

# Rep. Dies Names Government Employes He Links to Communist Front Organizations

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Representative Dies (Democrat) of Texas charged yesterday that a group of Government employes is operating a Communist front organization in Washington, while similar organizations are being financed by a \$750,000 fund of which an Agriculture Department economist is a trustee.

At the same time Dies accused Attorney General Biddle of having made a "farce" of an investigation of the loyalty of some 1100 Federal workers and urged that a House appropriations committee look into Biddle's handling of the probe.

In a 90-minute speech to the House, Dies, chairman of the committee on un-American activities, named a score of Government officials who, he said, were affiliated with the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties "or its District of Columbia chapter, the Washington Committee for Democratic Action." He added that Biddle, in a memorandum, had found both these to be Communist front organizations, "and on the basis of overwhelming evidence, we concur in the Attorney General's judgment."

## Legacy Provides Funds

As for the financing, Dies declared that the principal source of funds by which Communist front organizations are able to operate today "is the legacy of the late Robert Marshall who, until his death some two years ago, was a high Federal Government official employed in the Department of Interior."

"Robert Marshall, the son of a rich man, left an estate which has been formally valued at \$1,545,070.41," Dies said. "One half of this estate was set aside in the will of the deceased for the promotion and advancement of an economic system in the United States based upon the theory of production for use and not for profit."

Among the trustees of this Robert Marshall foundation, said Dies, is Gardner Jackson, who is a principal economist in the Agriculture Department, at a salary of \$5600 a year.

Dies criticized Attorney General Biddle for failing to add Jackson to the two Government employes who had been dismissed as a result of the Justice Department investigation.

## Other Employes Listed

In addition to Jackson, Representative Dies listed as Government employes who had affiliated with the federation or the Washington Committee for Democratic Action, the following:

Hugh Miller, senior Bituminous Coal Commission attorney, receiving \$4600 a year. (It was said at Miller's office that he was out of town, and is entering the Army on Saturday.)

Alice Barrows, listed as a \$4800 specialist for the Office of Education. (The office of Miss Barrows reported that she had retired from the Government service a month ago, and is now in New York City.)

Harry C. Lamberton, head attorney for the Rural Electrification Administration, at a salary of \$6500. (A telephone inquiry to the REA produced the report that Lamberton had gone with the REA to St. Louis when the agency was shifted there in the Government's decentralization program.)

Jay Deiss, editor and writer for the Federal Security Agency at a salary of \$4600. He was not reached for comment.

Milton V. Freeman, assistant solic-

itor for the Securities Exchange Commission, salary \$6500. (The SEC said Freeman has been transferred to Philadelphia, also in the decentralization program.)

Eugene C. Holmes, \$10-a-day consultant for the Office of War Information.

Teresa Liss, \$2600 statistician for the Office of Price Administration.

Woodrow J. Sandler, former \$3200 attorney for the National Labor Relations Board, on military leave since August 22.

Helen Watman, \$2200 law clerk in the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Merle Vincent, \$7250, director of the Labor Department hearings branch. (It was said that Vincent, too, is now stationed principally out of Washington, and has his office in New York.)

Jackson declined to comment on Dies' statements.

Henry T. Hunt, \$5600 attorney for the Federal Works Agency. (Hunt, answering an inquiry by a Post reporter, observed that he had never been a Communist nor member of an organization advocating overthrow of the Government by force. He served with the A. E. F. in the last war, Hunt said, and recently tried to get back in the Army, but was turned down because he was 64. Both of his sons are now serving with the Navy, Hunt said.)

## NYA Division Director

Mary McLeod Bethune, salary \$6250, director of the Division of Negro Affairs in the National Youth Administration.

George Slaff, Federal Power Commission attorney, salary \$6000. (Slaff declined to comment on Dies' charges.)

A. C. Shire, director of the technical division of the Federal Housing Authority, salary \$7500. (Shire was reported out of town and expected back today.)

E. Franklin Frazier, \$2400 employe in the division of American Negro studies.

Robert Morss Lovett, \$5800, secretary of the Virgin Islands, and now stationed there.

William Pickens, \$5600 securities promotion specialist for the Treasury Department. (Pickens declined to comment.)

Edward Scheunemann, OPA employe.

Dies said that the list included only

those who had publicly affiliated themselves with the Federation of Constitutional Liberties or its Washington Committee for Democratic Action.

## Photostats of Checks

In addition, said Dies, "we assert positively on the basis of the evidence now in our possession that there are now several hundred Federal Government employes affiliated with the Washington Committee for Democratic Action."

Dies also read into the record photostats of checks paid out by the Robert Marshall Foundation before and after the war started to individuals and organizations, and said these amounts were included:

American Guardian, Oklahoma newspaper, \$3000; American Youth Congress, \$10,250; Farm Research, \$2500; Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America, \$22,500; Federated Press, \$3250; Frontier Films, \$6000; Gerald Harris, \$1000; Highlander Folk School, \$2900; International Juridical Association, \$900; Methodist Federation for Social Service, \$500; National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, \$14,250; National Negro Congress, \$10,125; Southern Conference for Human Welfare, \$1500; Southern Negro Youth Congress, \$750; Southern School for Workers, \$2000; U. S. Week, \$6000. Each of these, said Dies, had been "distinctly Communist or pro-Communist in their affiliations and policies."