

MARCANTONIO ASKS INQUIRY INTO HAWK'S NEST PROJECT

DECLARES FIRM GUILTY OF "MURDER" IN SILICOSIS DEATHS

Washington, Feb. 7—(AP)—Representative Marcantonio (R-NY) charged before the House today that the Rinehart and Dennis Company, builder of the Hawk's Nest, W. Va., tunnel, was guilty of "cold-blooded murder and racketeering."

Marcantonio, who charges 476 men are dead and 1,500 others are dying of silicosis contracted by breathing dust while drilling through silica rock in the tube in 1930 and 1931, has introduced a resolution demanding a federal inquiry into the Hawk's Nest project and similar tunneling operations.