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DIES SHOWS WEAK SPOT

It's quite impossible now to talk about Martin Dies and his un-American Committee without talking also about the 28 domestic fascists indicted a couple of weeks ago. His attack on Adam Lapin, Washington correspondent of the "Daily Worker" highlights the connection. Dies wants Lapin removed from the press gallery of Congress because he has been pointing out (in common with numerous other daily newspapers throughout the country) the obvious connection between the Texas representative, his un-American Committee, and a quorum of the 28.

In doing so, Dies is exposing himself pretty thoroughly. The indictment of the 28 has hit straight home. Dies attacks the correspondent of the Daily Worker because he thinks that by attacking him instead of the correspondents of the St. Louis Post Dispatch, and other papers that have carried essentially the same information, he can protect himself with a red smoke-screen.

Watch for new red-baiting reports now being prepared by Dies. He's lost a lot of newspaper support, and is reported planning to recoup with smears of organizations he may think less protected than some of his recent victims.

This week's tabulation on daily newspaper editorials on Dies brings the score (up to July 26 and since June 25) to: 25 supporting him, 88 attacking him, and five merely commenting.