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DIES SPEAKS HERE TONIGHT

Denies He Is 'll and Says He Will Appear as Scheduled

Representative Martin Dies of Texas, chairman of the House committee investigating un-American activities, telephoned yesterday from Washington to Merwin K. Hart that he was not ill, as had been reported, and would speak tonight at the patriotic "Mass Meeting for America" at Madison Square Garden. Mr. Hart, who is chairman of the meeting's executive committee, received the call at 17 East Forty-second Street, where tickets for the meeting are on sale, as they are at the Garden.

Mr. Hart quoted Mr. Dies as having said: "Although I have been somewhat fatigued, I am feeling fine. I am resting at home in preparation for my address in Madison Square Garden Wednesday night. I am not going to pull any punches in that address."