

Dismissal of Investigator For Dies Group Is Urged

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The Rev. J. P. Jones Asks Use
of 'Eminent Lawyer'

The Rev. John Paul Jones, minister of the Presbyterian Union Church of Bay Ridge, Ridge Boulevard and Eightieth Street, Brooklyn, said yesterday that the Dies Committee investigating un-American activities should dismiss J. B. Matthews its chief investigator, and employ in his stead "an eminent lawyer" who has "never compromised his character." Mr. Jones said that Mr. Matthews, as a former "fellow traveler" with the Communists, at one time "made dishonesty an article of his creed." Mr. Jones contended that Mr. Matthews "is still ready to sacrifice the truth" and pointed to his attack upon consumer organizations, among them the Committee Against Japanese Aggression.

"I still laud the purpose of the Dies committee," Mr. Jones emphasized. "If there are Communists boring from within let them be brought out in the open and turned over to the courts for proper handling. The same for Fascists and all others who besmirch American ideals." However, he said, Congress and its committees have no right to inquire into the "beliefs of citizens."

"I for one would like to see it investigate the Coughlin racket," he said. "I should like to see a thorough exposition of the activities of the priest who with his right hand strikes at Wall Street and with his left hand plays the silver market; who talks about social justice, and at the same time inspires race and religious hatred."

"I should like also to see an investigation of the way vigilante ruffians have persecuted homeless share croppers. I should like to see an exposition of the Ku-Klux Klan which is being revived again."