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## Mississippi Is Safe From Fifth Columnists, Says Dies

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"If the whole country was as safe from fifth columnist activity as Mississippi, there would be no need for our committee."

Martin Dies, chairman of the un-American activities committee of congress, now serving his sixth term as congressman from East Texas, paid the above compliment to the people of Mississippi Thursday.

Congressman Dies was interviewed in his room on the tenth floor of the Lamar hotel, as Harry Holbrook, hotel manager, who attended school with Mr. Dies in Greenville, Texas, chatted with Mrs. Dies and Dr. Gus A. Rush, Jr., examined the throat of five-year-old Jackie Dies.

### On Way To Texas

Mr. and Mrs. Dies, Jackie, and Bobby, 14, are on their way to the Dies farm at Jasper, Texas, where they will meet their other son, Martin Dies, III, who is in the Naval Reserves, and who has attended the University of Virginia and Southern Methodist University.

"This is a dandy town," said Congressman Dies. "We always like to make Meridian. My grandfather, David Dies, was born in Gloster, Miss., and we have a warm spot in our hearts for Mississippi. The House is about three months ahead of the senate, there is not much for us to do and I am en route to Jasper."

"We arrived last night, and leave shortly. Jackie was a bit indisposed. Fortunately, Dr. Rush says it merely was 'too much candy,' so we will be on our way in a few minutes."

### Investigations Ahead

"Any investigations here, or in Mississippi?" Congressman Dies was asked.

"None," he answered. "I wish the rest of the country was as loyal as Mississippians. However, our visit home is for two purposes. We will meet our son, Martin Dies, III, and I will confer with seven or eight investigators."

"Their work and the business of our committee will deal with border situations, as it affects the welfare of the nation, and especially in reference to the Japanese."

### Mrs. Dies Comments

As Mrs. Dies talked with Mr. Holbrook, she said: "I think Martin has done a wonderful work. But it is so hard. One long, eternal fight. Any crusader, I suppose, who starts worth while movements, runs up against a lot of opposition."

"He won't give up. He will fight them to the last ditch."

Mrs. Dies is the former Miss Myrtle McAdams of Greenville, Texas. Bobby or Richard, was not in the room during the interview. Mrs. Dies spoke proudly of her oldest son. "He is six feet, three inches," she said, "and much like his father."

Congressman Dies is tall, blond, with a habit of taking a comb from his top coat pocket and brushing back his hair. While not as heavy as Clarke Pearce, and the latter is dark, the congressman is the star football type, with plenty of energy and the courage to fight for the things he believes best for the country.

The youngster, Jackie, is a very attractive child, and just like all other kids. "What's that?" he asked, as his mother started to give him some medicine. "Now, Jackie," his mother said, and a struggle as hectic as scenes in congress was under way as Mr. Holbrook and the reporter bade the solon and his wife adieu.



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