

Dies Attack on Patriotic U. S. Employees Aids Hitler

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—Martin Dies' attempt to disrupt the war effort received a severe rebuff from the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties yesterday. The organization charged that Dies had made an "unprincipled attack on a group of loyal and hard-working government employees."

The charge followed Dies' red-baiting orgy in the House on Thursday against the Federation and a number of federal employees.

"The false charges which he made do not even merit an answer," Federation officials said. "His attack is a pure and simple retaliation for the documented charges of the Federation that Dies and his Committee have shielded Axis agents, including many of those indicted in 1942 for sedition."

The Federation pointed out that Dies and his Committee jeopardize national unity and delay "the day of victory."

"Only three weeks ago, Attorney-General Biddle reporting on charges made a year ago by Dies, which were investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation at a great expense of time and money, notified Congress that most of the charges 'were clearly unfounded' and 'should never have been submitted for investigation,'" the Federation statement said.

The charge also reiterated Vice-President Wallace's statement that "the effect of them on our morale would be less damaging if Mr. Dies were on the Hitler payroll."