

Dies and Dingell Clash On Move to Give Probe To Another Group

Washington
**Michigan Member Holds
Committee Unfair and
Libeled Murphy**

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By the Associated Press.

Representative Dies, Democrat, of Texas and Dingell, Democrat, of Michigan clashed angrily before the House Rules Committee today after Mr. Dingell proposed continuance of the investigation of un-American activities—by a committee other than that headed by Mr. Dies.

The dispute came after Mr. Dingell charged the committee with irresponsibility in allowing a witness before it to "call" Gov. Frank Murphy of Michigan a Communist.

"No one ever charged Murphy with being a Communist," Mr. Dies roared. "Your statement is not true. Will you take it back."

Upon reflection Mr. Dingell said: "Well, you at least allowed that impression to go out and aided in the assassination of the greatest character Michigan ever produced."

Unfairness Charged

Mr. Dingell charged the Dies Committee with unfairness in not calling Mr. Murphy to deny allegations of a committee witness that he was guilty of "treasonable conduct" in his handling of the Michigan automobile sit-down strikes two years ago.

The Rules Committee is considering a resolution to prolong the life of the committee by two years in order to continue its investigations.

Protests reaching the Rules Committee included some from individuals, who said charges had been made against them during the in-

quiry and the Dies Committee had not given them a chance to reply.

"We were begging them to come," Representative Dies asserted.

Representatives Marcantonio, American Labor, of New York, Keller, Democrat, of Illinois and Coffee, Democrat, of Washington formed the spearhead of the group battling the resolution. Representative Marcantonio is president of the International Labor Defense, described by witnesses before the Dies Committee as a Communist Front organization.

Mr. Dies told the Rules Committee that Representative Keller repeated the language of a Communist publication in assailing the investigating committee in a radio speech January 20. Mr. Keller countered:

"I've never seen the Communist publication. I stand right behind every bit of it (the speech). I'm going to hang it right on Mr. Dies' nose."

On every House member's desk today was a memorandum, distributed by the trio, denouncing the Dies Committee. It was signed by 130 lawyers, from 11 cities, but most of them from New York.

The Washington Branch of the American League for Peace and Democracy said Congress should de-

lay an appropriation for the Dies group until "victims" of the committee have had a chance to reply to "loose charges thrown at them."

Labor's Non-Partisan League also asked delay.