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**Enemy Agents
Peril Son--Dies**
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**Probe To Be Shifted
To Shield Witnesses**

ORANGE, Tex., May 3 (U.P.). Chairman Martin Dies of the House committee investigating un-American activities revealed today that one of his sons had been "endangered" by enemy agents, and that he plans to change the location of secret committee hearings because witnesses had "feared reprisals."

Dies said his son had been trailed at Washington, D. C., by enemy agents who intended "either to kill or kidnap him."

He said the secret hearings, through which the committee hopes to obtain indictments against a number of individuals and heads of subversive organizations, would be moved from his Jasper (Texas) farm home.

"Fear of reprisals and disclosure of their identities have made it difficult for us to obtain witnesses and informers," Dies said. "Publicity attendant on hearings in big cities made it impossible for us to keep pledges of secrecy concerning names and statements of witnesses."