

Concerning the Dies Investigation of Winrod

A few days after a certain document signed by nine ministers was released demanding that the Dies Committee investigate Winrod, a long distance call was received by the Defender Publishers.

The call was from Newton, Kansas, and Mr. C. H. Willms, manager of the Herald Publishing Company, the printers of The Defender Magazine, was on the wire. Mr. Willms said in substance that a government investigator who was sent by the Dies Committee from Washington was in his office demanding to see their books and records of Winrod's account.

Immediately, Winrod conferred with an attorney who advised against showing the investigator anything. Meanwhile, Winrod placed a long distance to Rev. Harry H. Hodge in Beaumont, Texas, who is the pastor of the church frequently attended by Mr. Dies when at home. It developed that Mr. Dies had heard Winrod on several occasions when in Beaumont on speaking engagements.

Mr. Winrod suggested to Mr. Hodge to immediately wire Martin Dies and advise him that he was making a mistake, and to recall at once his agent who was in Newton, Kansas, trying to investigate his business affairs.

Accordingly, Mr. Hodge wired Martin Dies at Washington. In turn Mr. Dies recalled his representative in Newton, who immediately returned to Washington.

The next day, Mr. Winrod placed a long distance call to Mr. Dies in Washington, and thanked him for his favor.

The above facts as far as I know are true in every respect.