

Stop Dies, Auto Union Leader Urges Nation

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DETROIT, Nov. 12.—R. J. Thomas, President of the CIO United Automobile Workers of America today urged all members of that union, and all progressive persons in the nation to write their Congressmen and Senators demanding no further appropriations for the Dies Committee.

Thomas condemned the witch-hunt committee as a spearhead for the "vested interests who are attempting to drag this country into the imperialist war."

His statement follows:

"The United States Congressional Dies Committee is one of the most dangerous enemies of democracy today. Its attacks upon the trade union movement, progressive organizations, and civil liberties are a most important aid to the vested interests who are attempting to drag this country into the imperialist war.

"The tactics of the Dies Committee are not such as to make it hold the respect of the American people. It has used outcasts of society—criminals and stool-pigeons who can obtain no hearing elsewhere—to smear citizens who have made great contributions to the American people.

"At this time the Dies Committee is attempting to obtain additional funds to carry on its equivocal activities.

"I urge all members of the trade union movement—especially members of the UAW-CIO—and all progressive people to write their Congressmen and Senators urging them to vote against any further appropriations for the Dies Committee."