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**Vesco's Extradition
Barred in Argentina
If He Takes Refuge**

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 20 (AP)—An Argentine Federal judge has ruled that Robert L. Vesco, the fugitive United States financier, could not be extradited should he seek refuge here, a court official said today.

Mr. Vesco, on \$75,000 bail in the Bahamas and fighting extradition to the United States flew into Argentina secretly in late October to obtain the ruling.

Officials said he had been given a permanent residence visa, allowing him unlimited and free access to Argentina. There have been reports that he would try to flee the Bahamas should the United States Government appear to be winning its extradition attempt.

Mr. Vesco is charged in the United States with looting four foreign mutual funds of \$224-million.

Assistant Judge Lucio Somoza said today that Federal Judge Luis Rodriguez had ruled on Oct. 22 that there would be no cause for extraditing Mr. Vesco if he were in Argentina.

Judge Rodriguez turned down a second request from Mr. Vesco that he be ruled exempt from arrest, Judge Somoza said. The motion was denied on grounds there was no arrest order.