

DIES REPORTS A 'LEAD' ON SOVIET SPIES HERE

Hints Unnamed People Linked to Government Are Involved

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP)—Hinting that unnamed "people in government circles" were involved, Chairman Dies said today that his committee on un-American activities had uncovered a "lead" on far-flung Soviet secret police operations in the United States and would hear testimony soon from "the head of the OGPU" in this country.

The Texan declined to give the witness's name or tell how the committee got in touch with him, but it was indicated that the alleged Russian agent had been arrested in connection with the F. B. I. investigation of espionage.

Before Mr. Dies left Florida, The Miami Herald said it had learned that an important Russian spy had been arrested near Washington and had given officers a full account of how several Russian secret police had been smuggled into this country by way of Cuba.

The chairman said he expected that the witness would "give the picture" for this country of spy operations similar to those described to the committee last year by General Walter G. Krivitsky, who told the committee that he was a former Soviet secret police chief for Western Europe.

Krivitsky related that Russia had a net of spies and secret police throughout Europe. These agents, he declared, not only conducted espionage, but had, on occasion, kidnapped and slain persons considered anti-Stalinists.

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