

STOP DIES

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Union Mails

Request to All Congressmen

Submits Proof That Dies Uses Stools, Labor Foes As His Witnesses

The National Maritime Union yesterday urged members of Congress to withhold additional funds for the Dies Committee and stop its "unprincipled attacks on labor."

In a letter, mailed to every member of Congress, the union suggests that if any money is to be appropriated for discovering un-American activities that it be given to the Senate Civil Liberties Committee, headed by Senator LaFollette.

"The same amount of money made available to the LaFollette Committee," the letter says, "would be used to uncover violations of the Wagner Act and attacks on our civil liberties. These are the real un-American activities."

The letter implies that the so-called Dies investigation is not an investigation in the accepted sense of the word but is, in reality, part of an anti-union campaign by "labor-hating employers."

The case of the NMU is cited. The union contends that the "same forces are at work behind the (Dies) committee as are at work in our union."

To show the connection, a pamphlet entitled "Labor Spies in the NMU" is enclosed with each letter.

The pamphlet, according to the union, is an account of "the activities of a group of shipowner-financed disrupters in our union—a group exposed several months ago and expelled by the membership."

DIES "WITNESSES"

It is from this group, the letter says, that Dies is getting such witnesses as William C. McCuistion and Frederick C. Phillips, both of whom were used recently by Dies.

The case of McCuistion is especially indicative of the connection between the two, according to the union.

The police of two cities, New York and New Orleans, had been looking for McCuistion for a month, the letter points out, when the gentleman suddenly appeared in all his glory as a witness before the Dies Committee.

"Someone, working with the Dies committee, knew where McCuistion was hiding," the letter informs Congressmen.

"And when he was arrested for complicity in at least one of three recent murders, two members of the committee, Dies and Starnes, going to his defense and in attacking competed with each other in ris- the law-enforcement agencies who did their sworn duty by arresting him."