

Probe Reveals Football Gamblers Netted \$25 Million

College Play Threatened By Syndicate

Chicago Nerve Center of Group

By ROBERT T. LOUGHRAN
United Press Staff Correspondent
CHICAGO, Dec. 18. — Federal agents who make gambling investigations their business estimated today that gamblers reaped profits totaling \$25 million this season from operation of a nationwide football betting syndicate.

These investigators warned that the syndicate's operations threaten to "contaminate" inter-collegiate football. They said the attempt to bribe members of the New York Giants professional football team was "inevitable," and warned that similar overtures might be made in the future to college stars.

Investigators said the syndicate's nerve center was Chicago. Its leaders, they said, included gambling overlords who rose to power during the underworld rule of Scarface Al Capone.

Estimate Profits

The syndicate's profits were estimated by Assistant U. S. District Attorney Maurice J. Walsh, who has conducted many investigations into lotteries and other forms of gambling. The estimate of \$25 million was termed "conservative," however, by Virgil Peterson, secretary of the Chicago crime commission.

Mr. Peterson, a recognized authority on the syndicate's widespread activities and involved outgrowths, said he "wouldn't be at all surprised if attempts have been made already to contaminate college football."

"If not," he said, "contamination certainly is a lurking danger."

One serious scandal involving a college team, he said, would shake public confidence and effect "serious damage" to the sport.

Organized Tip Service

Mr. Walsh, the justice department's gambling specialist in this area, said that as yet no violations of federal law have been uncovered. He said, however, that the syndicate is known to be operating a well-organized tip service.

Scouts who are well qualified for the job keep a close watch over major teams during daily practice sessions. Mr. Walsh said, and relay information to the syndicate. This information, he said, is the basis for the odds set by the syndicate on "parlay cards" distributed to the public.

Mr. Walsh said that the "point system" of betting would tend to make star players susceptible to approach by gambling interests.

Under the system, bettors wager on the margin of victory.

Thus, Mr. Walsh pointed out, two or three stars on a heavily favored team could reduce the winning margin intentionally without throwing the game and without affecting their team's record.

He said that gamblers have been "all too active" on college campuses, hiring students to distribute the parlay cards. Gamblers also have been observed taking bets beneath the stands at many major games, he said.

Florida Port Reopens

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 18 (U. P.)—The first post-war passenger service out of this port will be inaugurated tonight when the S. S. Northland sails for the Caribbean on a 10-day cruise carrying 170 passengers. A refrigerator fleet will start coastal voyages from Jacksonville to northern ports about Jan. 12.

Officers will be installed Dec. 29 by Bethel 11, Order of Job's Daughters. To be held at 8 p. m. in the Lynhurst temple, 1200 W. Washington. Officers to be installed are: Margaret Schuch, senior princess; Joan Carper, junior princess; Pat Moore, guide; and Joan Guston, marshal.

Indianapolis Lodge 13, B. P. O. E. will entertain 200 needy children with a Christmas party at 1:30 p. m. Monday in the Antlers hotel. Each child will receive three gifts and a Christmas stocking.

Corinthian chapter 456, O. E. S. will hold an initiation at 8 p. m. today in the temple, 2115 W. Washington. Mrs. Pearl Rodgers is worthy matron and Jefferson Jackson, worthy patron.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Howard Gunnerson, 1609 1/2 Bellefontaine; Maxine F. Clausen, 1609 1/2 Bellefontaine; George Hill, 1250 N. Belmont; Renetta C. Clemens, 1021 N. Lincoln; Charles Robert Stifford, 1021 N. Lincoln; Myrtle Ann Davis, Bloomington; Gilbert Franklin, 1021 N. Lincoln; Ida Mae Betts, 201 S. Davidson; Robert V. Perry, 2423 Union; Ewald Ehrhardt, 2250 N. Alabama; Jesse Sylvester Egan, Hagerstown; Nora Clara Wolford, Loamistown; Robert August Jacobson, 228 S. Arlington; Jean Estelle Young, 1921 S. Emerson; Louis Aaron Sanders, Park Ridge, Ill.; Barbara Ann Byrne, 2145 Napoleon; Samuel G. Jones, 1945 Bellefontaine; Mabel Lee Patton, 771 Bright; Callard J. Worsham, 1945 Bellefontaine; Bernice Mae Shupert, 708 N. Riley; Richard Earl Deutsch, 708 N. Riley; Catherine L. Carter, R. 2, Box 104-E, Greenwood; Robert James Weathers, 1941 N. Tacoma; Jean Lepper, 1962 N. Tacoma; Esther Arnold Lebanon; Clara Lloyd Edward Steele, 4116 E. Washington; Betty Irene Moon, 411 N. Delaware; William George Casey, 1613 E. Kelly; Betty J. St. John, 2034 Service; Garvin Martin, 1509 Montcalm; Clayton Brewer, 1233 Kentucky; Wanda M. Adams, 437 S. Pine; Jack Edward Miller, Calverton; Margie Ruth Harris, Indianapolis; Earl Benson, 218 Bright; Evelyn Crowe, 615 W. Michigan; Roy E. Riser, Warsaw; Mamie Marie St. Clair, 308 W. Douglas; Wayne Peter Simon Lecher, Allen hotel, 70 Wayne; Collette Marie Steinmetz, 1660 Kentwood, Ft. Wayne; Orval Elmore Hardin Jr., New Augusta; Dorothy Justine Norman, 504 Glen.

BIRTHS

At St. Francis — Charles, Virginia McClary, boys.

At Methodist — Jesse, Edna Eliza, boy and girl.

At Coleman — Edgar, Anna Weaver.

At St. Francis — Leonard, Helen Reed; Edna, Ruby Paul, Lillian Smith.

Will Sing from the Street Floor Balcony

Tomorrow at 4:00 P. M.

L. S. Ayres & Co.

Study Plan To Extend City Services

Suburban Areas' Need Told Club

West side businessmen today were studying a program of how to obtain city services for suburban communities but before them yesterday by William H. Book, Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce executive vice president.

Mr. Book told the Washington Men's club a critical health condition is developing in the quickly populated areas beyond city limits due to lack of adequate engineering and sanitary practices.

He emphasized that this menace exists in all outlying communities. Widespread sickness actually threatens, Mr. Book warned. Should it break out, it could rapidly spread throughout the metropolitan area, he said.

Logical Answer

"The logical answer to this problem is for the residents of the danger areas to become residents of the city of Indianapolis and obtain sanitary sewers and water supply and other important city services," Mr. Book asserted.

He said the chief objection of suburban residents to such a plan is that of increased taxes, but indicated the revenue gained by the city through annexation of the suburban areas would not match the actual cost of the improved services for the areas.

He warned of the danger of a sanitary system which is not integrated into the system of the entire metropolitan area, citing as an example the case of a small municipal corporation at the city limits.

Sewage System

This municipality plans to acquire a sewage system in the near future, he said. When they do, the drainage therefrom will be dumped into a stream which passes through other suburban areas.

"In studying the whole problem of community growth and necessary planning, many other examples of the serious need for the extension of city services to these outlying areas become apparent," Mr. Book declared.

"The whole problem has been studied by competent engineers and community planners, both here and in other communities where a similar situation exists," Mr. Book said. "No better answer has been found."

Equipment Is Stolen From Fire Department

What a pair of turnout pants is, the ordinary citizen could only guess today. At any rate, 11 pairs of them, provided during war days by the office of civilian defense, have been stolen, fire department officials said.

The theft was discovered when pumpers from four fire stations, located at 1445 W. Michigan st., 537 N. Bellevue pl., 2101 English ave. and 2320 N. Olney st., were brought to the shop at 1024 Sanders st., to be repaired.

Other articles stolen included turnout coats, water buckets, electric hand lanterns, steel helmets, first aid kit and rope.

3 Firms, Town Told To End Pollution

Final orders for the abatement of pollution have been issued by the state stream pollution control board against three Indianapolis industrial firms.

In addition, the town of Speedway has been cited, along with a number of other Indiana firms and municipalities.

William H. Roberts & Sons dairy was given until Dec. 1, 1947, to comply; International Harvester Co., May 1, 1947, and Republic Creamery Co., Dec. 1, 1947.

Speedway officials were given until Dec. 1, 1948.

Airline Official Dies

CHICAGO, Dec. 18 (U. P.)—R. E. Pfennig, vice president in charge of eastern operations for United Air Lines, died here last night after a three-month illness. He was 58.

Stassen Makes Bold Bid for 1948 Nomination, States Policy of 'True Liberalism' on Major Issues

Opens Headquarters In Capital Jan. 1

By CHARLES T. LUCEY
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18. — Announcement here of a bold, unorthodox drive for the presidency today established Minnesota's Harold Stassen as the most controversial Republican political figure since Wendell Willkie, and it set off new speculation on how far he would go.

Mr. Stassen rushed in where Senators Arthur H. Vandenberg and Robert A. Taft declined to tread. He called his shots with almost startling forthrightness and urged "true liberalism" on the G. O. P.

Along the way he condemned the pro-C. I. O. Robert Nathan report on wage increase possibilities as a phony.

Speculation in Capital

To show his determination he announced he would open a Washington office Jan. 1. He said he hoped to work with senate and house Republicans in developing a

program pegged on such top issues as labor, housing, public health and the welfare of small business.

Capital politicians immediately began trying to assess Mr. Stassen's audacious action. Mr. Stassen hasn't been elected to any office in several years. Some wondered how warmly his advances might be received by Mr. Taft and Mr. Vandenberg, Rep. Martin of Massachusetts and other Republican leaders.

Some said if Mr. Stassen had wished to take such an active part in formulation of a G. O. P. legislative program, he had erred in deciding not to run for the senate in Minnesota. Instead, he sponsored the candidacy of Senator-Edward H. Thye.

The other side of the comment was that Mr. Stassen arises now as one of the few public figures willing to spell out in detail what he believes on major issues—labor, for example—and that this would help him with the public.

Avoid 'Moving In'

In contrast to Mr. Stassen's fearless bid for the 1948 G. O. P. nomination—and most Republicans now believe that whoever is nominated is almost certain of election—Mr. Vandenberg and Mr. Taft have avoided any appearance of trying to "move in" on the nomination so far in advance.

Mr. Vandenberg said yesterday he

was not a candidate, and that he anticipated no campaign in his behalf. The Republican task at hand, he said, "is exclusively one of now justifying our November victory."

A high point in the press conference statement by Mr. Stassen, who has demonstrated that he has wider support from the public than from G. O. P. bosses and President-makers, was his definition of liberalism:

"I would say that true liberalism is a philosophy of life which seeks the maximum freedom—social, economic, political and religious freedom—for the individual man and woman, consistent with the enjoyment of the same degree of freedom by his or her fellow-men."

Disputes Nathan Report

As he saw it, he said, it meant opposing the two extremes of fascism and Communism.

Mr. Stassen swung heavily on the Nathan report. It said that industry could raise wages up to 25 per cent without raising prices.

He said he considered it the "most fallacious and deceptive economic report ever given this country." He charged it was incorrect even in some of its simple arithmetic.

He challenged Mr. Nathan's figures of money available for wage rises and said some of them were unsupported by any computations in the report or by current statistics.

He disagreed with Mr. Nathan's proposition that per-man productivity has increased since the war.

Mr. Stassen feared the results of an inflationary wage-price spiral. He said a general wage increase "of any consequence" in the next six months would be injurious to workers. He expressed a belief that food and clothing prices would begin to decline next year.

As highlights of his labor program, Mr. Stassen said he would emphasize the voluntary and shun the compulsory approach. He favors breaking up monopolies and dictatorships in unions without transferring extreme power to government.

He is for secret ballots by members on strikes and other important issues. He doubted the coal miners would have struck if there had been a secret ballot.

But, he said, he would oppose compulsory arbitration or a court with power to decide on wages or working conditions, or anything taking away from any group the ultimate right to strike. He would amend the Wagner act to permit employers to speak their piece in labor disputes.

For the near future, he would like to see high continuous production with no big strikes, improvement in the relative wage positions of white-collar workers, and exercise of con-

sumers resistance to high prices.

On banning the closed shop, he said he believed that if abuses that have developed in labor could be corrected it would be better to leave this issue to contract discussions between management and labor.

"Unusual and unorthodox," Mr. Stassen called his position as Washington began to wonder what would come of it.

Gates, CIO Hold Friendly Parley

James McEwan, president of the Indiana C. I. O.-P. A. C. said after a brief conference with Governor Gates today that he "anticipates no serious restrictive or punitive labor legislation in the coming general assembly."

Mr. McEwan, accompanied by Walter Frisbie, executive secretary of the C. I. O. industrial union council, called on the governor this morning to sound out the prospects for labor action by the legislature.

Describing the meeting as the "pleasantest we have ever had with the governor," Mr. Frisbie said: "We simply dropped in to learn from the governor the mood in which he and the legislature will approach labor problems and labor programs. He gave us to understand that other problems will top labor in vital importance and indicated the Republican policy committee probably would take no stand for or against labor bills."

Mr. McEwan, president of the Indiana C. I. O.-P. A. C. said after a brief conference with Governor Gates today that he "anticipates no serious restrictive or punitive labor legislation in the coming general assembly."

Mr. McEwan, accompanied by Walter Frisbie, executive secretary of the C. I. O. industrial union council, called on the governor this morning to sound out the prospects for labor action by the legislature.

Describing the meeting as the "pleasantest we have ever had with the governor," Mr. Frisbie said: "We simply dropped in to learn from the governor the mood in which he and the legislature will approach labor problems and labor programs. He gave us to understand that other problems will top labor in vital importance and indicated the Republican policy committee probably would take no stand for or against labor bills."

SHOP AT THE CLOCK
for as always
"A Gift from Ayres' Means More"

Lovely

Another Rosenblum

Tailored in California and designed to put a June-in-January feeling in your wardrobe right now. Fine, all-wool gabardine. The usual expert Rosenblum cut, tailoring and detailing. Cardigan jacket that can be dressed up or down as you will. Brandy, gray, black, dark brown, blue.

39.95

SHOP EARLY AT AYRES' 9:00 TO 5:25 OPEN MONDAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

L. S. Ayres & Co.

Bilbo's Of Thr

Says He Not to T

(Continued Fr

helped them get airfield at Bilbo, he said, was for runoff primary election. Senator Wall Doxey was supported.

Mr. Newton, a money before the money to Sen. Doxey. He said \$360,000 into a hotel room. Mr. Newton said the senator to type the check writer and make Theo. G. Bilbo.

Compensated for earlier Mr. Terry agreement by Mr. secretary \$350 for a \$2 million contract. Key figure in Mer.

He said \$360,000 compensate Mr. spent on Senator paign. And \$750,000 owed Abe L. Shulz drygoods wholes associate of the Mr. Shushan money to Mr. B. help the senator debt owed his Terry testified.

Mr. Terry said