

DIES REVEALS 'FRONT' LIST, STIRS STORM

563 Federal Aides Linked to 'Red' League

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 (AP).—The Dies Committee investigating un-American activities published a Washington "membership and mailing list" of the American League for Peace and Democracy today and one of its own members promptly accused it of taking a "most damnable" and "most un-American" action.

The accusations were made by Representative Dempsey (Dem., N. M.), who was absent when the list of 563 Government employees was given out.

The list made no distinction between members of the Washington branch of the League and those who might merely be on its mailing list there.

Previously the committee had charged the league with being dominated by Communists. League officials have consistently denied this.

High Officials Named

Among those whose names appeared on the list were Oscar L. Chapman, Assistant Secretary of the Interior with a salary of \$9,000 a year; Edwin S. Smith, member of the National Labor Relations Board, and Louis Bloch, member of the Maritime Labor Board, both with salaries of \$10,000; and Mordecai Ezekiel, director of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, \$8,000.

When Dempsey, arriving a few minutes late, heard about the release of the list, he said he had protested earlier against such action and that Chairman Dies (Dem., Tex.) had promised to delay distribution until a later hour.

"I'm afraid," Dempsey said, "that in doing this, we not only release the names of some members (of the league), but those who contributed to Spanish refugees and are not members of the league at all."

Charges Smearing Campaign

"I want to protest this as most un-American. I don't want to harm anybody who is innocent. I think it is most reprehensible for this committee to do this. As a member of this committee I want to say that at no time am I going to smear anybody. It is a most damnable thing."

Dempsey declared that "my feeling is that Communists should not be employed in the government service at all," and, he said, unless the committee pointed out that some persons on the league list definitely were Communists, the impression might be created that all of those named were.

"I'm not for smearing a lot of American citizens here," he asserted.

Chairman Dies (Dem., Tex.) said in a written statement that the committee was not charging that the government employees affiliated with the league are members of the Communist Party. He added, however, that he has established conclusively that the American League for Peace and Democracy was organized and is controlled by the Communist Party.

No Evidence of Party Link

There was no evidence, Dies said, that the Government employees in the league were Communists.

"But," he declared, "the fact that these government employees are members of a Communist front or-

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organization and apparently continued their membership long after this organization was exposed as being Communist justifies in the opinion of the committee the publication of this list.

"The committee has not hesitated to make public the names of private citizens who have been charged with Communist or Fascist activities, and we can see no justification for making an exception in the case of the government employees."

"In fact, there is more reason for making public the names of government employees than in the case of private citizens."

Cites Committee Report

Dies recalled that the committee had unanimously adopted a report on January 3, 1939, in which the American League for Peace and Democracy was branded as a Communist front organization.

Leaders of the league, including Dr. Harry F. Ward of New York, president, have denied that it was dominated by Communists.

In addition to Smith and Bloch following are those included in the membership and mailing list whose salaries were given as \$5,000 or more:

National Labor Relations Board

NATHAN WITT, position unidentified, \$7,500.

Treasury Department

DOROTHY WALTON (or MRS. STANLEY SURVEY), assistant counsel, \$6,500.

Securities & Exchange Commission

E. D. KENNEDY, assistant supv. (sic.), \$5,000; SIGMUND TIMBERG, attorney, \$5,200; L. C. VASS, statistical expert, \$5,400.

Social Security Board

IVAN ASAY, administrative adviser, \$5,000; MERRILL G. MURRAY, director analysis division, \$7,000.

Rural Electrification Administration

FOSTER ADAMS, chief res. stat., \$5,400; WARD B. FREEMAN, co-ordinator enr., \$8,000; E. R. GAMER, attorney, \$5,500; HARRY LAMBERTON (the League's local chairman), lawyer, \$6,000; ALLEN MOORE, lawyer, \$6,000; T. E. O'CALLAHAN, public relations counsel, \$8,000; FRANKLIN WOOD, attorney, \$5,400.

Interior Department

OSCAR L. CHAPMAN, Assistant Secretary, \$9,000; WILLARD W. BEATTY, chief of Indian Affairs, \$7,500.

Maritime Labor Board

GREGORY SILVERMASTER, economist, \$5,800.

Federal Power Commission

GEORGE SLAFF, attorney, \$5,200.

Department of Agriculture

MORDECAI EZEKIEL, director AAA, \$8,000; ROBERT MARSHALL, admin. officer Forest Service, \$5,800.

Department of Labor

Carroll Daugherty, chief econ., \$7,000.

Railroad Retirement Board

Milton Kramer, prin. atty., \$5,800.

The list included the names of twenty-three persons described as employees of the District of Columbia public school system.

A wide salary range was covered from \$10,000 down to a Bureau of Engraving and Printing employee listed for 84 cents an hour.

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