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The pile of telegrams of protest on the desk of Chairman Adolph Sabath of the Rules Committee from persons who were slandered by Dies and demanding a hearing keeps growing all the time.

Pointing to the heap of papers before him, Sabath, who is vigorously opposing the resolution, said: "I think I have resolutions of protest from 85 per cent of American labor."

**FUND CUT LIKELY**

As a result of the growing opposition to the Dies committee, it is considered likely that several important changes will take place. The 150,000 asked by Dies will probably be cut down to \$100,000 or less, liberal Congressmen may be added, and the scope of the investigation may be more strictly defined.

Even among conservative Congressmen there is now a recognition that the Dies Committee will have to proceed more carefully and with less reckless assault on the reputations of outstanding citizens.

Today's witnesses agreed that the objective of an investigation into un-American activities is laudable but that the personnel of the Committee must be changed if a serious probe is to take place.

Liberals are preparing to rally around a substitute resolution offered by Rep. Keller creating a new committee with 11 members. The increased size is expected to over

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"I'm very much surprised that the Committee did not have before it a real Communist like Earl Browder," he added.

One of the most vigorous and searching attacks on the Committee was launched by Rep. Keller who demanded to know why the Associated Farmers and other reactionary groups were not probed.

Referring to the Associated Farmers, he described it as a "subversive organization, if I ever heard one."

#### WHOSE CASH

Keller demanded to know the names of the 100 people who Dies said had offered to contribute \$5,000 each.

Dies at first offered to open up the files of his Committee, but when Cox and others objected he apparently changed his mind, and no decision was arrived at on this point.

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