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3. Local No. 108, McCormick Works Plant, International Harvester Company, Blue Island and Western Avenues:

Confidential Informant CGO 5051 has advised that LEONARD SHAW, an alleged Trotskyite, is now employed in the McCormick Works Plant and is taking a very active part in the right wing caucus. The informant stated that it was his understanding that at one time SHAW was a member of the CIO National Executive Board and had been associated with the Rubber Workers Union and Paper Workers Union. The informant went on to state that he did not believe that SHAW is a Trotskyite because of the latter's willingness to brand others as being Trotskyites.

CGO 5051 further advised that SHAW is a Canadian and at the present time is having some difficulties with the Immigration and Naturalization Service. The informant stated that SHAW had done extensive organization in Elkhart, Indiana.

CGO 5051 related that he had been informed by SHAW that RAY BARNETT and CHARLES ORR, both of whom are employed at the McCormick Works Plant, are members of the "Workers Party". SHAW told the informant that BARNETT's wife is reported to work for the Encyclopedia Britannica and does considerable research work for the "Workers Party".

The indices of the Chicago Field Division reveal that on July 15, 1944 Mrs. RAYMOND BARNETT, wife of previously referred to RAY BARNETT, was observed by Special Agent CLARK DIGGINS distributing copies of "Labor Action" at the gates of the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Company - South Works, 3426 East 89th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

CHARLES ORR has been the subject of an investigation by the Louisville Field Division and is reported to be a member of the "Workers Party".

Confidential informant CGO 5027 has reported that HAZEL HAYES, McCormick Works Plant, was recommended by WILLIAM L. PATTERSON of the Abraham Lincoln School to instruct a class in "Negro In Industry".

CGO 5022, whose identity is known to the Bureau, has advised that LEONARD BARBER, 45 West 55th Street, who is employed in the McCormick Works Plant of the International Harvester Company, is a member of the 5th Ward Club of the Communist Political Association. (4)

On August 31, 1944 CGO 5097, who is an executive of this local, advised that several girls, whom he did not know, had endeavored to distribute

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copies of "The Militant" at the gates of the McCormick Works Plant. The informant stated that JOHN MARTINO, KENNETH WAUGH (colored), and TOM KELLY, all members of the left wing faction of this local, had endeavored to stop the distribution of the newspaper.

The informant also advised that TOM CALAO, who had formerly been in line with the communists, but who was now a member of the right wing faction, also had difficulties with TOM KELLY.

CGO 5097 stated that BEATRICE HUFF, wife of POPE HUFF, alleged communist, is now employed at the McCormick Works Plant.

The informant also stated that RAY BARNETT and LEONARD SHAW, both of whom are called Trotskyites, by the Communists, are employed at the McCormick Works Plant.

CGO 5097 advised on September 25, 1944 that the action taken against the six members of the right wing caucus at Local No. 101 had had repercussions also in Local No. 108 where the right wing group is going to endeavor to elect a slate of delegates to the coming convention who favor the rescinding of the expulsion order.

The informant stated that Local No. 108 was entitled to sixteen delegates to the convention and that a bitter fight for delegates was taking place between the left and right wing groups.

On October 15, 1944 the informant advised that the right wing faction had been successful in electing twelve of the sixteen delegates to the convention and that the left wing group would have very little to say at the convention as the unit voting rule prevails.

The following is a list of candidates for delegates to the FE Convention on the left wing slate made available by CGO 5097:

VINCE JAGODZINSKI
JACK HYMERS
JOHN COOKE
TONY MATUZAK
CHARLIE LENZI
FRED QUILLIN
BRUNO BARTNICK
CHARLES JOHNSON

POPE HUFF
EDDIE GRABOWSKI
TOM KELLY
WALTER KRUZEL
CHARLES PLASTER
JOE OBROCHTA
WALTER KNYCH
BRUNO ZEI