

Board with being fully aware of this fact. Using this contract as an excuse and a justification, Rosedale Knitting Co. is now bringing open pressure to bear upon employees to join the federation and is operating a quasi-closed shop. The result of this is, of course, a violation of the act, in that the company is, by "discrimination in regard to hire or tenure of employment or any term or condition of employment," encouraging membership in the federation and discouraging membership in the association, when in fact and law the federation has never been certified as the exclusive bargaining agency. We charge that the Board is also fully aware of this condition.

The only reason the Board has given our attorney for its refusal to act is that many of our members joined our union in 1933-35. This is like saying that we must reaffirm our allegiance at regular intervals or else become obsolete, or, like Representatives, "rejoin" the House every 2 years.

Believe it or not, so far are we from being a company-dominated union that Rosedale Knitting Co., by its apparently illegal conspiracy with the federation, might aptly be called a union-dominated company—something unique in labor-employer annals.

Inasmuch as indications point to a congressional investigation and possible revision of the N. L. R. A. and its administration, we wish to bring to your attention with all the force at our command the above situation. We would like you to do whatever you can to see that we are secure in our rights under the N. L. R. A. and that this and similar discrimination by the Board against independent labor organizations are stopped.

Yours respectfully,

EDWARD W. HECK, *President.*

Amendments to the Wagner law have been proposed. There is no longer reason why we should delay giving them consideration.

Industrial peace will be hastened if we so amend this law as to accomplish the purpose for which it was enacted; if we so amend it as to secure to employees the rights which the seventh section of the act declares they shall have, but which have in practice been denied them.

Investigation of Un-American Activities

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. JOSEPH A. McARDLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 3, 1939

Mr. McARDLE. Mr. Speaker, in casting my vote in favor of continuation of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities I have in mind the need to explore the methods and examine the extent of alien and domestic forces engaged in propagating political doctrines foreign and hostile to our native democracy.

I have little fear for the eventual survival of our present form of government. I have faith in the sturdy American love for freedom and the fierce American determination to protect liberty at whatever cost.

Yet in a world confused and befuddled by wide break-down of the accepted order of things, I recognize the existence in a small minority of a state of mind fertile to the hysterical promises of messiahs of many political doctrines. I believe this is the time to air the extent to which foreign panaceas are being used to woo Americans into the toils of strange doctrines as this totalitarian state or that seeks to draw us from our natural orbit into a strange alliance with race hatred, atheism, paganism, and bloody persecution.

But there is a danger from within of which I am not unmindful in casting this vote. That danger is that we should embrace the methods of inquisition, slander, and prejudgment adopted abroad and engage in an orgy of witch burning instead of a calm, an open-minded, and a fair American inquiry.

The chairman of the committee on the floor of the House has just admitted to mistakes in past procedure. As a new Member of this body, it is not mine to judge. But the gentleman from Texas has given us his word that those mistakes will be rectified.

It is inconceivable to me that any committee composed of Members of this House will stoop during the future course

of this inquiry to prostitute its high position by un-American methods of investigation.

I vote for a continuation of the investigation that the cancerous propaganda of social destruction spread by moral gangsters representing foreign dictators may be bared to the understanding of the American public.

I hope and trust and pray that the committee in which I today place such confidence will pursue its task in an objective, inquiring manner, giving fair play to all, giving every rational person a chance to be heard, protecting the innocent and the weak, and protecting the committee against those who would use the committee as a sounding board to vent their spleen and malignity on honest Americans just because they hold social and political beliefs different from their own.