.50
	Angelo Ciccimarra	2103 21 Ave., NYC	1.00
	Harry Randall	255 W. 12 St., NYC	1.00
	Sarah M. Goodman	1000 Grand St., NYC	1.00
	A. Person	20 East 110th St., NYC	1.00
	Bill Gandall	225 W. 12 St.	1.00
	Anita Giacabbe	97 S. Portland Ave., BKLYN	10.00
	Focco Mariconda	346 E. 100th St., NYC	10.00
	Osberto Landi	1120 Crosby Ave., NYC	5.00
16 Nov. 50	Carl Wilhelm	304 E. 81 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	488.62
		Previously Reported	2,001.50
		Total	2,490.12



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expenditures:

1/23/50 Treasurer's Office, New York, N.Y.

1/2/50 Cash

1/9/50

10.00

2.00

91.62

222.00

324.00

Hotel Approach

Hotel Approach

In order to determine the nature of the organizational structure of the ALP and its practice in the past in raising 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, 150 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. He regards 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 AEP identified and contributions on behalf of the 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 other person who could be regarded as a member of this association or who exercised any influence or control over the activities of the association.

ENCLOSURES

- 22 photostatic copies of statements of 11 congressional candidates filed with the Board of Elections, New York City.
- 10 photostatic copies of statements of 11 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 4 political committees mentioned in this report.

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WASHINGTON FIELD

At Albany, New York

Will cause latest check of records of the Clerk of the House of Representatives to be examined with respect to the twenty-six individuals mentioned in the report of the Clerk of the House of Representatives 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. No citations on some of the reports refer to the financial statement filed by the "American Labor Party, with appropriate authorities."

If these statements and records are 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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