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WATCH OUT FOR MARTIN DIES

The re-election of Martin Dies to Congress seems to be assured today. Time for filing designations of candidates has passed in Texas with no one filing against him. Now watch out for Martin Dies in the elections on a national scale. Signs point to large-scale intervention by his committee on behalf of all appeaser candidates.

\$110,000 might not be such a big sum for a nationwide campaign fund under ordinary circumstances. But \$110,000 with the power to subpoena witnesses, with the power to hold public hearings, with the power to issue irresponsible but official statements from Washington in the name of a Congressional Committee—is a very big sum. And that is what Martin Dies has.

Win-the-war elements all over the country must be ready to smack back at Dies wherever, whenever, he strikes. Every announcement he and his committee has made since receiving the new appropriation points directly to intensive red-baiting (of the variety that defeated Governor Murphy for re-election) and union-baiting.

No doubt Dies and company will make the greatest use of Attorney General Biddle's outrageous decision in the Harry Bridges case. Already the Dies-supporting newspapers are using it as the basis for a red-baiting, pro-axis crusade.