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HEARING ON DIES GROWS STORMY

Cox Says Attacks Made Texan a Big Figure.

ASSAILS ICKES'S CRITICISM

Rules Committee Ready to Act on Continuance of Inquiry.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (A. P.).—Representative Cox, Democrat, of Georgia, asserted in a stormy House committee hearing today that Secretary Ickes's criticism of Chairman Dies of the House un-American committee had boomeranged to make the Texas Democrat "an outstanding national figure."

Arguing with Representative Hill, Democrat, of Washington, before the House Rules Committee, Mr. Cox said the Cabinet member "went on the stump to attack Mr. Dies." This, Mr. Cox said, was "perfectly outrageous."

Told by Mr. Hill that he had no right to criticize Secretary Ickes, Mr. Cox flared:

"Why not? He certainly had a right to answer. Whether they meant to or not, they have made Dies an outstanding national figure."

Secretary Ickes once called Representative Dies an "outstanding Zany." They were then disputing the fairness of Mr. Dies's conduct as chairman of the Committee Investigating un-American Activities. The Rules Committee is considering revival of the committee, and House approval of continuing its inquiry was considered a foregone conclusion on Capitol Hill.

Small Group Wages Fight.

Action was likely later today, after a closed session to hear Mr. Dies answer various criticism.

As the Rules Committee was finishing hearings preparatory to floor debate a small group of Representatives was making every effort to prevent a favorable vote.

Representative Keller, Democrat, of Illinois, and Dingell, Democrat, of Michigan, criticized the conduct of the Dies inquiry to the Rules Committee yesterday, contending there were political motives behind the hearings last summer.

Mr. Dingell declared the testimony had blackened the character of Attorney-General Frank Murphy. Mr. Keller said the testimony had defeated Mr. Murphy for re-election as Governor of Michigan and otherwise had assisted the Republican party in Minnesota and California.

Dies Clashes With Witnesses.

Representative Dies clashed frequently with the witnesses, asking them to "keep the record straight" and not repeat hearsay statements.

Two witnesses asked the Dies group "to stand aside" and permit formation of a new committee which would start a new investigation of un-American activities. Mr. Dies indicated his refusal to consider this suggestion, and his work was upheld by several Rules Committee members, including Representative Cox.

"This country is behind the Dies committee. If you don't think so read the thousands of letters of approval pouring in upon it," Mr. Cox told Representative McGranery, Democrat, of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Dies filed application today for admission to practice before the Supreme Court in order to appear February 9 in the case involving deportation proceedings against Joseph G. Strecker of Hot Springs, Ark., because of membership in the Communist party.

The Texan said he desired to submit a brief. Secretary Perkins has said the Supreme Court's decision would determine future steps in deportation proceedings against Harry Bridges, C. I. O. maritime leader. Mr. Dies has demanded that Mr. Bridges be deported.