

How Dies Wasted

That Money Could

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Rep. Vito Marcantonio, president of the International Labor Defense, yesterday made public a "breakdown" of the way the Dies Committee spent its \$385,000 in government funds and charged that at least \$43,000 is "unaccounted for."

A check of the Dies accounts, Marcantonio said, lists items and expenses to account for \$342,000. Members of the committee, he said, have indicated that they do not know how the remainder of the money was spent.

Marcantonio submitted the following breakdown covering the four years of the notorious committee's existence:

"For salaries, the Committee spent \$225,000;

\$385,000 of Your Funds

Have Bought at Least 6 U.S. Bombers

"On payments to informers, \$4,000;

"For hotel expenses, \$35,000 and probably a little more;

"For transportation, \$45,000 is shown clearly;

"For telephone and telegraph, something over \$18,000 was spent;

"For rent only of branch offices, \$15,000.

"This accounts for at least \$342,000, leaving \$43,000 unaccounted for."

Marcantonio added:

"In addition it should be remembered that printing for the Committee, estimated conservatively at between \$65,000 and \$75,000, was paid for by the government out-

side of and in addition to the formal appropriations.

"These figures, never revealed before, I am now making public because I believe the country should know just how this money, which could have been spent on bombers, was squandered by the Committee, and how it may be expected to spend the \$110,000 which has just been appropriated for its use during the next eight months.

"It should be remembered that the high flower of this lavish spending was the famous so-called 'Yellow Book,' which, as I showed on the floor of Congress was the greatest aggregation of reprints awkwardly put together that was ever advanced as an original contribution to knowledge."