

ges Question ies' Powers cketeering Survey eets Difficulties

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Atty. Gen. Cummings' national racketeering survey has run into some difficulties as a result of questions raised by judges on how far federal jurisdiction can legally go.

It is reported that judges have doubts that a racketeer under U.S. authority can be traced into strictly local crime conditions.

JUDGES want to know what and how much of traditional secret grand jury proceedings may be made public in the name of "presentations," or statements of conditions.

South launched the national inquiry into organized crime racketeering activities early in 1951, as a followup to the 1947 Kefauver Crime Investigating Committee.

Called for jury sessions in the 93 Federal Judicial Districts.

Wednesday showed that have been convened or called only about half of the 93 districts. Transcripts of proceedings have been received here from three.

McLEAN, who heads the Department racket unit assigned to lift the jury reports, said, "The program is proceeding with jury sessions called or held in 47 districts."

According to McLean's records, have been or are being in many cities, including Anchorage and Fairbanks, and Seattle, Wash.

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the first criminal jury trial March term of circuit court, George O'Neill, 52, 60 Club Road, was found guilty of burglary not in a dwelling.

case went to the jury at 11 Wednesday, they returned a verdict at 2 Wednesday noon. Rudolph Ernst, retired judge of Oregon professor, 34, foreman.

Ernst's deputies Russell Arney, William T. Moon arrested Jan. 31 at Hewett's Marine Parkway Road, when they had a broken window in the car. At first O'Neill claimed the owner of the market and asked to know what the offense was doing in the area.

breakdown produced a quantity of money on O'Neill's person. District attorney's office successfully claimed the money came from the burglarized market. Bulk testimony was introduced whether O'Neill was or not in the rifled building at time of the burglary.

Not Outdone, Fisherman Hooks Own Sturgeon

Earl Brooks, Springfield fisherman, had his day on the Columbia River the past weekend.

Brooks was left on a rock island in the river two weeks ago while Perry Wimmers of Springfield and Otto Lape of Hood River were towed downstream by a 120-pound six-foot sturgeon, near Lindsey Creek in the Hood River area. So, not to be outdone, Brooks returned to the area a few days ago with a Springfield fishing party. He caught a sturgeon almost six feet long, weighing 114 pounds.

Both fish were among the largest brought to this area in recent years which have been caught on non-commercial licenses.

Survey Crew Finds Unknown Skeleton

HOOD RIVER—(AP)—The remains of a man, found Tuesday by a state highway department survey crew near here, were sent to the Portland Crime Laboratory for further study.

The man whose skeleton was found may have committed suicide about 10 years ago, Sheriff R. O. Gillmouthe said. A gun was found nearby.

Dairymen Elect Officers at Meet

Lane Group Holds Annual Convention

FLORENCE—Noland Huntington, North Fork, was elected president of the Lane County Dairy Herd Improvement Association, in the group's annual meeting held Tuesday at the Florence Legion Hall. He succeeds Warner Waite of Cushman.

Other officers elected for one year terms are Ernest Grimes, vice president, Eugene; Robert Fish, secretary-treasurer, Eugene; Merle Hentze, Junction City; and Waite were chosen as directors.

Principal topic at the session was the formation of a second chapter of the DHIA. Twenty-one dairymen listed their herds for testing, with the inspection being done by Roger Wilson of Vermont. Huntington and Millard Martin, Ada, led the dairymen in discussing the problems they face. The talks revealed that grain and beet pulp are the correct preservatives to use on green grass with high moisture content, with molasses as best on drier grass in production of a good grade of silage for cheap feed.

Fish, of Echo Hollow Dairy, Eugene, spoke of the dairymen problems facing the producer.

Drive Revealed For Tax Evaders

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Stung by scandals within its own ranks, the Internal Revenue Bureau launched a silent but sweeping drive during the last six months of 1951 against tax dodgers.

This became known Tuesday with the issuance of a report which showed:

- 744 tax fraud cases were sent to the Justice Department for prosecution in the last half of 1951—almost three times as many as in the same period the previous year.
- In 1950 for each 100 such new cases, 60 were dropped without full court prosecution. But last year, only 13 out of 100 were dropped.
- Within the bureau itself, cases sent to the penal division for prosecution increased 26 per cent. The number dropped by the division without prosecution declined 55 per cent.
- Outstanding warrants for collection of all types of delinquent taxes increased from 902,007 cases as he registered.

action in some cases, but there were other big factors. They cited a special drive which has netted 50 million dollars in assessments against racketeers, and use of them "for administrative use" "electronic brain" computing machines to free more personnel for enforcement work.

Figures on the stepped-up enforcement campaign were disclosed in a revenues activities report.

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Accountant, 69, Signs As College Student

SEATTLE—(AP)—Retired Chief City Accountant Isaac Comeaux, 69, Thursday was listed as an undergraduate student at the University of Washington.

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