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Following is a list of the right wing candidates for office as furnished by [CGO-5097] *ku*

President
Vice President
Recording Secretary
Financial Secretary
Treasurer
Publicity and Educational
Director
Sergeant-at-Arms
Trustee
Grievance Committee

JOSEPH HANLEY
MATT HALAS
JACK DEKOVIC
JAMES SZALKOWSKI
FRANK SMITH

CASEY CZOCHARA
AL NASUTI
JOSHUA PRICHETT
TONY SPIA
JOHN KAPINSKY
JOE TUMPACH
CLARENCE JOHNSON
STEVE WIELGUS
JOE SIEGLE
OSSIE MASSINGALE

Following is a list of candidates on the left wing ticket as furnished by [CGO-5097] *ku*

President
Vice President
Recording Secretary
Financial Secretary
Treasurer
Publicity and Educational
Director
Sergeant-at-Arms
Trustee
Grievance Committee

JACK HYMERS
VINCE JAGODZINSKI
TONY MATUZAK
FRANK SCYM CZAK
ED GRABOWSKI

BRUNO BARTNICK
CHARLES LASTER
HARRY PETERSON
JOHN MARTINO
JOHN COOKE
NICK PASQUA
STANLEY WOJNAROWSKI
LOUIS WOGRITZ

[CGO-5097] *ku* attributed the right wing slate's defeat to a very clever smear campaign on the part of the alleged Communist element of the local. Informant stated that the left wing slate had an excellent organization and were supplied with ample finances. He went on to say that numerous international representatives and organizers of the FE Union took a very active

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part in this election to insure the defeat of the right wing candidates who have always been vigorously opposed to the alleged Communist domination of the international offices of this union.) [CGO-5097] pointed out that TOM KILLY, an organizer of the FE Union, was the power behind the throne and manipulated the defeat of the right wing candidates. *ku*

[CGO-5097] stated that TONY MATUZAK, new Recording Secretary of this local, has admitted to him that he is a Communist. *ku*

[Confidential Informant CGO-56] has advised that NICK PASQUA was a subscriber to the "Daily Worker" as of January 3, 1943. It is noted that PASQUA was an unsuccessful candidate for membership in the Grievance Committee on the left wing ticket. PAUL C. LINDSAY, who is now employed in the McCormick Plant, has been the subject of investigation by this office and has been reliably reported to be a member of the Workers Party. (S)(u) *ku*

[Confidential Informant T-1] who is a colored employee in the McCormick Plant, advised that JOHN COOKE is chairman of the Grievance Committee of Local No. 108 and that he, COOKE, had requested informant to become a member of the Communist Party. [T-1] stated that he had also heard POPE HUFF, who was formerly a member of this local and who is an international representative of the FE Union, admit membership in the Communist Party. [T-1] stated that the Communists in Local No. 108 were recruiting members among the colored workers with a "no discrimination" sales talk. *ku*

[On January 24, 1945, Confidential Informant T-2, who is also a colored employee in the McCormick Works Plant, advised that Communism has been growing rapidly in Local No. 108, especially among the negro members of the union. [T-2] stated that the Communists were organizing among the negroes on a "no discrimination" platform. He stated that the negro workers were very much impressed with the Communist plan and feel convinced that they would be better off under Communism than under the present form of government. T-2 stated that the Communist sponsored group had taken over control of the Executive Board of this local at the elections held during December past. T-2 stated that CHARLES LASTER, who is the newly elected Sergeant-at-Arms of this local, has admitted to the informant that he is a Communist and frequently argues in behalf of Communist principles. *ku*

[T-2] stated that CURTIS SASSER, who is colored, has also admitted membership in the Communist Political Association. *ku*

According to [T-2] ANTHONY MATUZAK, newly elected Recording Secretary of the local, has admitted being a Communist to the informant. *ku*

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The names of all these individuals were checked against the indices of the Chicago Field Division with negative results.

Confidential Informant CGO-56 has advised that the following individuals were recruited into the Communist Party by POPE HUFF:

WILBUR PERRYMAN
GLADYS MADDOX
MARY COOKERHAM
WILLIAM E. LOGAN

Mr. DAN FACIETTI, Personnel Manager of the McCormick Works Plant, has advised that all four of these individuals were employed in the McCormick Works Plant. The following individuals, all of whom are members of Local No. 108, have, during the past year, been reported by informants to either be Communists or Communist sympathizers:

JACK HYMERS
HUSTON STANLEY
FRANK STELLA
BRUNO ZEI
BOOKER WHITE
ANNIE BROWN
NICK PASQUA
JOHN COOKE
ELLIS CARPENTER
FRED MOORE
WILLY ANDERSON
GENO ZEI
JAMES TRIPLETT
RALPH PAPINI
CURTIS SASSER
CLARENCE JOHNSON
JOHN MARTINO
KENNETH WAUGH
BEATRICE HUFF
VINCE JAGODZINSKI
CHARLES LENZI
FRED QUILLIN
EDDI GRABOWSKI
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