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Boycott of 3 N. Y. Dailies Urged by Italian Bloc Here

World-Telegram, Post and Daily News Accused as "Anti-Italian" and "Un-American"—Editor Terms Backers "Agents of Mussolini."

A campaign among Italian groups to boycott the World-Telegram, Post and Daily News is being waged by the Young Italian-American Federation, 203 Prince St., it was disclosed today.

The circular letter sent Italian organizations throughout the city urging the boycott bears, as the advisory board, the names of about twenty local Democratic politicians, including six Aldermen, six Assemblymen and Tammany Representative James J. Lanzetta.

The reasons cited are the alleged "anti-Italianism," "anti-Americanism" and "Communism" of the three papers.

Called "Agents of Mussolini."

Meanwhile, La Stampa Libera, the only anti-Fascist Italian daily newspaper in this country, charged today that the permanent officers of the Federation are avowed Fascists and "agents of Mussolini."

The accompanying circular, according to an editorial in the paper, "sounds as if drafted by the Ministry of Propaganda in Rome."

The letter sent the Italian Labor Education Bureau, 3 W. 18th St., last Wednesday, reads:—

"IMPORTANT! Please post on bulletin board immediately or order some more copies of this boycott at one cent each."

A series of accusations against the three papers are listed on a mimeographed sheet.

Others Who Signed.

In addition to Mr. Lanzetta, who Congressional campaigns, are M-XI opposed Mayor La Guardia in past Congressional campaigns, are listed:—

MICHAEL J. CALANDRILLO,

Alderman, Brooklyn.

MARIO J. CARIELO, Queens Assemblyman.

SALVATORE A. FARENCA, Manhattan Assemblyman.

PASQUALE J. FIORELLA, Tammany Alderman, Manhattan.

BALDASARE LAMBERTA, Brooklyn Alderman.

THOMAS LORE, Brooklyn Assemblyman.

JAMES V. MANGANO, Kings Assemblyman.

JAMES J. PARETTI, Queens Assemblyman.

CHARLES PASSANNANTE, business man and Democratic worker.

CARMINE J. MARASCO, Manhattan Assemblyman.

MICHAEL PELLIGRINO, Manhattan Assemblyman.

NICHOLAS A. ROSSI, Manhattan Assemblyman.

DR. CHARLES A. PERILLI, president of Huron Democratic Club of the First A. D., Manhattan.

DDR. PAUL SARUBBI, Manhattan Alderman, known as the "Doctor of Chinatown," who was accused by Robert V. Santangelo, his rival in the 1935 campaign, of making a deal with John Torrio Al Capone gangster, for the latter's support.

About World-Telegram.

Of the World-Telegram, the circular says:—

"It too has never lost an opportunity, in column or editorial or cartoon, to disparage and denigrate Italy and its leaders. Like the Post, the editorial department of the World-Telegram fairly bristles with 'leftists' who, while not so outspoken as the Post writers, have, nevertheless, been deliberately offensive in their references to the Italian people.

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"We regret," it concludes, "the necessity of employing methods of reprisal which usually are employed only by radicals. So thoroughly have the Leftists cowed and intimidated our metropolitan dailies that with the exception of the Hearst papers, the Sun and to a lesser extent, the Times, little if any adverse comment is ever published concerning Russia or its allies."

LITERATURE OF YOUNG ITALIAN-AMERICAN FEDERATION

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The letterhead of the young Italian-American Federation and an extract from its boycott plea.