

Youth Parley Calls for End Of Dies Probe

Will Circulate Nation- wide Petition to Stop Witch-Hunt

Denouncing the Dies Committee for "provoking war hysteria with witch-hunting methods," the National Assembly of the American Youth Congress called yesterday upon its thousands of members to circulate a petition, drawn up by the assembly, throughout the nation's schools and YMCA's, calling upon Congress to disband the inquisition-committee as a threat to democracy.

The National Assembly of the American Youth Congress is composed of representatives of all co-operating organizations. At the meeting where the petition was drawn up, 35 such organizations, plus 12 local Youth Councils, were represented.

The petition now being circulated is addressed to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Congress of the United States, and reads:

"Whereas, the American Youth Congress is pledged—as stated in

its Creed (see other side) to work for the maintenance of civil rights, guaranteed in the Constitution of the United States:

"Whereas the Dies Committee threatens these civil rights by
"—attempts to discredit trade unions and other progressive American organizations under the cloak of a drive against "foreign agents";

"—misuse of Congressional power—intimidating members and staffs of such organizations, seizing records improperly and serving faulty subpoenas;

"—conduct of un-American and unjust hearings, acceptance of hearsay, slander and surmise instead of evidence and

"—provoking a war hysteria with witchhunting methods;

"Whereas such conduct on the part of the Dies Committee tends to discredit the work of all other Congressional committees and weaken public confidence in the functioning of democracy;

"Resolved that we the undersigned, urge that the Dies Committee be discontinued immediately.

"Resolved, also, that we support careful, constructive investigation of activities detrimental to American democracy, and urge public support and Congressional appropriation for the LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee."