

Dies Body Finds Plot Against Congress

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The Dies Committee charged in a special report yesterday that the Union for Democratic Action, which it identified as a Communist organization, had engineered a campaign "to obliterate the Congress of the United States as a co-equal and independent branch of our Government.

"If this movement ever reaches its fulfillment in the Nazification of the American Government, we shall find ourselves bearing a striking resemblance to the hateful thing against which we are now mobilizing our total resources," the committee said.

The committee, created several years ago by the House of Representatives to investigate un-American activities, is headed by Representative Martin Dies (Democrat), of Texas.

The comparatively brief report, made public by Representative Starnes (Democrat), of Alabama, in Dies' absence, said the issue in America "is not the restoration but the preservation of the political insituations of free men."

"This issue," the committee de-

clared, "compels us to take cognizance of a widespread movement to discredit the legislative branch of our Government," and, "simply stated, is whether the Congress of the United States shall be the reality or the relic of American democracy."

The committee described the Union for Democratic Action as an organization "composed chiefly of individuals who have been a significant part of the interlocking directorate of the Communist movement in the United States."

In New York, Dr. Frank Kingdon, president of the Union for Democratic Action, declared it was an "unadulterated lie" to call the organization a Communist front organization and "equally a lie" to say that the group sought to obliterate Congress.

Declaring that he was chairman of the New York Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies and chairman of the New York committee of The Fight for Freedom Committee and that his associates in the U. D. A. had supported the war fully before and during the Hitler-Stalin Pact, Dr. Kingdon said the U. D. A. was "for a Congress that will win the war."

"We are opposed to appeasers, anti-Democrats, anti-Semites and all the paid agents of reaction," he added. "We are opposed to them everywhere, including Congress."

He charged that the Dies report contained "blatant falsehoods" put out by the committee with the people's money "for the public discrediting of every American citizen who dares to take a liberal and truly democratic position on any public issue."