

is going to press for immediate action by the House Ways and Means Committee on the measure. He declares:

"The object of the bill is to modify the Federal social-security law to permit pensioners to earn money on the side without jeopardizing their rights to the pension.

"I am strong for an amendment of this kind, especially now that there is a growing shortage of all kinds of labor, the labor which the old folk could perform to the advantage of the war effort."

Here is a cause which should enlist the hearty support of all of California's delegation in both Houses.

Many measures aimed at bettering the condition of the elderly have been proposed in recent years, many of them entirely impractical.

Here is a thoroughly practical measure which not only would improve the living standards of many of those past 65, but also would allow them to contribute their patriotic effort toward war production and service, benefiting both the country and themselves.

An Answer to the Dastardly Attack on the Gentleman From Texas

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. NOAH M. MASON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 3, 1942

Mr. MASON. Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks in the RECORD, I include the following letter:

AUGUST 3, 1942.

The Honorable SAM RAYBURN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: On the afternoon of July 23, Louis Budenz, editor of the Daily Worker, official Communist paper, dispatched a telegram to the paper's Washington correspondent, Adam Lapin. A photostatic copy of the original of that telegram from Budenz to Lapin is submitted herewith as exhibit 1. The full text of the telegram reads as follows:

"Biggest story of day is indictment of 28 seditionists. Suggest you drop everything to get up big story. Clearly showing the nature of indictment and how they are linked together and also the fact that the leading Red baiters in the country are involved. Bring in DIES' name with these people. We have the entire list of names, so you need not repeat them, but give us color and political background. Please confirm by wire immediately if you will do this story."

I do not need, Mr. Speaker, to dwell upon the utterly unethical character of the journalism which this telegram represents. It is obviously of the gutter type which has characterized the techniques of this publication throughout the 19 years of its existence. I do wish to emphasize the fact that the Daily Worker is a registered agent of a foreign principal, and further that its representative in Washington, Mr. Adam Lapin, has been accorded the privileges of the press gallery of this House. The Daily Worker's telegram instructing Mr. Lapin to "bring in DIES' name with these people" is a piece of contemptible abuse of the press courtesies which this House has extended to Mr. Lapin and his paper.

On the day following the sending of the foregoing telegram, the Daily Worker carried two stories which are submitted herewith as exhibits 2, 3, and 4. As is evident from these exhibits, Mr. Lapin complied with the in-

structions of his editor, Mr. Budenz. These instructions and the stories resulting therefrom indicate quite clearly that it is the intention of the Communist Party's newspaper to exploit the indictment of the 28 persons for the purpose of smearing the House of Representatives which has repeatedly during the past 4 years given its approval to the Special Committee on Un-American Activities by overwhelming majorities. The Daily Worker's charge that a committee of this House has shielded un-American groups or individuals is, of course, a scurrilous falsehood. If there were a semblance of truth in the charge, this House would have been the first to condemn the committee.

It is not my purpose to recite in detail the evidence of the falsity of the charge that this House or its Special Committee on Un-American Activities has failed to investigate or has shielded the 28 persons named in the recent indictment. The records of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities show that all of them have been investigated and that many of them have been subpoenaed to appear as witnesses before the committee. To take a single example: One of those indicted, William Dudley Pelley, has been a subject of the committee's investigations during the entire 4 years of its existence. The committee's records will show that we have expended more funds on the investigation of Pelley than on any other individual, whether Nazi, Fascist, or Communist. Furthermore, the committee unanimously found that Pelley's activities were un-American and long ago published its finding to the House and the country.

The House will recall that a previous attempt, involving the fabrication and use of spurious letters, was made to link my name with William Dudley Pelley. That attempt was an abysmal failure, and the House took the drastic action of expunging a not-too-shrewd set of falsehoods from the RECORD.

On July 25 the Daily Worker followed up its campaign to bring the House into disrepute by repeating the falsehood that the Special Committee on Un-American Activities has shielded those who have been indicted for impairing the morale of the armed forces of the country. A photostatic copy of this article is submitted herewith as exhibit 5.

True to the practice of the Communist Party, one of the newest of the party's front organizations was immediately drawn into the campaign to smear our committee with its false charge. The National Federation for Constitutional Liberties is one of the most active of the Communist fronts now operating in this country. Our committee's records showing the Communist connections of the individuals who compose the National Federation fills a hundred pages of tabulations alone. It is an old Communist technique which we exposed long ago for the party to set up fronts which promulgate, in the name of liberalism, whatever line the party has adopted. I submit herewith as exhibit 6 a press release of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties signed by one George Marshall. This press release illustrates how the Communist Party functions through one of its front organizations which are headed by persons who lack the moral courage to come forward in the open as agents of the party but who instead put on the disguise of independent liberals. The press release of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties parrots the identical falsehoods which the editor of the Daily Worker instructed his Washington correspondent to write.

Mr. Speaker, no one could have carried on the work of our committee for these 4 years without getting a thick skin. I am not in the least perturbed over the tactics of the editor and his Washington correspondent as revealed in the exhibits which I am submitting to you, so far as these tactics affect me personally. My long experience as chairman of the committee of this House has taught

me to expect personal abuse from those whom I have investigated. But I am concerned that the privileges of the Press Gallery should be abused in this manner for the purpose of making a thinly disguised attack upon the House as a whole. No one believes more firmly than I in the freedom of the press, which must, if it has any meaning at all, include the freedom to engage in political controversy. But I am sure that the whole decent press of this country—and by that I mean practically all of it—will agree with me that an editor's instructions to his correspondent to vilify any individual Member or committee of Congress without regard to the facts have no place in decent journalism.

The Daily Worker is free to utilize the freedom of the press to make political capital out of the indictment of the 28 individuals; but I wonder if there is any reasonable argument which can be adduced to justify the House in extending the privileges of its Press Gallery to the Daily Worker, an agent of a foreign principal, in order that these privileges may be turned, by the use of deliberate falsehood, to the undermining of public confidence in the House.

Sincerely yours,

MARTIN DIES, Chairman.

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EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. WILLIAM P. COLE, JR.

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 3, 1942

Mr. COLE of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I am very proud of the great Glenn L. Martin Co. and the contribution it is making at this time to the successful prosecution of the war. The main Martin plant is located in the large congressional district I represent. The plant itself, the housing facilities for its employees, the fine type of men and women employed by the company, and the happy relationship existing between employees and management of the company all reflect the vision and accomplishment for which the distinguished president, Mr. Glenn L. Martin, and his associates are so well known.

It would seem difficult to ferret out any accomplishment of Glenn L. Martin greater than another, but the recent flight of the Navy patrol bomber, *Mars*, built by the Glenn L. Martin Co., in my estimation, marks the most outstanding of all.

It was my pleasure to visit this great plant on two memorable occasions; one with the Duke of York and later with the Honorable SAM RAYBURN, the distinguished Speaker of the House of Representatives, and on both occasions to inspect the *Mars* during the course of its construction.

Because of its success and all that it means to the United States and the Allied Nations at this time the first official flight of the gigantic bomber was of world-wide interest.

Mr. Martin furnished me with this recitation of the event and the back-