

DIES ASKS MORAL, SPIRITUAL ARMOR TO SAVE AMERICA

Agents of Foreign Governments Trying to Undermine U. S., He Charges

Only through the alertness of a people whose lives are dedicated to the fundamental principle of Christian Americanism can liberty be retained in this country, Congressman Martin Dies of Texas, chairman of the House committee investigating un-American activities, said Friday in New Orleans.

Addressing the final session of the 24th annual meeting of the National Selected Morticians, which convened Tuesday at The Roosevelt, Mr. Dies charged that agents of foreign governments are organized to undermine the government of the United States and said "America must have a spiritual and moral rearmament" to offset these foreign-inspired efforts.

"We must have a wide-awake and alert people," he said, "only through them can we retain our liberties. For democracy to succeed, the rank and file of the people must be behind it. They must be willing to do all they can to preserve liberty and independence in this country."

Rededication Urged by Dies

"We must rededicate ourselves to the fundamental principle of Christian Americanism. We must once again resolve to make our government safe for our children and all posterity. The answer to the problem of the future of America is in the solid, dependable folks of America."

He pointed out that Americans must learn to recognize their enemies—"those who through indifference and unconcern of our people are seeping into our trade unions and our government service." These, he said, may be small minorities, but they are enabling "foreign powers to extend their sphere of influence in America."

Earlier, Mr. Dies was a guest at La Louisiane restaurant of members of the executive committee of the Coalition of Patriotic Societies of New Orleans, of which Herman L. Barnett is president, and the national defense committee of the Association of Commerce, of which Lieutenant Commander Arthur de la Houssaye, United States Navy, is chairman.

Prior to the congressman's address at the morticians' meeting, new officers of the association were installed by Earle K. Angstadt, Reading, Pa. T. Clyde Drennan, Oakland, Cal., succeeded A. Chambliss Connelley, Charleston, S. C., as president and Clayton R. Lutpon, St. Louis, Mo., succeeded Ray T. Bates, Hudson, N. Y., as secretary-treasurer. There are no vice-presidents.

Members of Control Board

Members of the board of control installed are Mr. Drennan, Mr. Lutpon, George A. Davis, New Rochelle, N. Y.; Burtis E. Mowrey, Montclair, N. J.; Wade H. Kepner, Wheeling, W. Va.; Harry C. Doan, Richmond, Ind.; Charles H. Roper, Lincoln, Neb.; Glen S. Macy, McMinnville, Ore.; Joseph E. Boura, Denver, Colo.; Maynard Duryea, St. Petersburg, Fla., and Ed W. Morris, Windsor, Ont.

Mr. Connelley presented A. Fred Bultman, Jr., a resolution of appreciation for making arrangements for the meeting. Gifts were presented to the retiring officers and their wives on behalf of the association.

Mr. Connelley led a discussion at a round-table breakfast, and at the morning session discussions were participated in by Fred W. Patterson, Atlanta, Ga.; Allen Street, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Lloyd B. Allnut, Greeley, Colo.; Jewell E. Windle, Springfield, Mo.; W. Emmet Milward, Lexington, Ky.; E. G. Swink, Portland, Ore.; Lon E. Peek, Long Beach, Cal.; Robert M. Humphreys, Urbana, Ohio; Carl W. Shannon, Modesto, Cal., and Orville Moyer, Alice, Tex.

Handy With His Hands



—Photo by The Times-Picayune.
Congressman Martin Dies, in New Orleans to fulfill a speaking engagement, found time Friday to repair a broken toy submarine for his son Jackie, 5, at their hotel. Dies, his wife and Jackie left Friday night for Washington.