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Clashes Enliven Dies' Youth Quiz

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Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—A stormy session of the Dies Committee, with Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt again a spectator, was climaxed today by a sharp clash between Acting



(Associated Press Wirefoto)
Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt again attends Dies Committee hearing. Here she is yesterday, conversing with Joseph Lash, executive secretary of the American Students Union.

Chairman Joseph Starnes and Joseph Cadden, executive secretary of the Youth Congress, which Mrs. Roosevelt has staunchly defended against charges of Communistic control.

Cadden, a witness at yesterday's hearing, became angered when J. B. Matthews, chief Dies Committee investigator, declared that "false testimony" had been presented. Leaping to his feet, Cadden shouted:

"I deny that and here's the record. I can prove it," indicating a brief case he was carrying.

Rebuked by Chairman.

"You be seated," roared Starnes, pounding with his gavel. "I don't want to hear another word out of you."

Cadden sat down. Previously, Starnes had rebuked newsreel men who had turned on their floodlights in the faces of the committee to take pictures of Mrs. Roosevelt.

"Can't you show some respect for this hearing?" he asked.

"Yes," interjected Representative Noah M. Mason (Rep., Ill.). "This is no side show."

Still another incident occurred during the testimony of Joseph Lash, secretary of the American Student Union, and described as a "Socialist turned Communist" by Dr. Henry R. Linville, head of the New York Teachers' Guild.

"Do you, or don't you, believe in the profit system?" Lash was asked.

"Do you?" was his answer.

"You're out of order," Starnes

broke in. "You're here to answer questions, not to ask them."

Throughout all this, the First Lady sat taking copious notes. At the noon adjournment, she invited Cadden and five other Youth Congress witnesses to the White House for luncheon. They drove there in the Presidential car.

Questioned by reporters as to her opinion of the testimony of Cadden and his colleagues, she replied:

"I think that should be left to your judgment."

It was her third visit in two days to the hearing.

"Did you hear anything new?" she was asked.

"No," she replied.

President Roosevelt, while his wife was sitting in at the hearing, was indirectly replying to the challenges of Chairman Martin Dies (Dem., Texas) that the Administration either help his committee's inquiry or take the responsibility for killing it.

Continuance of the Dies Committee, said the President at the White House press conference, is a matter for Congress to decide. Congress has the right to set up a dozen such committees and let them operate simultaneously, if it so desires.

The committee is scheduled to expire Jan. 3. Dies has asked for a year's extension.