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FRIDAY, DEC. 9, 1949

Playboy Jailed As Drug Ring Boss

Defectives Report \$500,000 Dope Find

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (UPI)—A saucy, mustached Broadway playboy was jailed today charged with being the ringleader of a multi-million dollar narcotics ring.

Angelo Ortiz, 27, was arrested last night by detectives who said they had trailed him for seven weeks as he nightclubbed in bright spots along the Great White Way.

They said he offered them a \$25,000 bribe to let him go when they finally closed in.

Detectives said Ortiz led them to more than half a million dollars worth of marijuana and cocaine which he had hidden in his apartment and in a Bronx storeroom.

Also arrested with Ortiz were his wife, Rose, 21; Joseph Rodriguez, 40, and Ida Zayas, 26. Ortiz was charged with possession and sale of narcotics and the other three were charged with possession of drugs.

Started in March

Police said Ortiz began his operations last March after a series of raids broke up a \$3.5 million drug combine which also had operated along Broadway. Three men were arrested at that time.

The arresting detectives, John Cottone and George Zegers, said they found more than 1000 marijuana cigarettes on Ortiz' person.

They took him to his West Side apartment where they said they found some \$900 in bills tucked in shoes in his clothes closet.

The detectives said Ortiz obtained the drugs from South America and Mexico, flying them into the United States.

Ortiz used a custom-built automobile in his man-about-town role, detectives said, and passed out large tips to waiters and night-club girls in the nightclubs he visited.

Purse-Grab Suspects Nabbed on Victim's Tip

Two suspects were arrested early today because an alert young woman got an automobile license number after being knocked down by a purse snatcher.

Miss Betty Jo Phelps, 20, of 3942 Hillside Ave., told police her purse was snatched as she alighted from a bus near her home late last night. She said one of four youths in an automobile hit her with a club and grabbed her purse containing \$4.

After being treated for four lacerations in the scalp, Miss Phelps identified an automobile which she said was involved in the robbery. Two brothers, joint owners of the car, were slated for city vagrancy but both steadfastly denied participation in the robbery.

Mickey Cohen Quits Haberdasher Business

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 9 (UPI)—Bargain-hunting crowds flocked today to Michael's exclusive haberdashery for Hollywood's liquidation sale of the year.

On hand yesterday to watch more than 200 persons line up before the unprofitable Sunset Strip enterprise was retiring proprietor Mickey Cohen, better known as an alleged gambler and gangster.

He was forced to sell his \$75,000 stock to pay the forfeited ball bonds of two vanished henchmen, Frank Nicoll and Dave Ogul.

Eyeing customers and a huge sign reading: "Mickey Cohen quits," the financially embarrassed underworld czar wistfully commented:

"It ain't never been so crowded."

Irate Husband Paints Wife's Face, She Says

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 9 (UPI)—A Milwaukee wife says she's willing to forgive and forget if her husband promises not to use her face as a painter's palette.

With traces of white paint in her hair, Mrs. Dorothy Grace, 22, came before Judge Harvey Neelen here and charged that her husband James slapped paint in her face.

She said the incident occurred when she asked him to stop painting woodwork. He had been drinking, she explained, and she feared he'd splatter the walls.

Mrs. Grace said she planned divorce action. But she agreed to give her husband another chance, and the judge placed Grace on probation.

Oak Ridge Strikers Return to Work

OAK RIDGE, Tenn., Dec. 9 (UPI)—All of the estimated 2750 union construction workers on atomic projects who staged a wildcat strike here early this week were expected back on their jobs today.

The walkout, which virtually halted all new building at the atomic city for two days, actually ended yesterday as 2333 of the strikers were reported back at work by 3 p. m. (Indianapolis Time). The rest were expected to return today.

Members of 10 AFL craft unions left their jobs late Monday and early Tuesday. They apparently were protesting the use of about 75 non-union pipe-layers on a pipeline project here.

Bandits Strong-Arm Pair, Flew With \$175

Two New York Central Railroad employees were strong-armed by three thugs in an alley off Pearl St. early today and one was robbed of \$175.

James McCoy, 27, of 3819 E. Washington St., and Robert Vawter, 29, of 556 N. Oxford St., told police they were attacked by three men whom they met in a downtown tavern. One of the men held Mr. Vawter, they told police, while the other two took Mr. McCoy's wallet. Mr. Vawter had more than \$150 in his pocket, but the robbers ran before taking it.

CHRISTMAS STORE HOURS, 9 TO 5:25 MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

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Block's Downstairs Store

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GLAMORIZE
YOUR HOLIDAY COSTUMES WITH "PLAYTOPPERS"

White-Christmas Cloche

With Festive Simulated
Jewel Band

3.98

Like a chef's handiwork with frosting to a cake . . . like bright, sparkling ribbon to a gift package . . . like Christmas bells to a tree . . . so is this White-Christmas cloche to your costumes. Pretty enough without it, but a sparkling, exciting, utterly out-of-the-ordinary costume with it . . . be it a suit to dress up or a dress to glamorize.

Fashion Millinery—Downstairs



AS POPULAR AS MISTLETOE AT CHRISTMAS . . . OUR GIFT WISE

Fleece* Lined Cardigans

GREEN! WHITE!
MAIZE! RED!
SIZES SMALL,
MEDIUM, LARGE!

1.98

Gay, sporty, two-pocket cardigans . . . in softest cotton knit with a cotton fleece lining for extra warmth. If you want to please any smart girl . . . choose your color, wrap it up in pretty paper and ribbon and place it under her Christmas tree! We won't tell . . . if you buy another one in order to play Santa Claus to yourself!

*cotton

Sports Shop—Downstairs



GIVE HER THE GIFT SHE "DREAMS" OF BUYING HERSELF!

Multifilament Crepe* Gowns

Blue! Pink! Green!
Daffodill!

Sizes 32 to 40

2.98

Such soft, exquisite, made-for-luxury fabric . . . such frankly feminine lace for trim . . . such subtle, flattering colors . . . such stylish lingerie! Truly a "dream gown" . . . the kind of lovely lingerie she deserves.

*Rayon

Lingerie—Downstairs

WE'VE A SANTA'S BAG FULL OF

Jr. Slippers

A. "SOFTIE" with soft leather uppers, elastic sides, cushioned heel and sole for light-footed youngsters! RED, BLUE! Sizes 8 to 3. **2.95**

B. "SKIPPY" in a young and glamorous fur-trimmed style. Rayon satin with cushioned heel and leather sole. Pink, light blue, royal or red. Sizes 8 to 3. **2.25**

C. BOYS' ROMEO with all leather uppers, leather soles, rubber heels . . . styled just like Dad's! Brown only. Sizes 2 1/2 to 5. **3.50**

D. "SKIPPY" for young belles who wear sizes 5 to 3. Styled with raised back and bow vamp. Pink, blue, red, white with red or white with blue. **2.25**

E. BOYS' OPERA with soft, mellow all-leather uppers, leather soles and rubber heels. For real losin' comfort. Burgundy! Sizes 2 to 6. **3.95**

Children's Slippers—Downstairs

IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS! A NEW
SHIPMENT AT THE SAME SPECIAL PRICE!

First Quality 54-Gauge Full Fashioned NYLONS

Each Pair Individually
Cellophane Wrapped!

1.29

4 PRS.
5.00

Special Purchase . . . Timed For Gifting!

Full-fashioned, extra sheer, first quality nylons at this price? Yes, it's true through a very SPECIAL PURCHASE . . . and, if you are looking forward to a successful holiday, here is a purchase, here is a price you can't afford to pass by! 54-GAUGE SHEERS . . . so beautiful, you'll wear them for the most special occasions . . . give them to the most special names on your CHRISTMAS LIST! Winter shades, sizes 8 1/2 to 10 1/2.

Hosiery—Downstairs

