

## DIES PROMISES

As quoted by Congressman Celler in debate on resolution continuing committee, Feb. 3, 1939 (Cong. Record P. 1575)

"Firstly, I asked him: 'Are you going to make the same fiery and unbalanced speeches over the radio that you have made heretofore?' His answer was 'No.' I explained that as chairman of the committee he was more like a judge; that it was improper for him to prejudice his witnesses by making intolerant speeches against them. He agreed.

"Secondly, I asked him, 'Are you going to hire a skilful and adroit lawyer to sift fact from fiction, wheat from chaff, and are you going to follow his advice and counsel?' He said 'Yes.' Heretofore he and his committee members have refrained from hiring counsel. They probably did not have money to do so. But many a worthy member of the bar would have been glad to donate his services. A committee of this important character cannot successfully function without the aid of good counsel. Again the gentleman from Texas agreed.

"Thirdly, I asked him, 'Will you continue to allow your committee to be a sounding board for crackpots and professional agitators?' He said he would not.

"Lastly, I asked him, 'In your reports, are you going to come to strained and violent conclusions based on flimsy and insufficient evidence?' He said he would exercise the greatest care and vigilance before making any pronouncements, and that he would be as cautious as possible.

"It must be remembered that the leadership of the House has put its imprimatur of approval on this resolution. It apparently is going to carry overwhelmingly. The gentleman from Texas (Mr. DIES) has been cautioned against intemperate remarks against the administration, and I understand that he has agreed not to attack the administration.

"In the light of these questions and answers and the pledges of Mr. DIES, I am constrained to vote for the resolution, after voting against taking the previous question."