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CONGRESSMAN MARTIN L. SWEENEY SUBMITS RESOLUTION IN HOUSE TO EXAMINE BRITISH PROPAGANDA

**Country Flooded with Literature Similar to That of World War Period.
Radio, Screen, Newspapers and Pulpits Combine to Jockey
America Into Foreign Wars. Agents of International
Foundations Undermining American Institutions**

Congressman Martin L. Sweeney, Cleveland, Ohio, submitted a resolution on March 14, in the House of Representatives, to examine into British propaganda in the United States. The resolution refers in particular to the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the English-Speaking Union and other organizations that are the spearheads for British propaganda.

The resolution H. Res. 438—which was referred to the Committee on Rules of the House, is as follows:

RESOLUTION

Whereas British propaganda similar to that which flooded this country before our entrance into the World War is now again active in our midst, in an effort to solidify British-American relations and seriously affect our national life and violate the traditional policy of Washington in admonishing us to avoid entangling alliances with foreign powers; and

Whereas certain organizations to wit, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the English Speaking Union, and the Sulgrave Institution, are the spearheads of British propaganda in the United States; and

Whereas these agencies referred to have at their disposal unlimited funds to influence the public mind of the United States through the instrumentalities of the radio, the screen, the newspapers, and the pulpit; and

Whereas those influences are detrimental to the best interests of the Republic and can only serve as proselyting agencies to further the interests of Great Britain. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint a special committee to be composed of seven members for the purpose of conducting an investigation of the activities of the organizations hereinabove referred to, and all other questions in relation thereto that would aid the Congress in any necessary remedial legislation. The committee shall report to the House not later than May 2, 1938, the result of its investigation, together with such recommendations for legislation as it deems advisable. Subpenas shall be issued under the name of the chairman of the committee. The chairman of the committee shall have the signature of the chairman and shall be served by any person designated by or any member thereof may administer oaths to witnesses. Every person who, having been summoned as a witness by authority of said committee, or any subcommittee thereof, willfully makes default, or who, having appeared, refuses to answer any question pertinent to the investigation heretofore authorized, shall be held to the penalties provided by section 102 of the Revised Statutes of the United States.