

DILLINGER HUNT COST \$500,000, OFFICIALS SAY

Millions More Expended in Improving Enforcement Machinery.

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WASHINGTON, July 26.—Cities, states and the federal government spent \$500,000 in pursuit of John Dillinger, it was estimated here today.

Indirect expenditures, public and private, were estimated in the millions.

Because of the desperado's career, congress added \$1,500,000 to the budget of the investigation division of the justice department and passed a whole series of "crime bills" increasing federal powers. The number of field agents was almost doubled.

State and city police forces added men and equipment costing thousands of dollars.

Banks installed the latest type defense mechanism, adding many thousands more.

The end police policy of the country is modified because of the career of the Mooresville youth who turned against society. Yet that career was spent for the most part in flight, hiding and perpetual fear. It ended ignominiously by death in a city alley.

Just how much the federal government spent, before its agents shot Dillinger to death in Chicago last Sunday night, can not be stated accurately, according to J. Edgar Hoover, investigation bureau chief for the justice department.

Airplanes and high power automobiles were used in the various pursuits, making each chase extremely costly.

No separate account was carried for the Dillinger case, so definite figures can not be obtained. But \$100,000 to \$150,000 represents the consensus regarding federal costs.

And the federal government didn't enter the case until after Dillinger had wooden-pistoled his way out of the Crown Point jail and was charged with crossing state lines in a stolen car. This interstate feature was necessary for federal participation. All that is changed by the new crime laws and any Dillinger imitators can count on the "feds" being on their trail.

Like the Canadian mounted police, the "feds" also have a tradition of getting their man.

Ten states were actively after Dillinger before the federal participation. All were spending money freely.

Chicago had a special, heavily-armed Dillinger squad.

The justice agents' budget was

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Upper—Drenched spectators gathered around the grave of John Dillinger in Crown Hill cemetery yesterday afternoon. A few sorrowing relatives, cemetery attendants and police huddled under the tent covering the grave to watch the humble casket lowered into the earth.

Lower—A close-up picture taken of the grave of the notorious gunman shot down by federal agents Sunday night. Both air pictures were taken from a Times plane circling the cemetery.

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DILLINGER LAID IN GRAVE AMID STORM'S FURY

Nature Provides Theatrical Setting at Gangster's Last Rites.

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the other marks of obliteration—all shouted more loudly than a police circular: "You can't win in crime."

Deserted by his criminal associates, Dillinger's body was viewed, for the most part, only by relatives and simple folk of his hometown. Many who strove to remember Johnny as the roustabout youngster who had played pranks and stolen apples with their own boys in Mooresville were among the mourners.

Mary Kinder and her sister, Mrs. Margaret Behrens, and two garishly dressed "show-girls" from Chicago were the only representatives of the life which Dillinger had chosen in

preference to the simple existence of his own people.

Miss Kinder said she was at the funeral because she "really had an affection for Johnny."

"He was a grand guy," she told The Times. "He always was swell to me and he sure was loyal to Harry Pierpont and the rest of the boys."

She sobbed as she dictated her exclusive story to this newspaper.

White the funeral service was read in the Hancock home, a Times airplane droned low overhead with a photographer. Hundreds of people who could not get into the home braved a burning sun for many hours during the wake.

The tiny lawn in front of the Hancock house was jammed with relatives, friends and policemen. Photographers and reporters attending the funeral on assignment were subjected to the abuse of a corps of self-appointed "guards" around the house.

These village bullies, swelled up with unaccustomed importance, attempted to break cameras and chase reporters.

Suddenly, in midafternoon, one of the "guards" stopped the line of mourners and curiosity seekers. Relatives and a few carefully chosen friends jammed into the living room. The Rev. Charles M. Flimore, retired Disciples of Christ preacher, raised a hand for silence. Sonor-

ously he read the prayers for the dead.

The crowd shifted nervously in the suffocating room. Mrs. Audrey Hancock moaned loudly and fainted.

She was carried into the kitchen amid a slight pause which gave some time to open the front door and admit some air.

The Rev. William J. Evans, pastor of the Mars Hill Christian church, called for two hymns "God Will Take Care of You" and "We Say Goodnight Down Here and Goodmorning Up There."

The services at the home were over. The procession started for the

grave, through quiet residential streets whose inhabitants apparently did not give a hoot about seeing the Dillinger funeral.

During a momentary lull in the sudden storm at the cemetery, the minister and a few of the chief mourners managed to rush across the grass and gain the shelter of a brown canvas tent over the grave.

Undertakers' assistants finally managed to get the coffin over to the rain-soaked grave.

Tears streamed down Mr. Dillinger's seamed face. Mrs. Hancock cried loudly and Mary Kinder dabbed at her eyes.

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\$2,800,000. Congress was in session when the Dillinger gang killed an agent in Wisconsin. The budget increased to \$4,380,000. So the \$500,000 direct pursuit cost

and the millions of indirect expenditures are estimated as being conservative for Dillinger's one year of crime.

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