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# DIES INQUIRY FOUND FAVORED BY VOTERS

75% of Those Asked in Gallup  
Survey Believe Committee  
Should Be Continued

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SLIGHT DROP IN 6 WEEKS

Criticism by President and  
Mrs. Roosevelt Is Held  
Reason for Decline

Despite recent criticism of the Dies committee by President and Mrs. Roosevelt, resulting in a slight decline in sentiment for continuing the committee, a large majority of voters favor keeping the investigation in operation, according to a survey by the American Institute of Public Opinion.

The results of the survey made public yesterday by the Institute, of which Dr. George Gallup is director, follow:

"At the present time, 75 per cent of those who have an opinion about the investigation think the Dies committee should be continued. The issue put to the voters was: 'Should Congress provide money to continue the Dies committee another year?' Congressman Martin Dies of Texas is seeking an appropriation, when Congress convenes

in January, to extend the investigations into 1940.

"The institute has on two previous occasions sounded the public's attitude toward the Dies committee. A year ago 74 per cent of voters with views on the subject favored continuing the committee.

Six weeks ago 79 per cent with opinions on the investigation were in favor of continuation. In this study it was found that when voters were divided into three groups—those in favor of continuing the committee, those opposed to continuation, and those who had not heard or read of the committee or had no opinion—the group favoring continuation formed a majority, or 53 per cent, of all voters.

"This latter study had just been completed when President Roosevelt criticized the committee, describing as a 'sordid procedure' its publication of the names of 563 government employees seized in the files of the League for Peace and Democracy, an alleged 'front' for the Communist party. The institute announced at the time that it would conduct another survey to test the public's reaction to the criticisms by the President and others.

"A comparison of sentiment before and after the President's remarks follows:

Continue the Dies Committee?	Yes.	No.
Six weeks ago.....	79%	21%
Today .....	75%	25%

"A sharp decline in the number of voters expressing no opinion on the Dies committee is noted in the surveys. A year ago 41 per cent said they had not heard or read of the committee or had no opinion on it, as compared to 28 per cent today."