

Detroit Call Girl Racket Smashed in Raids by Police

Detroit—(U.P.)—Detroit police smashed a vice ring Wednesday whose "extremely attractive" call girls included housewives and teenagers paid as much as \$300 a date.

Inspector Clayton Nowlin of the Vice Squad called the ring the "most vicious I ever encountered in all my years on the department."

The girls are extremely attractive and so well dressed that they were able to appear in the better hotels and restaurants without raising suspicion," Nowlin said.

Warrants Issued
Ten men and five women were named in warrants issued by the prosecutor's office and an 18-year-old girl also was held as a witness. Police said at least 30 to 50 girls and women were involved and additional arrests were expected.

Nowlin said about 20 teenage girls and housewives were "most active" in the ring whose patrons included "some very big people."

"The serious part of it is that some of the girls were no more than 15 when they got tied up with these people," Nowlin said.

Another detective said at least one of the women had three children and another was the former wife of a wealthy and socially prominent man.

Babysitters Furnished
He said the ring furnished babysitters for the housewives when they were called to hotels on "dates."

Detectives said address books seized in 10 pre-dawn raids Wednesday contained the names of more than 1,000 customers—"enough to fill a good sized telephone directory."

Nowlin said he learned of one instance where an exceptionally beautiful call girl sold her telephone number and address book to another girl for \$1,000.

Police named Charles Chilli Winters, 27, as head man of the ring.

Klamath Loggers Blast Road Group

Klamath Falls—(U.P.)—Loggers in the Klamath Falls area leveled a sharp blast at the State Highway Department yesterday, claiming that poor maintenance on a 12-mile stretch of the Green Springs road has resulted in closure to traffic by vehicles of more than 1100 pounds.

The loggers, through the county Chamber of Commerce road committee, said that the curtailment of heavy vehicles over the road is working a hardship on about 1000 wage earners and a half-million dollar payroll is in jeopardy.

They said that 10 to 15 saw-mills in the area are threatened with a log shortage unless the road is reopened shortly. They contend that lack of maintenance brought about the closure.

Neuberger To Seek Lower Retiring Age

Oregon City—(U.P.)—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger said here last night that this Congress will go down in history as "a complete failure" if it does not lower the age for women to benefit from the social security program.

Neuberger, in a speech delivered before Clackamas county Democrats, said that he would fight to bring to the Senate floor a bill lowering the retirement age for women from 65 to 62.

The Oregon Democrat charged that a combination of Republicans and Southern Democrats in Congress are holding up social security legislation. He added that the United States is lagging behind Canada and many of the Scandinavian nations in providing social security legislation.

Near Record Liquor Fund Due Counties

Salem—(U.P.)—Oregon counties are in for their second largest take from quarterly liquor commission revenues since the commission was formed, officials said here yesterday.

Bruce Williams, chairman of the commission, said that \$5,275,766 over and above working capital will be allotted to counties, cities and the state's general fund.

Williams said the large amount to be allocated this quarter is due to the release of monies previously held for working capital. The state's general fund will receive \$4,805,000 and cities and counties will divide up \$470,766 on a population basis.

IRRIGATION SEASON
Bend—(U.P.)—Water was turned into the Swalley canal yesterday, marking the start of the irrigation season in the upper Deschutes region. Acreage served by the Swalley canal is just north of Bend.

Absentee Voters Being Urged to Cast Vote in Coming Election

A drive is now under way to encourage Oregon absentee voters to register to vote by absentee ballot in the coming election. In conjunction with the drive, Mrs. Bereth Hopkins, Jackson county clerk, has prepared the following information in question and answer form concerning absentee ballots:

Q. Who is entitled to vote by absentee ballot?
A. 1. Anyone who is properly qualified by registration and who is unavoidably absent from his voting precinct on election day because of illness or official business connected with his job.

Government Service
2. Anyone in service of the government as a civilian outside the state or country.

3. Anyone serving in the armed forces who is or was eligible to register.

4. Anyone whose residence is 15 miles or more from his polling place.

Q. How does one get an absentee ballot?

A. 1. Application must be in writing and signed by the applicant who must be properly registered in the precinct in which he lives.

2. Application filed with the county clerk in person or by mail.

3. Affidavit printed on return envelope must be properly filled out and attested.

Q. How long before an election may one apply for absentee ballot?

A. Earliest date application may be received by the county clerk is 60 days before date of the election. This year it is March 19.

Q. When must ballot be returned?

A. On May 12, five days before the election.

Q. How is application for absentee ballot handled in the county clerk's office?

A. 1. Clerk files upon receipt.
2. Clerk enters name and address to which ballot must be sent upon official "Absent Voter" list.

3. Enters date application is received.

Q. How is absentee ballot processed for delivery?

A. 1. As soon as official ballots are received by clerk, one is mailed to the absent voter.

2. Ballot must be initiated by the county clerk before delivery.

Postage Prepaid
3. Must be mailed postage prepaid at least 10 days before opening of polls on election day. A return envelope bearing printed affidavit required by law must be enclosed with separate printed instructions.

4. Date of mailing must be entered on official list.

Q. When must an absentee ballot be returned to the county clerk?

A. Ballot must be mailed in time to reach the clerk's office six days before the election so it may be deposited in the proper ballot box before delivery to the sheriff on May 12.

Q. How is an absentee ballot processed after being received by the county clerk?

A. 1. Clerk places envelope unopened in file for safe keeping after clipping it to application.
2. When ballot box is ready for delivery to sheriff, absentee ballot with attached application is placed in proper precinct pouch with other election material.

JUDGE BELIEVES NUNS

South Bend, Ind.—(U.P.)—Two nuns protested to a court clerk that their car got a ticket for overtime parking when their watches showed there should have been three minutes left on the meter. The clerk refused to take their fine because "I found it difficult not to believe them."

terial and pouch is sealed.

3. Election board must verify legality of absentee vote by: Comparison of signature of affidavit with that upon application of elector; examination of poll book to see that elector has not voted in person; examination of affidavit of elector to see that it is properly filled out and attested; after verification, absent voter's envelope is opened and ballot is removed. Without unfolding them or permitting them to be opened or examined, a board member checks the perforated numbered corner and checks county clerk's initials. She then processes them in the same manner as ballots cast in person.

Q. Can an absentee ballot be rejected?

A. 1. It can be rejected if the affidavit is insufficient, if signatures do not correspond or if examination of poll book reveals that the voter has cast a vote in person.
2. Envelope in the case of a rejected vote must not be opened. It is marked "rejected," "defective" or "illegal" and is retained in the same manner as any other defective official ballot.

Service Voters
Q. Are there special provisions for absentee voting by members of the armed forces?

A. 1. Every citizen absent from his place of residence and serving in the armed forces who is or was eligible to register for and is qualified to vote at any election shall be entitled to vote by mail.
2. Post card form 76 provided by the government serves as both registration and application for absentee ballot.
3. Any oath prescribed by the laws of the state concerning absentee registration may be administered to a member of the armed services and attested by a commissioned officer of any branch of the service.

4. The spouse and dependents of a service voter, residing with him, may vote in the same manner as that specified for a service voter.

Q. May a registered voter vote in person in precinct other than his own?

A. 1. Only upon presentation of a valid certificate of registration made under the seal of the county court by the county clerk where voter is registered. He can vote only on district, state or national candidates or measures.

2. Such certificate must be returned to the county clerk by the election board in a separate package and must be returned by him to the county clerk who issued it.

NEW ABBREVIATION
Washington—(U.P.)—The Pentagon's Navy information desk will come up with a new abbreviation in its press releases. The abbreviation, Upobah, stands for "unofficially posted on board across the hall."

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