

Dies Bares Plot to Unite Pro-Nazis

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Congressman Martin Dies today resumed secret hearings in his double-barreled inquiry designed to bare Chicago angles of the Nazi bund movement and to uncover Communistic activities in the meat packing industry.

During a recess in sessions at the Hotel Sherman he disclosed that documentary evidence had been obtained casting light on activities of the Fichte Bund (Fight League) and the director of its American section, Oscar C. Pfaus.

Dies insisted it had been clearly shown that Pfaus, now in Germany, aims to amalgamate under the Fichte Bund banner such groups and leaders as:

Hiram W. Evans, Ku Klux Klan; Edward Hunter, Industrial Defense Association of Boston; Donald Shey, National Gentile League; William Dudley Pelley, Silver Shirts; the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin; George E. Deatherage, Knights of the White Camella; James True, Industrial Control Reports;

KUHN INVOLVED.

Gen. George Van Horn Moseley, U. S. A. retired; George W. Christians, Crusaders for American liberty (the American Fascist group); the Rev. Gerald B. Winrod of Wichita; Harry A. Jung of Chicago, Vigilante Intelligence Federation; and Fritz Kuhn, German-American Bund.

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000 citizens of Greek origin, Dies said:

"I want to warn this group that the Fichte Bund is the principal agency through which racial and religious hatred is being stirred up among other than German-Americans, and that this activity is now being centered on Greek-Americans.

"There are so many fine citizens of Greek origin that they should know of this attempt of a Nazi propaganda agency to infiltrate alien ideologies in their ranks. I hope they will take prompt steps to thwart the spreading of Nazi doctrines."

Among witnesses called today were Richard F. Starr, a millwright of 5714 Byron st., who said he was a member of the Silver Shirts, and Dr. Walter H. Silge, chairman of the organizing committee, German-American National Alliance.

QUIZ CIO LEADERS.

Questioned in connection with charges that communism is rampant in the CIO Packing House Workers Organizing Committee were Henry Johnson, assistant national director, and Herbert March, district director for the PWOC.

Also in this connection Chairman Dies heard Miss Charlotte Carr of Hull House and Dr. M. P. Sharp of the University of Chicago law faculty.

For the first time Dies obtained subpoenas for the appearance of members of the AFL Amalgamated Meat Cutters and butchers of North America, rival of the CIO in the meat industry. Those summoned were Thomas Devero, John Saltis and George Dasho, all served at union headquarters, 4187 S. Halsted street.

WARNS OF NAZIS.

Miss Carr and Dr. Sharp testified as to the "orderly conduct" of the PWOC in the Stock Yards district.

When he completes his inquiry into alleged Communist domination of packing industry unions, Dies said he would train his guns on the German-American Volksbund and other pro-Nazi groups here, holding:

"There is much more to be done in this area."

Dies himself refused to disclose the nature of the evidence presented to him yesterday, but it was learned much had been gleaned from union books and records.

The books were produced un-

der subpoena duces tecum by Walter Stabrawa, secretary-treasurer of the parent PWOC group here.

They showed, it was said:

1—That thousands of dollars in union funds had been diverted to other uses.

2—That large loans and donations were made by the union to the defunct Midwest Daily Record, Communist publication.

3—That in return the Record supplied the union with papers for every member.

TWO POLICEMEN PAID.

4—That \$40 a week was given to March for payment of \$20 a week to each of two Chicago policemen to compensate them for parking, gasoline, oil and meals.

5—That in several instances bills were not paid by check, but money was given to union officials to pay them.

6—That other groups receiving funds from the PWOC were the American Student Union, International Labor Defense, Workers' Alliance and convention delegates of the American League for Peace and Democracy.

Alphonse Malachi, expelled president of one PWOC local, is said to have told Dies that some members were ousted because they rebelled against an assessment for Labors' Non-Partisan League. The league was backing Communist candidates for public office.

The union members, according to the Malachi testimony, could not understand why so much money should be diverted instead of being used in behalf of the union.

While Malachi was testifying, Don Harris, national organizer for the PWOC, issued a statement that Malachi's handling of funds was not all it should have been.

Later, it was learned Malachi got \$100 in expenses over a two-year period, and union officials refused to file charges, as the money was properly accounted for.

Other testimony yesterday is said to have included evidence that:

1. The constitution of the PWOC was drawn at a Communist meeting and adopted before PWOC members knew who had drawn it or what its import was.

REDS CENSOR MAIL.

2. PWOC mail was delivered first to Communist headquarters and only such as was deemed proper for PWOC consumption was allowed to pass on to union members or leaders not holding red cards.

3. Two members of the PWOC

policy committee were Communists and so influential they controlled the committee and could order strikes to tie up the nation's meat packing industry merely by sending telegrams.

Anti-Fascist as well as anti-Communist evidence also was outlined before Dies yesterday. The Texas congressman was told that two Italian language papers here and two in New York are openly advocating fascism for America.

This information came from Dr. Renzo Sereno, now doing research work at the University of Chicago. Dr. Sereno was formerly an assistant in the Italian department at the university, but his specialty is propaganda analysis.

Now an American citizen, he produced scores of membership blanks and other literature promoting black shirt groups in the United States.

Dies himself indicated that he would start on the pro-Nazi group today, but did not expect to finish.

He has at least fifteen witnesses to hear and openly told reporters "there is much work to be done in this area."