

NMU Asks Congress Put An End To Dies Attack On Unions

NEW YORK—Withhold additional funds for the Dies Committee and stop its "unprincipled attacks on labor," our Union urged this week in a letter mailed to every member of Congress.

We proposed that if any more money is appropriated for discovering un-American activities, it be given to the Senate Civil Liberties Committee, headed by Senator LaFollette.

"The same amount of money made available to the LaFollette Committee," the letter says, "would be used to uncover violations of the Wagner Act and attacks on our civil liberties. These are the un-American activities."

The so-called Dies investigation is actually part of an anti-union campaign by "labor-hating employers," the letter implies.

Our own experience is cited, backed up by our pamphlet "Labor Spies In The NMU," which was enclosed with each letter.

The case of William McCuistion, shipowner stooge and disrupter, is indicative of a connection between the Dies Committee and anti-union employers.

Wanted by the police of New York and New Orleans for the Carey murder case, McCuistion suddenly popped up as a witness for Dies.

"Someone working for the Dies Committee knew exactly where McCuistion was hiding," the letter charges.

And when McCuistion was arrested, "Dies and (Rep.) Starnes competed with each other in rising to his defense and in attacking law enforcement agencies who did their sworn duty by arresting him."