



**FIRST LADY WATCHES GOLF**—Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy pushes her hair back as she watches the President drive off the 10th tee during a round of golf at Newport, R.I. The first family spent the week end at the home of Mrs. Kennedy's mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Auchincloss in Newport. (UPI)

**The Underworld Canary—**

**Joseph Valachi Getting Stage Fright As Time for Performance Draws Near**

By HARRY FERGUSON  
WASHINGTON (UPI) — Joseph Valachi, the canary of the underworld, is getting ready to sing in public for the first time in a command performance before the Senate rackets committee.

Despite a year's rehearsal, the star performer is reliably reported to be suffering from a bad case of stage fright. He fears criticism of his performance, now expected to be around Sept. 20, could take the form of bullets.

Valachi, a stocky, swarthy Italian, is 38 years old. He has committed three murders, possibly four, and has some knowledge of about 30 others. His most recent murder was committed in Atlanta penitentiary where he was serving a term for violation of the narcotics laws. A new convict showed up one day. Valachi decided the man was going to kill him and he took direct action by beating his fellow convict to death with a lead pipe.

**Decided To Tell All**  
Then Valachi decided to tell all about what he called Cosa Nostra, which translates into "our business" or "our thing." It is a loose confederation of gangs in larger American cities, and in its organizational structure resembles the Mafia which sprang up in Sicily late in the 18th Century. About a year ago Valachi was taken out of Atlanta penitentiary and for a year he was under maximum security at Fort Monmouth, N. J., where he could sing full time, uninterrupted by the rigorous schedule of a federal prison.

**Explains Criminal Code**  
Much of the advance publicity about Valachi has created the impression that once he has told his story to Sen. John McClellan's rackets committee the walls of the underworld will come tumbling down and then prison population of the United States will shortly be increased by all the notorious gangsters in the United States. Such wishful thinking ignores the factor of Valachi's personality and some basic provisions of the U. S. criminal code.

"The Valachi case," says Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy, "represents the biggest intelligence break through yet in combating organized crime and racketeering in the United States."

The key words in that statement are "intelligence breakthrough." The problem now is to take the list of names Valachi has supplied to federal agents, the details of crimes he knows about and forge them into evidence that will enable prosecutors to get indictments and convictions. Many generals have been in possession of excellent intelligence about the enemy and still lost the battle.

In 1950 Valachi was sentenced to 15 years for violation of the federal narcotics laws. He joined the organization in 1930 and thus he has information of some sort or other spanning 30 years. But everything he has told about prior to September, 1958, is useless so far as obtaining federal convictions is concerned. Limitations Statute Key

The statute of limitations provides that a man cannot be prosecuted for a crime after five years have elapsed. For income tax evasion the statute is six years. There is no statute of limitations on murder, but murder is outside the jurisdiction of McClellan and the attorney general. It will be up to local prosecutors to turn Valachi's information into indictments and

convictions for murder. Valachi apparently has a considerable knowledge about the narcotics traffic in the United States, but unless the violation happened in the last five years nobody is going to prison on the basis of his testimony.

The rash of such motion pictures as "Little Caesar," "Scarface" and "Public Enemy" several years ago created a folklore about hoodlums which many persons still accept as gospel. Some of that folk lore has now gathered around Valachi. It seems to be generally accepted as a fact that the underworld has offered \$100,000 to anybody who kills him.

**Calls Price 'Scuttlebutt'**  
Who said so? Nobody has placed an ad in the papers making the offer. Gangsters do not distribute hand bills to be posted in public places. This reporter's search for verification of the \$100,000 offer led to the Department of Justice where a

man who knows what he is talking about said, "I think it's just scuttlebutt." Further research indicated the whole thing was started by a casual speculation made while some people were discussing various angles of the Valachi case.

The purpose of a congressional investigation, such as McClellan will convene for Valachi, is to gather information helpful in drawing up new laws. But in the first year of the Kennedy administration a set of five laws was passed giving the Justice Department new weapons for the fight against crime and racketeers. In addition, Atty. Gen. Kennedy has established an information pool for all the 25 federal investigative agencies and last year prosecutions for racketeering increased 300 per cent over 1961.

So the McClellan committee is unlikely to come up with much new legislation as the result of listening to Valachi.

Some persons contend the hearings will be worth while because they will educate the public in the ways of the underworld. There isn't a doubt but that the committee and Valachi will get massive world wide publicity.

**Crying Need**  
Some persons deplore that, including Milton R. Wessel, former chief of the special group on organized crime, who wrote to the New York Times: "It is difficult to understand why the press has been chosen as the forum through which Valachi's story is to be revealed rather than the courts... the crying need is for judicial convictions that will stick on appeal. Letting the underworld know the intimate details of Valachi's testimony now is much like broadcasting the timing, strength and logistics of a future attack to a military enemy."  
Next: What Valachi had been telling.

**East Coast Gets Heavy Rains, Seas**

By United Press International  
Summer sloshed into its final full week today with heavy rains and seas running high against the East coast. As much as 3½ inches of rain drenched the Atlantic coast from Delaware bay to Cape Fear. Hard rains also fell across the Great Plains and along the Gulf coast.

Strong winds whipped up the Atlantic and sent heavy surf crashing along the coastline of the Carolinas and Virginia. The Weather Bureau warned of above normal tides along the mid-Atlantic coast throughout the day.

Tides also ran high at some points along the Southern California coast. Eleven-foot waves

at Surfside, Calif., closed a beach and left streets littered with rocks and seaweed. Sand-bag barriers were put in front of homes on the ocean. Langley Field, Va., just outside Washington, D.C., received 3.82 inches of rain in six hours during the night. The Naval Air station at Norfolk, Va., reported 2.07 inches and .82 of an inch fell at Elizabeth City, N.C.

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**CITY TAX SQUEEZE**  
New York's recent teachers' salary crisis underlines the grim probability that we who live in this fabulous city will be hit by another tax boost next year to cover 1964's record municipal spending — on top of the \$200 million tax hike we received this year to cover 1963's record municipal spending.

Mayor Wagner gave us a big "hint" of this prospect when he warned last month of "the growing magnitude" of New York City's financial problems and said, "I cannot give clear assurance that our present tax resources will be sufficient to meet next year's needs." The pay increases given to the teachers to avert a strike suggest that Wagner's hint may be a forecast. At \$3.1 billion, New York City's income is larger than the income of the entire federal government in 1933, but it's still not sufficient to cover our expanding spending. We New Yorkers are carrying a record budget, a record tax load, a record debt — but the trends continue ever up.

So preoccupied are most Americans with the spending budget in Washington that they do not see in proper perspective what is going on at their own front doors.

What's happening to us in New York is happening in cities — particularly big ones — from coast to coast, and such exceptions to the uptrend as Cleveland and Boston are mighty few. While federal spending outside of defense has crept moderately higher in recent years, the financial scale of all city governments has doubled in the past decade alone.

In 1962 revenues of our cities totaled \$16.7 billion against \$8.3 billion in 1952 and their spending hit \$17.1 billion against \$8.4 billion. At the end of the 1962 fiscal year outstanding debts of the cities amounted to \$26.8 billion against \$12.6 billion in 1952, and their financial assets (cash and holdings of securities) reached \$14.1 billion against \$6.9 billion. All the figures for 1962 are up 100 per cent or more over 1952. What's more, the spending total does not include other local spending by counties, school districts, special tax authorities, townships — even though much of this spending goes directly for city functions and services. If this other spending were added, the scale of local governments now would be well above \$42 billion — again double the 1952 level.

Where is the money going? Of course, a substantial percentage goes to salaries, but it is most significant that while city government payrolls have climbed around 50 per cent in the 10-year period, the number of municipal government employees on a full-time equivalent basis has risen only about 28 per cent to approximately 1.5 million.

The fact is the money is spent for an exceedingly wide variety of items, ranging from bricks to bed sheets, from airports to welfare, from police protection to sanitation. Just operating the cities took \$11.1 billion of the \$17.1 billion spent in 1962. Construction of facilities, purchase of land, existing structures and equipment took over \$4.2 billion. Interest on city debt absorbed more than \$800 million. Spending on airports is up over 300 per cent since 1952, on housing and urban renewal it's up over 200 per cent, on libraries it's up over 100 per cent. The smallest percentage increases have been chalked up for health, hospitals and public welfare.

Where is the money coming from? Of the \$16.7 billion in revenues, most come from taxes—property and other taxes. Nearly one-fifth came from sales by municipally operated utilities and liquor stores. In recent years, cities have been obtaining increasing amounts from their own sales taxes.

Where are the cities heading? While some cities are putting a lid on expansion of functions and services, the trend toward expansion remains powerful, and since their taxing powers are limited, cities the nation over are in a growing squeeze.

In New York City, as an illustration, we scream and squawk each time Mayor Wagner proposes a new tax or "fee," but we continue demanding new functions and services. We're hardly unique.

With our city taxes going up, our state taxes going up, our social security taxes going up, from what direction can we hope for relief? Only from the federal government — and that relief is what the White House is urging the Congress to vote us right now.

**All-Out Drive for Tax Cut Launched**

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The administration has launched an all-out effort for congressional approval—before the end of the year—of an \$11 billion tax cut Treasury Secretary Douglas Dillon says is "a matter of vital national concern."

The measure, hammered out by the House Ways and Means Committee after seven months of drafting, goes to the House floor for debate Sept. 24, and a favorable vote is expected two days later. It was considerably different from the one President Kennedy recommended last January.

But to speed action on the cut, Dillon said that with one possible exception the administration would not ask the Senate to change the House tax-cutting bill.

Dillon's statement Sunday indicated that the administration was eager to avoid lengthy, time-consuming hearings in the Senate Finance Committee. The committee's chairman, Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.), is a staunch foe of cutting taxes without reducing federal spending.

**Hatch Act Writer Dies in New Mexico**

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (UPI) — Former Sen. Carl A. Hatch, 73, known as the originator of legislation barring political activity by federal employees, died Sunday.

Hatch had been hospitalized since last week with pulmonary emphysema, a chronic lung disease.

After 15 years in the Senate, the Democratic lawmaker retired from politics in 1948 and was appointed a federal district judge the following year.

The Hatch acts, passed in 1939 and 1940 and modified by later amendments, prohibit political activity by federal employees and state employees whose salaries are paid in part by federal funds. The laws also limit spending in national campaigns, but these provisions have not been enforced and Hatch later proposed public disclosure of party expenditures instead of statutory limits.

**Woman Faces Trial In Death of Man**

SEATTLE (UPI) — Mrs. Bette Turnbull, 52, was scheduled to go on trial here today on a charge of first degree murder in connection with the fatal shooting of a man in her Kirkland home May 25.

Mrs. Turnbull was accused of killing Robert L. Croome, 48, who was a bartender in Mrs. Turnbull's tavern in Bremerton. At the time of the shooting, Croome was staying in the Kirkland home while Mrs. Turnbull occupied an apartment in Bremerton.

Investigating officers said Croome was shot three times with a .38-caliber pistol following an argument over upkeep of the Kirkland residence.

Mrs. Turnbull's 11-year-old son, Archie Jr., witnessed the shooting.

**Port Authorities Open Convention**

PORTLAND (UPI) — The American Association of Port Authorities opened its 52nd annual convention here today.

About 350 persons are expected to attend the four-day meeting, including delegations from Japan, Great Britain and Belgium.

Scheduled to speak at the convention are Ryuzi Takeuchi, Japanese ambassador to the U. S., and Sen. E. L. Bartlett (D-Alaska).

Takeuchi speaks Thursday and Bartlett Tuesday.

**Rockefeller To Tell Nomination Plans**

NEW YORK (UPI) — Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller said Sunday that he would announce by the end of the year, perhaps in November, whether he will run for the 1964 Republican presidential nomination.

Rockefeller also said that he would rather see Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) in the White House than President Kennedy. Goldwater is seen by many as Rockefeller's chief rival for the GOP nomination.

The New York governor specifically praised Goldwater's competence in the field of fiscal integrity.

"I think Senator Goldwater has taken some very clear and important positions on the private enterprise system and its role in the nation," he said. "On the other hand, Rockefeller said he thought that Kennedy does not have a proper understanding of the private enterprise system and its relation to government."

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