

Dies Pulls Chestnuts out of Fire For Hearst, Says Gov't Counsel

Dies Accused Of Being Hearst Catspaw

Dep't of Agriculture Blast Condemns Attack on Consumers Groups

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Donald E. Montgomery, consumers' counsel of the Department of Agriculture, today charged Rep. Martin Dies with pulling William Randolph Hearst's "chestnuts out of the fire."

He declared that this was the effect of the defense of Hearst's Good Housekeeping magazine made by J. B. Matthews, Dies Committee "research director," in a formal committee report. Montgomery made his statement in a reply to charges against himself by Matthews.

At the same time, the President indirectly criticized the manner in which the committee handed its so-called report on consumers organizations at his press conference this afternoon.

The President said that as he understood the committee's procedure, Rep. Dies had appointed himself as a subcommittee of one, and then called a meeting of the subcommittee

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Dep't Counsel Blasts J. B. Matthews 'Red Herring' Assault on Consumers Groups; President Criticized Dies Procedure

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tee and had Matthews put the report into the record.

He declared that that kind of procedure speaks for itself.

"Mr. Matthews has attempted to make the committee and the public believe that my office investigated Good Housekeeping magazine for the purpose of official action against it," Montgomery said. "That is false. On Aug. 17 the Federal Trade Commission issued a complaint against the advertising practices of that magazine. No one in my organization has had any connection whatever with the preparation or prosecution of that case.

"Since Aug. 17, however, I have been aware of charges by representatives of Hearst's Magazines, Inc., that the difficulties it has encountered under the law are due to me and some of my consumer organizations.

"Apparently Mr. Dies has lent his support to an effort to make the consumer movement a red herring to divert public interest from the specific issues in that case. The whole effect is in the direction of pulling Mr. Hearst's chestnuts out of the fire.

"The consumer organizations will speak for themselves if given opportunity. Many consumer leaders and organizations have long been critical of specific advertising practices, but do not attack advertising as a necessary business institution.

"Many business men and trade associations have done the same. Better Business Bureaus in many cities have long been striving to make advertising more effective by cleaning up falsehoods and deception. Are they Communists, too? I do not believe this attempt to picture the consumer movement as a threat to American institutions will get by with the people of this country."

German 'White Book' Blames War on Britain

Berlin Reviews History to Prove British 'Will to War'

BERLIN, Dec. 12 (UP).—A 350-page government "White Book" containing 482 documents, ranging from the treaty of Versailles to nine days ago, was issued today in an effort to show that full guilt for the war rests upon Great Britain.

It was significant that Germany again placed the blame on British shoulders and exempted France from the condemnation.

Foreign Minister Joachim Ribbentrop, in a lengthy foreword to the White Book, said it contained "irrevocable proof that Germany is exclusively guilty and the war for the purpose of conquering Germany."

The first chapter of the book deals with German relations, the second policy, the third with efforts to secure peace with other countries, the fourth chapter is

"Poland as the British Will to

According to German-Polish relations, the German-Polish situation has been solved by the "plunging" of Poland into war.