

# DIES REVEALS 563 'RED FRONT' NAMES IN EMPLOY OF U. S.

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Washington, D. C., Oct. 25.—The Dies Committee touched off a series of verbal explosions today when it made public the names of 563 Government employes described as "members or on the mailing list" of the American League for Peace and Democracy.

The league has been branded by the committee as "a front for the Communist Party."

There were immediate repercussions in the committee room and on the floor of the House of Representatives because the list of 563 names did not distinguish between actual members of the league and persons who were merely on the mailing list of the organization.

### First Lady Rapped.

Representative Jacob Thorkelson (Rep., Mont.), while trying to read into the record the names disclosed by the Dies Committee, bitterly

denounced an address given in New York City by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt yesterday in which she warned against suppression of alien-controlled groups as a danger to our own freedom.

After two unsuccessful attempts to read the committee list into the Congressional Record, Thorkelson prefaced his third attempt—also unsuccessful—with a tongue-lashing of the President's wife.

He declared that the First Lady "evidently thinks we shouldn't hurt members of these subversive organizations."

His blast drew an accusation from Representative Robert G. Allen (Dem., Pa.) that he was the "white-haired boy of one subversive organization." Allen said he referred to the Silver Shirts, headed by William Pelley and avowedly anti-Semitic.

"I am not a member of any organization except the Naval Reserve," Thorkelson roared back.

He maintained an angry silence when Representative Luther Patrick (Dem., Ala.) asked him to "denounce the Silver Shirts and the Pelleyites as he does the Communists."

Representative Dempsey (Dem.,

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N. M.), a member of the Dies Committee who was not present when the names were disclosed, called the action "most damnable" and "most un-American."

Another committee member, Representative Casey (Dem., Mass.) declared heatedly that the committee "does not know of a single name on the list that is Communist." The committee by majority vote earlier decided to make the list public.

Representative Coffee (Dem., Mass.) caused an uproar in the House when he shouted:

"I call on the House and the Roosevelt Administration to repudiate this unwarranted intrusion on American rights."

He charged that publication of the list was designed to "intimidate members by threatening them, unless they resigned, with loss of their jobs."

He was supported by Representative Frank Hook (Dem., Mich.) who said he thought it "would be a good idea if the Government went out and got a real list of Communists instead of the phony list we have now."

While arguments went on in the



Representative Jacob Thorkelson

Committee, a middle-aged former Communist Party member from Bridgeport, Conn., testified about two trips he made to Russia.

The witness, Andrew Smith, said

that before he went the second time he turned over most of his life's savings—more than \$5,000—to the Party for transfer to Russia. He said he found that Russia was "not the Utopia" he had been led to expect. "You can't go where you want to in the Soviet Union when you want to," he said.

Smith said that he resigned from the Party because he believed that he would be committing a crime if he did not return to "my America" to inform workers of conditions in Russia.

After asserting that "you'll find a lot of sabotage" if the United States and Russia should go to war, Smith testified that the loyalty of the American Communists would be with Russia.

### Forest Service Chief

#### In League, Proud of It.

Missoula, Mont., Oct. 25 (AP).—Robert Marshall, chief of the Division of Recreation and Lands of the U. S. Forest Service, whose name appeared on the Dies Committee list, commented today:

"Certainly I'm a member of the League. I think it's been doing an exceptionally good job in the advancement of peace, democracy, and a higher standard of living for the majority of Americans, in all of which I believe enthusiastically."