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Dies Reports Evidence That Reds Rule N. M. U.

Drops Plans to Hold Public Hearing in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 9 (AP).—Representative Martin Dies, Democrat, of Texas, chairman of the House committee investigating un-American activities, said that testimony he took here today indicated that the National Maritime Union, an affiliate of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, was "dominated and controlled by the Communist party."

Mr. Dies said a continuation of the hearing tomorrow would be closed to the public. It had been announced earlier that an open hearing would be conducted.

Talk by Senator Austin

Curran Charges Dies Plots Frame-Up to Clear McCuistion

NMU Leader Sees New Smear Campaign in Effort to Clear Stogie of Murder of Union Official; Exposes Committee Scheme in Statement

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 10.—Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union, charged today that the Dies Committee was making a new attempt to "smear" his organization and "to frame-up innocent men."

He said he "particularly resented" efforts to smear Philip Carey, former N.M.U. official on the Gulf Coast who was murdered by a goon squad led by William C. McCuistion, Dies committee star witness.

Curran made this statement after a copyrighted story in the Washington Times-Herald revealed that Rep. Martin Dies was conducting a fantastic frame-up scheme in an effort to clear McCuistion of murder charges against him in New Orleans. Dies is now in New Orleans in an attempt to aid his protege.

According to the Times-Herald story, Robert E. Stripling, committee secretary, made the following statement by long distance telephone from New Orleans:

"Testimony before the committee was to the effect that Carey was working with McCuistion who in turn was working for a government agency concerned with national defense. Carey would obtain information and pass it along to McCuistion."

SEE DIES FRAME-UP

This part of the statement was a build-up for a committee frame-up charge that Carey had been killed by union men who discovered Carey rifling the files of the N.M.U. office in New Orleans and that McCuistion had been forcibly taken along by this group which later tried to put the blame for the murder on him.

Incredible as this story is, Strip-

ling indicated that this was now the official committee line and that Dies would shortly release it with further "details."

After reading the story in the Times-Herald, Curran asked:

"If McCuistion was a government agent and if this story is true, why did the New Orleans Police Department have to send out posters all over the country in order to get hold of him?"

While officials at the Department of Justice would make no formal statement, it was understood that the Federal Bureau of Investigation denied that either McCuistion or Carey was doing work for it.

Showers End Drought In Kansas, Missouri

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 10 (UP).—General rainfall in the eastern half of Kansas and most of Missouri today ended the most extended fall drought in the records of the weather bureau, but in the vast wheat growing sections of western Kansas, the precipitation was not heavy enough to materially benefit the new crop.

The rainfall belt extended from Salina, Kansas, eastward to St. Louis, with the heaviest amounts recorded in northwest Missouri and East Central Kansas.