



**SELECTED READINGS FROM A NEW THEATRICAL WORK IN PROGRESS
AND
POST CONVERSATIONS WITH THE CREATIVE TEAM
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Vito Marcantonio was the most radical politician in the United States in the 20th century. Elected to Congress from East Harlem, his Italian, African American and Puerto Rican constituency referred to him simply as "Marc." From 1934 to 1950, he introduced anti-lynching and anti-poll tax bills, fought for the rights of the foreign born, fair wages, public housing, and advocated for the independence of Puerto Rico.

Marcantonio never wavered in his commitments despite powerful enemies and opposition against him. Wall Street companies, corporate media, conservative politicians, and the FBI banded to vilify and quash him. The New York State legislature even redrew district lines to defeat his re-election in 1950. When Marc died in 1954, the Cardinal refused him a requiem mass in a Catholic church. Nonetheless, more than 20,000 people paid their respects, among them W.E.B. DuBois and Paul Robeson, and thousands more filled the East Harlem streets to watch the procession of over 100 cars led by fifteen coaches filled with flowers in honor of the "People's Congressman."

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