

Dies Using Hitler Trick---Amter

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Action yesterday of Rep. Martin Dies in subpoenaing and seizing 50,000 nominating petitions for the New York State Communist Party candidates was denounced last night by Israel Amter, Communist candidate for Governor, as the "Hitler

technique of the pre-election stampede."

Amter, who spoke at two Harlem rallies outdoors during the evening, said he would have "something special" to say about the Dies matter at the big Communist wind-up campaign rally in Madison Square Garden Sunday afternoon.

The Communist Party petitions were handed over to Stephen W. Birmingham, chief investigator for the Dies Committee, by Deputy Secretary of State Patrick W. McMahon in Albany after the documents were subpoenaed by Birmingham.

HITLER TECHNIQUE

"This is the old Reichstag fire trick, practiced most successfully by Adolf Hitler," Amter declared. "The technique of the pre-election stampede has been imported here by Martin Dies."

In a statement to the press and at both of his Harlem meetings—at 116th St. and 1st Ave. and 110th St. and Madison Ave.—the Communist candidate pointed to the recent statement of Assistant Secretary of State Sumner Welles in which the latter charged that anyone who creates a "so-called red menace" is playing the Hitler game. He said:

"By seeking to introduce a red hysteria in the New York political atmosphere, Mr. Dies is playing the Hitler game."

Amter charged that Rep. Dies, who refused to investigate the Ku Klux Klan, the southern lynchers, the Christian Front and its leader Charles E. Coughlin, "now seeks to intimidate 50,000 American citizens guilty of no crime by imputing something unlawful in their signing a Communist nominating petition."

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"Fifty thousand signers of the Communist nominating petitions acted in a thoroughly American way when, under methods prescribed by law, they utilized their right to place the Communist Party and its win-the-war candidates on the ballot," the Communist candidate stated. "Their right to sign such a petition was upheld by virtually every officer of the state, from the Governor down."

Amter asserted that the "only thing un-American about this situation" was the action by Martin Dies, whom he referred to as "the idol of the Nazi short wave." He charged Congressman Dies was attempting to "interfere with free elections in New York State" and added:

"This action of Mr. Dies and his little Gestapo will be rejected by millions of Americans of all shades of opinion who agree on one proposition: the need for national unity to win the war and the re-

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jection of any attempt to split that national unity."

Some legal experts last night were questioning the legal propriety of Martin Dies seizure of the signatures. Neither Amter nor the legal experts would state whether or not they would go to Federal Court to seek an injunction against action of the Dies Committee.

Amter and his two running

Tonight Israel Amter, Communist candidate for Governor, will campaign in the East Bronx at a series of three outdoor meetings. The rallies will take place at:

Prospect Ave. and 161st St. Isadore Begun will also speak.

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Craeme Square, in the Hunts Point area. Other speakers: Gilbert Green, Communist Party state secretary, and Rebecca Grecht, Bronx County party leader.

Gilbert Green will also address a Communist election rally at Walton Ave. and Burnside in the West Bronx.

mates, Benjamin J. Davis, Jr. and Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, candidates for Congressmen-at-Large, succeeded in remaining on the ballot this year in face of court proceedings against the Communist petitions instituted by the Albany County American Legion.

They won the case on Sept. 25, when Supreme Court Justice Francis Bergan, of Albany, threw the Legion case out of court, on the grounds that the objections were filed too late.

The full Communist ticket was filed originally, but nominees for Lieut. Governor, Attorney General and Comptroller were withdrawn in order, as the party leaders explained later, not to jeopardize the possibility of election of New Dealers.