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Barry Appeals For Dies Aid

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Rep. William B. Barry (D., Queens), isolationist who twice appeared on speaking platforms with Laura Ingalls, convicted Nazi agent, asked the Dies Committee Thursday to investigate the Union for Democratic Action, which is leading the fight to prevent his re-election.

Barry, who has voted against virtually every part of the Administration's defense program, smeared the Union with thick gobs of Communist paint in his letter to Rep. Martin Ries (D., Tex.), whom he addressed as "my dear colleague."

Angry at the Union for stirring up Queens voters against him, Barry told Dies he is suing it, the *New Republic* and *Time* to the tune of \$100,000, charging libel.

"In my opinion," Barry wrote, "the tactics of the Union for Democratic Action can only result in dividing this Nation as France was divided before it fell. The union for Democratic Action is now accomplishing what Hitler, Musolini and Hirohito failed to do. They are inciting Americans to fight among themselves in the face of the enemy."

James Loeb, Jr., executive secretary of the Union, pointed out that Barry was following the "smear" tactics against his organization which the leading isolationist newspapers, the *Washington Times-Herald* and the *Chicago Tribune*, used last week. He said he tried to get in touch with the Dies Committee in Washington last week to ask for an investigation so that the Union, once and for all, could be cleared of Communist-front charges.

Loeb also pointed out that the Union, when it was formed in April, 1941, was praised by the *New York Times* and condemned by the *Communist Daily Worker*.