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McCuiston, who testified all day before the committee, is scheduled to resume the witness stand tomorrow. He will thus be picked up in the morning at the latest in the committee room—unless he has decided to skip town.

Prompt action by Bjorne Halling, executive secretary of the CIO Maritime Committee, and by other officials of the N. M. U., both here and in New York, resulted in the order for McCuiston's arrest.

### GOON SQUAD LEADER

As soon as Halling found out that McCuiston was appearing before the committee, he notified the New Orleans police who had been looking for the Dies witness for several weeks.

Union officials in New Orleans had sworn out a warrant for McCuiston, charging him with "complicity" in the murder of Philip Carey, secretary of the Stewards' Division of the Gulf District of N. M. U.

Halling said that McCuiston was "the leader of the Goon Squad which was responsible for murdering Carey and which terrorized workers on the New Orleans waterfront."

New Orleans police got in touch with Washington police after hearing from N. M. U. officials—and the hunt for the Dies Committee's expert witness was on.

Detectives, accompanied by Ray Tarr, N. M. U. representative, arrested McCuiston. The events now developing in New Orleans are the triumph of Lenin's immortal idea of Soviet power. These words are the triumph of

### COMMITTEE'S OWN WITNESS

He appeared before the committee as one of its own witnesses, apparently well coached by counsel Rhea C. Whitley, as part of the Dies campaign against the National Maritime Union and other progressive unions.

When Joseph Curran, president of the N. M. U., was here on Saturday, he charged that the Dies Committee "is closely linked to the activities of the ship operators, who for more than two years have been trying to destroy our union, through the employment of labor spies and various other methods."

Appearance of the leader of the New Orleans anti-union Goon Squad on the witness stand seemed to bear out this contention to the hilt.

Halling said that McCuiston was expelled from the N. M. U., together with Jerome King and a group of others, as "stool pigeons and steamship company agents."

This entire group has now put itself at the disposal of the Dies Committee in an effort to knife the N. M. U., Ralph Emerson, former legislative representative of the N. M. U., who was expelled because of his tie-up with the union-

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busting gang, sits in the hearing room constantly and is in close touch with the committee.

McCuiston's testimony was designed to smear Curran, who had just testified on Saturday; Harry Bridges, West Coast CIO leader, and other active trade unionists.

He also had a generous quantity of the fantastic tales which are apparently required of all the committee's star witnesses about "Soviet agents" in the United States, "Soviet military espionage" and the like.

The word of this fugitive from justice was accepted without question when he said that Joseph Curran and Harry Bridges were members of the Communist Party.

Asked about Curran's denial of ever having been a member of the C. P., McCuiston said blandly, "Curran was lying, that was all."

McCuiston was one of a long list of labor spies, finks, stool pigeons and strike-breakers whose testimony has been given credence by the Dies Committee.

He was the second witness who was wanted by the police at the same time that he was testifying before the Dies Committee.

The first to have this dubious honor was Alvin Halpern, who slandered the veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

Halpern faced trial on a larceny charge the same day he appeared as a committee witness.

The entire list is too long, but a few other committee proteges of this character were Edward F. Sullivan, anti-Semitic agitator with a police record who was the committee's chief investigator; James B. Matthews, strike-breaker who is at present the committee's research director; Ralph Know, anti-union man from Detroit who spread his anti-Semitic ratings over the committee record, and Jacob Spolansky, National Metal Trades Association agent.