



**24-HOUR JOB**—Ray Sheffer, front center, chief of Las Vegas, Nev., where the bars and is in charge of policing one of the few gambling casinos never close. A portion of "24 hour" towns in America. He is police his force is shown behind him.

## Las Vegas Police Department Able To Control 24-Hour City

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Las Vegas, Nev.—UPI—When Las Vegas is mentioned in the United States, and in most foreign countries, there are visions of crap tables and roulette wheels spinning and clicking, surrounded by a bunch of mud huts and dirt streets.

Most of the nation, because of the stories which pour out from the desert spa, has the belief that the residents of the

community haunt the casinos and dump all of their cash on the tables hoping to "break the bank" and leave the community for greener fields.

Most Proud of Home  
They don't realize that the citizens live much the same type of life as do those of Paducah, Ky., or Des Moines, Iowa. The only difference is that when the citizens desire entertainment, they can find the most glamorous shows in the world only a few blocks away from home.

Most Las Vegas are proud

of their home town. That is why they were so impressed when their chief of police, Ray Sheffer, recently was nominated for one of the 10 outstanding young men of the nation by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce. Sheffer was among the finalists and missed out only during the last go-round.

Sheffer polices one of the few "24 hour" towns in America. The bars and the gambling casinos never close. His job is made doubly tough by the fact gambling attracts all sorts of hangers-on.

But the Las Vegas chief is well able to take care of any type character who might think the community is open territory for crime. He stands well over six feet tall, weighs about 200 pounds and looks like an All-American tackle.

Youngest Chief  
He is the youngest chief of police in any major city in the United States—just nearing 36.

One of Sheffer's trademarks is his eyes. They are sort of hazel, but the pupils are as black as night and look like the muzzles of .22 caliber revolvers as they peer out from under bushy eyebrows. He appears to be looking right through you, even when he is in a light mood and off duty. Many criminals have broken under the stares of those eyes.

The chief came up through the ranks, so he knows what his men have to and can do. He is the type who leads his police department rather than driving the members. He never calls them to do something he would not do or has not done himself. This is why morale is high in the department.

Sheffer has been in the forefront of battles to curb narcotics, juvenile delinquency and to make better officers of the members of his department.

Change in Drug Law  
Sheffer, almost single-handedly, brought about a change in the state narcotic law which now provides stiffer penalties—up to life imprisonment—for dope peddlers and pushers. The Nevada legislature took his word, almost exclusively, and passed, with only a scattering of dissenting votes, the bill he had prepared.

A Sheffer project, the Las Vegas Police Academy, where rookie officers are trained in police work before joining the force, has gained wide recognition.

Originally, instituted for Los Vegas officers only, the academy has drawn students from all sections of the state. There is every possibility the academy will become state supported and open to police officers and sheriffs' deputies from all parts of the state.

## The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a Judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Mary T.—I don't want to share my room with Granny! Mrs. L. T.—I'm disappointed in Mary.

Mary T.—I am 12 and so miserable at home I feel like running away. Until last year I had to share my room with my kid brother. Finally we moved into a bigger apartment and I got a room of my own. Now what happens? My grandmother comes to live with us and I have to have her in my room!

I spent so much time fixing up my room just the way I wanted it. Everything was so perfect. Now it has all been rearranged to make room for Granny. I have no privacy. Granny doesn't like the records I play, the way I sit when I do my homework, etc. I can't stand it!

I don't see why Granny can't stay in Cliff's room. He's only 8 and he's hardly ever in it. But Mom says I have to put up and shut up.

Mrs. L. T.—Having my mother live with us is hard on every one of us. She is elderly and ailing and just couldn't be left alone any longer I was the only one who could possibly take care of her so I'm elected and that's that.

I am very disappointed in Mary. She always adored her grandmother and used to beg her to stay overnight. Now she gets irritated at everything the poor woman says to her. Once or twice she was so disrespectful that I slapped her.

I have tried to teach Mary to be unselfish and thoughtful of others. The way she is acting I feel I have been a failure as a mother. She does not seem to have one tender spot in her heart for her own grandmother. My mother feels it too and says I've spoiled Mary.

The Council: Of course, we can't excuse disrespect to Grandmother, but we can see where Mary has had things rather tough. At just the age when she has come to luxuriate in her own privacy, she is given a close overseer, who is far removed from her own budding tastes and ideas.

It is also possible that Granny is really difficult to get along with. If she is both old and ailing and suddenly placed in a position of total dependence in her daughter's home, she can't be in very good spirits. She probably is entirely aware of how much she has upset Mary's plans and this gives her no cause for joy. She is likely to take out some of her miseries about herself in criticism of Mary. And this doesn't help the situation by any means.

In addition, Mary is arriving at the age when she may experience a good deal of emotional antagonism toward her mother. It is quite likely that she conceals some of those feelings even from herself and transfers them to her grandmother—against whom she feels she has a reasonable

Because she is trying to

## Russia Possibly Building Bomb To Drop on Command

Washington—UPI—Roy W. Johnson, former director of the Defense Department's Space Planning Agency, testified Wednesday that Russia may be building an A-bomb or H-bomb that could be put into orbit and be commanded to drop on an earth target.

Studies in Progress

Johnson made the statement in accusing the administration of dragging its feet on the Saturn big booster project, which he termed essential to development of counter-measures for this and other pressing space threats.

A target of Johnson's criticism, Dr. Herbert F. York, Defense Department director of research and engineering, later told the Senate Space Committee that the Pentagon has studies in progress on a satellite which could drop a nuclear weapon on a pre-determined target. No development program for such a weapon has been approved.

York said, but many of the development problems will be solved in connection with other space programs. At present, York said, "we don't see any particular advantage over

the ballistic missile" as a delivery system capable of quickly delivering a substantial nuclear payload quickly on a given target.

Johnson, former General

## Training Helped Dad in Emergency

Ithaca, N.Y.—UPI—Michael Mogilevsky skipped all but one lecture in a series designed especially for expectant fathers.

The only session the 30-year-old technical editor for the General Electric Co. attended concerned emergency procedures to be followed at a pending birth when no help was available.

When his wife, Joan, went into labor at the height of a severe snowstorm, the information picked up during the lecture came to mind and Mogilevsky assisted his wife deliver their first son, 5-pound, 13-ounce Anton, with no trouble.

The couple has a 4-year-old daughter.

electric official now in retirement, told the House Space Committee that U.S. military leaders still do not fully understand the role of deep space instruments in a future—five, 10 or 15 years from now.

"I suggest you keep the civilian leaders of the Pentagon forever alert to the dangers of Russia using the space environment to gain military superiority over the United States," he said.

"Specifically I would keep asking what our country is doing to meet the potential

threat, recently brought into the open by the British—not by the United States, although we have known this for two years—of nuclear warheads being stored in orbiting satellites that can be brought to earth by command."

Johnson, who said he still is a loyal Republican, concurred in a suggestion by Rep. Ken Hechler (D-W.Va.) that the primary blame for any lack of urgency in space work must lie with President Eisenhower.

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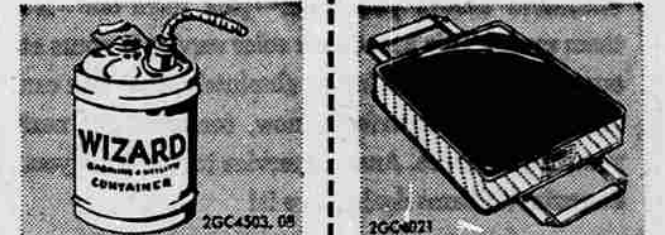
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