

# U.S. Collects \$27 Million In Drive Against Racketeers

## M'Grath Asks Special Grand Jury Action in 93 Federal Areas

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (UPI)—Internal Revenue Commissioner John B. Dunlap disclosed yesterday that Treasury agents have collected \$27,360,000 in the past eight months in a wholesale crackdown on racketeers.

Mr. Dunlap made his announcement on the heels of an order by Attorney General J. Howard McGrath to get up immediately special grand juries in each of the 93 federal districts to break up organized crime and racketeering.

Mr. McGrath announced the creation of a special racket unit to co-ordinate the drive and directed U.S. attorneys in each district to hit at the underworld at every level with the goal of ending evils exposed by the Senate crime investigating committee.

Officials feel that the two-pronged drive—by the Internal Revenue Bureau and the Justice Department—will have the effect of both collecting outstanding taxes and of driving many racketeers out of business.

### Hit Big Bosses,

Mr. Dunlap said the bureau has been conducting an extensive drive on the big bosses and small fry of the underworld to make them pay income taxes. He said the money collected has come from back taxes, tax penalties and interest on unpaid taxes.

**Resume Search For Missing Plane On Lake Michigan**

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 7—The Coast Guard cutter Sundew stood by today to resume the search for a private plane missing in Lake Michigan with a physician and three of his children aboard.

The cutter returned to port here yesterday after finding articles from the plane on the surface of "rubbery" ice 10 miles off the coast of Racine, Wis. The spot was marked with a buoy.

Identification of the plane was made from the log book which was found along with the other debris. The plane itself was not located.

**THE LIGHT CRAFT** was piloted by Dr. George Thill, 48, a prominent Milwaukee physician. He was flying home from a Florida vacation.

His wife, Marion, also was en route from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., with the couple's fourth child. She was to arrive last night. She had not yet heard of the tragedy.

The couple's four children are Lois, 18; Nancy, 16; James 13, and Mary Beth, 12. Which three were with Dr. Thill was not known.

Dr. Thill was last heard from Saturday when he radioed Billy Mitchell Field in Milwaukee and said he was coming to land. Earlier, he stopped to refuel at Evansville, Ind., where airport officials said he was accompanied by two girls and a boy.

### Hoodlums Score Victory—

## One-Man Crime Crusader, Badly Beaten, to Pull Stakes

NORTHLAKE, Ill., Jan. 7 (UPI)—The Chicago underworld won a victory yesterday.

It is chasing Robert H. Niemeyer out of town.

Mr. Niemeyer, 47, was a one-man citizen crime crusader in this Chicago suburb until several months ago, when he was beaten almost to death by hoodlums.

Now he said he has had enough and will move away as soon as he can find a place to go.

**Curtain Rises On Wanger Assault Trial**

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 7 (UPI)—Walter Wanger's attorney revealed yesterday that he will have "plenty to say" when the movie producer husband of Joan Bennett goes on trial today on a charge of assault with intent to kill a Hollywood actor's agent.

Criminal Lawyer Jerry Geisler said he had "definite" plans for Wanger's defense in the trial which gossips expect to be one of the spiciest in years involving the filmland set.

Mr. Geisler said he could not disclose his defense strategy in advance. He insists that he never maps out the defense until a trial begins.

Many expected that Wanger would plead innocent to the charge of shooting agent Jennings Lang in the groin in Beverly Hills parking lot on Dec. 13.

**Bald Beaten**

Mr. Niemeyer suffered broken legs, kneecaps, arms, thighs and shoulders, as well as internal injuries. "Miraculously, he recovered."

No one knows whether the hoodlums meant to kill him—as the syndicate has pulled off several slayings recently to choke off threats to its organization—or merely teach him a lesson.

Mr. Niemeyer, who came home from a hospital just before Christmas, said he had learned his lesson.

"It's hard for me to measure the suffering and anxiety against the results," he said slowly. "I don't know if it's worth it."

He said that what happened to him has "aroused people, but it's hard to tell how long their ardor will last."

**Must Leave Home**

In the end, he said, he has decided that he must leave his home.

"It was the place where we were always going to stay, but now we feel we've got to sell it and go," he said.



SOME FUN—Officer Edward Colseth catches Stephen Hirsch (left) and Franklin Narbert, both 12, as they were about to "pop" him with snowball barrage in Chicago today. Kids throughout the city were having a great time playing in the freshly fallen snow.

## Today in Business

### A 'New Milk' Coming Out

By Harold Hartley

THERE'LL BE a new milk out tomorrow. New bottle, too.

It ought to make the cow ashamed, feeling like a loafa.

It will have all the vitamins you need, all except one.

For that you eat an orange. It's C.

Milk is short on everything except calcium and phosphorus. So Borden's have added the rest.

**IT'LL BE TWO-BITS** a quart at your door, one cent over homogenized, and two cents over regular milk.

It will have a long name. Gall Borden's Signature Milk, and it will come in a deep amber bottle, to keep the light away from light-sensitive vitamins.

**BORDEN'S** have added Vitamins A, D, B-1, B-2, niacin, iron and iodine. And they got a quick nod from the Board of Health.

This is known as up-grading, actually improving on nature. The packing industry has been struggling with the same idea.

It will be the very best science can produce. No new product these days can last on less.

**Puff-Puff-Puff**

**I ALMOST** missed figures on the 1951 cigarette derby.

Camels held to first place, 102 billion. But Luckies slipped down to 76 billion, that's down 20 billion since 1948. Chesterfields held steady, according to Business Week, down less than 1 per cent.

**THE SWITCH** seems to be king-size with Pall Malls showing the biggest gain, beginning to crowd Phillip Morris a little for fourth place.

Americans are smoking their heads off. They burned up 372 billion cigarettes last year, enough for one pack a day for every household in the country.

Mr. Jacobs also charges he is fighting to rout National Democratic Chairman Frank E. McKinney and National Committee Frank McHale from influence in the county.

Speculation Gov. Schricker will support the Bayt-Jacobs group was given added strength today when it was revealed Thomas Hutton, state labor commissioner, lent his office to the group for a policy meeting yesterday.

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Key battle in the Wednesday 17-inch set. But the drift is to 20's and 21's. And Admiral is working on a 27-inch set with a rectangular tube.

**WHEN YOU** buy, get a good-sized screen, or you'll be trading it in too soon.

**No Thank You**

IT'S HARD to believe this handsome, dark-haired Lang was breaking up his home with his beautiful actress wife. Mr. Geisler would not comment on rumors he plans to use the "unwritten law" regarding "sanctity of the home" in defending the producer.

He is Howard P. Eells Jr., president of Cleveland Basic Refactories, Inc. He actually rejected an offer from the RFC for \$4 million. And he needed it.

Raising \$4 million privately is not easy. But he did it in a three-way parlay, a merger, a private loan, and the sale of stock.

**Wanger Indicted**

After the actress and Lang indicated a desire to forgive and forget, apparently hopeful of avoiding more publicity, District Attorney S. Ernest Roll insisted that even topflight movie people could not go around shooting each other.

**AN INDUSTRIAL** independent with a capital "I" still lives.

And I don't mean the one in Missouri.

**INDIANAPOLIS TRAFFIC CASUALTIES** (6 Days)

	1951	1952
Accidents	143	107
Injured	59	43
Killed	0	1

It was the place where we were always going to stay, but now we feel we've got to sell it and go, he said.

## Truman and Winnie Down To Business

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7—President Truman and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill began today their formal conferences which may have far-reaching effects on future world events.

After a week-end of reviewing the general international situation, the two leaders plan to get down to brass tacks on specific issues at their four "plenary sessions" at the White House today and tomorrow.

The UPW's 80,000 members already have voted for a nationwide strike "if necessary" to enforce economic demands, and sporadic "spontaneous" walkouts have occurred at some plants in the last few days.

Before the day is over many specific subjects will have been put in the mill. The procedure is for both sides to submit memoranda expressing each side's views for subsequent work by specialists.

Mr. Churchill and Mr. Truman will be surrounded by their top diplomatic, military and economic advisers.

The formal agenda is flexible, but already includes just about every major issue. Prominent among them is Mr. Churchill's desire for a streamlined Atlantic Pact organization, which is expected to get considerable attention.

The British leader already has been assured of support from Mr. Truman for a major Anglo-American campaign to make future meetings of the 12-pact Allies smaller, less unwieldy and more effective.

**Believe Members Resentful**

A statement released by the conference appeared to welcome rank-and-file members of the AFL union to join with the CIO in a fight for better terms.

The conference said it believed that AFL members "are resentful of the manner in which these negotiations have been mishandled and that they will organize themselves and work together in a common fight."

The statement also appeared to indicate that the wave of hit-run walkouts at various meat packing plants in the nation may continue.

The strike strategy committee specifically was empowered to "call upon the membership to take strike action against any part or all of the industry within our jurisdiction and in any manner or to any degree they see fit."

**Spontaneous Walkouts**

Since last Thursday, "spontaneous" walkouts have occurred at Darrington, Wash., last September, told Sheriff Tom Warn Bradley during a \$500 robbery in December 1950.

Mr. Bradley's death was attributed to a heart attack.

County Coroner Kenneth Baker said Dr. Bradley's body would be exhumed and an autopsy performed to determine whether death was caused by strangulation.

Another action yesterday, the executive board voted to exercise a contract re-opener effective Feb. 11, even though the previous one has not yet been resolved. Contracts with the packers expire Aug. 11 this year.

**Lincoln Life Reports \$53 Million Gain**

New paid business for 1951 totaled more than \$725 million—a gain of some \$53 million—A. J. McAndrews president of the Lincoln National Life Insurance Co. announced today.

The firm, Mr. McAndrews said, invested \$10 million in Indiana during 1951 and owns investments in the state totaling more than \$59 million.

**Local Stocks and Bonds**

—Jan. 7—

STOCKS Bid Asked

American Loan 5% 98 97

Amoco 5% 98 97

Armstrong 5% 98 97

Atkison 5% 98 97

Baird 5% 98 97

Bell Telephone 5% 98 97