

Dies Calls Curran In Sea Union Probe

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—The Dies un-American activities committee today launched an investigation of the National Maritime Union as a result of frequent charges of Communist inroads in the American Merchant Marine.

The committee summoned Joseph G. Curran, president of the organization, which has a wide membership on the East and Gulf Coasts, as the first witness in what was expected to be a lengthy inquiry.

Meantime, the committee redoubled its attack on the American League for Peace and Democracy as a result of criticism in Congress over publication of a list of 563 Federal and District of Columbia workers, alleged to be members of the organization.

Chairman Dies (D) of Texas, of the committee asked Attorney-General Murphy to prosecute the league for failing to register with the State Department as a propaganda agent of foreign power—Soviet Russia.

The committee, it was learned, also plans to call W. G. Krivitsky, former Soviet secret agent, to testify on organization of the League. Krivitsky is expected to tell the committee that Soviet Russia had a direct part in formation of the organizations from which the League sprang.

RED ACTIVITIES.

In his letter to Murphy, Dies declared the American League for Peace and Democracy—which claims to represent 7,500,000 people—is carrying out the Communist "Party line" in its activities.

Despite protests by heads of the league that it is non-Communist, Dies asserted it is "an agency of the Communist Internationale" in Moscow.

He asserted that Henri Barbusse, a French Communist, came to the United States to found the American League Against War and Fascism, which became the League for Peace and Democracy.

QUOTES BROWDER.

He quoted Earl Browder, secretary of the Communist Party, as having described the league as our most successful application of the United Front.

Undisputed testimony, Dies said, showed the Communist Party contributed about 15 per cent of the annual budget of the league.

He cited a statement of the executive committee of the Washington Branch of the League as evidence of the tieup with Moscow.

The executive committee, Dies said, issued a statement to members on Aug. 29 defending the Soviet-German non-aggression pact and describing the pact as "a real contribution to world peace and to the peace and security of the United States."

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