

Jacoma Crime Probe Pulls Former Police Officers Into Court On Payoffs

TACOMA, (U)—Public safety commissioner James Kerr and other present and past city and police officials were scheduled witnesses



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before the state legislature's crime investigating committee today. Kerr, one of the public figures most frequently mentioned during the first four days of the legislative hearing here, was expected to reply to attacks and criticism aimed in his direction by earlier witnesses.

Others to be called included Anthony Zalkovic, former Tacoma police chief; Robert Temmie, former public safety commissioner; Jack Elch, Tacoma's new police chief, and Cliff Erdahl, acting mayor.

The state crime investigators heard more charges of vice payoffs during yesterday's drama-packed session in the state armory.

Among the witnesses were Alma Jackson, an admitted brothel operator who implicated three police officers by her charges she paid protection money in 1948; the three officers who appeared to deny the charge; a former pinball operator; and the manager and owner of a Tacoma tow firm.

Mrs. Jackson, testifying under nondisclosure immunity from prosecution, told the investigators she paid \$820 a month in 1946 to operate a house of prostitution and \$1600 early this year to operate a bottle club. She told of a mysterious "Pete" who she said demanded \$1000 a month protection money and she named a police officer who she said assured her "Pete" was the "right man to pay." The officer later testified he had heard of the man named "Pete" but didn't know him.

Mrs. Jackson also named two police officers and said she had given them liquor and small sums of money as presents. The officers denied the charges, testifying that

Mrs. Jackson had threatened to "get even" with them after a raid on her place.

Former pinball operator Leon Sides told of payoffs to Parker Garrison, former Tacoma police officer who was recently convicted and sentenced for federal income tax evasion. Sides said the payments increased from \$200 a month in 1934 to \$600 a month as he acquired new businesses. He said he continued the payments "until I went broke in 1947."

The manager and owner of a tow car business appeared to deny charges by Albert F. Jones, a body and fender repair man and former employee, and Chester W.

Dove, operator of a rival business, that there were police payoffs in his business.

One of the day's final witnesses, Vernon D. Pedersen, identified himself as the manager of a card room, but declined to answer certain questions concerning the kind of card games played there.

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New Anaconda Deal Opposed

WASHINGTON, (U)—The justice department and Interior Secy. Chapman have recommended against the entry of Anaconda Copper and Mining Co. into the aluminum business, the defense production administration disclosed yesterday.

DPA Administrator Manly Fleischmann said both objections were on the same grounds—that the proposal would tend to encourage monopoly.

Anaconda, one of the world's largest copper producers, has proposed to team-up with the Harvey Machine Corp. of California in financing and operating an aluminum plant at Kalispell, Mont.


The \$48,000,000 Montana project was originated by the Harvey company, which sought federal tax benefits to aid the financing. Harvey's application was held up at request of Chapman pending an inquiry into the company's management and record. Then Anaconda became interested in joining the Harvey concern.

Fleischmann told questioners that the proposal remains "under serious consideration" in spite of the objections raised by justice and interior. Their views are advisory, and he could proceed without their consent.


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TOKYO, (U)—Harmonica expert Larry Adler gave a special show in a United Nations hospital at Kure today for a soldier who was getting a blood transfusion. "He said he wanted me to play for him while he was getting the transfusion," Adler said.

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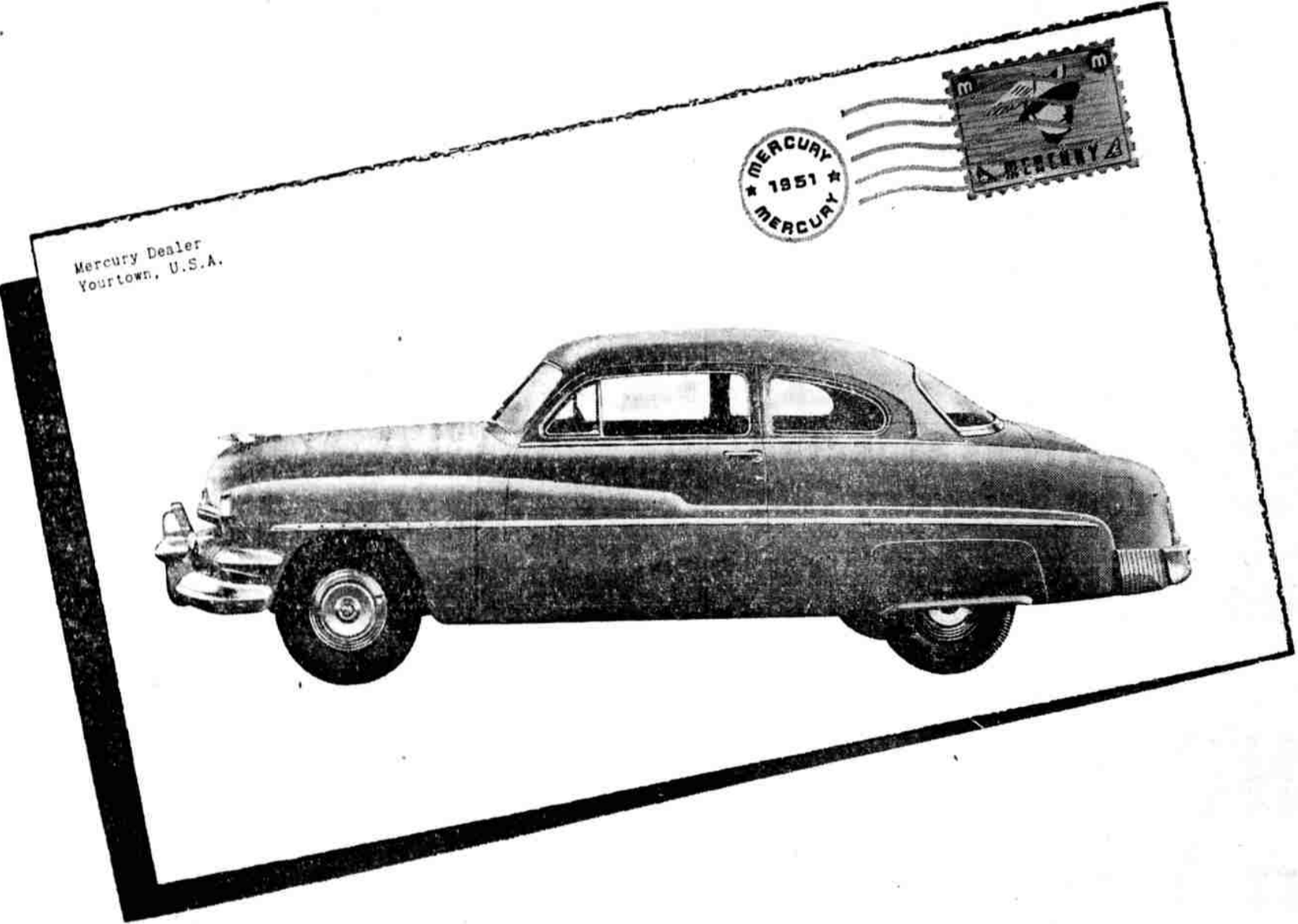
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