

HOW DIES SPENT THE PEOPLE'S MONEY

The closely guarded secret of the expenditures of the Dies Committee was brought into the open this week by Congressman Vito Marcantonio, president of the International Labor Defense, who revealed for the first time a breakdown of how Chairman Dies spent \$342,000 out of appropriations totalling \$385,000. Members of the Dies Committee themselves have indicated they did not know how the money was spent.

"Breakdown of the expenditures of the Dies Committee over a period of four years, during which time it received \$385,000, reveals the following," Mr. Marcantonio said:

"For salaries, the Committee spent \$225,000;

"On payments to informers, \$4,000;

"For hotel expenses, \$35,000 and probably a little more;

"For transportation, \$45,000 is shown clearly;

"For telephone and telegraph, something over \$18,000 was spent;

"For rent only of branch offices, \$15,000.

"This accounts for at least \$342,000, leaving \$43,000 unaccounted for. In addition it should be remembered that printing for the Committee, estimated conservatively at between \$65,000 and \$75,000, was paid for by the government outside of and in addition to the formal appropriations.

"These figures, never revealed before, I am now making public because I believe the country should know just how this money, which could have been spent on bombers, was squandered by the Committee, and how it may be expected to spend the \$110,000 which has just been appropriated for its use during the next eight months.

"It should be remembered that the high flower of this lavish spending was the famous so-called 'Yellow Book', which, as I showed on the floor of Congress, was the greatest aggregation of reprints awkwardly put together that was ever advanced as an original contribution to knowledge."