

RAISING THE ANTE FOR THE DIES COMMITTEE

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The Dies un-American Committee got \$150,000 and had its life lengthened for fifteen months, in Congress last week. That's three months and fifty grand more that it vever got before.

Statements by Congressman Samuel Dickstein, on the floor, that 110 fascist organizations had the key to the back door of the Dies Committee were expunged from the Record.

The vote was 353 to 6, on continuing the un-American committee, after a "debate" in which only three minutes was given to the opposition. The honor roll of those who voted against the Dies Committee:

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Congressman Vito Marcantonio, American Labor Party, New York, President of the International Labor Defense.

Congressman Samuel Dickstein, Dem., of New York.

Congressman Frank Hook, Dem., of Michigan.

Congressman Rudolph Tenerowicz, Dem., of Michigan.

Congressman Thomas H. Eliot, Dem., of Massachusetts.

Congressman Thoman E. Scanlon, Dem., of Pennsylvania.

On the vote to provide \$150,000 to Dies (taken separately by voice) only Marcantonio shouted "No!"

Representative Harry P. Beam of Chicago was appointed by the speaker to take the place of former Congressman John Dempsey of New Mexico, who has been rewarded for his anti-labor record of twenty years, including strike-breaking in New York in 1920 and service on the Dies Committee, by appointment to the Maritime Commission.

Adolph Sabath, chairman of the House Rules Committee, in former years an opponent of the Dies Committee, led the debate in support of it this year.

In his speech supporting the committee, on the floor, Dies stated that the White House, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Army and Navy Intelligence Departments back it now.

which, incidentally, means that if the wire-tap bill passes, Dies and  
to ear glued to every telephone in the country, free