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**Vesco's Lawyers Link Politics
To U.S. Bid for His Extradition**

NASSAU, Bahamas, Nov. 21 (AP) — Lawyers for Robert L. Vesco, the fugitive United States financier, argued yesterday that politics and his \$200,000 payment to President Nixon's re-election campaign were behind United States attempts to extradite Mr. Vesco on fraud charges.

Eugne Dupuch, Mr. Vesco's chief defense counsel, raised the issue before Magistrate Emmanuel Osadebay.

When Judge Osadebay ruled the defense argument out of order, Mr. Vesco's lawyers then contended that the fraud charges against Mr. Vesco had no parallel under Bahamian law and therefore did not constitute an extraditable offense.

John A. Lowe, an Assistant Federal Attorney from New York, and Cecil Wallace-Whitfield, a Bahamian lawyer representing the United States, disputed Mr. Dupuch's arguments.

Criminal Charge Cited

Mr. Wallace-Whitfield also said that an indictment under which Mr. Vesco's extradition is sought was specific in charging him with a criminal violation. He said there was nothing in the indictment indicating that the offense involved politics.

Mr. Vesco is fighting extradition to the United States, where he faces criminal charges of having defrauded a company he once controlled of \$50,000 and civil charged of having looted four foreign mutual funds of \$224-million.

He has also been indicted for obstructing justice in a case involving charges that former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and former Commerce Secretary Maurice H. Stans impeded an investigation of his financial activities in return for a \$200,000 cash donation to President Nixon's 1972 election campaign.

Passport Impounded

Mr. Vesco has been free on \$75,000 bail here, but his Costa Rican passport has been impounded by Bahamian officials.

A spokesman for Mr. Vesco confirmed Monday that the financier had been granted a permanent residence visa in Argentina, but the spokesman denied that Mr. Vesco planned to use it as a safe haven from United States authorities.

A court official in Buenos Aires said yesterday that an Argentine Federal judge had ruled that Mr. Vesco could not be extradited if he sought refuge in Argentina.