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Seamen Will Not Be Misled By Dies Comm. Attempt To Wreck Industrial Unionism, Says Bro.

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Editor of the PILOT: After the visit to New Orleans of Martin Dies, it seems as if the murder of Philip Carey will go unavenged.

According to the Times Picayune of Nov. 11, he visited, one, William Rentz at the Charity Hospital (one of the goons who attacked Brother Ennis Marshall), and claims the real situation in the Gulf is serious.

The gentleman from Texas claims the NMU in the Gulf is Communist-dominated and controlled, but he fails to mention the fact that William McCuistion has been identified as the actual killer of Brother Carey.

It is with a feeling of nausea and disgust that we hear of civil rights for a gang of terrorists, strike breakers and actual killers, who for years have violated every law of God and country working for the shipowners or anyone else with the price to pay, which is usually a few drinks or a handful of weeds.

Dies has asked for money to continue his committee for two years. He should make it five or even ten, for it will take him longer than that to destroy the NMU. Regardless of his

slandrous slurs and red-baiting, we are sure to stay.

We seamen and inland boatmen have suffered too long to be misled by a few publicity hounds and political parasites who seem to be out to wreck industrial unionism, with their main objective the maritime industry.

After the expulsion of the phonies in New York with their shipowner-paid Mariners' Club, Rank and File Pilot, the reign of terror in New Orleans of Thomas, DeGress, Applewhite and McCuistion, with their murders and sabotage of the tanker strike, we are stronger than ever.

In our own Division, the Inland Boatmen, we have felt the pressure from the phonies with their acts of intimidation and chain beatings, even down to an attempt to sabotage our strike against the Federal Barge Line this spring.

This same McCuistion, whose civil rights are now being violated, accompanied by his able assistant and goon leader, Manuel Francis, made an attempt to swing the Inland Boatmen their way and withdraw from the NMU in the Gulf.

Theirinky influence extended all the way up the Mississippi and several misguided brothers helped carry on a campaign of disruption nearly as serious as the one in the Gulf.

Our Cairo Conference in August, followed by a closed shop contract with the Campbell Towing Company and a raise in pay for employees of the Federal Barge Lines have caused all of us to appreciate our officials, especially the work of Brother Felix Siren, in his untiring battle with the most reactionary and labor hating bunch of officials ever hired by any one company, namely, Odell, Taylor, Patton and Barry of the Federal Barge Line.

With an imperialist war going on and the jobs of thousands of our seamen threatened why can't Mr. Dies center his attention on the hundreds of American ships already chartered under a foreign flag with the shipowners paying foreign starvation wages, while our own seamen prowl the beach without even a WPA job. I guess the term un-American only applies to the leaders and members of the CIO and not the shipowners wallowing in their ill-gotten gains.

Brothers, let's not be misled by a red-baiting committee backed up by fascist newspapers and labor hating agencies. We have the greatest union in the world, led by the greatest labor leaders and our membership is composed of the best men.

On to a Federation of all Marine Workers.

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