

Four Councilmen, Nine Others Face Graft Charges

BUFFALO, N. Y. — (AP) — Indictment of four city councilmen in connection with alleged \$10,000-a-month "payoffs" by pinball-machine owners has exploded a political bombshell just two weeks before primary day.

The 13 were indicted by an Erie county grand jury on one or more of the following charges: conspiracy, bribery, extortion and taking unlawful fees. Four top police officials were among the 13. Two of the councilmen are candidates for party nomination as council president.

Also named were the present city license director, his predecessor, a state Democratic committeeman and two nightclub owners.

District Attorney Gordon Steele said pinball machine owners had paid a total of \$10,000 a month for protection.

The councilmen indicted were: Peter J. Rybka, leader of the Democratic-controlled council; Republicans Russell M. Leech and Elmer J. Hoffman, and Democrat Frank J. Glinski.

In prepared statements, Leech and Glinski said they were innocent. Deputy Police Commissioner Glenn G. Pualey was indicted on the same charges placed against the councilmen.

All 13 pleaded innocent in state supreme court and were freed in bail or property bond.

FIRE DEATH DODGED
HULL, Quebec — (AP) — Band leader Louis Armstrong escaped from a hotel and dance pavilion fire here Sunday in which one person was killed and at least six others were injured.

Rafael Gomez, 22, of New York, a drummer, was killed.

Major John Andre, British soldier, was captured behind American lines, where he had gone to negotiate an attack on West Point with Benedict Arnold in 1780, and was hanged as a spy in Tappan, N. Y.



QUARANTINED VETERANS—With gloom written on their faces, these GI's, part of a group of 277 quarantined Korean veterans, sit in the hospital room of the Navy Transport Marine Adder as vessel docked at Seattle. All troops on board, 2,692 army rotation men, were re-vaccinated for smallpox as precaution when it was discovered some of the men may have had recent contact with smallpox while in Japan. (AP Wirephoto)

The Dalles Vice Raids Take 22 Into Court



THE DALLES — (AP) — The Dalles' new police chief, Jack Lyons, disclosed that 22 persons were arrested in vice raids here Saturday night.

Thirteen women and nine men appeared in recorder's court, and all but two were released on bail. Three women were charged with operating a bawdy house and the others were charged with vagrancy.

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CAT ENDS 3,000-MILE WALK—Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Smith, former residents of St. Petersburg, Fla., introduce their year-old son, Patrick, to their alley cat named Tom at their home in San Gabriel, Calif. When they moved to California in 1949 they gave Tom to the man who bought their home. Two weeks later he wrote that Tom had run away. Tom showed up at the Smith's backyard, and they're still trying to figure out how he managed the 3,000-mile walk, which took two years and six weeks. (AP Wirephoto)

'Celluloid' Thief Gets In Wrong Apartment

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A well-dressed young man stepped inside a plush Connecticut avenue apartment. He stammered, "I . . . I . . . must have made a mistake."

Police Identified the Young Man as Kenneth C. Von Der Heide, 31.

Inspector Robert V. Murray said he talked freely about three years of fast and easy house breaking which netted him jewelry, silver, furs and cash. He used a piece of celluloid to trip the locks on some 250 apartments and hotel rooms, police said. He was held under \$20,000 bond.

GETS CONTRACT—The story's sort of complicated, but here goes. Alice Kelley (above), 19, has lived in Burbank, Calif., near Universal-International movie studio nearly all her life. Recently her picture adorned several national magazine covers. Hundreds of fan letters resulted, addressed simply to her in Burbank, and postal clerks routed the letters to the U-I studio. That put talent scouts on her trail, and a movie-contract resulted. (AP Wirephoto)

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