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CHICAGO, Oct. 3.—Jack Johnstone, chairman of the Communist Party of Illinois, today branded as "wholly false" and as aimed to intimidate labor reports widely publicized in the country's press, that the Dies committee "raided" Communist Party offices here and that records and material were seized.

"These reports are wholly false," Johnstone said. "There have been no raids, though we did have a visit from several United States marshals.

"No material has been seized and no members of the Party were subpoenaed."

Johnstone said the newspaper stories of "raids" on Communist offices "are intended to intimidate Party members and labor groups generally."

He denied emphatically a claim made in a statement by Dies that his work here "had been spurred by the cooperation of Communist

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groups," who gave him information, membership lists and other data.

"No membership lists or any other records have been given to Mr. Dies," Johnstone said.

"The Communist Party has offered no cooperation to Mr. Dies because it regards him as an enemy to American peace and democracy."

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Commenting on stories in the Chicago Times that Dies had come to Chicago to investigate the source of telegrams received by members of Congress protesting against repeal of the arms embargo Johnstone said:

"This is just another attempt by Dies to create a red smoke-screen to shield those who want to get America into war. The telegrams which members of Congress received from Chicagoans were sent by people who want to keep the United States out of war and who want Congress to curb the war-profiteers who have jacked up the cost of living to the tune of 25 per cent here."

The veteran labor leader then asserted that the real purpose of the visit of Martin Dies to Chicago was to terrorize those who want to keep the United States out of this war and who want the government to curb the ear-minded monopolists.

He added that one of the first