

# DIES AIMS TO CALL TROTSKY, RIVERA

## Would Question Them About Data Committee Has on Soviet Role in Mexico

### BORDER HEARING IN MIND

#### But State Department Must Permit Witnesses Entry—Plan Is New to Starnes

ORANGE, Texas, Dec. 6 (AP)—A project to have Leon Trotsky and Diego Rivera, Leftist Mexican painter, testify before the House Committee on Un-American Activities about Communist inroads in Latin America was disclosed today by Representative Martin Dies, chairman.

If permission can be obtained from the State Department for Mr. Trotsky to enter the United States, a committee hearing will be held before Jan. 3, probably near the Mexican border.

Mr. Dies's secretary, Robert E. Stripling, said that the hearing would be directed toward authenticating data obtained by committee investigators who have conferred with the exile from Russia and with Mr. Rivera. One document purportedly discloses Soviet instructions to its agents in Mexico aimed at giving all belligerent nations access to Mexico's oil resources.

#### Ruin of the West the Aim

The purpose of this policy, Mr. Stripling suggested, would be to promote the destruction of Western nations through warfare, after which the Stalin government could extend its power. Trotsky and Stalin have been bitter foes for years. The present Soviet dictator exiled his enemy after the death of Lenin.

"We have come into possession of information strongly indicating evidence of Soviet activity in Mexico and other Latin-American countries," Mr. Stripling added.

"The committee has no intention of becoming a sounding-board for Trotsky and his theories, but we know he has access to accurate information on the work of Communists in Mexico and other countries, and the committee hopes to establish the authenticity of the document it has.

"The Communists, our information indicates, are making a concerted effort in Mexico, and their plans to spread from there to other countries seems to constitute a threat to our peace and security."

Mr. Dies is under physicians' orders to rest for thirty days to recuperate from his strenuous work in recent months. The chairman said, however, that he might have to disregard the orders so as to conduct the hearings.

Rivera, whose murals have been received with acclaim and controversy, formerly was on intimate terms with Trotsky. Recent reports have told of a break between them. In Mexico City today, both said that they had not received invitations to testify before the Dies committee.

#### Committee Associates Are Surprised

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 6—Three members of the House Committee to Investigate Un-American Activities expressed surprise today over reports that the chairman, Representative Dies of Texas, planned to question Leon Trotsky, former Commander in Chief of the Russian Red Army.

The only three members of the committee now in Washington are Representatives Starnes, Voorhis and Mason. All of them said that Mr. Dies did not disclose his plans when he left for a vacation in Texas.

A special subcommittee, headed by Mr. Voorhis, was scheduled to meet next week for a hearing here, and it was learned that the expected witness was to be William Dudley Pelley, chief of the Silver Shirts, who has been sought recently by committee investigators. The committee wants to question Mr. Pelley in connection with activities of his organization.

Mr. Voorhis, with Representatives Casey and J. P. Thomas, constitute a subcommittee which was instructed by Mr. Dies to question Mr. Pelley "if and when he is found."

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