

17,000 Nazi Sympathizers Listed by Dies

By the Associated Press

Chairman Dies (Democrat) of Texas, of the special House Committee on un-American Activities, sent to President Roosevelt yesterday a document which he said disclosed efforts of the German high command to establish a "huge sabotage ring" with headquarters at Chicago.

Simultaneously, he submitted a list of approximately 17,000 names of persons who, he said, "have been members of or otherwise sympathetically affiliated with German organizations which have supported the Nazi cause in the United States."

Dies said the document, written in Germany in January, 1941, "emanates from none other than Walter Kappe, who is now being sought as Hitler's master spy in the United States."

Recalls 1938 Warning

He wrote the President that the committee, which four years ago this week began its investigations, had warned in 1938 that it was "the purpose of the German-American Bund to set up a sabotage machine, which, in the event the United States should go to war, might seriously cripple our industries, our systems of transportation and our systems of communications unless the United States Government takes militant steps to put an end to this sabotage activity."

"That warning," said Dies, "has, of course, been dramatically justified by the recent landing on our shores of a group of eight Nazi saboteurs, all of whom had connections with the German-American Bund."

The Texan said that "despite the published reports of our committee our enemies, who have from the beginning included many scoffers who hold high positions in your Administration, have done their utmost to spread the falsehood that we have failed to investigate the bund."

Kappe On Infiltration

He said that "falsehood" had been disproved by the document, in which, he said, Kappe acknowledged that the "cause of Nazi infiltration into the United States has received serious setbacks as a result of the investigations and denunciations of our committee."

Dies said the list of 17,000 names had been compiled during the committee's four-year investigation, and he was turning it over to the President "in order that you, in turn, may transmit them to whatever executive agencies should, in your judgment, deal with them."

"I am sure," he observed, "that all will agree that these 1,000 persons should have some form of surveillance."