

See Dies Committee Periling War Strategy

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It has become a matter of urgent military, as well as political, necessity that the Dies Committee be squelched and driven out of public life. Unless the Dies Committee is put out of business the United States goes into its most crucial phase of the war with a serious danger of a Fifth Column stabbing it in the back.

The Dies Committee attack upon the election activities of win-the-war forces is unquestionably connected with Hitler's offensive against our allies, Britain and the Soviet Union.

This is how it shapes up:

Rommel's victories in Libya have given Hitler the opportunity to smash forward quickly, IF the Fifth Column in the democratic countries can somehow delay, sabotage, or block the opening of a Second Front.

A NAZI STRATEGY

Hitler needs a strong defeatist, anti-Second Front clique in the U. S. Congress if his strategy is to succeed.

The Dies Committee is the gathering point of every anti-Second Front pro-fascist group in the country.

The Dies Committee is working with might and main to prevent the American people from exercising their right—their duty—of cleaning the appeasers out of Congress.

The Dies Committee attack is therefore a long-range conspiracy looking forward to the Fall and Winter with the idea that the military situation will be so gloomy for the United Nations (that's what the appeasers hope) that a Munich-minded Congressional group led by American Laval and Quislings, might then start a political uprising for a "negotiated peace" with Hitler and Japan.

This would be the signal for the advance of American Hitlerism to power, as it was the signal for

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traitorous French fascism in 1941.

The sneering attack by the Dies Committee upon such institutions as Time Magazine, PM, the Union for Democratic Action, and the New Republic, for daring to spotlight the careers of Congressmen is a gauntlet flung down to the Administration and the pro-victory camp.

IT'S NOW OR NEVER

There can be no escape from this latest challenge of Martin Dies and his gang.

Either the progressives, liberals, and trade unionists of the United States decided to take a stand "once and for all" as Mrs. Roosevelt has just said.

Or the win-the-war forces of this

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country will find themselves prisoners of the most unscrupulous band of Quislings and Lavals operating within our borders.

This is the political reality which the latest victims of the Dies Committee attacks must grasp. The pathetically futile tactic of "answering" Martin Dies by grovelling at his feet with new "evidence" to prove that he has also been "cursing" the Communists was never more devastatingly exposed than in Dies' latest move.

Dr. Frank Kingdon of the Union for Democratic Action has rushed to the Dies Committee with a "plea" for a "hearing" where he will prove that he has been an enemy of the Communists. Dr. Kingdon, whose Committee has done a public service by publicizing the antics of the Congressional appeasers, writes to the appeaser, Rep. Starnes of the Dies Committee, pleading for the right to prove that he and his associates are only "liberal anti-fas-

cists" and not "ccmmunists."

To buttress his plea, Dr. Kingdon flings a gratuitous insult at the Soviet Union by calling it "Hitler's ally" during the non-aggression pact year of 1940-1 when the Soviet Union balked the Munich deal, and gained two years for itself and the United States to strengthen their forces against the Axis.

Has it not occurred to Dr. Kingdon that he is pleading for mercy at the hands of one of the very Congressmen whom he has correctly appraised as unfit to hold office in the U. S. Congress?

Has it not occurred to him that it is as useful to preach to the Dies Committee gang the difference between a "liberal anti-fascist and a Communist" as it would be to plead with Hitler or Goebbels on the same basis?

To the Fascist mentality every democrat, every progressive, even every fascist who does not follow the Hitler decisions to the last detail, is a "Communist."

Has it not yet dawned upon Dr.

Kingdon that he will NEVER convince Dies that he is not a "Communist" so long as Dr. Kingdon exercises his democratic rights to support the Roosevelt Government in winning the war?

For it is not "communism," as Hitler says, that is at stake here.

It is the war to crush Hitler which the Dies Committee is seeking to hamper with its disruptive propaganda borrowed from the standard repertory of the Hitlers, Lavals and Quislings of Europe.

The honest American liberals who are battling the good fight to crush Hitler seriously weaken their own fight and the common cause every day that they hesitate to sweep aside "once and for all" the Fascist concept that Communists are criminals who are a "menace" to the nation.

It is time to begin a truly national, determined campaign of all win-the-war Americans to expose and rout the Dies Committee out of public life as a very real menace to America's drive for victory.