

DIES, MARTIN

Washington, D. C., 1625 Hobart Street, N.W.
Member, U.S. Congress

Martin Dies is one of three brothers, he being the namesake of his father. Attended public schools in Beaumont, went to college where he studied law as did his brothers. All three are politicians, inheriting the standing of their father who was a politician and who was a member of Congress many years ago from the same district which the present Martin Dies represents. Other two brothers have emphasized the legal portion of their training and are essentially lawyers, while Martin is the only one to come into national prominence thru politics.

After leaving law school he practised law for a while with one of his brothers in the firm of Dies, Stevenson and Dies, in Orange, Texas, the firm having been organized by his father. In this capacity, he and the firm were not associated with, nor did they represent, any corporations, but rather were the prosecution more than an average firm. We were unable to learn of any one suit being of outstanding prominence.

As his father, Dies is a fluent speaking man. For 4-5 years before going to Congress, he made many speeches thruout his District to Labor Organizations, Sunday Schools, picnics and clubs, usually defending the part of the laboring man and upholding Americanism (American for Americans). Was elected to 72nd Congress and has served continuously since that time.

While no attempt is being made to cover or interpret his Congressional activities, informants state that he has not been an outstanding member of the House in that he has not fostered any measures of an outstanding value, until about a year ago when momentum was gained for the "eating within" of radicals by him. Chairmanship of the Committee on UnAmerican Activities came as a result of this.

It is the opinion of observant men about the Capitol that Dies has found in this a source of limelight and is making the most of it.

During his membership in the House, during his legal days in Orange, and during the political activity of his father, we have been able to develop no especial friendship with Garner, Vice President.

When Martin Dies first arrived here in Washington, he and wife Myrtle resided at 4200 - 18 St., N.W. in a desirable residential section, paying a rent of about \$100. per month. Shortly after, moved from there to 1625 Hobart St., N.W. where he purchased a home for about \$12,000., arranging for time payments. At both locations he is known as a quiet and reserved man. Neither he nor wife are much given to social affairs or dinner parties, altho both are sociable. He will take a social drink, and at times 3-4, but

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