

Rogue's Gallery *Midwest Labor*

1. William C. McCuiston, convicted and expelled by the National Maritime union as an agent for the shipowners, drunkard and goon squad leader, currently awaiting trial for murder in New Orleans.

2. Edward F. Sullivan, former labor spy for the Railway Audit and Inspection Bureau, convicted for larceny in Massachusetts, now employed by the fascist organization, Ukrainian National Federation, in Pittsburgh.

3. Ralph Knox, rapist, expelled from the United Automobile Workers' union on revolting morals charges.

What is the purpose of a congressional committee which digs up rogues gallery witnesses like this and terms their testimony "expert?" This question is well answered by the Timber Worker, official organ of the IWA, as follows:

Dies and his bevy of witch-hunters are a big gun in the offensive which Big Business is directing against all trade unions, progressive organizations, all labor and social legislation gained under the New Deal. The Dies committee is the vehicle on which the Tories hope to ride the United States over the brink into Europe's war. Under the smoke screen of ferreting out the "reds," Big Business is trying to lace the American people into a frenzy, stampede them into a war hysteria.

United States participation in the war in Europe will be the result if this is successful, for Big Business knows full well that with a war on their hands, the people of this country will be extremely vulnerable to attacks on their economic, legislative and political gains. And the added profits which reaction would garner as a result of America's involvement in the war is also an enticing morsel which they do not overlook.

Smear and besmear—this is the tool of Dies, who trafficks in liars, accused murderers, criminals, stool pigeons. He has used every un-American tactic that he is supposed to be investigating. President Roosevelt has called his activities "sordid." They could hardly be termed any better. It is the duty, and to the immediate interest, of every union member that he take a leading role in demanding that his congressman, his senators and President Roosevelt call a short halt to this insidious campaign to emasculate our civil liberties and pitch the United States into war, turning the time, money and effort being wasted in this infamous manner toward solving the many and urgent needs of the American people.