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Move to 'Obliterate' Congress Charged by Dies Committee

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Union for Democratic
Action Is Accused of
Engineering Campaign

By the Associated Press.

The Dies committee charged in a special report today that the Union for Democratic Action, which it identified as a Communist organization, had engineered a campaign "to obliterate the Congress of the United States as a co-equal and independent branch of our Government."

"If this movement ever reaches its fulfillment in the Nazification of the American Government, we shall find ourselves bearing a striking resemblance to the hateful thing against which we are now mobilizing our total resources," the committee said.

The comparatively brief report, made public by Representative Starnes, Democrat, of Alabama in Chairman Dies' absence, said the issue in America "is not the restoration, but the preservation of the political institutions of freemen."

"This issue," the committee declared, "compels us to take cognizance of a widespread movement to discredit the legislative branch of our Government," and, "simply stated, is whether the Congress of the United States shall be the reality or the relic of American democracy."

The committee described the Union for Democratic Action as an organization "composed chiefly of individuals who have been a significant part of the interlocking directorate of the Communist movement in the United States."