

ESPIONAGE OVER STEEL WORKERS BARED TO NRA

Spy System Used Since
1919 Strike Described in
Code Report.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Evidence that steel companies have employed spies to carry on systematic espionage among workers ever since the steel strike of 1919 was laid before NRA officials today by Frank L. Palmer of Federal Press, together with a request that the steel code contain an injunction against further spy activities.

Palmer's evidence was submitted at the request of the American Federation of Labor, International Association of Machinists, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, Central Organization of Steel Workers of Breckinridge, Pa., and Sheet Metal Workers' Industrial Union.

Undercover Methods Used

"Spying on workers existed in the steel industry on July 29, 1919," Palmer says in his brief for NRA, "because on that day I interviewed C. W. Tuttle, chief of the spy system of the Carnegie Steel Company, a subsidiary of United States Steel Corporation.

"I saw in his possession a spy report, photostatic copies of membership and pledge cards of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, a summary of American Federation of Labor organizational activities, and releases from the labor news organization, of which I am an executive, Federated Press, which releases could only have been obtained through undercover methods."

Among exhibits filed by Palmer were reports made in each year since 1919 by steel company spies, some of them made by workers who had been hired for espionage and some by detectives. These are typical.

Spy Given Up Job

Report of spy No. 16 at Virginia, Minn., in 1919 showed activities in blocking organization work of the mine, mill, and smelter workers of the A. F. of L., and expressed regret that he was able to give the name of only one new member because his job interfered with getting information.

"This morning I will give up my position and I will look elsewhere for a position, which will allow me more time so as to work my plan satisfactorily," the report said.

A report dated in 1920 and signed by a man Palmer says was a member of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Union, gives an account of the Farmer-Labor party convention held in July. The chairman of the convention was William Mahoney, now mayor of St. Paul.

Workers Are Photographed

A report dated in 1922 by an Indian who, according to Palmer, was president of the Musicians' Union, made to the Oliver Iron Mining Company, recites his opposition to work of the Farmer-Labor party in the Duluth district, and particularly his opposition to W. L. Carse, afterward elected to Congress.

One of the exhibits presented to NRA was a photostatic copy of a photograph of workers taken in 1931 at West Park, Pittsburgh, with the names of individuals listed on the back.

Filed with this photograph were page summaries of the activities of some of the men.

Other exhibits show rental of post office boxes under assumed names for the receiving of letters of instruction, and also for receiving secretly copies of the Federated Press reports.

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NRA Drive Brings Boom in Wedding License Mart

More Getting Married in
Last Two Months,
Says Clerk.

Boom in the marriage license market in August, as result of President Roosevelt's NRA program, is anticipated by Frank Teague, Marion county marriage license clerk.

Just the mere talk of the President's recovery program caused an inflation in the marriage license business for the last two months, Teague said.

There were 356 licenses issued last June, an increase of twenty over June, 1932, and 280 in July, increase of forty-two.

"The boom this month should bring in more of the 'white collar' boys," Teague said. "During the depression, the 'white collar' workers seeking licenses dropped off, this

snapped them. Seated on the back teeter board, left to right, are Ruth Suttles and Katherine Morgan, while in front are Janice Plummer and Doris Jane Ervin.

Recreation facilities of the camp are designed to appeal to children of all ages, and the lure of the sandbox was too much for Mary Keel and Adelaide Felix, (lower right), to resist.

Basketball proved an attraction to Charlotte Fisher and Elizabeth Bowser, (upper left), when they arrived at the camp.

Life was full of ups and downs for the quartet shown at the upper right, when the photographer

class insisting on having a steady job and money in the bank before plunging into matrimony, while as a rule, the laboring class will take a chance, if they can't scope together the necessary \$3 fee."

At the same time, Teague expressed the hope that his belief in approaching prosperity is correct, so he can collect nearly \$75 he has advanced to financially embarrassed bridegrooms to buy licenses, in the last few months.

"They all promised to pay me back, as I loaned them the money out of my own pocket," he said. "Maybe, with so many persons getting jobs, some of these borrowers can pay me soon."

Teague said that with the depression's passing, he anticipates sale of more of the fancy \$5 license certificates in books and fewer of the plain \$3 certificates, which have been the best seller during the lean depression days.

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