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ANTI-LITTER.

A Sub-Committee of Three has been appointed, with Dean Bouton of New York University as Chairman, to thoroughly go into the question of preventing violations of laws and ordinances against the littering of streets. This matter was submitted to us by The Merchants Association and we hope to have a fuller report on this subject at the next meeting.

TREATMENT OF SPIES AND ENEMY AGENTS.

We received from the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York a copy of a resolution recently adopted by it with reference to the treatment of spies and enemy agents. The preamble and resolution is as follows:

"Your Committee has watched with growing concern the apparent confidence with which agents of our enemies carry on the work of spies, transmit information, and through incendiary or other means work damage or destruction to property needed for war work.

The frequent outrages committed and the widespread activities of enemy agents suggest that as yet no sufficient punishment has been meted out to spies and plotters to deter others from engaging in equally nefarious acts.

It is an essential factor in maintaining the keen spirit of men in the Army and Navy Intelligence Service and in other agencies of detection that they should feel that their work is supported; that they should see suspects promptly interned or tried; and if convicted, promptly and adequately punished.

If existing Federal statutes fail to provide sufficient penalties; if the rules of evidence hamper prosecutors, judges and juries; if the Army and Navy lack power to try by court martial offenders apprehended in attempts to destroy Government property, or to administer the customary penalty to spies; if we have no centralized Secret Service and if there are too many agencies working at cross purposes, needing coordination or reorganization, Congress can and should pass such acts as would remedy these conditions; as would not only enable but compel the most severe treatment to any person or persons found conspiring against the property or the progress of the war efforts of the nation. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York earnestly requests the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to refer this report to the appropriate committees of their respective bodies with our respectful request that the subject receive their prompt consideration."

The Bureau recommends to the Board of Directors that it heartily endorse and approve the action of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York and that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House in Congress be so notified of the action of this Board of

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Trade.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS .

The Bureau has decided to inaugurate a system whereby im-
provements adopted by any of our Local Boards and refer/^{red} to the Board
of Estimate, will be followed up in order that no unnecessary delay
may be experienced in having the improvements carried out.

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Park Commissioner Hennessy informs us, that just as soon as
weather conditions permit, the necessary side walk on the west side
of Mott Avenue at 153rd Street would be laid.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD R. KOCH

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