

Third in a Series

N. Y. Police Head Feels Men on Duty 24 Hours Daily

Moonlighting Has Official Blessing In Many Areas

Editor's note: This is the third of three dispatches on the conflict between New York's 24,000 member police force and the city's police commissioner, Stephen P. Kennedy. Much of the friction has arisen over his ban on moonlighting—the holding of outside jobs while off-duty. The final dispatch examines the moonlighting picture in police departments elsewhere in the nation. A story on moonlighting in the Medford police and fire departments will appear Sunday.

By EDWARD V. MCCARTHY

New York — UPI — Police Commissioner Stephen P. Kennedy, boss of New York City's 24,000 man force, is of the opinion that a policeman may be assigned to work only eight out of every 24 hours—but that he is on duty for all 24.

Therefore, opines Kennedy, a cop can't very well hold an outside job while off-duty and still be doing his police job properly.

The city policemen, most of them young, married, feeding anywhere from two to six children, paying off home and—or car mortgages, prefer to earn an honest dollar or two off duty to try and make ends meet.

One patrolman told this reporter: "You'd think Kennedy would be glad to see us take outside jobs in legitimate work."

"After all," the bluecoat noted, "a cop who spends his free time working hard for his family isn't likely to be hanging out in bars, messing around with the wrong kind of characters or using his service pistol to pull stickups to pay his bills."

How does the situation between Kennedy and his men relate to those of other major United States cities? Do they have the same problem?

Moonlighting in L.A.

In Los Angeles, where the average policeman gets nearly \$200 a year more than his New York counterpart, police officers are permitted to hold outside jobs, but at a maximum of only 15 hours per week after department approval.

They cannot hold jobs under union supervision. Such jobs as acting as bouncer in a barroom are forbidden.

Los Angeles cops may work off-duty for the movie industry, at \$3.45 an hour, while outdoor location shots are filmed. They also are permitted to work in plain-clothes in department stores to prevent shoplifting during the holiday season.

A New York City cop, aware of this practice, notes that by working in the store, the store gets expert police help; the policeman involved picks up needed extra money; and the city is saved the cost of assigning somebody to protect the store.

Allowed in Texas

Dallas, Tex., policemen also are permitted officially to moonlight. Police Chief Jess Curry estimates about 40 per cent of his 1,025 men have taken advantage of this chance to supplement their top annual salary of \$5,172.

Curry says outside work is okay with him as long as it does not interfere with a policeman's job.

Police in Philadelphia, Pa., may work outside if there is no conflict of interest, thus adding to their present top pay of \$5,540. Relations between the police commissioner and the Fraternal Order of Policemen, a non-union group representing the men, are described as "excellent."

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the police work outside their jobs with official blessing is Detroit, where the top pay for patrolmen is \$6,057.

Morale of the police in 1960 was reported low when Police Commissioner Herbert W. Hart took over, but improved when he permitted the department's two "social" organizations—the Detroit Police Officers association and the Association of Lieutenants and Sergeants—to send representatives to the council budget meetings.

Despite a \$200 a year pay increase gained this year by the men through this policy, the rank and file complain they still are underpaid.

Not Likely To Change

No outside work is permitted by members of the force of Newark, N.J., just across the Hudson river from New York City.

This has always been a department rule, and is not likely to be changed by Police Director Joseph Weldon, a graduate of the New York City police force, where he was an inspector before he took his present job.

Newark policemen were getting a top annual salary of \$3,700 in 1950—and get only \$5,400 today, although the cost of living is pretty much comparable with that of their brother officers across the river.

About 40 per cent of Chicago's force, which has a top salary of \$5,928 a year, work



Small Worlds Around Us
By Lynn W. Watkins
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If any of the family had a cinder, or any other foreign object in the eye, grandmother had a ready remedy—a small, yellow seed which she placed in the affected eye.

It was a flaxseed and granny said, because the seed was so smooth and shiny it would skate around in the eye and dislodge the offending cinder, sawdust, or anything else that was in there. After the offending object was dislodged, the flaxseed would easily pop out by itself.

And, too, flaxseed ground up in an old coffee mill and cooked until soft was used as a poultice for the "drawing out" of boils. Some pioneer families, as well as some folks today, have used "flaxseed poultices" as a remedy for ulcerated teeth. The poultice was reported to have terrific "drawing powers."

Not surprising that flaxseed, as well as the fiber from the inner bark of the flax plant, has had so many, and varied uses, aside from the making of linen and oil, for this slender, erect plant with the lance-like leaves, and delicate blue flowers, has been extensively cultivated since the very dawn of history.

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The flax plant is a little particular where it grows the best; it is claimed that flax grown on certain hillsides, facing the sea, and bathed by fog, and kissed by the sun, produce the very best flax for the finer grades of linen.

A few generations ago, and right here in America, there were in use many strange and unusual remedies used in the home treatment of human disorders. There was "bumblebee honey" for earache, or eating a live spider to cure a fever, or even putting a flaxseed in the human eye to chase out a foreign object.

with department approval at outside jobs.

The Chicago department is recovering from a scandal a year ago when some members of the force were charged with being members of a burglary ring.

This led to a top level shakeup and appointment of a new police superintendent, Orlando Wilson, former professor at the University of California.

Observers of the department note that many of the patrolmen are not happy about Wilson's reforms and reorganization, but their attitude is that this has happened before and they'll ride it out.

San Francisco police, who have a maximum salary of \$7,152 a year, are not permitted outside jobs, but their morale is reported high and relations with Chief Thomas Cahill, a former patrolman, are said to be good.

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Fluctuations in Italian Stock Market Attract U.S. Investor

By HENRY J. BECHTOLD
UPI Financial Editor

New York—UPI—In Italy, a land where emotions can run high, it is natural to expect wide fluctuations in stock prices. But action in the stock market in 1960 went far beyond expectations.

This prompted Arthur Wiesenberger of the investment firm bearing his name to go abroad and take a closer look at the Italian stock market.

He found that 1960 was an Italian speculator's paradise or Hades. Fluctuations on the leading Italian stock exchanges made the New York markets look like a very tame affair, he declared.

An index of 55 leading Italian securities rose in a near straight line from June, 1958 to September, 1960, for a gain of 240 per cent. Thereafter, wide daily swings of as much as 10 per cent (the equal of 60 points in the Dow-Jones industrial average) were seen,

and by the end of November prices were 32 per cent below the September peak.

Individual securities showed even wider swings, Wiesenberger reported. "Anic," Italy's leading petrochemical producer, jumped 235 per cent from its 1960 low to its high, but finished the year up only 91 per cent from its low.

Snia-Viscosa, largest textile producer, saw its stock rise 226 per cent from its low but close 74 per cent above it.

Mediobanca, leading finance and investment banking group rose 210 per cent from its low only to close 84 per cent above it.

Wiesenberger attributed the sharp rise in Italian stock prices in recent years mainly to the changed attitude on the part of the investor. As in this country, he said, the search for capital growth and capital appreciation played a dominant role, with dividend return a seemingly minor consideration.

He noted that the index of 55 leading Italian securities rose 73 per cent from its 1960 low to its high, and at the peak the yield was only 2 per cent on average, against 3 per cent at the year-end and 5.2 per cent in June, 1958.

Italy's economy has been sound in recent years and increasing steadily, but not nearly at a high enough rate to justify the great bull market in Italian stock prices.

The rate of growth has slowed in recent months, but the outlook continues favorable for 1961.

In the late stages of the rise in stocks, speculation was

rampant, Wiesenberger reported. Italian speculators, often trading on narrow margins, were forced to liquidate when the market broke in September, while speculative short selling fed the reaction.

Substantial additional speculation, he said, emanated from Germany and Switzerland.

Now, he declared, the market appears to be in a healthier state. With much of the weak speculation eliminated and recently imposed restrictions on margin buying, the market may look forward to a more normal course.

'Pow-Wow' Slated At Medford YMCA

A YMCA "Pow-Wow" for all boys and their fathers in the Indian Guide program, or anyone interested in the program, will be held at 7 o'clock tonight. The Pow-Wow will be held at the YMCA in the social hall.

The Indian Guide program is for first and second grade boys and their fathers. The groups in Medford meet every other week and about three times a year a Pow-Wow is held for all the Tribes get-together. The program will consist of games, songs, stories, and play with it ending up on refreshments and a swim in the Y pool.

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