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A “DAILY PEOPLE LIE” UNDERSCORED.

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OUR readers will remember the recent exposures made in these columns of Kangaroo Social Democratic political corruption in Webster, Mass. In view of the fact that to hit viperous snakes on the head is a praiseworthy satisfaction, we take pleasure in firing another rock at the Kangaroo viper, and give its head another crack.

Time was when these DAILY PEOPLE exposures were met by the Kangaroo with the cry of “Daily People Lie!” But the cry had no effect. The “Lie” was forced home each time, it made its way into the public, the Kangaroos felt their “Lie” weapon break in their hands, and had to crawl. In view of that the cry is not heard any more. The Kangaroo has felt the teeth of the Buzz-Saw in his flesh too often on that score to try the same dodge again. Now, on the contrary, a shiver goes down their spine every time they see in these columns an article headed “A Daily People Lie.” They know what they are going to get; they also know their mendacity has lost credence. So, then, they duck, and utter a whine. That’s what happened in the recent Webster instance, and it has also happened in the more recent Abington, Mass. instance. In the Webster instance, however, the whine is of such a nature as to give one more chance to the viper-baiting.

Commenting on the Webster incident, which we had brought out, the English poodle of the *New Yorker Volkszeitung* feels constrained to admit the facts, but it pleads palliative circumstances. It is this plea that offers fresh opportunity to chastise the viper. The plea is that “it seems” the acceptance of the old-party endorsements by the nominees of the Webster concern was their individual act, and when nominated were not members of the Social Democracy.—All of which makes the cause all the worse.

An organization may be deceived by a member. In that case all that the

organization can do is to bounce the delinquent. But when an organization that claims to be Socialist goes outside of its own ranks and nominates a man for office, children may, but men won't fail to smell the rat. Nor did the rat wait long to be seen in full size, nor can all the prevarication, about the delinquents in this case having been “repudiated,” cover up the rat: his ears and his tail stick out.

The plea for Webster simply helps to bring out the close resemblance between Webster and West Hoboken. As in West Hoboken, the corrupt act in Webster was not that of an individual, it was that of the whole organization.

Why of course! Who does not know that the organized Kangaroo Social Democracy is redolent with corruption? It needed not the poodle's plea to know that. Nevertheless the poodle's plea proves the fact out of their own mouths, in which respect the Webster instance again resembles the first of the series, the West Hoboken instance. Lashed to desperation by the “Daily People Lie” the Kangaroos of West Hoboken had to assail Eichmann, whereupon he turned “State's evidence,” and told in public print how “they all knew all about it,” and “it was all done with their knowledge and connivance.” Ditto, ditto in Webster.

By all means, let's have pleas, with or without “it-seemeses.”

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