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Dies Says Spies Got U.S. Secrets In Detroit Plants

Avers Pro-Nazi Reds Plan Sabotage in 'New' Way; Hints at Mass Charges

DETROIT, Nov. 20 (UP).—Representative Martin Dies, Democrat, of Texas, charged today that Nazis and Communists in Detroit's industrial plants had stolen important United States military secrets and are now planning sabotage.

He was here for guarded conferences with his informants, paving the way for hearings to be held here soon by the full Congressional committee on un-American activities. He hinted mass indictments might follow.

Dies, chairman of the committee, said the Russian-German treaty had given his investigation a foothold in the Detroit situation, because disgruntled former Communists agreed to work with the committee, revealing the plans of their former fellow-members and Nazi sympathizers.

"We know that important information gathered in Detroit by Nazi and Communist agents is now across the ocean," Dies said. "We also know that sabotage is being planned. We know that the Nazis and Communists have a new system of sabotage and espionage—instead of using costly paid agents they are relying on party members employed in the various strategic spots."

Dies said he intended to confer with "about ten" of his informants, but refused to reveal their names. He said four or five of them were union members.

In Pittsburgh yesterday Chairman Dies said he was convinced that agents of Europe's totalitarian nations would resort to "sabotage, espionage and labor strife" in the steel district in an effort to halt movement of arms and supplies to allied armies.

Kent Calls Committee "Silly"

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (UP).—Rockwell Kent, noted American artist, today denounced the Dies committee on un-American affairs as "silly" and an "insult to Americans."

In a speech before the District of Columbia chapter of the National Tuberculosis Association he denied charges before the committee that he is a Communist, but stated his faith in a healthy type of radicalism.

Kent drew the design which appears on this year's anti-tuberculosis Christmas seals. Several weeks ago he was called a Communist by a witness before the committee, which he assailed for alleged toleration of careless, ill-founded charges.

"I am an old-fashioned American," he said. "I am impressed by the Declaration of Independence and by the statements of Abraham Lincoln. If to change things as they are—poverty, unemployment, underprivileged—I have to indorse what are called radical measures, it merely means that I am trying to

get as close to the bottom of these things as I can."

He said that many of the organizations enrolled in the fight against tuberculosis have been "indicted" by the committee.

"I am a member of the American League for Peace and Democracy," he continued. "I believe in its program. At its convention in Washington last year I heard not a single thing advanced that any real American would not be for. The A. L. P. D. has been denounced by the committee as a "Communist front."

Kent said that he intends to appear before the Dies committee, which is expected to resume its local hearings in several weeks. "I asked to appear," he said, "and I will be able to take care of myself."

Grossman Makes Quick Resale

After an ownership of several years, Loomis J. Grossman has resold his contract for the purchase of a family apartment house on Second Street, Brooklyn, for \$34,000. The property was owned by Harry Leibowitz, who immediately resold it to Samuel D. Herman in both transactions.

D. B. Lee Named

By a Staff
ALBANY, N. Y.—Herbert H. Ives, special court surrogate, has been named to fill a vacancy in the office of Judge of the Court of Sessions, effective Oct. 17.

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