

# DIES, "A DISGRACE TO AMERICANISM", SAYS COMMERCIAL TRADER CREW; SHIP TRANSFER PROTESTED IN TELEGRAM

SS COMMERCIAL TRADER, Nov. 19—Two problems of immediate concern to the NMU were acted upon at the joint meeting today, the minutes reveal. Telegrams to President Roosevelt and Martin Dies

^ were sent protesting the transfer of American flag ships and condemning the Dies Committee for "repeated slandering" of the NMU.

The telegram sent to the White House read: "We the crew of the SS Commercial Trader, at a meeting held Nov. 19, went on record protesting transfer of American flag ships to foreign registry and urging you to safeguard interests of American seamen."

The telegram to Dies stated: "We, the crew of the SS Commercial Trader, as rank and file members who have participated in the democratic building and conduct of the NMU, strongly resent and condemn repeated slandering of our organization at the hands of your committee. Your 'un-American' committee has become a disgrace to Americans."

The Port Agent in Galveston will be contacted to see about extra compensation. The crew is carrying sulphur and have heard that several of the lines are paying \$10 penalty bonus per month to the crews.

A review of the demands was made and the following were found to be unfulfilled:

1. No water cooler has been installed yet.
2. Only 2 of the 3 coffee percolators have been installed.
3. No toaster has been supplied for the messroom.

For those demands which had been obtained but had not been put into effect because of the lack of certain accessories, such as racks for the percolator and toaster, the crew asked that these be made.

Several hours disputed overtime was reported. All books were reported in good order.

Under Good and Welfare Brother Kamoza spoke on the necessity of keeping sober prior to sailing.

All glassware should be put away, in order to avoid breakage when the ship rolls, it was advised.

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