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Investigation by the Dies House Committee of its own so-called "acc" investigator, Edward F. Sullivan, was demanded today by Labor's Non-Partisan League.

E. L. Oliver, Executive Vice-President of the League, informed Chairman Dies that the League has received extensive evidence that Sullivan has himself taken an active part in subversive and Un-American activities which the committee is presumed to be investigating.

The League executive charged, in a letter to Mr. Dies, that the committee proceedings have slandered many respectable citizens and are reflecting on the whole process of Congressional inquiries.

Intimating the House Committee itself may have been misled by its investigators, Mr. Oliver urged it to search the record of Sullivan, who, it is understood is being released by the committee. The League will cooperate in this inquiry, Mr. Oliver added, by turning over to the committee the information in its possession relating to Sullivan.

The letter to Chairman Dies follows:

"Hearings before the Dies Committee have degenerated to the point where they have become a national scandal. Not only have these hearings gravely discredited the members of your Committee and its staff, but they have reflected in no small degree upon the whole process of Congressional investigation. No patriotic American, with any respect for his country or its government, can contemplate a continuation of this type of activity by your Committee without strong resentment.

"Feeling certain that it was not by deliberate wish of the members of this committee that its hearings have sunk to the level of a sounding board for slander, and believing that those members must share with every decent American citizen the feeling of revulsion against the type of publicity emanating from the committee room, I hope these congressmen will make a determined effort to redeem themselves in the eyes of the American public.

To that end, I suggest that you begin immediately an investigation of those responsible for the low estate to which your proceedings have fallen. In particular, your Committee might well employ some reputable investigators, and search the record of the man who has been called your "acc" investigator, Mr. Edward F. Sullivan. Although your discharge of this man constitutes a partial repudiation of his work, it is by no means sufficient to compensate for the injury he has done through your Committee.

"Labor's Non-Partisan League has received, from a wide variety of sources, information which indicates that such an investigation will be in truth dealing with subversive activities. That information will be compiled, and forwarded to your Committee within the next day or two, in the belief that you, and they, will desire to right the serious wrongs already done to many reputable Americans."

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