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Silicosis Inquiry Killed, Marcantonio Complains

Says He Fears It 'Stepped on Some One's Toes'

WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP).—Representative Vito Marcantonio, Republican, of New York, said today that his resolution calling for a broad inquiry into the prevalence of silicosis in various industries had been "strangled" in the House Rules Committee.

"I think it is most unfortunate that an investigation of this kind had to be strangled in the Rules Committee," he said. "With more than 3,000,000 workers exposed to the silicosis hazard and with millions being spent by Congress, we could very easily have afforded the few thousand dollars to make a full investigation and study of this hazard.

"However, I am afraid we stepped on somebody's toes."

John O'Connor, Democrat, of New York, chariman of the Rules Committee, could not be reached for comment.

Marcantonio, in his resolution, offered early this session, contended that hundreds of men died of silicosis contracted while working in the Hawk's Nest Water Diversion Tunnel in southern West Virginia.

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