

# Dies Report Finds 'Isms' on Wane in U. S.

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Communist and Fascist

Sway Seen Weakened by  
Developments Abroad

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Lewis and Majority  
In C. I. O. Are Cleared

Red Unions Listed With  
'Fronts'; Bund Assailed;  
Inquiry Asks New Life

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The Dies committee estimated today that not more than one million Americans have been seriously affected by subversive activities, which it said were declining rapidly because of the international situation.

"The time may speedily come when they will cease to be seriously regarded by any one in the United States," the committee said in reporting to the House on its two-year investigation of un-American activities.

In a 15,000-word summary of its hearings, signed by all seven members of the committee after a stormy meeting, the committee drew these major conclusions:

The overwhelming majority of Congress of Industrial Organizations members, including President John L. Lewis, are not Communists or Communist sympathizers, but the leadership of a quarter of the C. I. O. unions is "more than tinged with Communism."

It omitted from a list of "Communist front" organizations the American Youth Congress, which Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt had upheld. The Youth Congress has been described as a "front" group by witnesses before the committee.

The Soviet-Nazi pact has helped protect constitutional democracy by "making more clear the real nature of all dictatorships" and by revealing the similarity between Hitler's Nazism and Stalin's Communism.

Both the German-American Bund and the Communist party in the United States are agents of foreign powers and should be controlled.

The Communist advocacy of changing the United States government violates the 1933 treaty by which the United States recognized Russia.

There is a "remote possibility" that Communists, Nazis or Fascists might overthrow the nation's constitutional government, but a "greater chance" exists that opponents of one form of violence may accept another type they find less objectionable.

Elimination of subversive activities depends on earnest efforts of all groups and on strict law enforcement.

The committee, which expires tonight, should be continued to make certain that the "confusion" among subversive organizations "is turned into complete rout."

Two principal disputes arose yesterday when the committee was studying the final draft of the report. A special vote had to be taken before the members agreed to include John L. Lewis in the statement exonerating the bulk of C. I. O. members from being Communist sympathizers.

Representative John J. Dempsey, Democrat, of New Mexico, moved that the committee make public the names of any Federal employees it could prove were Communists. He and four other committeemen said they knew of none. The sixth named only one person in the Works Progress Administration, and the matter was dropped.

Those who signed the report in person were Representatives Dempsey, Joe Starnes, Democrat, of Alabama; Joseph E. Casey, Democrat, of Massachusetts; H. Jerry Voorhis, Democrat, of California; J. Prenell Thomas, Republican, of New Jersey, and Noah M. Mason, Republican, of Illinois. The name of Chairman Martin Dies, Democrat, of Texas, who is ill at Orange, Tex., was affixed by a clerk.

The report asserted that Communists early attempted to gain a

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foothold in the American Federation of Labor, then switched to the C. I. O. "It is unmistakably clear," the committee said, "that the overwhelming majority of the members of the C. I. O. as well as its president are not Communists or Communist sympathizers, but sincere American workers seeking to improve their lot in life in perfectly legitimate American fashion."

## Ten or Twelve Unions "Tinged"

"The evidence before the committee indicates, however, that the leadership of some ten or twelve of the (C. I. O.) unions out of a total of forty-eight is more than tinged with Communism. . . . There is encouraging evidence of an attempt on the part of the C. I. O. leadership to remove this Communist influence."

But the report said that on the basis of testimony, Communist leadership was entrenched in these unions: National Maritime Union, United Cannery, Packing and Allied Workers, Federation of Architects, Chemists and Technicians; Fur Workers International Union, International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, American Communications Association, United Electrical Radio and Mechanical Workers of America, United Furniture Workers of America.

The committee repeated its contention that the Communist party "bores from within" through "front organizations." It listed these as "fronts": American League for Peace and Democracy, International Workers Order, American Student Union, Friends of the Soviet Union, National Negro Congress, Southern Negro Youth Congress, League of American Writers, Workers Alliance, Spanish Refugee Relief Campaign, North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

Discussing the American Youth

Congress, the report said: "The committee finds a central organization which has no membership of its own, but which attempts to affiliate together the largest possible number of organizations of American young people, the vast majority of whom have no connection with Communism, Nazism or any movement of that sort but are members of some of the most necessary and valuable organizations which our country possesses."

It said, too, that the Young Communist League, a member of the Youth Congress, sometimes has exerted considerable influence on the congress.

The committee said it was unable to understand why any youth organization pledged to preserve American institutions would include those who do not believe in democracy.

"The committee finds," the report said, "that the American League for Peace and Democracy has probably been the most effective of all the united front organizations in drawing innocent and earnest people into activities co-operative with the Communist party."

"We fully realize that the vast majority of the membership of the league consists of people that simply believe in peace and democracy, and we find it difficult to understand why this majority has not asserted itself with greater vigor in connection with the activities of the league."

The report said of the International Labor Defense: "Although some non-Communists have undoubtedly lent support to its efforts and perhaps even co-operated with it, the committee has established that it is, essentially, the legal defense arm of the Communist party of the United States."

## Lists Inquiry Results

The committee expressed belief that the inquiry was an important factor in bringing about the following results:

Fritz Kuhn, German-American Bund leader, has been imprisoned "as a man unable to be trusted with the custody of the funds of his own organization."

Earl Browder, Communist party secretary, and William Weiner, party treasurer, have been indicted on a charge of falsifying passports.

Nicholas Dozenberg, described by Federal officials as one of the founders of the Communist party in the United States, has been charged with counterfeiting on orders of the Communist International.

William Dudley Pelley, Silver Shirt leader, has disappeared rather than appear "like a man" before the committee.

Officials of Bookniga, Soviet agency, have pleaded guilty to a charge of failure to register with the State Department as foreign agents.

Arno Rissi and Mrs. Leslie Fry, alleged west coast Nazi Fascist leaders, "have fled the country for good and sufficient reason."

Many bills of a corrective nature have been passed by the House as a result of testimony before the committee.

The committee, reporting that it could find little difference between the regimes of Stalin and Hitler, asserted that both tried to build up in other nations followers who could be "depended upon to protect the interests of the European dictators under every circumstance."

"Up until the time of the signing of the pact between Stalin and Hitler," the report said, "the Communist party on its part was about to gain its greatest influence in the United States by attempting to represent itself as the spearhead of an 'anti-Fascist' movement, and the German-American Bund on the other hand was about to make its most effective appeal by representing itself as the spearhead of an 'anti-Communist' movement."

"At the present time, with the signing of the Soviet-Nazi pact, these movements have been severely crippled and this tactic is far less effective than formerly."

The members asserted that the primary loyalty of every present American Communist in the event of a conflict between the United States and Russia would be to Russia. The Russian secret police, the report declared, regard the United States as one of the countries "in which their work has been done with least interference from governmental agencies."

The report said that, in addition to the Communist party and the

German-American Bund, there are a number of miscellaneous organizations which seek a radical change in the American form of government and collect dues from "such misguided citizens as will contribute to their support."

## U. S. Fascists Assailed

Many "essentially Fascist groups," the committee said, have sought from time to time to get together. "The outstanding effort," it added, "was known as the American Nationalist Confederation, which was headed by George Deatherage, at that time, but no more, the leader of the Knights of the White Camellia."

The report asserted that the following other organizations and individuals took some part in that effort: "Militant Christian Patriots (Mrs. Leslie Fry), William Dudley Pelley, Gerald B. Winrod, Charles B. Hudson, James True, National Liberty Party (Frank W. Clark), E. N. Sanctuary, Robert E. Edmondson, the American Rangers (J. H. Peyton), the American White Guard (Henry D. Allen), Constitutional Crusaders of America."

The committee declared that "probably the largest, best financed and certainly the best publicized" Fascist group is the Silver Shirt Legion of America, whose leader is William Dudley Pelley. It added: "From the documentary evidence and testimony before the committee concerning the activities of Pelley, the conclusion that he is a racketeer engaged in mulcting thousands of dollars annually from his fanatical and misled followers and credulous people all over the United States and certain foreign countries is inescapable."