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Commendation of the work of the Philadelphia Record in uncovering the anti-union activities of the Minute Men and Women of Today, and the connections of this vigilante organization with such industrialists as the Du Ponts, was expressed today by Vito Marcantonio, president of the International Labor Defense.

"The Record is to be commended upon its fine work in uncovering the activities of the Minute Men and Women of America today," Mr. Marcantonio said. "Following upon its exposure of intolerable conditions in the Philadelphia courts, and of the situation at Elkland, Pa., this latest exploit of progressive journalism sets a high mark for the Record. Of especial importance are the links between the Minute Men and Women of Today, its racketeering head, and the Du Ponts. There is no question that every anti-union vigilante organization in the country either is subsidized by big business, or is set up with the hope of such a subsidy. Generally, the direct tie-up is carefully hidden, and the vigilante group made to appear as though it had actual popular support for a basis. Every time such a link is exposed, and the false basis of the organization exploded, a distinct service is rendered to the cause of progress.

"Today, vigilantism constitutes one of the most serious menaces to American Democracy. Every exposure of the true basis of this subversive movement is a distinct service to the cause of true Americanism."

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