7-Year-Old Forgery Exposed! Hoffman Used Black

Legion Fake

Commercial Pelegraphers Union

About the first of December, 1941, our organization circulated in Chicago a hand-bill which contained to be a copy of a campaign document issued by t Party District to 7, supporting your candidacy files in the City of Detroit.

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Photostat of letter of President W. L. Allen of the AFL Com-mercial Telegraphers Union to CIO Attorney Maurice Sugar, apologis-ing for using Rep. Clare Hoffman's Black Legion hoax.

seven-year-old anti-Communist Black Legion forgery which Rep. Clare E. Hoffman of Michigan inserted into the Congressional Record as "evidence," of Communist Party "violence" came to light in a letter read before the Seventh Annual Convention of the United Automo-

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The letter was an apology to
Maurice Sugar, attorney for the
UAW, from W. L. Allen, interna-tional representative of the Com-mercial Telegraphers Union, AFL, who last December used the forgery in an attempt to smear the CIO during a collective bargaining elec-tion.

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"We know now," wrote Allen,
"that the document is a complete
and victous forgery that was pre-pared and distributed in the city
of Detroit by the infamous anti-labor Black Legion as part of an
insidious election campaign to de-feat your candidacy for public of-fice."

The letter, a photostat of which appears in this issue, was read for the information of the delegates by

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Allen, whose red-batting zeal led him to swallow the forgery Hoffman spread on the Congressional Record, admitted that "with more care on our part, we would have realized how dangerous it is to place any reliance upon the speeches of Clare E. Hoffman."

NO SCRUPLES

"Congressman Hoffman has proved himself to be reckless and without scraples in his consistent anti-

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and democracy in our country,"
Allen meekly admitted.

Reading of the letter sent memories back to the summer of 1936 in
Detroit, when the country was
shocked by exposure of the murderous hooded order, the Black Legion,
an organization with a program
identical with that of the Klan. It
was the arrest of several dozen
Black Legion leaders on charges of
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DIDN'T QUESTION SOURCE

It was Dean who described in a Detroit court during his trial in 1936 how a bunch of leaflets signed "Communist Party of America" were prepared by the Black Legion and a squad of men with him was ordered to cut electric wires and to scatter the forgeries at Sugar's campaign rally in Northern High School on March 30, 1935. This is the very leaflet upon which Detroit authorities based an excuse to deny the Communist Party the use of authorities based an excuse to deny the Communist Party the use of schools for meetings. Newspapers publicized the leaflet, without ques-tioning its source, as material to discredit Sugar.

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"Comrades, rise against the capitalist form of government. Throw out the bosses and kill the aggressors of the common people. Are you going to remain in the gutter and be trampled upon by the capitalists until you are dead? Get them first or they will get you.

"Negroes rise against your white oppressors. We are all equals and you should have an equal chance with all whites. We offer you that chance. Do your part to bring this about by electing Comrade Maurice Sugar to the Recorders Court. We will then have a chance to work frem within and tear down this damnable form of government."

Dean's description of the entire plot, and information on the printer who produced the leaflet, was publicized in the Detroit press in 1936. But that did not matter to Rep. Hoffman. The officials of the AFL's commercial telegraphers spread Hoffman's lies, nearly six years later, as though they were the gospel truth.

Rep. Hoffman now well knows that he drew his material from the cesspool of Black Legion forgeries, out he still has made no correction

of the record.