

SPOT LIGHT IS TURNED ON THE BRAND OF BIG BUSINESS BACKING SULLIVAN

State street department stores and other big downtown business interests were handled by William A. Cunnea, Socialist candidate for county judge, in a speech last night in Bohemian Hall, Lawndale. He said:

"I am surprised that there has not been more campaign talk about an announcement made this week. The most powerful business interests of Chicago come along organized into what they call an 'executive committee of one hundred.' This committee endorses Roger Sullivan for the U. S. senate.

"I want the men on this committee known to the voters of Chicago. A fierce white light is this week thrown on the connection between business and politics in Chicago.

"James C. Simpson, vice president of this committee, is vice president of Marshall Field & Co. The Field estate with its quarter billion of dollars of capital is in politics and wants Roger Sullivan.

"Benjamin J. Rosenthal, secretary of this committee, is a partner in the real estate firm which has a school land lease for the ground the North American building stands on. Rosenthal is one of the men cited by Margaret Haley of the Teachers' Federation as pulling down a rental of \$31 a square foot for land he gets from the city at \$4.80 a foot.

"D. F. Kelly is general manager of Mandel Bros.' department store, the store that is working men and women for low wages and has an underground basement that has been denounced by the health department as unsanitary. Further, this basement is operated against a city ordinance which has been upheld by the supreme court. We can understand why the Mandel store should go into politics. It needs city and state officials in its business.

"John Z. Vogelsang, another mem-

ber of the committee of one hundred, is president of the Restaurant Keepers' Ass'n. This is the employers' union in the restaurant trade. John Vogelsang has been one of the leaders in trying to crush the waitresses, cooks and bakers' unions, who have been battling for recognition the past year.

"The whole booze trust, whisky men and beer men is lined up for Sullivan. Not the saloonkeepers, but the big brewery and distillery companies.

"Following are some of the men: Thos. C. Denegy of the Chas. Denegy Co. whisky concern; Peter Theurer, president Schoenhofen Brewing Co.; Adam Ortaelsen, president McAvoy Brewing Co.; Theodore Oehne, the big wholesale whisky man; Wm. A. Birk of the Birk Bros. Brewing Co.; Austin J. Doyle of the Brewers' Ass'n; Edward Landsberg, president of the United States Brewing Co.

"John A. McCormick, vice president of the Chicago Savings Bank and Trust Co., is also lined up. His bank stands on ground gotten through a school land lease which Margaret Haley calls a robbery lease.

"Francis S. Peabody, president of the Peabody Coal Co., part of the local trust that fixes coal prices, also signs his name to the Sullivan endorsement.

"Owners of loop skyscrapers; playing politics to protect their tax assessments, Michael Karpen, one of the owners of the big Karpen building; Moses J. Wentworth, and other real estate powers of the loop, are on the Sullivan committee.

"The publisher of Hearst's Chicago American, Harrison Parker, joins the rallying cry for Sullivan.

"You could not possibly pick 100 men in Chicago more powerful in money and land and special privileges than the men on the Committee of One Hundred endorsing Sullivan."