

Rep. Thomas.

Rep. Thomas admitted to a committee of CIO officials in New Jersey that the purpose of the Dies Committee is "to smear the New Deal". The statement, which took place in a recent interview, is attested to by an affidavit signed by the state secretary of the CIO in New Jersey.

The Washington Daily News, of January 30, reports that Thomas has admitted privately that he does not believe the impeachment of the Secretary of Labor will go through, but thinks it will give the Dies committee "considerable publicity".

The Washington Merry-go-Round of Jan. 31 charges that the impeachment resolution was offered by Rep. Thomas at the instigation of Cong. Dies, who insisted that it should be done in spite of the objections of Republican leaders. The column states that Dies chose Thomas to offer the resolution because he himself, as a Democrat, could not.

This charge is in keeping with a United Press dispatch of Sept. 9, printed in the N.Y. World Telegram, which reported that Dies said "he planned to start impeachment proceedings against Miss Perkins unless she took immediate action against Harry Bridges."