

Prosecution Charges LaFollette 'Red'

SAN FRANCISCO.—United States Senator Robert LaFollette, chairman of the senate civil liberties committee which has exposed anti-labor activities of many of the nation's corporations, was last week accused of "communistic" leanings by the chief prosecutor in the case against Harry Bridges.

Defense Attorney Gladstein requested Presiding Judge Sears to subpoena the LaFollette committee's evidence of Ezra Chase's labor spy reports to Capt. "Red" Hynes of the Los Angeles anti-labor detail.

The judge doubted his authority to issue a subpoena.

Gladstein suggested that he write LaFollette, requesting the evidence. Chief Prosecutor Del Guercio said:

"Why don't you write a letter, Mr. Gladstein?"

Gladstein countered that while LaFollette might not grant the request of a private citizen, he would pay heed to Sears' request. Del Guercio spoke to Gladstein again.

"He will if you write on the proper letterhead."

"What kind of letterhead are you referring to?" Gladstein asked.

"The letterhead of the Communist party!" was Del Guercio's reply.

In amazement Gladstein demanded: "Do you mean to suggest that if a letter on the letterhead of the Communist party was sent to Senator LaFollette, you charge that Senator LaFollette would comply with that request?"

"That's exactly what I mean," snapped the prosecutor.

Urges Action

WASHINGTON, D. C.—All CIO national and international unions were urged by President Philip Murray this week to write at once to all members of Congress asking them to defeat HR 4139, the Vinson bill that places severe restrictions on the right to strike and other union activities.