

New, Deeply-Felt Inroads Said Made Against Field of Organized Crime

Washington—UPI—The justice department says it has made "new and deeply felt inroads" in labor racketeering, narcotics, gambling and other forms of organized crime during the past year.

But a report to Attorney General William P. Rogers by Malcolm R. Wilkey, assistant attorney general in charge of the department's criminal division, said that "experience has shown the need for new weapons in the continuing fight."

Wilkey said his division has submitted ten proposed new statutes to Rogers "designed to bring to bear the full force of the federal government's power to regulate interstate and foreign commerce and its power to tax to crush the lawless elements of our society."

A spokesman for the department said the recommendations would not be made public until they were submitted to Congress.

Often Misunderstands
Wilkey said the public often misunderstands the government's role in fighting crime.

"The federal government does not have authority to prosecute organized criminals merely because they are

such," he said. "Under the constitution only a small percentage of all crimes are federal in nature, most being violations of state law only."

"This means the federal government must sometimes march obliquely in its effort to restrain the professional criminals in our society," he said.

Wilkey said cooperation among federal investigative agencies resulted in the conviction of a number of racketeers during the past 12 months. Among them were:

Given 15 Years
—Vito Genovese, northeastern racketeer chief sentenced to 15 years in a federal penitentiary for violating the U.S. narcotics laws.

—Johnny Dio, strong-armed teamster hoodlum questioned by the McClellan committee, convicted for tax evasion.

—Angelo Inciso, Chicago labor racketeer sentenced to 10 years imprisonment for violating the Taft-Hartley labor law.

—Isadore "Kid Cann" Blumenfeld, Minneapolis racketeer convicted on white slavery charges.

Wilkey said various federal statutes were used to prosecute an increased number of teamster officials in 1960.

Nine Convictions
He said nine convictions under the Hobbs act, which prohibits extortion affecting interstate commerce, were obtained during the past year.

A total of 148 persons have been convicted of labor racketeering since 1953, he added.

Wilkey said "A significant number of notorious racketeers have been successfully prosecuted for income tax frauds. They include labor racketeers, gamblers, corrupt public officials, and syndicate leaders in other illicit areas."

Wilkey said his division also enforced a number of statutes designed to protect the nation's consumers. These involved such things as commercial and investment swindlers and fraudulent medical cures.

New York—UPI—Bob Kabel, who had scored 20 points in 23 games for the Springfield club of the American Hockey league this season, was recalled Monday by the parent New York Rangers of the National league. The Rangers are currently without the services of injured Camille Henry, Dean Prentice and Brian Cullen.

These are precious days in her life and it seems to me she's wasting them. Because school makes no demands on her she's getting more and more lazy when it comes to hard work.

Greta H. — My mother is wrong about me being lazy about work. She knows I work hard when it's for something that interests me, like a party at our house. I polish the silver, vacuum and make canapes by the dozen. So Mother knows I'm not really lazy.

But with the sort of teachers I have, school is a joke. Some of them are substitutes and they admit they're only one lesson ahead of us. Other teachers give us homework and then never look at it or even discuss it with us. They can't be bothered marking papers, I guess.

Sometimes I get a horrible feeling that I'm growing up pretty ignorant, even though I'm attending school. But then I say to myself, I'm the pupil, they are the teachers, and if this is what they call education, why should I worry about it?

I use all the short-cuts—the cram books, translations, summaries. And I get by. It's easy. But I wish it was interesting. Then I might feel like working.

The Council: — The word "lazy" is one a guidance expert will never use. Instead, he asks "Why?" By going behind the so-called laziness he usually uncovers an abled-bodied and willing person who has somehow come to feel it's all no use. So our job is not to work on Greta's "laziness" but on her motivation and stimuli.

Greta, like all students, needs gifted and dedicated teachers. All children, even the backward ones, are probably gifted in some area and only a gifted teacher can discover where and bring the gift forward. So Mrs. H. is justified in her alarm. Under inept, dispirited teachers Greta's potentialities are lying fallow.

See what happens under inspired, enthusiastic leadership. We learn of teenagers in Rockland County, N. Y., giving up their Saturdays to attend classes in science, engineering and the arts under volunteer experts. Others gave up their summer vaca-

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With the aid of her mother and teachers, Greta must find incentive. Else for her and our other young people, our national emblem will change, as Frederick M. Scherer warns in "Michigan Alumnus," from the bald eagle to the gold brick.

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FIRST KOALA BEAR—San Francisco's first native-born koala (circle) takes its first look at the world. The cub, pictured with its mother, Vickie, a native of Australia, was named Francis—or Frances—in honor of the birthplace. According to Fleishhacker Zoo officials, it won't be possible to determine if the cub is a male or female for a while. Like many things about koalas, this is somewhat mysterious, in early life, at least. (UPI Telephoto)

Higher Level Of Unemployment Seen for 1961

Washington—UPI—A U. S. Chamber of Commerce economist predicted the level of unemployment will be higher in 1961 than it was in 1960.

Mervyn P. Schmidt, the chamber's director of economic research, also predicted a slight economic slump in the first half of 1961, but said the second half would bring a recovery that will produce more goods and services than ever before.

Better Production Seen
Schmidt, in a speech for the chamber's 1961 business outlook conference, said un-

employment would be "particularly evident in the first quarter of 1961," but added that production in 1961 "will be better than this year."

Other economic predictions made at the conference include:

—A decline in automobile sales from the 6.7 million expected this year to 6.5 million in 1961.

—Steel prices will rise, but the level of production will remain about the same. Experts estimate between 95 and 100 million tons of steel will be produced in 1961 compared to an expected 99.3 million tons output this year. The price boost will result from higher costs, particularly wages.

The construction industry will have its best year in history.

—Money for loans will be plentiful and interest rates may soften.

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Scientists May Attend Meetings

Washington—UPI—The State Department has decided to let federally employed scientists participate in international conference at which Red China and other "unrecognized regimes" are represented if it is made clear they do not speak for the U.S. government.

This was disclosed Tuesday by Daniel M. Singer, general counsel for the Federation of American Scientists. He released a letter on the subject from Walter G. Whitman, science adviser to Secretary of State Christian A. Herter.

Whitman's letter, dated Monday, said specifically that scientists of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare could attend the fifth international B10 chemistry Congress to be held in Moscow next August, at which a large number of Red Chinese delegates are expected.

SANTA BURNS TREE
Racine, Wis.—UPI—Santa Claus burned up a Christmas tree Monday. Defective wiring in an electric Santa Claus started a fire which burned up the Christmas tree in the Walter Pinchelman home, firemen said. The fire injured no one, but caused \$25,000 damage.

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