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Committee Likely To Approve Fund For Dies Inquiry

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Bitter Debate Marks Hearing as Members Assail Him and Foes

By the United Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Representative Hill (D., Wash.) said today that Chairman Dies (D., Texas) of the House committee which investigated un-American activities was "not a judicial person" and therefore was not fit to direct additional inquiry into the subject.

"He has made himself president of the House Demagogues' Club and he has lived up to it," Mr. Hill told the House Rules Committee, of which Mr. Dies is a member, in opposing a resolution continuing the committee's activities.

Likely to Compromise.

This touched off bitter debate, but members of the committee indicated that they likely would go ahead with their plan to approve a compromise resolution extending the life of the Dies committee one year and give the group \$100,000 for expenses. Mr. Dies asked for two years and \$150,000.

Mr. Hill said he considered Mr. Dies' speeches attacking Cabinet members to be "publicity stunts." Representative Dempsey (D., N. M.) challenged him.

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

"I think," said Representative Cox (D., Ga.), "it's perfectly outrageous that Cabinet officers took the stump to attack the committee, an agent of Congress. The Cabinet members have done one thing. They've made a national figure of Martin Dies."

Marcantonio in Duel.

Representative Marcantonio, (A. L., N. Y.), was dueling with the committee before he had finished his first sentence. By way of preface he said he realized nothing he could say would change the minds of the committee.

"I object," interrupted Representative Delaney (D., N. Y.).

Representative Cox asked Marcantonio:—

"Are you a Communist?"

"I'm a member of the American Labor Party," said Mr. Marcantonio.

"I'm not a Communist, and anyone who calls me a Communist lies."

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

"My contention," said Mr. Marcantonio, "is that the witnesses of the Dies committee were engaged in un-American activities."