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An Editorial

Reject the Un-American Dies Resolution

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• The American people have a good American custom of converting into a kiss of death any embrace of affection which the notorious fascist Hearst gives to a reactionary politician or measure. Cases in point are too numerous to mention—except to say that they all are to the glory of the country's democratic tradition. The people should immediately draw upon this custom to kill the resolution now in the House Rules Committee, which calls for additional funds for the un-American Dies Committee. Hearst has hugged this resolution to his bosom.

In an editorial in the Journal-American yesterday Hearst yells for the scalp of Rep. Adolph Sabath, who became chairman of the House Rules Committee after the people of New York hauled down the Tammany anti-New Dealer John J. O'Connor. In a rage, this editorial quotes the following from Rep. Sabath, who opposes the pro-fascist Dies outfit:

"I am for the investigation of un-American activities but the Dies Committee was not

created to investigate Departments of Government. . . . They will have to give me some assurance of different conduct before I'll vote to continue it."

Certainly, this expresses the views of the American people who have seen the Dies outfit actually protecting the fascist enemies of the country while it sought to smear labor, the New Deal and the whole progressive movement.

This, of course, is why Hearst wants the Dies Committee continued. It is also why some new fascist outfit endorses the Dies resolution almost daily—as for example, the anti-Semitic Silver Shirts yesterday.

Conversely, Hearst's dislike of the forthright American position taken by Rep. Sabath, should commend that position to every democratic person. Wires and letters should be sent to Rep. Sabath, chairman of the House Rules Committee, Washington, urging the Committee to REJECT the subversive Dies resolution!