

*League and Dies Argue
On Who Is Un-American
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Charge of 'Communist Front'
Brings Sharp Reply*

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6 (AP)—The League for Peace and Democracy, Washington branch, and the House committee investigating un-American activities exchanged a hot round of criticism today about who was being "un-American."

When the committee convened, Representative Martin Dies, Democrat, of Texas, whipped out a league statement adopted at a meeting here last night and read excerpts. One of these alleged that the committee, through its past inquiries into the league, was seeking to "brand as un-American the progressive policies and the social objectives of the New Deal, which the American League supports."

Mr. Dies observed that this charge was just a reaction to the committee's assertion that the league was a "Communist-front organization."

The league, on the other hand, reported that committee agents recently had "raided" its offices looking for membership records and said this was using "un-American tactics."

Mr. Dies indicated that what the committee was interested in was finding out government employees who belonged to the organization. He said many had carried their memberships for a long time despite the committee's warnings about the league being "dominated by the Communist party."

"The continuance by these government employees of their affiliations with Communist-front organizations," the chairman said, "and their attributing of ulterior motives to the committee raises to the chair's mind a serious view as to what the motives of these government employees are in continuing their affiliations with the Communist party."