

Communists Control I. L. D., Gitlow Asserts

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Benjamin Gitlow, who said he spoke from experience as a former member of the Communist Party secretariat, told the Dies Committee yesterday that the International Labor Defense and the International Workers' Order were organized and controlled by the party.

He flatly contradicted many details of the testimony given Monday by the secretaries of the two organizations and ridiculed an emphatic denial of Communist influence in the I. L. D., made from the witness stand yesterday by Representative Marcantonio (A. L., N. Y.), the organization's chairman.

The I. L. D. is an organization which gives legal aid to persons alleged to have been deprived of civil liberties, Gitlow said:

"It is not a defense organization in the purse sense of the term. It is the legal defense organization of the Communist Party and the Communist International and serves also as a highly political and propagandist Communist organization.

Says I. W. O. Supports Paper

The I. W. O. is incorporated in New York as a fraternal benefit organization and its members throughout the country, numbered by its officials at 164,000, pay monthly dues for insurance and sick benefits, Gitlow said:

"It has been a source of great income for the Communist Party. It is the main support of the Daily Worker (party newspaper)."

Gitlow, a charter member of the Communist Party, who was expelled in the factional split of 1929, produced what he represented to be minutes of party executive meetings in 1925 at which the organization of the I. L. D. was planned.

Anna Damon, executive secretary of the I. L. D., acknowledged Monday that she was a Communist and she and Marcantonio also identified William L. Patterson, vice-chairman of the I. L. D., as a party member, but Gitlow said a third of the I. L. D.'s four officers, Robert L. Dunn, treasurer, also was a Communist. He said 17 of the 58 members of the na-