

Unionists Protest Dies' Move to Gag 'Worker'

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Protests against the attempt of Representative Martin Dies to gag the Daily Worker were expressed yesterday by the executive secretary of the National Lawyers' Guild and by heads of two large CIO unions. The news that Dies had written Speaker Sam Rayburn of the House of Representatives, asking that the Washington representative of the Daily Worker be barred from the House press gallery because of his exposures of Dies' connections with subversive organizations, caused

indignation in New York labor and progressive circles.

Expressions in opposition to Dies' attempted move included: From Robert Silberstein, Ex. Secretary New York Chapter National Lawyers Guild: "... if the charges are true, a service has been rendered to the House and they should be investigated. . . . It is notable that Congressman Dies' Committee failed to investigate the most notorious of those indicted under our sedition and espionage laws."

The men "Who Keep Them Sailing," the seamen who fight Hitler's subs and are losing their lives daily to carry vital war supplies to our fighting allies, are enraged, too, over this latest fascist manipulation of Martin Dies.

Frederick N. Meyers, Vice President of National Maritime Union said: "The attempt of Martin Dies to gag Adam Lapin, Daily Worker Washington Correspondent is an

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Dies' Record

Martin Dies is trying to have Adam Lapin, Washington Daily Worker correspondent thrown out of the Press Gallery in Congress on the basis of a telegram sent to Lapin by Louis F. Budenz, managing editor of the Daily Worker.

The telegram said in part: "Biggest story of day is indictment of 28 seditionists. . . . Get up story clearly showing the nature of indictment. . . . Bring in Dies' name with these people."

It was certainly not strange for an editor to ask that Dies' name be brought in with these people because Dies IS connected with them as everyone knows.

Martin Dies' past activities prove conclusively that he was linked up with many of the 28 and actively worked hand-in-hand with other pro-Axis forces operating in this country.

For example:

1—Dies acted as a recruiting agent for the pro-fascist organization, "Coalition of Patriotic Societies."

2—Dies had in his employ Miss Hazel Hoffman, formerly employed by Joseph P. Kamp, close friend of Christian Front and Bund leaders.

3—Dies openly declared on the floor of Congress that he would not investigate Christian Front leader Coughlin.

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old Hitler trick. Dies certainly learned well his fascist-like assaults on the freedom of the press. That's the way Hitler came to power, by suppressing the people's newspapers."

Lewis Merrill, president of the United Office and Professional Workers, hit out at fascist-minded Dies, too.

"Obviously Martin Dies' attempt to have the Daily Worker correspondent barred from the press box in Congress is dictated by his fear that his attempts to obstruct the war effort and support of pro-fascist forces in this country will be further exposed," Merrill said. He pointed out that "the record of the Daily Worker in its support of the administration and the united war effort is well known. It is performing a real service in exposing the dangerous activities of such appeaser-minded legislator as Martin Dies."