

Typical of the Dies headline-grabbing technique is his claim that he "exposed" the Christian Front. Actually he ~~XXXXX~~ refuses to call the ~~Christian Front~~ before his committee and has announced publicly he will not investigate the Front's Boss, Father Coughlin. Dies' pal, Merwin K. Hart, President of the New York State Economic Council, Franco agent and Park Avenue "fellow traveller" of the Christian Front, threw a "Mass Meeting For America" in Madison Square Garden on November 29, 1939, at which Dies was guest of honor. The Front packed the meeting, distributing tickets free while others paid admission. The program shows prominent native fascists as speakers and sponsors. On December 8, 1938, Dies was guest of honor at a Council luncheon and was applauded by fellow-guests Fritz Kuhn and James Wheeler-Hill of the Bund. On January 28, 1939, Dies and Hart addressed the convention of the anti-democratic American Coalition of Patriotic Societies. Hart made an impassioned plea for support of Franco and Dies attacked the Federal Government for investigating his income-tax delinquencies.