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Komintern in USA.

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Joseph Goebbels' personal magazine, *Contra Komintern*, thought a lot of the Dies Committee. Several pages of the January, 1939 issue were devoted to praising and reprinting the testimony of J. B. Matthews who later became the Dies Committee's research director. At top (right) is the cover of the magazine. Sections of the magazine (above facsimile, reduced) show frequent mention of the Dies Committee.

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No wonder the leaders of the fifth column liked Dies. He concentrated all of his fire against the anti-fascist forces, against the trade unions, the New Deal and the Communist Party; and he systematically shielded the Nazis and their friends.

The Viereck propaganda mill operated right under Dies' nose in Rep. Hamilton Fish's office, but the Congressman from Texas somehow could never find it. Nor did he ever expose the scurrilous little pro-Nazi sheets like the Galilean, the Beacon Light and X-Ray which are now under investigation by a special Grand Jury, and some of which have already been banned from the mails.

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And most important of all, the people of his district have been getting more than a little disturbed about the repeated and persistent charges that their Congressman is using his position as head of a House Committee to aid the Axis in its propaganda against the United States.

Dies has had the support of every anti-Semitic and pro-Nazi organization in the country ever since his committee got started functioning in the summer of 1938.

When the Dies Committee was due to get its second appropriation, Fritz Kuhn, leader of the Nazi German-American Bund, said that it was "in favor of it to be appointed again, and I wish them to get more money."

William Dudley Pelley said that he founded his fascist Silver Shirt Legion to propagate the exact same principles that Mr. Dies and this

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Dies' greatest bulwark in his frantic effort to stave off defeat will, of course, be the poll tax. Most of the people in his district can't vote. About 70,000 Negroes are disenfranchised.

But even with the assistance of the poll tax, Dies is by no means sure of victory. He ran fourth, in a field of four, in his race for the Senate last June, and this was seen as an important indication that he has begun to slip badly.

Although no candidate has as yet declared against Dies, it is considered a foregone conclusion that he will have opposition in the July 25 primary. And the opponent of Dr. Goebbels' favorite American is certain to get substantial support from the people of the second district.

(This series will be concluded in *The Worker* tomorrow.)

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STAY OUT OF WAR
Address of Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy at Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, Ga.
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AMERICA AND THE WAR—TERMS FOR LASTING PEACE
SPEECH OF HON. JOHN E. RANKIN of Mississippi IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Monday, May 24, 1941

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