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PHONEY EX-OFFICIALS USING DIES COMM. TO DISCREDIT UNION, BRO. SAYS

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Editor of the PILOT: I am writing this in regards to an article that appeared in the Port Arthur News of Nov. 2nd and 3rd, which accused me of being the party whom McCuistion named before the

Dies Committee as being paid by Brother Joe Curran to investigate Representative Martin Dies of Texas.

I wrote a letter to the Port Arthur News denying the charges of that fancy stooge, and I'm quite sure it was not printed, so I'm writing this for the benefit of the membership and others who are concerned, who might read it.

I was never formally introduced to Brother Curran and have only had the opportunity of seeing him on three occasions, each at a special meeting as he was on tour of the Gulf.

In my opinion such a statement is not only discrediting to the witness but discrediting to the Dies Committee as well.

I am quite sure if Brother Curran was to meet me on the street, it would just like seeing the other thousands of people he passes each day whom he has never seen. I've never even spoken to Brother Curran and McCuistion has had the nerve to state before the Dies Committee that Brother Curran was paying me to make a personal investigation of Rep. Martin Dies.

I'm aware of McCuistion and his dirty undermining policy. They have tried every known method to tear apart the only organization which the seamen has ever gotten anything from, and to tear down everything we have fought so hard for.

They were making splendid headway too until the law of averages caught up with them and they were kicked out as they should be.

Then they decided on other methods to destroy the NMU—chains, black-jacks and guns.

They went so far as to murder an innocent seaman and try to drive others from the NMU. Now they are

trying something new—the Dies Committee. It's really discrediting to the Committee to allow such witness as McCuistion to testify before it.

It's very peculiar. They didn't raise so much hell while they were holding office and doing everything in their power and the shipowner's power to tear our NMU to pieces. Everything was lovely then, but when the membership awoke to the fact and kicked them out, because they were the rats they were, then it was a different story.

Now we are all radicals and reds, whites and blues, especially the leaders and the ones who wouldn't follow their dirty undermining union wrecking policy.

My warning to the membership who want a bigger and better NMU, is be on the lookout for such union wrecking phonies as McCuistion and the expelled Gulf officials.

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