

Dies Group Asks Light on Visa Of Mrs. Browder

A Dies subcommittee demanded from the State Department yesterday an explanation of why Mrs. Earl Browder, Russian-born wife of the Communist leader, was granted a visa to enter the United States from Montreal in September.

Representative Costello (D., Calif.), head of the subcommittee of the House Committee on Un-American activities, sent a letter to Secretary Hull after questioning a former department official, Julian Pinkerton, who handled part of the Browder case in Canada.

Costello quoted Pinkerton as saying that Howard H. Brown, chief of the visa division here, telephoned the Montreal office and ordered Vice Consul James Callahan to grant the entry permit.

A deportation order was issued against Mrs. Browder in 1940, on the ground that her entry from Russia in 1933 was illegal. The order was withdrawn last April 5 and the Board of Immigration Appeals granted her permission to leave the country and set up procedure under which she could merely cross the border, get a visa stamp, and come into the United States legally.