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U. S. Moves to Jail All Reds And Bundmen

By JACK PURCELL. 10-25-39

Washington, D. C., Oct. 24.—Acting upon the request of Chairman Martin Dies of the House committee on un-American activities, the Department of Justice began today an investigation to determine whether members of the Communist Party and the German-American Bund should be prosecuted for failing to register as agents of foreign governments.

After a conference with Dies, Attorney General Frank Murphy said a special staff of attorneys had



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Francis Adams Henson as he testified before Dies Committee yesterday.

been assigned to study the Dies committee evidence purporting to show the two organizations are under the direct control of the Stalin and Hitler governments.

Cites Committee's Evidence.

Dies, who said he understood the department would take action toward "immediate indictments," said:

"The committee has evidence which it believes at least will warrant prosecution of every leader of Fascist and Communist groups under various statutes.

"I feel that these organizations

Society Woman Bails Browder

Earl Browder, Communist chief, was freed yesterday on \$7,500 bail furnished by Mrs. Hester G. Huntington, society woman. See page 22.

are violating the laws of the United States and that their officers are subject to penitentiary sentences."

The committee unanimously voted today in closed session to make public the names of 900 government employes found on a membership list of the American League for Peace and Democracy in a raid on the organization's branch here recently.

"Some of these hold key positions in the Government," Dies said, "and you can't escape the fact that this is a Communist organization."

He announced that the list would be published tomorrow.

Two Witnesses Heard.

Witnesses at today's hearing were Francis Adams Henson, former co-secretary of the American League for Peace and Democracy, and Mrs. Clinton M. Barr, a former member of the league's Milwaukee branch. Both witnesses charged the organization was under Communist control.

Henson testified that Communists were so interwoven in the league that in order to sever connections with Communists one also had to quit the league.

Mrs. Barr, a housewife, charged that a radio address prepared by her for the league last month had been rewritten by the secretary of the Communist Party in Wisconsin. Her original draft, Mrs. Barr said, had been "harsh on Hitler," but the revised form revealed him as a "very nice person." She hastened to add that the speech, which she refused to deliver, was prepared after the Nazi-Soviet pact had been made.