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The Campaign Against Hearst and the Dickstein Committee

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WHILE the McCormack-Dickstein Committee is cooking its report to be served to the House of Representatives, the venomous campaign of the Hearst press against our Party, against the working class, and against the fatherland of the workers of the world, the Soviet Union, is daily increasing with intensified fury.

What is being demanded from the government, by the Hearst press, the Chamber of Commerce and all the arch-reactionary groups, behind whom stands their master, Wall Street? They demand the suppression of the Communist Party, because they know that this will be the best means of checking and hindering the daily struggles of the toiling masses.

While the Hearst press tries to stir up public opinion against our Party on the basis of forged quotations of Communist literature; while it hurls its insults against the proletariat whom it characterizes as a horde of unintelligent people, incapable of ruling, the McCormack-Dickstein Committee is preparing a report, the lies of provocateurs who testified to imaginary plots of our Party inside the Army and Navy, to conspiracies to kidnap the President, etc., with recommendations for the Party's suppression.

The **Daily Worker** has already exposed the Hitler methods used by the Dickstein Committee, which, under the cloak of investigating fascism, directed its fire against Communism, accepting eagerly the testimony of provocateurs, but refusing a hearing to the official representatives of the Communist Party. The fascist methods used by Hitler and Goering in manufacturing testimony against Comrade Dimitroff, and against the heroic Communist Party of Germany, are part of the arsenal of the American investigators of Communism, acting under the flag of the American tradition of "liberty". Mr. Dickstein is the great champion, within the government, of the right-hand man of fascism, William Randolph Hearst.

Today, all over the country, among the organized workers, among the intellectuals and professionals, the indignant

voice of protest is raised against the slanderous campaign of the Hearst press and the professed aims of the McCormack-Dickstein Committee.

Yet, we must ask ourselves: have we aroused real mass indignation; have we reached the largest masses; have we shown concretely that these attacks of Hearst and of the Dickstein Committee are attacks upon the entire working class? Here we have to answer that while we have exposed the maneuvers of Hearst, Dickstein, the Chamber of Commerce, etc., in our press, we have not developed a real campaign among the masses, through which we should have aroused the millions of workers, who are insulted and attacked by the Hearst press. We have not rallied these millions to the support of their Party, our Party, the vanguard of the American working class.

It is our task to conduct the most vigorous campaign against all attacks against our Party, to mobilize the large masses of workers, to put a stop to the attacks of the Hearst fascist press and its allies—the Chamber of Commerce, the reactionary leaders of the American Legion, the National Civic Federation, the Matthew Wolls, the counter-revolutionary Daughters of the American Revolution and their instrument, the McCormack-Dickstein Investigating Committee who, under the banner of American “democracy”, are raising high the swastika.

How Shall We Combat This Campaign?

It is our task:

1. To intensify the campaign of exposure in the whole Party press, which means not only in the **Daily Worker**, and the other daily and weekly papers, but in every shop and neighborhood paper issued by the Communist Party units, in all bulletins and in special leaflets.

2. The whole agitational apparatus of the Party must be utilized to counteract, with mass distribution of leaflets, the slanders of the Hearst press, to expose the methods of investigation of the McCormack-Dickstein Committee. Millions of leaflets must be issued by the Districts, sections and units. Every mimeograph, every typewriter at our disposal and at the disposal of the mass organizations around the Party must be mobilized in this campaign for the issuing of leaflets along the line of the editorials in the **Daily Worker**. The Hearst press reaches millions. We must also reach millions. Through this campaign we must show our ability to reach the masses in the shops, in the trade unions, in the mass organizations, in the neighborhoods and in the countryside. We can reach these millions if we will mobilize all our forces. We can effectively counteract the venomous

attacks of the fascist Hearst press, and not only teach the workers about the Communist Party, but mobilize them for its defense.

3. No day shall pass without exposing the forgeries of the Hearst press and its insults against the working class, by plastering the walls of factories, the neighborhoods, meeting halls of workers, etc., with stickers, which bring to the masses our position.

4. In cities where the Hearst press is instrumental in leading the attack upon the working class institutions (the attacks upon the Workers School in Chicago), the Party fractions in the trade unions and in all mass organizations should become the driving force for the mobilization of these organizations to express their indignation by sending mass delegations to the Hearst press. We should also mobilize professionals, intellectuals and liberals for these delegations, by pointing out to them that the attack is also against them.

5. There should not be a local of a trade union, or branch of a mass organization where there are Communists, or sympathetic workers, that remains passive in this campaign. We must reach hundreds of thousands of local organizations which will respond enthusiastically to our appeals to flood the House of Representatives with protests against the report of the Dickstein Committee.

Strengthen the United Front

This campaign against the suppression of the Communist Party must be utilized everywhere for the broadening of the united front. Every unit of the Party, every fraction, must be orientated towards strengthening its efforts to build a united front with the workers in the factories, in the neighborhoods and in the mass organizations. We must renew our direct approach to the Socialist Party locals as well as to the trade unions and all other mass organizations. Through the pressure of the rank and file of the Socialist Party, Norman Thomas and the Socialist Party leadership must be forced to make their position clear on this campaign.

We must also demand of William Green and the various officials of the A. F. of L. to explain clearly before the masses that if they are really opposed to additional legislation against the Communist Party, as Wm. Green appeared to indicate at the hearings of the Dickstein Committee, why does he and the officers of the A. F. of L. continue their incitements against the Communist Party? Why does he remain silent at the vicious attacks of Matthew Woll, tool of the monopolists, against the labor movement? Why do not he and his lieutenants call upon the unions to fight against the projects of the Dickstein Committee?

We must act without delay! We must act with the same energy with which we conducted the campaign against the Hitler frame-up of the Reichstag trial. While conducting this campaign, while mobilizing the widest masses, we must understand that our main task is the building of the Party, since through the strengthening of the Party in the shops, in the A. F. of L. and other mass organizations, we will strengthen our connection with the widest masses, we will create the best guarantee to withstand all attacks against our Party.
