

Grath Not 'Enthusiastic' Clean Up, Probers Say

LIVINGSTONE
House inves-
McGrath's
clean up—
investigations
the Justice
McGrath
reasons which
"can-
last April 3 by
after the admin-
up drive bogged
over for a second
of a report by a
subcommittee.

GOOD FAITH
The report, issued
McGrath's
of Newbold Morris
drive.

Grath commented
the report is beneath
who care to be
"unable."

Wednesday's second
former attorney
reporter he had no
engaging in a cross-
in on each of the
reports.

until they have
the work," he said,
I shall say what
appropriate."

day's installment—
the next week—the
headed by Rep.

Chelf (D-Ky) pictures McGrath as
an official who exhibited "a de-
plorable lack of knowledge of the
department he was supposed to
administer."

It adds:

McGRATH'S RECORD
"His testimony and his record
as attorney general indicate that
he was content to let the status
quo remain without knowing what
the status quo was."

In particular, investigators said
of McGrath:

1. He made "inappropriate ap-
pointments to high office"—spec-
ifically, the appointment of A.
DeVitt Vanech as deputy attorney
general. Vanech, investigators
said, had made "improper repre-
sentations to gain admittance to
practice before the Tennessee and
U.S. Bars.

Vanech was shown by investiga-
tors to have failed the District of
Columbia bar examinations three
times and the Virginia bar exam-
ination once before being admitted
to the Tennessee bar as a non-
resident.

2. He, McGrath, had little inter-
est in purging the Justice Depart-
ment of "wrongdoers and incompet-
ents," and gave little aid to New-
bold Morris after naming him to
direct the ill-fated housecleaning
in Washington last spring. Mc-
Grath fired Morris just before he
himself was forced to resign by
President Truman.

3. He failed "completely" to co-
operate with Chelf committee in-
vestigations and "surrounded him-

self with subordinates of the same
view."

ONE WAS CAUDLE
Investigators added, however,
that "in fairness to Mr. McGrath"
it should be noted the majority of
his subordinates were originally
placed in top positions by Tom
Clark, McGrath's predecessor, who
now is a Supreme Court Justice.

One was Vanech, the report
noted. Another was T. Lamar
Caudle, fired by President Truman
over McGrath's head as chief of
the Tax Division last November
following tax scandal disclosures.

The report devoted considerable
space to the committee's difficul-
ties in obtaining information from
the Justice Department prior to
the appointment of James P. Mc-
Granery as Attorney General.

The report said delaying and
hampering tactics were employed
by McGrath, and subsequently by
Acting Atty. Gen. Philip B. Peri-
man.

Investigators said the interest of
department lawyers seemed less
in catching wrongdoers than "in
seeing how little could be done
without bringing on a showdown,
and in keeping the work of their
department from the scrutiny of
any outside eyes insofar as it
might be possible."

"Such an attitude on the part
of Department of Justice person-
nel is bound to raise questions as
to whether it seems from fear
of exposure of corruption or inef-
ficiency within the department,"
the report said.



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"I'VE BEEN smoken cigars
since I was 13-months-old." And
22-months-old Jimmy Parmenter,
of Jacksonville, Fla., isn't fooling. A firm
believer in "the old "what
this country needs" quota-
tion, the little blonde head-
ed boy thinks there's noth-
ing better than a nice, fat
stogie, the kind he is seen
smoking while enjoying the
comfort of his baby rocker.
Jimmy's mother, Mrs. K. L.
Parmenter says the lad does
most of his smoking when
he visits drive-in theaters.

Latest Skirmish in 'Rose War'

Eleanor 'Not on the Lam'

NEW YORK — Eleanor
Holm Rose said Wednesday she
was "ashamed" that she was
married for 13 years to "a
man of such character" as Broad-
way Showman Billy Rose.

In a bitter statement issued
through her attorney, she de-
nied Rose's charge that she was
"on the lam" to avoid answering
questions about \$150,000 worth
of art objects missing from their
Beekman Place mansion in Man-
hattan.

Rose obtained a supreme court
order Tuesday demanding that
she appear Thursday to tell if
she knows anything about the
disappearance of valuable an-
tiques from their home. Rose
said his detectives failed to
track down his wife in a search
around New York to serve the
subpena.

Mrs. Rose said that "while Mr.
Rose was announcing that
sleuths were looking for me and
... that I was 'on the lam' I
was working with my attorneys

at their office and having dinner
publicly at the Astor dining
room. How silly can you get?"

Rose invaded the five-story
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night while Mrs. Rose was vaca-
tioning in Florida and changed
the locks on the doors. She had
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on the kitchen stove and had gone
to the store in front of the build-
ing to wait on a customer, she ex-
plained today. She was delayed.

Meantime her three-months-old
baby Richard, and 2½-year-old
daughter Helen, were in the kit-
chen with the door closed when the
pan of hot grease caught fire, rais-
ing the room temperature five de-
grees in a few seconds which set
off the bell alarm.

Ran To Kitchen
The Lofgrens ran to the kitchen
to find the room filled with grease
smoke and flames leaping to the
ceiling while little Helen sat petri-
fied with her hands over her eyes.
Lofgren quickly extinguished the
flames with a pot cover. There re-
mained only the smoke damage to
the room.

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Ransier said today that he had
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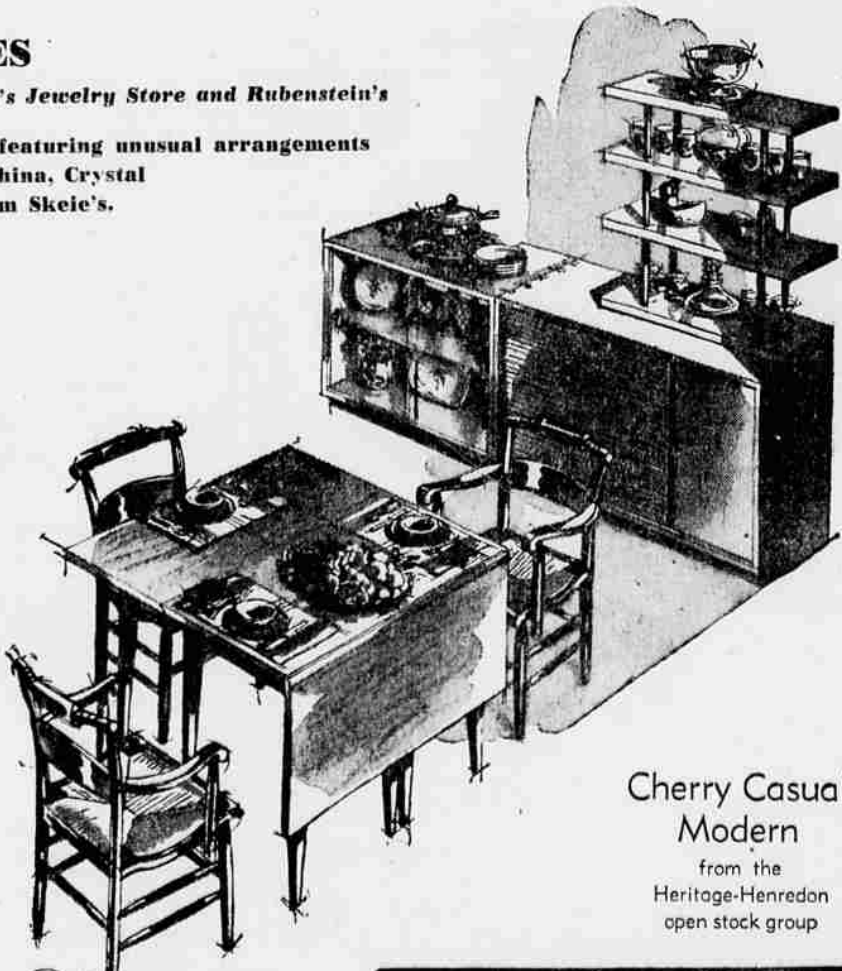
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