

# Dies Committee 'Discredited' Pittsburgh Minister Says

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PITTSBURGH, Nov. 21 (UP).—The Dies Committee investigating Un-American Activities has “discredited” its inquiry by substituting “hearsay” for “objectivity.” Rev. L. M. Dirkhead, national director of the Friends of Democracy, said today.

Although the Congressional Committee has had a “grand opportunity” to make the American people aware of anti-democratic and subversive activities in this country, the committee “is pushed about by political and personal considerations,” Rev. Dirkhead said.

The Dies Committee doesn't investigate Father Charles Coughlin and Gerald B. Winrod, defeated in Kansas last year as a U. S. Senatorial candidate, because “personal and political considerations are involved,” Rev. Dirkhead charged.

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