

Detroit City Councilman Calls Dies 'Strictly Faker'

Michigan CIO Launches Wide Drive Against
Witchhunt Committee Under Slogan
Of 'No Dough for Dies'

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DETROIT, Dec. 6.—In a blistering attack on the Dies Committee, John W. Smith, president of the Detroit City Council called the red-baiting head of the witch-hunting committee "strictly a faker."

"Martin Dies is a two-by-four Congressman who couldn't be elected a township supervisor in Michigan," Smith declared.

"Running around the country at the people's expense, a chairman of a smearing committee that smears only itself and the aims of democracy.

"Dies is strictly a faker. He does the nation no good. His fulminations help no one but him in that he gets headlines undeserved—and that may appeal to his constituency which suffers from the fact that he is its chosen representative.

Smith was re-elected to the presidency of the council through the support of Labor's Non-Partisan League and labor generally throughout the city.

Links between Dies and the fascist Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith were revealed by August Scholle. Scholle said that John K. McGillis who met Dies when the latter was in Detroit and who was previously a voluntary witness for the committee, was also the chairman at a recent meeting at which the fascist preacher was the main speaker. The meeting was held in the Olympia.

"In view of these facts," Scholle said, "and in view of Smith's

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declaration that he intended to seize the government by force, I believe the public is entitled to an explanation from Dies as to his relationship with Smith and a statement as to whether he intends to investigate Smith's activities in Detroit."

Under the heading "No Dough for Dies" the Michigan CIO News, organ of more than 300,000 organized workers in this state published a severe attack against the committee.

"Congressman Martin L. Dies the demagogue from Texas is brazenly asking Congress for \$100,000 so he can continue his smear campaign against the CIO and the New Deal under the guise of an investigation of subversive activities," the editorial says.

Every sincere believer in the rights of labor should exert all his efforts to stop the squandering of public money to encourage this campaign against civil liberties—which is actually what the Dies 'investigation' amounts to.

"Start writing your congressman today. Tell him. 'No dough for Dies!'"