

Justice Department Denies Refusing To Aid Jury Tampering Investigation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department denied Wednesday a statement by U. S. District Judge Willis W. Ritter that it had refused to assist in an investigation of jury tampering by Denver gamblers.

Judge Ritter's statement has been cited by Clayton Fritchey, deputy chairman of the National Democratic Committee, as evidence that there is "a serious situation within the Justice Department."

Fritchey charged in a television appearance last Sunday night that one of the reasons why Atty.-Gen. Brownell launched the controversial Harry Dexter White spy case was to divert attention from the Justice Department situation.

A statement issued by Asst. Atty.-Gen. Warren Olney III Wednesday made no reference to Judge Ritter's remarks but mentioned "political discussion" on the radio and television in which it had been asserted the Denver case "had been in some way mis-

handled by the Department of Justice."

Denies Claim
"There is no substance to this assertion," Olney said.

Fritchey said in a new statement Wednesday night:
"At first glance, Mr. Olney's explanation is certainly difficult to follow and does not seem responsive to the charges of Judge Ritter and Mr. Vigil." (Charles Vigil, former U. S. attorney at Denver, was ousted by Brownell recently.)

"Sen. Langer, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, has said he will hold hearings in Denver next week, and I am sure all aspects of the case probably will be clarified at that time — at least I hope so."

Brownell Not on Case
Olney explained that he was issuing the statement because the Denver case was handled by the Criminal Division of the Justice Department, which he heads.

Mexico Actor Near Death

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Mexican singer and actor Jorge Negrete is "near death," one of his doctors said Wednesday.

The physician, who asked that his name not be mentioned, estimated that the Latin star has 48 hours to live.

Negrete, 41, entered Cedars of Lebanon Hospital Nov. 23. The doctor said he is suffering from cirrhosis of the liver, secondary to an infectious hepatitis.

This phase of the jury tampering charge originated with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, indictments were returned on the basis of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and all defendants have been convicted of all charges so far brought to trial," Olney said.

In sentencing the Smaldone brothers Nov. 23, Judge Ritter said:
"I don't understand why the Department of Justice, which is charged with law enforcement, should refuse to assist in the investigation of jury tampering in the Smaldone cases — but they did."

"Only through the efforts of the Treasury Department and the use of their agents was the investigation carried on to a successful conclusion."

LIFEGUARD TO THE RESCUE
SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP) — The minute Jim Gilmour came home he heard his son's cry for help. He grabbed tools and twisted pipes to rescue the gold fish that had slipped into the kitchen sink drain. Rescues are Gilmour's business. He's a lieutenant of city beach lifeguards.

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Air Force Sgt. John H. Bridges, who recently set up a permanent ground observer corps office in the State Office Building, is shown above discussing the corps with Mrs. Robert E. Newton, Salem Route 4, Box 79. Prior to Bridges' arrival, the 36 observation posts in this area were not under the direction of any local Air Force personnel. (Statesman photo.)

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WHISTLES THEM HOME MOSQUERO, N. M. (AP) — Mayor Tito Trujillo recently issued a proclamation that the town fire whistle would blow every night at 8:30. Any person under 21 found on the streets after that time, he said, would be fined.

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Nehru, Nixon Trade Ideas on World Affairs

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Prime Minister Nehru had a two-hour talk on world affairs Wednesday night with Vice President Richard Nixon.

Authoritative sources said the Indian leader gave Nixon little reason to expect any closer Indian-American political alignment.

The prime minister outlined his position in favor of recognizing Communist China as a dominant Asiatic power, the sources said, and expressed belief the United States policy of containment is being carried too far around Russia.

These views already have brought sharp criticism of Nehru by Sen. William Knowland (R-Calif.), the Senate Republican leader, and other influential Americans.

Nixon himself said the talk with Nehru gave him "a much more rounded and objective picture" of the prime minister's viewpoints. They met alone over a bowl of cashew nuts and tangerine juice in a private room of Nehru's luxurious residence.

While declining to reveal details, Nixon said the conversation was "completely friendly, cordial and frank," with Nehru doing most of the talking. They emerged smiling and joking.

The touring American official later had dinner with Nehru and other top Indian leaders.



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