

PRESENT LAWS CAN CURB ISMS, SAYS DIES

Report Will Ask No New Measures

Strict Enforcement of Existing Code Held Adequate

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The Dies Committee will make a report to Congress on January 3 assailing Communist, Nazi and Fascist movements as "menaces to American democracy," but will recommend no important legislation, it was disclosed today.

The committee, in a tentative report prepared by its staff and now being circulated to members asserted that there is ample legislation in the law books to make possible prosecution of hundreds of persons engaged in subversive activity.

The most effective weapon in combating un-American organizations—many of which are alleged to be merely "racketeering" money-making bodies—is publicity, the report declared.

WILL ASK \$100,000.

Chairman Dies (D.), of Texas, and a majority of the seven-man committee will recommend its continuation with an appropriation of at least \$100,000 to carry on its investigation and exposure of Communist and Nazi activities until 1942.

The committee report is expected to cite the indictment of Earl Browder, head of the Communist Party in America, on false passport charges, and similar indictments against other Communist leaders as examples of what can be accomplished by the Department of Justice in a rigid law enforcement campaign.

False passport charges involv-

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ing Communist leaders were first exposed during hearings held by the Dies committee.

Prosecution of Communist and Nazi leaders for failure to register with the State Department under existing law as agents of foreign governments will be urged in the report, it was indicated.

The committee is also expected to recommend that local law enforcement officials investigate the books of subversive organizations to determine whether charges, such as the embezzlement charges on which Nazi leader Fritz Kuhn was convicted in New York, can be brought.

UNDERLYING CAUSES.

The committee report, it was said, will urge that the committee, if continued, make an investigation to determine the underlying causes of the rise of subversive organizations and their efforts to break down the American system of government.

Chairman Dies is slated to return to Washington from his Orange, Tex., home this week and to force an immediate showdown in the committee on the question of making public a report by com-

mittee investigators on an eight-month Pacific Coast inquiry.

The inquiry involved charges of Communist activity in Hollywood, the CIO and efforts to "bore in" State and Federal agencies.

Committee investigators, headed by George F. Hurley, former G-man, were drafting a report asserting that sworn statements were given them to the effect that 20 of the Hollywood film colony have been affiliated with the Communist Party.

The investigators were informed that contributions of the Los Angeles section of the Communist Party rose from \$600 a month in 1935 to \$3,000 a month in 1938 after a special drive for funds was opened in the film colony.

The Communist Party was so anxious to "tap" the big salaries paid in Hollywood that a special agent was sent from New York to take the Hollywood activity out of the hands of the Los Angeles section, investigators said they were told.

SOUGHT TO RULE DEMOCRAT

Evidence was given to the investigators, it was learned, that more than 40 persons in the film colony contributed to Communists

or to so-called "Communist Front organizations."

The investigators planned to lay before the committee scores of affidavits asserting that Communists devised a scheme to control the Democratic Party in California and to place members in "responsible positions" in the State government and in the Federal National Youth and Works Progress Administrations.

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