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## **NAACP MISSOURI STATE CONFERENCE**

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### **UNION LEADER TURNS U S ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS PROJECT SITES INTO RECRUITMENT CENTERS FOR KKK**

St. Louis, Mo. – A Laborers International Union of North America Local 53 Board member is using the project sites of the U S Army Corps Engineers – St. Louis district as a recruitment center for the Klu Klux Klan...the union official is currently working at the St. Louis Airport Site (SLAPS) a 21.7-acre property in St. Louis County, immediately north of the Lambert-St. Louis International Airport.

The union official has also worked at the St. Louis Downtown Site (SLDS) encompasses nearly 45 acres and is presently owned and operated by Mallinckrodt Inc. (formerly Mallinckrodt Chemical Works) and is located in an industrial area on the eastern border of St. Louis, approximately 300 feet west of the Mississippi River... SLDS is also under the responsibility of the St. Louis District USACE.

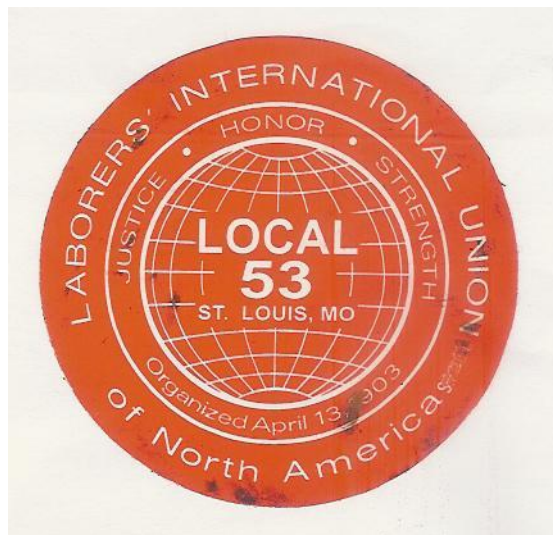
The union official is distributing the following cards to prospects:



“The U S Army Corps of Engineers has a responsibility to ensure that their project sites are free from racial hatred” - Mary Ratliff President NAACP Missouri State Conference...”I expect the Corps to conduct a full investigation and remove the union leader from its project sites.”

“My Vice Chairman for Legal Redress will be my point person on the ground in St. Louis and meet with Corps officials and Mallinckrodt officials; and issue a full report to me by the end of this week...that report will determine rather the NAACP Missouri State Conference initiates Direct Action against the Corps and Mallinckrodt.”

On January 18, 1995, the General Executive Board of the Laborers’ International Union of North America (LIUNA) amended its three Constitutions (the International Union Constitution, the Uniform District Council Constitution, and the Uniform Local Union Constitution) to adopt a new Ethics and Disciplinary Procedure...



”Ironically, LIUNA’s code of ethics does not address racial discrimination and related hatred activities conducted by its members on the job site – Adolphus M. Pruitt, Vice Chairman Legal Redress.”

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