

LEGISLATORS ROW OVER DIES FUND

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**Hill Declares Texan Isn't
Fit to Conduct Propaganda Inquiry**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (UP).—Members of the House Rules Committee and Congressman-witnesses engaged in bitter and personal wrangles today in a hearing on a resolution to give the Dies Committee \$100,000 to continue its investigations into un-American activities for another year.

Representative Hill (Dem., Wash.) started the row by declaring that Martin Dies (Dem., Tex.), chairman of the investigating committee, who was present, is "not a judicial person" and therefore is not fit to conduct an investigation.

Charges Publicity Stunts

Hill said he considered Dies' speeches attacking Cabinet members publicity stunts. Representative Dempsey (Dem., N. M.) challenged him.

"You're attacking Martin Dies," said Dempsey, "when as a matter of fact the Cabinet members started it."

"I think," said Representative Cox (Dem., Ga.), "it's perfectly outrageous that Cabinet officers took the stump to attack the committee, an agent of Congress."

"They had a right to defend themselves," Chairman Sabath (Dem., Ill.) said.

"The Cabinet members have done one thing," said Cox. "They've made a national figure of Martin Dies."

Clashes With Marcantonio

Representative Marcantonio (A. L., N. Y.), opposing the appropriation, said he realized nothing he could say would change the minds of the Rules Committee, since apparently the Democratic majority had agreed to continue the inquiry.

The statement nettled Cox, who asked Marcantonio:

"Are you a Communist?"

"I'm a member of the American Labor Party," said Marcantonio. "I'm not a Communist and any one who calls me a Communist lies."

"I'm not accusing you," said Cox. "Had I accused you, in view of your statement, I'd have kicked you out of the room."