

# U.S. Radicals Losing Out, Dies Reports

## Asks Funds to Turn 'Confusion' Into 'Complete Rout'

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States at between 7,000,000 and 8,000,000 persons.

The 25-page committee report also omitted any mention of Communists in Government service, despite the oft-repeated charge of Chairman Dies that he knows of Reds who are holding "key positions" in the Government.

In an executive session of the committee Tuesday—with all members present except Dies, who is ill—Representative Dempsey (Democrat), of New Mexico, proposed that the names of any known Communists in the Government be included in the report, and that Department heads be instructed to discharge them at once. Representative Voorhis (Democrat), of California, and Mason (Republican), of Illinois, seconded the motion.

No names were forthcoming, with the result that Dempsey commented yesterday that "the nearest thing to a Communist on the Government pay roll seems to be the committee's own investigator, J. B. Matthews." Matthews, director of research for the committee, is a former "fellow traveler."

The report nevertheless recalled that H. C. Lambertson, chairman of the Washington branch of the American League for Peace and Democracy, claimed 700 members in Government employment. Asserting that the league has "probably been the most effective" of all instruments in drawing "innocent and earnest people" into cooperation with the Communists, the report urged Federal employes in particular to beware of joining such organizations.

### Say Lewis Is No Communist

The American Youth Congress, an organization whose most prominent defender is Mrs. Roosevelt, was rapped by the committee for permitting Communists to be included in its membership. The "minority group" of Communists "has at times exerted an influence on the American Youth Congress out of all proportion to its size," the report charged.

As for the C. I. O., the committee declared that "it is unmistakably clear that the overwhelming majority of the members as well as the president (John L. Lewis) are not Communists or Communist sympathizers" but that the leadership of "some 10 or 12" out of an approximate total of 48 C. I. O. unions "is more than tinged with Communism." In his Cleveland speech, Dies stated that half the leaders of the C. I. O. either are or have been Communists or are sympathizers.

The specific mention of President Lewis was inserted in the draft report Tuesday by a 3-to-2 vote of the committee. The three New Dealers, Representatives Dempsey, Voorhis and Casey, of Massachusetts, carried the point.

The proportion of Communists and Communist sympathizers in the membership of even the allegedly Communist-dominated unions "is very small indeed," the report added. Communist-led C. I. O. unions include the National Maritime Union, Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians, and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. The latter's Communications Association, it was alleged.

"There is encouraging evidence of an attempt on the part of the C. I. O. leadership to remove this Communist influence," said the report.

Both Communist Party and German-American Bund in the United States were equally assailed in the committee report as agents of foreign governments.

The Communist Party "is a foreign conspiracy masked as a political party," said the committee, and functions "as a 'border patrol' on American shores for . . . the Soviet Union." The Bund, on the other hand, "is operating primarily in the interest of Germany," the report stated.

The "obvious objectives" of both groups "can be no other than to destroy the American form of government at the direction and in the interests of foreign powers," the committee warned. No recommendation for legislative action against Communists and Nazis was put forth by the committee, but members said that if Congress extends the committee's life, a legislative program will be proposed this session.

An "active campaign of prosecution by the various agencies of the Government" was urged by the committee against subversive groups. The report declared that the Dies investigation has been "an important factor" in the legal action already undertaken against such Communist and Nazi leaders as Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party, and William Wiener, treasurer, indicted on false passport charges; Fritz Kuhn, Bund leader, jailed for larceny and forgery; and William Dudley Pelley, head of the Silver Shirts, fugitive from justice.

### Charge Treaty Violation

Because it has "the avowed purpose of drastically changing the form of Government of the United States," the Communist Party is violating the 1933 treaty of recognition between the United States and the U. S. S. R., the committee suggested.

The report, which devoted almost exactly equal space to Fascists and Communists, maintained that "the primary aims" of Fascist and Nazi groups in America "appear to be (1) a radical change in the American form of government, and (2) the collection of dues from such misguided citizens as will contribute to their support."

The various Fascist-Nazi groups "are engaged in a form of racketeering as well as subversive activities," said the committee. Many of the organizations, the report added, "were set up primarily for the purpose of selling religious and racial hatred and . . . their leaders are nothing more than racketeers." Membership of Nazi groups, "plus sympathizers and potential supporters," was estimated by the committee at "many thousands."

Among the Communist "front" organizations named in the report, besides the League for Peace and Democracy, are the American Student Union, National Negro Congress, Workers Alliance and North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

### 131,000,000 Still Loyal

The committee concluded its report with the observation that "about 131,000,000 Americans . . . in spite of the efforts of Nazis, Fascists, Communists, self-styled saviors of America and all the rest, and in

spite of the suffering and distress of ten years of unemployment and depression, are still as sound and loyal to American institutions and the democratic way of life as they ever were."

"We owe something to these 131,000,000 people," the report said: "we owe them a solution of the economic and social problem of unnecessary poverty in the midst of possible plenty."

The Post learned that at Tuesday's executive session, the New Dealers on the committee threatened to write a minority report if

a proposed conclusion were retained. This draft conclusion, they held, constituted an inferential attack on some of the policies of the present Administration.

Another development in the executive session was that Representative Starnes (Democrat), of Alabama, acting chairman, ruled that a report on consumers' organizations be withheld from the official proceedings of the committee. This report, written by Matthews, was presented to the committee last month at a meeting at which only Chairman Dies was present.

# Communist, Fascist Influence Declining, Dies Committee Says

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A marked decline in the influence of Communist and Fascist groups in the United States was noted in a unanimous report submitted to Congress yesterday by the Dies Committee to Investigate un-American Activities.

The committee, which went out of existence with the opening of the new session, urged that Congress extend its life in order that the present "confusion" of subversive organizations might be turned into "complete rout."

Declaring the Communist and Fascist bodies are "losing both membership and prestige," the committee added that "not over 1,000,000 people in the United States can be

said to have been seriously affected by these essentially foreign or un-American activities."

Among those who allegedly have been affected are leaders of "some 10 or 12" C. I. O. unions, the American League for Peace and Democracy, and certain other groups, the report maintained.

The statement that a maximum of 1,000,000 Americans are affected by subversive tendencies apparently conflicted with the assertion of Chairman Dies himself in a speech delivered at Cleveland November 4 when he estimated the "subversive" element in the United

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