

and Nazi sympathizers, our committee ascertained that a clique of German Nazis were employed in highly strategic positions" in a factory which had produced a plane that crashed, Dies disclosed. This plane was "probably" sabotaged, he stated. He made no mention of the ^{time, the} location or identity of the plant or the names of the Nazis who presumeably did the wresking.

Actually, the Dies committee was fully informed of real sabotage in west-coast airplane factories beginning on January 28, 1939. In May, ~~1939~~ 1939, further and more complete details were laid before the committee. This data included names or employes, location of factories, specific incidents of sabotage and technical descriptions of effects. During all this time the committee did nothing, ~~about it~~. And during this time the same saboteurs ~~had~~ had the run of a half dozen key factories. *means and*

The F. B. I., also presented with the facts, likewise took no action.

The reason for this criminal suppression is simple. Trade unions under the direction of Harry Bridges had collected the proofs. Its is the Dies line that Bridges is bent upon overthrowing the government. ^{were} ~~Had~~ Bridges ~~been~~ credited with ~~exhibitzzzz~~ the detection of ~~a~~ real case of sabotage the case against him would collapse ~~of its own weight~~.

Just a few hours before the crash of ^{the} Douglas plane ^{secretly carrying} with a French military observer—a sensation at the time and apparently the crack-up Dies referred to in his speech—Bridges wired his charges of Nazi activity to President Roosevelt. The same information has been turned over to the F.B.I.

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No flesh and blood Nazi agent has ever appeared before the committee. Recently Dies tried to palm off as one a professional informer named Fassbender. Immediately Attorney General Jackson and Congressman Samuel Dickstein showed Fassbender to be a well-known phoney.

However, 19 days after Dies first hearing his investigator, John C. Metcalfe, met with a Nazi agent in Chicago. To produce this Nazi agent before the committee for a thorough public airing of his record Metcalfe need only have served a subpoena and brought him directly to Washington.

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Agents of the Italian secret police, the Ovla, have fared as well with Dies. After Girolamo Valenti, anti-Fascist writer, made a brief preliminary appearance before the committee, on October 4, 1938, to indicate the scope of his knowledge and data, three Ovla men fled the country. Valenti and two others were scheduled to appear before the committee at a later date to present the full case against Mussolini's agents. As 1939 dragged along and Valenti couldn't get ~~before~~ his damning evidence before the committee he in desperation turned to the "liberal" member of the committee, Jerry Voorhis, for assistance.

Voorhis agreed to help, but then told Valenti he couldn't do anything because "Mr. Roosevelt didn't want to irritate the Italian government!" This was before Italy entered the war.

In spite of this derelict suppression of important evidence Dies almost weekly promises an expose of Italian Fascist activity.

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