

'PROCEDURE SORDID,' F.D.R. SAYS OF DIES

That Is President's Comment on Re- lease of List

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 (AP).— President Roosevelt today branded as "sordid procedure" publication by the Dies Committee of the names of more than 500 government employees on the "membership and mailing list" of the American League for Peace and Democracy.

The committee charged that the league was a "front" for Communist activity.

Asked to comment on publication of the list, the President told a press conference he had not read enough of the details of that rather "sordid procedure" to comment. He permitted direct quotation of the phrase, a departure from usual press conference procedure.

The Dies Committee linked with national defense its charge to the Justice Department that the American League for Peace and Democracy was guilty of a "flagrant violation" of Federal law.

A committee letter to the department, signed by Chairman Dies (Dem. Tex.), said there was ample evidence that the league was an agency of the Communist International.

Therefore, the committee contended, the league was violating the law requiring agents of foreign principals to register with the State Department.