

300 at Luncheon Ask Dies Committee's End

Civic, Religious, Union and Educational Leaders
See His Witch Hunt as Menace
to True Americanism

Martin Dies and his latest pal, Leon Trotzky, received a sound thrashing at the hands of the League for Peace and Democracy yesterday afternoon, at a luncheon sponsored by the Women's Committee of Greater New York. Dies, the stooge of Standard Oil and open-shoppers was exposed as a war-monger and enemy of the people's Bill of Rights.

A resolution was unanimously passed by three hundred members present which called for the immediate abolition of the Dies Committee and the establishment of a fact finding committee to investigate un-American activities, including Mr. Dies and his cronies.

Alice Barrows, Director of the Federal Schoolhouse Construction, Dep't of Interior and Vice-President of the League for Peace and Democracy, Washington branch, called upon every progressive force in the country to oppose those enemies of true Americanism as destroyers of the Bill of Rights. No individual or organization is safe so long as they are allowed to transgress on our liberties unchecked, she declared.

"What is the head of this dog of which Mr. Dies is the tail?" she asked. "It is the ugly head of the war-mongers and profiteers, of labor baiting, labor smashing Big Business, of the absentee landlords who fatten on the misery of sharecroppers. . . .

"They hope to accomplish this by creating a condition of war hysteria. By insinuation, and unsubstantiated statements, they hope to develop a psychology of fear, in the midst of which they can attack any individual or organization without opposition."

As women, wives and mothers, Mrs. Anna Center Schneiderman, Chairman of the Women's Committee appealed to the women to work to keep America out of war if they desire to save their civil liberties and preserve democracy.

Reverend Wayne White, Pastor of the Westchester Methodist Church, Pelham Bay Park and head of the Bronx Citizens Committee for Democracy denounced the Dies Committee and told his listeners that true Christianity was not to be confused with the Church, that a true philosophy of religion must be characterized by social consciousness, aware of the challenge of our times. Only when real liberty existed would the "humble inherit the earth."

Frederick N. Meyers, Chairman of the Atlantic District of the National Maritime Union traced the background of Dies' open-shopping interests in Texas and branded his activities as "skid-chain Americanism." The NMU has come to grips with this "Standard Oil stooge" and

his ship-owning backers many times.

Mrs. H. Aaronpreis acted as chairman of the meeting and called upon all American women to act in the glorious tradition of the Molly Pitchers, Harriet Tubmans, Susan B. Anthonyes, and Mother Joneses and preserve and extend our democratic rights by destroying everything Dies and his notorious committee stands for.