

SS Sadler Condemns NLRB; Calls Dies "Biggest Fake," Asks Comm. Be Investigated

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Editor of the PILOT: We, the 13 NMU members of the SS Sadler, Standard Oil of N. J. go on record as severely criticizing the National Labor Relations Board for its maladministration of the Wagner Act in allowing the Esso Tanker Men's

Association an opportunity to try and raid an established industrial union, the NMU, when we had the ships one hundred percent and still have the majority of seamen on the ships.

The ETMA claims to have 1400 men active dues members. This, we doubt very much, and we'll bet our last dollar that most of these ordinary seamen, messboys and wipeys are men who hadn't been to sea for years before the tanker strike. We dare them to print the number of members who were actually sailing these ships prior to the Tanker Strike.

If some of the A.B.'s are examples of the ETMA members, we would rather hang on a yard arm or walk the plank before we would join the ETMA.

It is a plain fact that a strong majority of key men on the ships are NMU.

We have before us an ETMA bulletin entitled the Esso Tankermen's Association Answers Lies with Truth.

"Sec. 26, Revised Constitution of the NMU is, in part, as follows:"

"No member shall be shipped who is not clear for the 1934, 1936-'37 and '39 Tanker Strike."

That is ridiculous for we all know that over half the NMU members in the Union now have no picket cards for the '34, '36 and '37 strikes and we are letting non-members join now with none of the above picket cards. If that is answering lies with truth, we have the following novel offer made by Slim Haycock—D11127.

REWARD—In the Beacon of Oct. 9, 1939 on page 5, there is a state-

ment regarding NMU shipping. Allegedly this is a quotation from our new constitution. I pledge my word of honor that I will pay fifty dollars cash to any man who can show me this passage in the new or old NMU constitution. I further pledge my word of honor that I will pay fifty dollars cash to any man who can show me any section of our entire constitution which restricts the shipping of a union member in any way such as that referred to in the Beacon's alleged quotation from our constitution. Any man wishing to take me up, and I invite you to do so, can borrow my copy of the constitution.

We also go on record as condemning Martin Dies' Committee as the biggest fake this country has seen for a long time. He should be ashamed to collect his huge expense that Congress has appropriated to him.

When he attacks a good, progressive, honest leader like Joe Curran and uses such discredited witnesses as Wm. McCuiston, who at this time is wanted for murder in New Orleans, it is time to call a halt and do a right about face and do a little investigating of Mr. Dies' 100% Americanism.

We all know Wm. McCuiston as a drunken sot and barroom philosopher. A man who would do anything to make money to buy his marijuana and whiskey-drinking companions what they need to do their dirty gang beatings and murders in New Orleans, a city that has been so corrupt that the government has had to step in and clean up the nasty mess.

All this has been possible from the Governor down to the lowest ward heeler, in the guise that they are fighting communism.

None of the murdered men were Communists. They were just seamen elected to take care of union business and some who weren't even in any official capacity in the Union.

If Dies is going to spend the government's money in such wild goose chases, it's about time the public wakes up and stops believing everything they hear by such discredited witnesses.

We give a vote of confidence to Attorney-General Murphy for his fearless and honest law enforcement, which in the past has been sadly neglected in many parts of the U. S.

We have confidence that he will see that justice is done.

—Homer Hancock, D-461.