

# Broader Laws Asked To Help Fight Crime

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy called on Congress today to approve two new weapons against crime—immunity for witnesses in racketeering investigations and a broader federal wire-tap law.

The attorney general was the lead-off witness in the Senate investigations subcommittee's long-awaited hearings on the so-called "Cosa Nostra" underworld crime empire.

The star witness at the hearings, expected to last about three weeks, will be Joseph Valachi, the underworld's most celebrated stool pigeon. Valachi is said to have called the turn on about 30 gangland slayings and to have been marked for murder himself by the Cosa Nostra.

Kennedy told the subcommittee there existed in the United States "a private government of organized crime, a government with an annual income of billions, resting on a base of human suffering and moral corruption."

He said that it was particularly difficult to expose these operations because witnesses were intimidated and corrupt public officials protect the racketeer kingpins.

**Code Is Broken**

Kennedy said Valachi's disclosures were "significant" because "for the first time an insider—a knowledgeable member of the racketeering hierarchy—has broken the underworld's code of silence."

Authority to provide immunity to witnesses would "materially assist our investigations of interstate racketeering in gambling, liquor, narcotics, prostitution, extortion and bribery" and also help root out political corruption, Kennedy said.

He said the need for a broader federal wire-tap law arose because "leading racketeers make almost unrestricted use of interstate facilities, particularly communications, to direct their illegal activities."

Kennedy said the present wire-tap law not only "fails to protect the right of privacy over the telephone," but also does not recognize "the legitimate needs of law enforcement for authority, closely circumscribed, to use this means of gathering evidence."

**Must Arouse Public**

Most of all, Kennedy said, "we must encourage, arouse and sustain the vigilance of the public... organized crime is a national problem. The racketeer is not someone dressed in a black shirt, white tie and diamond stickpin, whose activities affect only a remote underworld circle."

"He is more likely to be outfitted in a grey flannel suit and his influence is more likely to be as far-reaching as that of an important industrialist."

The attorney general said that federal investigative agencies were now pooling information on more than 1,100 major racketeers. He said that a meeting such as the 1957 Apalachin, N.Y., "crime convention" of more than 100 top gangsters could not take place unobserved today.

Kennedy said Valachi and other informants had outlined the set-up of Cosa Nostra (literally "our family" or "our thing") and its ruling "commission."

**Predicts Power Struggle**

He predicted the bloody onset of "a major underworld power struggle in New York" if Cosa Nostra kingpin Vito Genovese fails to win release from federal prison on his appeal from a narcotics conviction.

He said that in the past two years at least three carefully planned commission meetings had to be called off because the

leaders learned the Justice Department and the FBI had uncovered their plans.

The attorney general said that one of the commission's principal problems at present was the question of whether to intercede in the Gallo-Profaci family gangland war in New York, which since 1961 has seen five persons murdered and 13 others seriously injured.

He said that Joseph Magliocco, who has taken over as successor to the late Joseph Profaci, "has not been confirmed by the commission and probably will not be. This is despite the fact that Magliocco recently sought the support of commission members Angelo Bruno and Steve Maggadino."

Kennedy said that while Genovese is in prison "Tommy Eboli is substituting for him in New York and Gerry Catena is doing the same in New Jersey... Because of the power Genovese wielded within the organization and the fear in which he is held by the New York organization, no move has been made to take over the top spot while his appeal of narcotics conviction is pending in the courts."

# Police Find Niece Of Princess Grace

DES MOINES, Iowa (UPI) — A young niece of princess Grace of Monaco awaited a trip back to Philadelphia today after a secret, three-week stay in Des Moines with her boy friend.

Police took in custody Mary Lee Davis, 15, and John Paul Jones Jr., 18, both of Philadelphia, Tuesday night after the boy's employer tipped them off.

Miss Davis, whose mother, Mrs. Mary Davis Conlin, is a sister of Princess Grace, had been working as a waitress in the Randolph Hotel.

Jones, the son of an architect, had been selling encyclopedias. The couple had been living in a modest furnished apartment. Their landlady, Mrs. Evelyn Schmidt, said they were a "very quiet couple" and had caused no trouble.

Police said Miss Davis and Jones declined to say whether they were married.

Miss Davis, who disappeared Aug. 28 from the Ocean City, N. J., summer home of her maternal grandmother, Mrs. John B. Kelly, said that whether she

would stay at home when she was returned there "depends on what happens."

She would not elaborate. Jones, smiling, answered "no comment" to all questions.

Mrs. Conlin asked police not to file charges.

The parents of both Miss Davis and Jones were flying to Des Moines today.

Police said James Waldon, Des Moines manager for an encyclopedia firm, told them Tuesday night he had a young man in his employ whose "wife" closely matched a newspaper picture of the missing girl.

# Deaf Persons Plan Meeting

PORTLAND (UPI)—The annual Northwest regional meeting of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf will be held here Oct. 4-5.

Several hundred persons from eight Western states and Western Canada are expected.

# Worker Found Guilty In Death

DALLAS, Ore. (UPI)—Adam C. Salinas, 23, a transient farm worker, was convicted in Polk County Circuit Court Tuesday of manslaughter in the death July 13 of Joseph Washington, 61.

Circuit Judge Arlie Walker sentenced Salinas to 15 years in the state penitentiary and fined him \$500.

Salinas had been charged with second degree murder. At the start of Tuesday's trial, Salinas withdrew an innocent plea, admitted the shooting and left the determination of the degree of guilt to Judge Walker.

# Fireworks Blast In Italy Kills 14

CASERTA, Italy (UPI)—An illegal fireworks factory blew up in the heart of this southern Italian town Tuesday, killing at least 14 persons and injuring 20 others at least nine seriously.

The injured included Antonio Mariniello, 57, the factory owner, who was reported in critical condition in a Naples hospital.

Mariniello's factory was just across the main square from the town hall.

Since the middle of the 19th century, the average length of life in the United States has increased about 29 years.

# Ole Miss Expels Negro Student

OXFORD, Miss. (UPI)—The University of Mississippi today returned to "all white" status.

The university's only Negro student, Cleve McDowell, 21, was expelled Tuesday for carrying a pistol. The action, taken on the recommendation of the student Judicial Council, returned to the Deep South state its unique system of totally segregated public schools.

McDowell had been admitted to "Ole Miss" without incident last June.

The university was desegregated under federal court order the previous year and paved the way for the entrance of the school's first Negro student, James H. Meredith on Aug. 31, 1962.

Meredith's admission touched off rioting that killed two persons and brought out federal troops to enforce the integration of the school. Meredith graduated last June.

No public grade schools have been integrated in Mississippi, the only state with no racially-mixed classrooms.

**Can Appeal Expulsion**

McDowell, who lives in the Mississippi delta town of Drew, could appeal his expulsion to the State College Board but it is unlikely the board — which fought long and hard to keep the school segregated — would be sympathetic to his case.

McDowell faces a hearing on a

charge of carrying a concealed weapon in a justice of the peace court here Saturday but says he is not "certain" he will show up.

"As far as I know I will be there but I have not conferred fully with my attorneys," he told United Press International. "Naturally, I will follow the advice of my counsel."

The charge carries a maximum penalty of 90 days in jail plus a \$100 fine. McDowell could forfeit the \$250 bond his attorney posted for him before he was released from jail Tuesday.

After the university's decision was announced, McDowell told newsmen, "I have no emotion to express whatsoever at this time." He said he would have no further statements until after Saturday's hearing.

**Packs And Leaves**

McDowell, an honor graduate of Jackson State College for Negroes, packed up and left the campus immediately after he was notified of his expulsion.

Nearly 200 students gathered in front of the campus cafeteria and watched his departure in silence. Campus police would not allow newsmen to talk to McDowell at the university but he was questioned briefly at a service station where he stopped for gasoline.

McDowell was jailed Monday by Lafayette (Oxford) County Sheriff Joe Ford after several students reported they saw a small, 22-

caliber pistol fall from the Negro's coat when he stooped to pick up sunglasses he had dropped.

Although university officials have said McDowell admitted carrying the weapon, he has neither confirmed nor denied it publicly.



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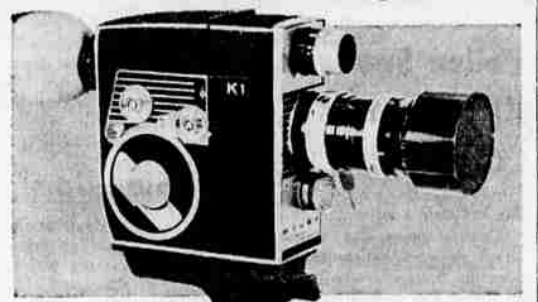
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