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NEW YORK -- INVESTIGATE MARTIN DIES!, a 52-page pamphlet published today by the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, demands a Grand Jury investigation of relationships that may exist between Martin Dies and any or all of the 28 secessionists indicted last month by the Federal Grand Jury in the District of Columbia.

The pamphlet makes public for the first time the full and documented charges against Dies submitted by the Federation on August 6, 1942, to William Power Maloney, Special Assistant to the Attorney General of the United States, and prosecutor in the recent trials of George Sylvester Viereck and George Hill, secretary to Rep. Hamilton Fish.

Based on the record of the Dies Committee, and on public statements of its chairman, INVESTIGATE MARTIN DIES! declares that Dies "stands accused before the American people of shielding those in the United States who foment disunity, undermine national morale, and jeopardize our war effort."

Extensive documentation illustrates the manner in which Dies has shielded and protected Gerald B. Winrod, George Sylvester Viereck, James C. True, Eugene Nelson Sanctuary, and others among the 28 indicted last month for conspiracy to undermine the "loyalty, morale, and discipline of the military and naval forces of the United States" and to obstruct "our national defense against aggression and invasion, and the national war effort."

George Marshall, Chairman of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, declares in a brief foreword:

"This is war - military and psychological.

"The weapons of exposure and prosecution must be used immediately against all who shelter and protect, or aid and abet, the Axis conspiracy to undermine national unity.

"For four years Dies and his committee have, through a vigorous campaign of diversion and suppression, obscured the activities of the Nazi network, the fifth column in the United States.

"Vice President Wallace has said 'the effect on our morale would be less dangerous if Dies were on the Hitler payroll.'

"His statement must be a challenge to the American people.

"Martin Dies must not be allowed to continue his campaign against unity and victory.

"We must demand that the Department of Justice investigate Martin Dies."

A brief note at the end of the pamphlet summarizes the aims of the National Federation, and declares that the NFCL "fights for unity and victory" by urging elimination of discrimination, abolition of the poll tax, and defense of the rights of organized labor to full participation in the war program. "The NFCL calls for exposure of the fifth column," the note continues, "prosecution of all agents of the Axis, and elimination of the fascist press."