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**Killing of Sailor
Studied in Inquiry
On Communists**

By the Associated Press

Los Angeles, Aug. 6.—A grand jury investigation of Communist activities in Los Angeles County focused its first attention today on a 17-year-old waterfront slaying—the “big name” phase of the inquiry hunted temporarily to the background.

District Attorney Buron Fitts has promised to present to the jury evidence of a Communist objective to overthrow the Government and assassinate leading industrialists who refused to “play ball.”

Two witnesses, one a former Communist Party official, were heard today as the jurors opened their study of the fatal beating of John Riley, a member of the A. F. of L. sailors’ union. Fitts told the jury Riley’s slaying “was prompted by the efforts of the Communists and their spies to destroy legitimate unionism by their infiltration process.”

He added the waterfront killing would constitute one phase of the investigation, with the second phase to be devoted to the Communist Party’s affairs in general.

Fitts said witnesses to be called would include some “big names in Hollywood.”