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Dies Rejected \$500,000 In Gifts to Inquiry

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (UP). —Rep. Martin Dies (D.-Tex.), chairman of the House Committee which investigated un-American activities, told the House Rules Committee today that his group refused private offers of financial aid amounting to more than \$500,000.

He appeared on behalf of his resolution to continue the committee whose work ended Jan. 3 after expending its funds of \$25,000. Dies sought \$150,000 to finance a two-year inquiry and committeemen have indicated a compromise would be reached giving the committee \$100,000 for one year.

While Dies was discussing restrictions placed on the committee by inadequate funds Rep. John J. Dempsey (D.-N. M.), a rules committeeman who served with Dies in the un-American inquiry, asked:

"Isn't it true that we were offered large sums and isn't it true that we sent back every dollar?"

Dies agreed, adding that there were "100 persons who wanted to contribute \$5,000 apiece and there were dollar and 50 cent contributions from others." He said one WPA worker sent in \$15 and that sum, like the others, was returned.

The Rules Committee agreed to continue hearings tomorrow on the resolution.