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## 'FORCED' P. A. C. GIFT IS DENIED

CIO Leaders Brand Charges  
By Gates and Grant  
As Untrue.

Times Special

SOUTH BEND, Sept. 22.—Powers Haggood, chairman of the Indiana Political Action Committee, today branded as "untrue" statements made by G. O. P. gubernatorial nominee Ralph Gates and Republican Congressman Robert Grant that Rep. Grant's father had been forced to contribute to the P. A. C.'s pro-Roosevelt campaign fund.

"The elder Mr. Grant (a worker in the Bendix plant at South Bend) paid an international assessment of \$1 last April for organization purposes," said Mr. Haggood. "This same assessment has been levied for this same purpose by the United Automobile Workers for the last four or five years."

"That's all Mr. Grant has ever paid besides his dues. He's never been forced nor has anyone else to contribute to the P. A. C."

"The statements of both Gates and Congressman Grant are typical of the Republican propaganda of trying to discredit the truly American P. A. C. which is seeking to educate workers to vote for the best representatives, regardless of party," Mr. Haggood declared.

Friskie Lashes Out

Earlier, Secretary Walter Friskie of the C. I. O.-sponsored P. A. C. lashed out bitterly against Mr. Gates and Rep. Grant.

Mr. Gates, he said, uttered a falsehood when he charged that the P. A. C. is exerting any pressure on any worker for contributions.

Mr. Friskie was stronger in his denunciation of Grant. He called the congressman a "liar."

Mr. Friskie, in South Bend for the state C. I. O. convention, added: "Mr. Gates lacks intelligence because he apparently believes the mendacious charges that the

## LOCAL YANK WORKS AT NAZI PRISON FARM

Messages from Stalag 2B have become an old story to Mr. and Mrs. Tullie C. Weschler, 109 Kansas st. Their son Donald has been a prisoner of Germany for a year and eight months.

He is driving a team of oxen on a prison farm and recently sent his parents a picture taken with a group of American prisoners.

P. A. C. is attempting to coerce workers.

"He lacks integrity because he states as facts matters which the simplest investigation would disclose as utter falsehood. There is not a jot of truth in the charge that the P. A. C. is exerting any pressure on any worker for contributions. There is not a jot of truth in the implication that Sidney Hillman is becoming or attempting to become either the secretary of labor or the 'boss behind the throne.'"

Mr. Friskie said that Rep. Grant "frequently was guilty of misrepresentation, distortion of fact and labor baiting."

Tells of U. A. W. Assessment

"Everett Grant, father of the congressman and a member of Bendix local No. 9, U. A. W., paid in April the assessment charged to every auto worker," Friskie declared. "This has no more connection with the P. A. C. than a 12-year-old schoolgirl. Mr. Grant senior knows that and Congressman Grant knows that. And a bright 12-year-old schoolgirl would certainly be acquainted with the facts that the P. A. C. did not even commence its campaign of voluntary . . . contributions until August, 1944."

"There has seldom been a more shameful, deliberate, spiteful perversion of the truth than Mr. Grant's smokescreen speech. Mr. Mr. Gates told the story of the 'forced payment' by Congressman Grant's father yesterday in a speech at Ft. Wayne. He said that the fact that the money was paid in April before the P. A. C. was formed 'makes no difference because it's all the same anyway.'"

## Congress Moves to Create World-Wide Free Press

By LYLE C. WILSON

United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—A movement of tremendous peace-time significance to break down international news monopolies by agreement among all nations is under way today by unanimous vote of the United States congress.

Congress has committed the United States formally to a new philosophy calculated to support everywhere the men and women of the world who seek to obtain and preserve world peace and prosperity.

It is hoped that other governments will commit themselves similarly.

The commitment is in the form of a concurrent resolution adopted unanimously yesterday by both houses proposing that this government seek an international compact which would guarantee non-discriminatory access to news sources everywhere for all news gathering and distributing agencies and individuals.

It also calls for non-discriminatory rates and charges for dissemination of news and for equality in distribution.

Reflects Unanimity

Unanimous congressional action reflected the unanimity of the American press for free and open news channels. The resolution said:

"Resolved, that the congress of United States expresses its belief in the world-wide right of the exchange of news by news-gathering and news-distributing agencies, whether individual or associated, by any means, without discrimination as to sources, distribution, rates or charges; and that this right should be protected by international compact."

The American Newspaper Publishers Association, the American Society of Newspaper Editors, the U. P. A. P. and I. N. S. and others directly concerned in journalism participated in the recommendations and discussions which led, ultimately, to congressional action.

Hugh Baillie, president of the United Press, is now in Europe dis-

cussing agreements for free access to news with representatives of various united nations governments.

As congress was acting yesterday a dispatch from Paris reported that Henri Tietgen, French minister of information, had assured Baillie that his country would welcome American, British and other news agencies which may desire to distribute news to the French press and to gather news within France on an equal basis with Agence Francaise, the newly organized French news agency.

Baillie already had obtained specific assurances from the representatives of Belgium, The Netherlands, Norway and Czechoslovakia. Editor and Publisher last week reported that "the French reacted to representations from Baillie and other sources by lifting in liberated France the 'ordonance and decrees' which set up a monopoly for the new French national news agency, Agence Francaise."

The significance of these agreements and the formal commitment now made by congress in behalf of free and open news channels was emphasized by Baillie in an address over the American broadcasting system in Europe on Sept. 14.

In a broadcast beamed to all of the continent, Baillie told the still-captive peoples that the surest guarantee of liberty is the complete freedom of the press in gathering and distributing news—true news not distorted by propaganda.

## STORE HEAD GIVEN CIVIC TESTIMONIAL

A resolution paying high tribute to Stanley Shipnes, Sears, Roebuck & Co. store manager here for nine years who is leaving to take charge of a Sears store in Houston, Tex., was adopted by community fund groups at a luncheon yesterday.

Officers of the United War and Community Fund and the Indianapolis Community Fund commended Mr. Shipnes' leadership in the 1942 and 1943 fund campaigns and other civic affairs.

"He led a great army of volunteer workers and steadily pushed ahead with campaign plans and details which were ably and courageously carried out," the resolution stated.

## MRS. SIGLER LEAVES TELEPHONE COMPANY

Mrs. Helen Sigler, 5901 E. Washington st., assistant chief operator in the Indiana Bell Telephone Co.'s long distance office, has retired after 30 years of service.

Appointed assistant chief operator in 1942, Mrs. Sigler has been a member of the long distance operating staff since 1914.

She is a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America, national organization of men and women with 21 or more years of experience in the telephone industry.

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