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Costigan Pillories Attacks On Liberty Assails Persecution of Government Employees as Anti-Democratic

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SEATTLE, Oct. 29.—Howard Costigan, Executive Secretary of the Washington Commonwealth Federation, yesterday delivered a stinging rebuke to Dies for the unwarranted attack on government employees and other liberals in a telegram.

"As a vice-president of the American League for Peace and Democracy, I challenge you to reveal the motives behind your unwarranted attack on leading New Deal officials whose sincere desire to protect democracy and peace led them to join with persons of all political beliefs in an organization dedicated to that laudable end," the telegram read.

"I am not a Communist but if Communists are the most active forces in leading American peace organizations, it is alarming only in the sense that there should be more members of the Democratic and Republican parties represented.

"It is to the credit of the 563 government employees whom you pilloried, that they did not allow the fact that even Communists favor peace, or the publicity lash of your committee, to turn them into warmongers.

DIES TRUE AIMS EXPOSED

"Your effort to block New Deal reforms and smear with a red brush those who will not be cowed by your sordid, un-American methods has at last over-reached itself and exposed your true aims—the destruction not of the Reds but of progressive government in 1940.

"Your hatred of the New Deal is most evident in your failure to even consider documentary evidence published by the Washington New Dealer, revealing that the anti-New Deal Senator, Edward R. Burke, of Nebraska, was a member of the pro-fascist Khaki Shirts at a time when its leaders admit planning an armed march on Washington, D. S., to set up a military dictatorship.

"As an American of pre-Revolutionary stock; as a member of the Democratic Party proud of his association with New Dealers in the American League for Peace and Democracy, I suggest that you stop confusing our Bill of Rights with Hitler's 'Mein Kampf' and immediately launch an investigation of your investigators."