Sabath Thinks **Roosevelt** Cool **To Dies Work** Rules Chairman Opposes FurtherInquiry, butMembers Plan Quick Action

From the Herald Tribune Bureau

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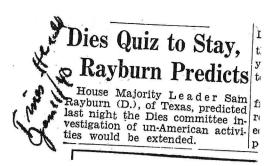
who had talked to him today on the subject. Representative John J. Dempsey, Democrat, of New Mexico, and a member of the committee of which Representative Martin Dies, Demo-crat, of Texas, is chairman, said: "The President is not taking any in-terest in the matter, one way or the other. He doesn't care whether the life of the committee is ended or extended." The New Mexico Con-gressman said that he had been au-thorized by the White House to make this statement. On the other hand, Representative Adolph J. Sabath, Democrat, of Illinois, chairman of the House Rules Committee, came from a conference with the Chief Executive predicting that the resolution continuing the Dies committee would not be taken up by his committee for some time yet. "And I think also the President is

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"And I think also the President is not anxious for any quick action," he added. Mr. Sabath also suggested that any money appropriated for the continuance of the Dies committee would be "money thrown away," he said that he thought the Depart ment of Justice was better equipped to take over the investigation of subversive activities than the Dies The only time mentioned by the rules committee chairman for con-sidering the matter of "clearance" for the Dies committee resolution was "when Dies returns." At present Representative Dies is

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ALBANY MOVE BACKS DIES

Bipartisan Plea Filed for Continuance of Inquiry

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES. ALBANY, Jan. 8-A joint resolu-tion memoralizing Congress to con-tinue the Dies committee for an-other year was offered in the Leg-islature tonight. It was sponsored by Assemblyman Wilson of West-chester, Republican, and Senator McNaboe of New York, Democrat. It declared that the Dies commit-tee had "established by proofs be-fore it that large numbers of indi-viduals are engaged in activities within our borders which are inimi-cal to the safety and security of the government of the United States and the future of our de-mocracy is thus being threatened." A similar resolution was intro-duced last year, but before action was taken on it Congress voted to continue the committee. Assemblyman Burney, Erie Re-publican, reintroduced his demand for the appointment of a commit-tee of the Legislature to investigate un-American activities within the State. Special to THE NEW York TIMES.

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Bridges'Ruling Stirs Congress Repercussions My H-LAN Dempsdy, Burke, Capper Surprised at News Union

Head Is, Not Communist By The Associated Press WASHINGTON, Iec. 30.—The door to possible deportation of Harry Bridges Australian how work

door to possible deportation of Harry Bridges, Australian-born west coast Congress of Industrial Organizations leader, appeared tonight to have been closed by a trial examiner's finding that he is not a Communist, but there were indications that the decision might have repercussions in Congress.

The reaction of legislators already here for the regular session of Congress beginning next Wednesday was varied, but some were frankly in-credulous that Dean James M. Landis, of Harvard Law School, who sat as a special Labor Department examiner in the Bridges case, could have cleared him of any affiliation have cleared him of any affiliation

have cleared him of any affiliation with the Communist party. Representative John J. Dempsey, Democrat, of New Mexico, comment-ed that the House committee in-vestigating un-American activities had "rather conclusive" testimony that Bridges had been a Communist and should be deported. But Senator Edward R. Burke,

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\$500 Apiece for Spies

By the United Press. TOLEDO.—Five hundred dollars a head has been offered here for the capture and conviction of spies and saboteurs by the National Protective League, roganized by a group of Ohio business men and industrialists.