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Dies Lists Communists Gains in California; Special Hollywood Report Held in Abeyance

Washington.—The Dies Committee today considered making public its findings on Communist activities in Hollywood after releasing a report alleging that the California Communist Party emphasized efforts to obtain members in key industries.

The committee made public a document it said was a record of the proceedings of the California convention of the Communist Party, May 14 and 15, 1938, together with a document labeled "resolutions and proposals adopted at Los Angeles County convention, March 27 and 28, 1937."

Make Separate Report

These, it said, were obtained by the committee's West Coast investigators, James Steedman and George Hurley, and "authenticated as true reports of the Communist Party" in California for 1937 and 1938.

The investigators have made a separate report on general Communist activities on the Pacific Coast, which was submitted to Chairman Martin L. Dies, D., Texas, and circulated among mem-

bers. Reported to list about 20 movie stars as present or former Communists, this report may be made public later.

The 1938 convention report listed in the party's presiding committee a "Comrade Germanie" who, the committee said, was Germaine Bulcke, chairman of the California State Fish and Game Commission

Don Healy Named

Also in the presiding committee was a "Comrade Don," who the committee said was Don Healy, president of the California branch of Labor's Non-Partisan League, political affiliate of the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

The report said the party claimed 6,000 members in California, in 1938 and had been driving for 10,000 in 1939. Steedman said he regarded the figure as conservative, since the report was a confidential one prepared for Communist organizers.

In a suggested outline for "building the party in California," the report proposed that Communists seek members in key industries and that the party needed to increase its membership rapidly in all basic industries and large plants.