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Official Sues Dies For Linking Him To Communists

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David B. Vaughn, chief of the administrative management division of the Board of Economic Welfare, filed suit against Representative Martin Dies in the District Court yesterday, asking \$75,000 damages because Dies called him a Communist affiliate and tried to get Vice President Wallace to fire him.

Vaughn's complaint was filed by Attorneys Spencer Gordon and Charles A. Horsky of the firm of Covington, Burling, Rublee, Acheson and Shorb.

Dies wrote the Vice President a letter, on March 28, on the stationary of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, of which Dies is chairman. This letter said 35 officials of the Board of Economic Welfare "have public records which show affiliation with front organizations of the Communist Party."

The Dies letter, Vaughn said, had exposed him to contempt and ridicule and compromised the good reputation he had enjoyed since he was born in Kentucky in 1910.