

# Frees Dies Witness Wanted in Slaying

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (INS).—William C. McCuiston, a Dies Committee witness wanted by New Orleans police in connection with a slaying, was released from custody today when Police Court Judge John P. McMahon refused to issue a new warrant for his arrest.

## No Longer Held

Earlier in the day, Chief Justice Alfred A. Wheat of the United States District Court, declared the Louisiana extradition papers were badly "botched up" and refused to honor the requisition of Governor Long for McCuiston. Justice Wheat assumes the role of a Governor in hearing extradition cases.

McCuiston, a sailor, was charged in an affidavit signed by New Orleans Chief of Detectives John J. Grosch with killing a CIO organizer in that city Sept. 17.

Application for a new warrant was made to Judge McMahon by Grosch. Judge McMahon ruled, however, that since the matter had been disposed of by Chief Justice Wheat, he would not issue another warrant on the same charge.

In ruling the extradition papers were not in proper form, Chief Justice Wheat asserted:

"The man (McCuiston) probably ought to go back, but I am not going to send him back on such papers as these.

"Rights of individuals in this country are too great to be decided on papers like these. If they want a man on a charge of murder, they ought to have proper papers."

McCuiston charged before the Dies Committee that Communists are in control of the National Maritime Union.

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