

4 TO 8 MONTHS FOR GUILTY FIVE

**Defendants Who Pleaded Guilty at Gangster
Liquor Conspiracy Trial Are Sent to Dayton
Workhouse for Varying Stretches by Hahn**

The five henchmen of Thomas Licavoli, who pleaded guilty Tuesday of last week as their trial on liquor charges was about to begin, Saturday received sentences of from four to eight months each from Federal Judge Hahn.

Judge Hahn's sentences were based on recommendations by Lee N. Murlin, government prosecutor who convicted Licavoli, after Murlin had explained that the five were "not

principals, but merely manual workers for Licavoli."

Bud Gardner and Eddie Beck received eight months sentence each in the Dayton workhouse.

Harry Silvenino was sentenced to serve six months. Sam Brown and Russell Palmer received four months each.

Two Others Fugitives.

Testimony during the trial indicated Gardner and Beck had more responsible positions in the Licavoli organization than the others did.

Russell Syracuse and Ernest La Salle, who are now fugitives from the indictment, were Licavoli's chief assistants.

Licavoli will be sentenced Tuesday unless Judge Hahn grants the defense motion for a new trial. The motion was filed Saturday morning after notice was given Friday.

Helen McCarthy, 1014 Broadway, pleaded guilty to a charge of possession of counterfeit \$20 bills and to passing one of them to Steve Stanec, 507 Whittemore street.

Other Sentences Announced.

She was sentenced to serve 15 months in the Alderson, W. Va., federal penitentiary for women. At her request she was freed on \$2000 bond, so that she might spend Sunday, Mother's day, with her mother here.

Other sentences follow:

Earl Langenderfer, 30 days for violation of liquor laws; William N. Russell, 30 days and \$100 for liquor law violation; Florian Diemer, New

Avaria, O., four months, liquor; Albert Zens, Lima, O., 60 days and \$100, liquor; Roy O. Cole, Lima, O., seven months, liquor; Julius Halm-sing, Minster, O., five months, liquor; Frank G. Hall, 18 months for drug violation; William Flynn, year and a day for extortion thru the mails; Francis J. Smith, seven months, postal laws; William Baugh, brought here from Leavenworth where he is serving another sentence, 15 months for forging a veteran's check; Cleon N. Bottelton and Louis R. Lansky, five months, counterfeiting; Harold Gatton and James L. Murphy, 18 months, counterfeiting; Herman S. Mullenkamp, Ft. Recovery, O., 90 days, \$100, deferred, liquor.

The following forfeited their bonds by failing to appear: Robert Fisher, Lima, O., liquor; James Sedo, Lima, O., liquor; Leonard P. Riker, Ft. Jennings, O., liquor; James Trembach, Wauseon, O., liquor; Joe Brown, liquor; Ralph J. Wilson, Lima, O., and Charles N. Rogers, Kenton, O., liquor.

POLICE SEIZE ESCAPE SEDAN

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Action Follows Jury's Indictment of Three in Kennedy Murder.

Following the indictment late Tuesday of Joseph (Wop) English, Russell Syracuse and John Mirabella for the first degree murder of Jack Kennedy in Point Place July 7, police seized the Ford V-8 sedan belonging to Sebastian Lupica, 3325 Bishop street, it was revealed Wednesday.

It was in this car, bearing Ohio license K-9299, that Ernest LaSalle was reported to have escaped from Akron when English was arrested there Sept. 28.

Detectives Frank Baumgartner and Arthur Brown of the hoodlum squad visited Lupica's home that afternoon, but found no one. They returned in the evening and learned that Lupica had taken his wife to St. Vincent's hospital.

Radiator Warm

The detectives found Lupica at the hospital, and he told them his automobile had not been out of the city. They returned to his home with him and found the car in the

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ing a .38-caliber revolver, identified by ballistics tests as one of the weapons used in the slaying, to Jacob (Firetop) Sulkin, for \$17.50.

Sulkin Is Held

Sulkin, contact man for the Licavoli crew, was indicted for first degree murder on the basis of this and other evidence and now is being held in the county jail pending trial.

English was arrested Sept. 28 in a lavishly-appointed Akron apartment by Akron detectives who had been watching for him since the apprehension there several days prior of Yonnie Licavoli by Capt. Timiney.

English was returned here and held as a material witness in the Kennedy case at the Safety building until Monday night when he was removed to the county jail where he will remain pending trial.

Two other members of the Licavoli gang, Ralph Carsella and Leo Mocerl, brother-in-law of the gang chief, also are being sought in connection with the Kennedy killing.

Weapons Given Bunge

Captain Timiney late Tuesday turned over to Mr. Bunge two snub-nosed .38 caliber Colt revolvers which were taken from English when he was arrested in Akron. Attempts to drill out numbers of the weapons were not successful and Mr. Bunge said the weapons would be traced from the factory by the numbers. The revolvers also will be sent to Detroit for ballistics tests to ascertain if they were used in the murder.

English, who has been arrested 23 times here, served terms in the Ohio penitentiary for robbery; Atlanta penitentiary for liquor law violations, and the Dauphin county jail, Pennsylvania, for receiving stolen property.

Syracuse was convicted of robbery in New York state in 1919 and served a term in Auburn prison there. Mirabella, although arrested several times as a bandit suspect in St. Louis, Detroit and Cleveland, and also on a charge of carrying concealed weapons, never has served a prison sentence.

garage. The radiator was warm. Lupica said he had driven the car around the city that afternoon.

Tuesday night, Detectives Brennan, Tafelski and Fielding of the hoodlum squad visited Lupica's home again and towed the car to the Safety building garage, where photographs of it from all angles were taken Wednesday by Paul Fakehany of the bureau of identification. The detectives' report said they seized the car for Capt. Timiney.

The car is painted blue. A maroon Ford V-8 is supposed to have been used in the murder. Another car with a dark color also was used, Joel Rhinefort, assistant prosecutor, said.

Arnold Bunge, assistant prosecutor, said that the dark-colored Ford sedan was seen parked near the Kennedy cottage the night of the murder, and that it contained three men armed with a machine gun.

In Licavoli Gang

Messrs. English — whose real name is Sarafino Sinatra — Syracuse and Mirabella are highly touted members of the Thomas (Yonnie) Licavoli mob. They command considerable respect in the underworld where they are rated as being somewhat tougher than the garden variety of Toledo hoodlum.

The case of the trio of Licavoli gun-toters, however, was handled very brusquely by the grand jury which was headed by John C. New-

ton, former sheriff of this county, as foreman.

Hearing Is Brief

Consideration of the case began about 2 P. M., shortly after the panel returned to the courthouse from lunch. The jurors listened to the testimony of four persons—three of them eye-witnesses of the killing—a reconstruction of the crime and events leading up to it, by Arnold Bunge, assistant county prosecutor, and decided they'd heard enough.

The true bill was voted at 3:15 P. M. and reported formally to Common Pleas Judge Roy R. Stuart a few moments later.

Photographs of the three men were identified as those of the slayers of Kennedy, also a gangster, bootlegger and operator of the Blackhawk Night club at the time of his death, by the four witnesses whose identities are being guarded closely by the prosecutor's office for fear of gangster retaliation.

Photos Identified

A likeness of the full, swarthy features of Syracuse was pointed out as the photograph of the driver of the maroon Ford V-8 death car while reproductions of the pinched, pallid visage of Mirabella and the lean, punch-marked face of English, a former pugilist, were identified positively as those of the trigger men who fired 14 bullets into the body of their victim.

The witnesses also described the approach and departure of the slayers and the manner in which they had wheeled Miss Audrey Ralls, beauty contest winner and sweetheart of Kennedy, away from the side of their quarry before they "rubbed him out."

Previous Tilt Explained

The jurors also were reported to have learned of the manner in which Kennedy incurred the wrath of English and Mirabella on a previous occasion in Michigan street when he made sneering remarks about the boxer's marksmanship and his snub-nosed revolver and administered a severe beating to Mirabella for both of which he received a fustillade which drummed against his automobile, but left him untouched.

Indictment of the three men brought the total of suspects charged with the murder of Kennedy to five.

Sam Stein, former pawnbroker's clerk, was named in a first degree murder indictment in connection with the killing, but the bill was nolle prossed after he made a deposition in which he admitted sell-

THREE MORE MEN ARE INDICTED IN KENNEDY SLAYING

Mirabella, Syracuse and English Accused in Gang Murder

Joe (Wop) English, John Mirabella and Russell Syracuse, members of the Thomas (Yonnie) Licavoli gang, yesterday were indicted by the county grand jury on a charge of first degree murder in connection with the death of Jack Kennedy, rival bootlegger, in Point Place, July 7.

Four eye witnesses, whose identity was not revealed by prosecutor Frazier Reams, identified pictures of English and Mirabella as those of the men who fired the shots. The picture of Syracuse they identified as that of the man who drove the death car, a maroon Ford V-8 sedan.

The indictments were voted late yesterday and were presented to Judge Roy R. Stuart by Jack Newton, foreman of the grand jury who was once a Lucas county sheriff.

Arrested in Akron

English, arrested in Akron two weeks ago by Capt. George Timiney and Detective Chris Brennan, is lodged in the county jail here, held until now as a material witness in the Jacob (Firetop) Sulkin first degree murder case.

Mirabella and Syracuse still are at large. Mirabella was in the prosecutor's custody shortly after the shooting, but was released when his attorneys threatened to apply for a writ of habeas corpus. At that time, the incomplete evidence did not link him with the crime.

Still At Large

Syracuse, who is a fugitive from a federal court indictment here, charging him with conspiracy to violate the national prohibition act, is believed to be in hiding in one of the several headquarters of the Licavoli gang, which is alleged by county officials to operate out of Canton, Akron, Mansfield and Cleveland as well as Toledo.

Syracuse was named jointly with Licavoli in the federal indictment. Licavoli was convicted on the true bill and is at liberty under \$27,000 federal bond pending the hearing of his case by the federal court of appeals, Cincinnati.

\$5,000 Bond Forfeited

Detectives here believe the man who was with English when he

was captured, and who escaped in Akron, was probably Syracuse. He forfeited a \$5,000 federal bond when he fled the liquor law indictment.

The joint indictment of the three hoodlums yesterday brings the number of men who have been so charged in the Kennedy case to five.

Sam Stein, pawn broker's clerk, was indicted first, when one of the murder guns was traced to the pawn shop where he worked. The indictment against him was nolle prossed after he had made a full

confession of his connection with the gun, implicating Sulkin. The grand jury immediately indicted Sulkin, who is still held in the county jail.

Denies Connection

Licavoli, at one time or another, has denied any close connection with any of the indicted men. Sulkin he has referred to as a "messenger boy." He is, himself, free on \$5,000 county bond which was imposed upon him as a material witness in the Sulkin case.

Although county officials have not set down trial dates for either English or Sulkin, it is believed that the Sulkin case will be allowed to ride until English, Mirabella and Syracuse are tried. Whether English is to be tried soon, or whether the prosecutor will wait until Mirabella and Syracuse have been apprehended, Mr. Reams declined to reveal.

WITNESS RECOVERS MEMORY, TELLS OF TALK WITH LICAVOLI

Importing Firm Employee Charges Gang Leader Asked of Shipment; U. S. To Prove It Went to Liquor Plant

By DONALD POND.

Corn sugar which the government is prepared to prove was used in the manufacture of illicit whisky was claimed as his own by Thomas (Yonnie) Licavoli, the jury trying Licavoli on liquor law charges was told Friday by James Nicoloff, a clerk in the General Importing Co., 513 Monroe street.

Nicoloff, a reluctant witness whose memory had to be jarred time and again by a reading of his testimony before the grand jury and who gazed everywhere but at Yonnie while he testified, also implicated his superior, George Petcoff, head of the importing company.

Memory Is Restored.

"I don't remember, Mr. Murlin," was Nicoloff's answer to question after question until Mr. Murlin reminded him of his appearance before the grand jury. The witness admitted that he had testified as follows:

"Licavoli came in one day and asked for George. When I said he wasn't in, Licavoli asked, 'Anything for us?' Licavoli asked, 'How about the corn sugar for us,' and I said I didn't know anything about it."

"Didn't you testify: 'Licavoli said we are expecting corn sugar from Chicago coming here?'" Mr. Murlin asked.

"I don't remember," answered the witness, his voice barely audible.

Intimidations Doubted.

His lack of memory will be investigated thoroughly, Mr. Murlin told reporters. The prosecutor refused, however, to say that he believed his witnesses were being intimidated by threats from the underworld.

Nicoloff did remember, as the examination proceeded, that Petcoff

had asked Licavoli, "How come you use my address?" and that Licavoli had replied, "Hush up, never mind."

He remembered, too, that Petcoff had protested against Licavoli getting him in trouble.

Remembers Syracuse.

This was after Russell Syracuse, indicted with Licavoli and now a fugitive from justice, had made Petcoff's office his headquarters. Nicoloff remembered all about Syracuse, but his memory as to visits from other members of the gang was not so good.

He identified Ed Beck and Bud Gardner, members of the gang who have pleaded guilty, but he refused to identify Harry Silverino, who has also pleaded guilty, and Ernest LaSalle, fugitive from the indictment and from a murder warrant held by Toledo police.

"Maybe I identified their pictures before the grand jury, I don't remember," he said.

Nicoloff was not cross-examined.

Piano Salesman Testifies.

Donal Vinson, a salesman for the Grinnell Music Co., testified that Licavoli, in purchasing a grand piano for his home at 2733 Pemberton road, gave the General Importing Co. as his place of business.

B. A. Tower, general manager of the Detroit Pump & Manufacturing Co., identified a Petcoff check as received in payment for a pump which the government says it will prove was found in a raid at 1413 Holmes street, East Toledo, where a large still was seized.

Employees of Toledo Terminal Warehouse identified Beck as a man who hauled away some of the corn sugar received for storage there in the name of the General Importing Co.

Peter Latoni Called.

Peter Latoni, another Petcoff employe, testified to seeing Syracuse, Silverino and Licavoli at the store. He said he had only seen Licavoli once and failed to recognize his testimony before the grand jury in which he said he had seen Licavoli "two or three times."

Judge George P. Hahn recessed court for luncheon after Latoni's testimony, saying that he expected the government would rest this afternoon. He warned the jurors to be prepared for the end of the trial shortly after the prosecution rests.

place to the Argonne hotel, he said. He visited the distillery nightly until it was raided Feb. 10, and it always was in operation, he said.

Mr. Howard said that with seven other agents, he raided the distillery Feb. 10, and found a 2,000 and a 1,000-gallon still, large quantities of alcohol, mash, yeast and sugar, and vats, tanks, pumps and a boiler. Syracuse, Brown, Harry Silverino, and Gardner alias Howard Lane, were arrested.

Raid Is Described

The agent said that as they approached, he heard Syracuse say, "We've got to keep this place going in order to get production."

Mac Harper, another agent, testified that Brown told him the night of the raid that one still had a capacity of 1,400 gallons a day.

W. M. Rankin, former agent in charge here, also described the raid. He admitted the search warrant covered a concrete building, and not a house at the address, where one still was found, and Attorney Levy objected to his testimony, because of lack of a warrant for the house.

It developed, however, that the house was not searched until after the agents found pipes leading to it from the concrete building, and the objection was withdrawn.

Homer Smart, commercial manager for the Ohio Bell Telephone Co., identified slips listing hundreds of long distance calls from the General Importing Co., the Interurban Truckers, the apartment of LaSalle in the Ira apartments, and the apartment of "H. C. Schwartz," identified as Licavoli, in the Argonne.

LICAVOLI TRIAL EVIDENCE GIVEN

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of Licavoli, where witnesses told of seeing cases and bottles bearing liquor labels. Judge Hahn said that this point was covered in the sixth count of the indictment and also the 14th and 16th overt acts charged.

Balliff ill

Attorney Hackett objected to the testimony of Myrtle Duan, maid at the Argonne hotel, who told of begin given a tip by Ernest LaSalle for cleaning Licavoli's room. He was overruled.

C. F. Van Natta, 341 Crittenden avenue, balliff who has been handling the Licavoli jury, was reported ill with threatened pneumonia at his home Monday.

Neither Licavoli nor Petcoff was present at the morning session of the court. The defense is scheduled to submit its side of the case when the jury returns at 1:30 P. M.

Defense May Not Call Witnesses

Miss Sari Cravline of the crown attorney's office, Windsor, Ont., reached Toledo Monday as a witness for the government in the trial. If permitted to testify as a rebuttal witness, she will tell of the arrest and conviction of Licavoli on the charge of possessing weapons in Canada.

There is a possibility that no witnesses will be called by the defense, but that Licavoli and Petcoff will depend upon arguments of their attorneys.

LICAVOLI TRIAL IS ADJOURNED UNTIL MONDAY

Government Completes Testimony in Liquor Conspiracy Case Late Friday

Trial of Thomas (Yonnie) Licavoli and George Petcoff, on liquor conspiracy charges, will be resumed at 10 A. M. Monday when counsel will argue before Federal Judge George P. Hahn the admissibility of testimony and exhibits offered by the government.

Lee N. Murlin, assistant U. S. attorney, completed the presentation of 51 witnesses late Friday. He reserved the right to reopen the government's case Monday should he find it necessary.

The jury, which must decide the

MANY EXHIBITS PRESENTED IN LICAVOLI TRIAL

Documents Offered by Prosecution Admitted by Court in Liquor Hearing.

MAY NOT SUMMON DEFENSE WITNESSES

Judge Omits Statement on Testimony in Gang Liquor Conspiracy Trial, Deals Only on Points of Law Involved

BY DONALD POND.

The case of Thomas Licavoli went to the jury in federal court at 11:27 a. m. Tuesday after Judge George P. Hahn had delivered a short charge in which he mentioned no evidence but merely discussed the law involved.

Judge Hahn began charging the jury at 11 a. m. The jury, which will decide the fates of Licavoli and George Petcoff, president of the General Importing Co., co-defendant, has listened to testimony for the last week.

Preceding the judge's charge, Attorney Jack Hackett of the defense, and Lee N. Murlin, completed their closing

arguments.

The jury, which is deciding the fate of Licavoli, and George Petcoff, president of the General Importing Co., has heard testimony and arguments for a week.

Canadian Woman Arrives and May Testify About Arrest in Rebuttal.

Virtually all of the exhibits offered by the prosecution were admitted as evidence by Judge George P. Hahn in the trial of Thomas (Yonnie) Licavoli and George Petcoff on charges of prohibition law violations in federal court Monday.

These included invitations to Licavoli's wedding, which were found in a drawer at the General Importing Co., operated by Petcoff at 513 Monroe street, and a receipt for rent given by Licavoli for his home at 2733 Pemberton drive.

An elaborate chart showing how long distance telephone calls were placed from the Ira apartments, Argonne hotel, General Importing Co. and the Interurban Truckers' offices, all said to have been used as headquarters for the Licavoli gang, also was introduced.

Police photographs of accused members of the gang and a lease for an apartment at the Ira apartments, signed by Albert Friedman, who used two different spellings, also were included in the exhibits as were bills, credit cards and other records of transactions in connection with the operation of a distillery.

Love Letter Introduced

One exhibit was a love letter to Edward Beck, found in his pocket when federal agents raided a distillery at 1413 Holmes street. On demand of the defense, the envelope only was admitted by the court.

It was stipulated in the records of the case that five men indicted with Licavoli and Petcoff entered pleas of guilty and that none of them was authorized to manufacture liquor.

Attorney John Hackett for the defense asserted to the court that there was nothing in the indictment charging that liquor was sold at the Argonne hotel headquarters

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guilt or innocence of Licavoli, was instructed to return at 1:30 P. M. Monday to hear the testimony of defense witnesses, if any are presented.

Defense Undecided

Harry Levy and John Hackett of defense counsel, said they have not decided their exact line of defense, although they will, of course, insist that the government's evidence has not linked Licavoli with the conspiracy.

It is not expected that Licavoli will testify in his own behalf.

Neither are the five alleged henchmen indicted with him, who pleaded guilty, expected to be witnesses.

It appeared probable from tactics pursued by the defense lawyers in the first part of the trial that they will argue that while the five might have conspired to make alcohol, the government has not proved that Licavoli was their leader.

Federal Agents Testify

Government agents who shadowed Licavoli and his alleged associates, who uncovered and finally raided a huge distillery in Holmes street, and who were active in working up other evidence already presented, occupied the witness stand most of Friday afternoon.

Chad B. Howard, a federal investigator for two years, said he began Jan. 13, 1932, to watch Petcoff's firm, the General Importing Co., 513 Monroe street, which the government contends was one of the headquarters.

The agent said that Edward Beck, who pleaded guilty, conferred with Russell Syracuse, a fugitive, on that date, and then drove to the A. H. Lumm Co., where a 1,000-gallon galvanized vat was loaded on a truck. Mr. Howard said he followed the truck, but lost it at Bancroft and Cherry streets. The agent said he believes the same tank was one confiscated at the distillery.

Defense Objects

The next day, Mr. Howard said, Licavoli and Leo Mocerri left a taxicab to confer with Syracuse at the Monroe street place, and drove to a drug store at the Hillcrest. A defense objection prevented him from answering a question as to the relationship of Licavoli and Mocerri, a brother-in-law.

Jan. 27, 1932, Mr. Howard said, he walked along a railroad track back of the Holmes street address and smelled alcohol and mash. He trailed Syracuse and a girl, who drove the Ford coupe from the

Points To Licavoli.

His reference was to the General Importing Co., which the government has branded as a Licavoli headquarters.

"Did you ever hear Mr. Petcoff talk to Detective Arthur Langendorf about these men?" asked Mr. Denman.

"I have heard George ask Mr. Langendorf to clean them out and keep them out," Nicoloff replied.

The character witnesses were Dan Searles, Dorr street greenhouse proprietor; J. A. Parker, Toledo club, sugar broker; David T. Davies II, insurance broker; E. W. Hein, 2129 Collingwood avenue, insurance agent, and George M. Goulden, proprietor of Goulden's Fish market, next to the Petcoff establishment at 513 Monroe street.

All testified that they had known Petcoff many years, that his reputation in the community was excellent and, on cross-examination by Mr. Murlin, that they knew nothing of the Licavoli case.

Mr. Denman in his calm, dispassionate summation, placed the blame for Petcoff's plight on the shoulders of the Licavoli mob and named Yonnie directly on two or three occasions.

Murlin made much of the failure of the defense for Licavoli to bring in witnesses in his behalf.

"If Licavoli is innocent," he asked, and if he is engaged in some legitimate business, why didn't the defense bring in witnesses to show it?

"This is Licavoli's government the same as it is your government and mine. It is high time he is made to realize it. Who is Licavoli that he can defy the United States government? Who is he that he can set up a gigantic business in violation of the laws of the nation?"

Politics, Career Charged.

Hackett, on the other hand, said the testimony of 60 government witnesses was such that they had not found it necessary to call any defense witnesses.

"Why all this effort to convict Licavoli in this case?" he asked.

"Why all this work to make something out of an ordinary liquor case? It couldn't be that it is designed to further someone's political career? It couldn't be that some wanted publicity?"

Hackett attacked the testimony of three government witnesses, said Licavoli is as innocent as the day he was born, told the jury it would be doing an injustice by finding the defendant guilty.

Call No Witnesses.

The summations began Monday afternoon after Harry Levy, co-counsel with Mr. Hackett for Yonnie, announced that the defense rested without calling a witness. Herman Krueger, assistant to Mr. Murlin, opened for the government. He was followed in half an hour by his chief, who spoke 40 minutes. Mr. Levy opened for the defense, devoting 30 minutes to attacking the government's case.

He was followed by Grant Denman, attorney for Petcoff, who earlier in the afternoon had definitely split in procedure with other defense attorneys when he presented six witnesses in his client's behalf.

Five of these were character witnesses and the sixth was James Nicoloff, whose memory had to be jarred by references to his grand jury testimony when he was called earlier in the trial as a government witness. Nicoloff testified that Petcoff had asked police to "clean them (Licavoli henchmen) out of my place and keep them out."

3 SUSPECTED IN GANG RAID FREED ON BAIL

SEP 12 1932
Supposed Racketeers Ordered To Report for Hearing

WAR DECLARED

Chief of Police Says 'Musclers' Must Move Out

Over the protest of Law Director Martin Dodd and Detective Inspector Emmett Cairl, three men arrested here yesterday in the police drive against racketeering were released by Common Pleas Judge Charles H. Lemmon shortly before last midnight.

Two of them were released in \$2,000 bail and told to report for a habeas corpus hearing in common pleas court this morning. The other was released on his own recognizance, pending the hearing.

DRIVE OUT RACKETEERS
 Inspector Cairl said no definite charges could be placed against the men but that they were held in connection with racketeering and threatening business men here, to see if they were wanted for crimes in other cities, and in connection with the bombing of a Mansfield newspaper recently.

Attorney Harry Levy, representing the trio, said that police had no definite reason for holding them and that no charges could be preferred against them.

BOMB CAR TRACED

Predicting such a turn, Chief of Police Louis Haas earlier in the evening said police would attempt to overcome all such difficulties in its war against the racketeering syndicate which dictates to Toledo's underworld.

"We're going to drive it out and keep it out," the chief said. While not stating that the three men arrested on the Buckeye Cigar store Thursday night, in which \$2,800 was taken, officials said they believed the suspects were part of the same gang which has been "muscling" in on underworld and legitimate business here.

Two of the suspects were arrested, police said, because the car in which they were riding had been used in a racketeering attempt made on a business man here recently. The license of the car was issued from the same address as the one found on the car used in the Mansfield bombing, police said.

'CUT' DEMANDED
 Outside racketeers "muscling in" on Toledo last winter. Owing all the big breweries in Monroe, Mich., they are known as the Monroe gang, but their connections extend into Detroit and Chicago.

Beer spots here were virtually taken over, forced to sell Monroe beer or nothing. Local alley beer manufacturers folded up without much protest, although there were rumors for weeks that a gang war would break out.

Recently the racketeers have demanded a 25 per cent "cut" in all gambling games here. The biggest gambler in Toledo gave it to them without resistance. "Times are so hard I'm not making anything any way, so why not," he said.

SUSPECT ARRESTED

Benny Aronoff, whose Buckeye cigar store on Superior street, widely publicized through a series of futile gambling raids last winter, has been making money, refused to give the outsiders a 25 per cent cut.

Thursday night seven gunmen, one of them holding a sub-machine gun in the fold of his elbow, forced the occupants of Benny's to stretch out on the floor and then calmly picked up the proceeds of the entire day's business and walked out. That put the matter up to police.

JUDGE FREES SUSPECTS IN ARONOFF RAID

SEP 12 1932
Accused Trio To Appear for Questioning in Mans-

field Bombing

Three suspects arrested late Friday in connection with the \$2500 holdup of the Buckeye cigar store were free Saturday.

Two of the men were released after a hearing before Judge Charles H. Lemmon in common pleas court Saturday noon. The third man was released late Friday.

The two released Saturday agreed to return to Detective Inspector Emmett Cairl's office at the Safety building at 2:30 p. m. to face witnesses of the newspaper plant bombings in Mansfield, O. A total of \$10,500 has been offered for the capture of the bombers.

Admits Lack of Evidence.
 Law Director Martin Dodd, who was directing the prosecution of the two men, admitted to Judge Lemmon that police had nothing on which to hold the men in jail in Toledo.

Judge Lemmon did not enter into the agreement that the suspects were released only if they returned to the Safety building. The agreement was made between Harry Levy, attorney for the prisoners, and Prosecutor Dodd.

Hold Special Court.
 The legal battle between Mr. Levy and Mr. Dodd necessitated a special session in Judge Lemmon's court late Friday night.

A squadron of police armed with machine guns and tear gas bombs drew a cordon around the courthouse, while the session was in progress, in anticipation of violence should the racketeers fail to gain their freedom.

Inspector Cairl sought to detain the three men at the Safety building until authorities from Mansfield, O., arrived here to question the suspects in connection with a bombing of the Mansfield Journal newspaper plant several weeks ago.

Arrested After Chase.
 Two of the suspects, Ernest LaSalle, Falconer, N. Y., and Russell Syracuse, Monroe, Mich., were arrested Friday afternoon in a Lincoln coupe at Fulton and Bancroft street after a chase of several blocks by Detective Earl McBride, Merle Winkle and Edward Meeker.

The third suspect, Thomas Stramello, of 121st street, Point Place, released on his own recognizance by Judge Lemmon, is well known to police here.

The arrests followed the holdup of the Buckeye Cigar store, 237 Superior street, Thursday night by six armed out-of-town gangsters, members of a gang, who, police say, are attempting to muscle in on Toledo gambling and bootlegging circles.

License Plate.
 The bandits, armed with a machine gun and pistols, forced more than 35 patrons in the cigar store to lie on the floor while they rifled the cash drawers and card tables of more than \$2500.

The connecting link between the Buckeye cigar store raid and the Mansfield newspaper plant bombing was the license number of the autos seen near both places shortly after the holdup and bombing occurred. Traced to a West Toledo resident who convinced police he was in no way connected with either crime, authorities here believed the gangsters used the address of the West Toledoan to cover their activities.

Law Director Overruled.
 In the legal tilt, which was concluded shortly after midnight Friday in Judge Lemmon's court, Law Director Dodd questioned the right of the court to free the men before a hearing in common pleas court. The court ruled otherwise and the three men were freed after bond for the two was posted by a bondsman.

Detective Capt. Willard Rydman, in communication with Jamestown, N. Y., scene of a recent bombing, learned that both LaSalle and Syracuse are well known by police there. One of the men is said to have purchased 30 feet of fuse at Jamestown shortly before the bombing.

BIG STILL BUILT IN PARLOR OF HOME



The old bit of doggerel tells of the "pig that slept in the parlor" but government raiders, crashing into a modest appearing Holmes street residence early Thursday, uncovered one of the biggest wholesale distilleries in the history of prohibition enforcement here. The comfortable living room and adjoining dining room had, besides lace curtains, fancy wallpaper and colored cluster lights, two huge stills from which eventually would have been produced thousands of gallons of "choice Canadian liquors." Claude Berry, Harry Burns and Walter Kobrahn were dismantling the interior of "the cozy little East Side home" when Norman Hanger of the Blade camera staff took this picture.

\$100,000 STILL IS SEIZED HERE
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Five Men Arrested by

U. S. Agents; Alcohol Confiscated.

The largest alcohol distillery raided since a Canton street plant was seized last fall, was uncovered in an East Toledo home early Thursday by federal agents led by Chief William H. Rankin.

Equipment valued at \$100,000 was found in a large frame house and an adjoining garage at 1413 Holmes street. Five men were arrested and stills of 2,000 and 1,000-gallon capacity were seized.

Chief Rankin said the distillery was operated by out of town men and was the plant from which liquor was being sent into Indiana and adjacent communities. He said little of the liquor was sold in Toledo. Chief Rankin said the place has been under surveillance for several weeks but it was said by some that the plant had been running for 60 days.

Extensive remodeling of the interior was necessary to install the equipment. The 1,000-gallon still was found in a room where the walls had been removed and part of the ceiling taken out for a 27-foot pipe to extend to the attic and then outside the house for carrying away fumes.

Another still of 2,000-gallon capacity was found in a large garage which also contained eight 2,000-gallon vats and two of 1,000-gallon capacity.

Raiders found 250 pounds of yeast and 3,200 pounds of sugar in the house. The confiscated alcohol had been put up in five-gallon containers. So well was the setup concealed that neighbors did not know of the proximity of the gigantic still.

The men, charged with violation of the national prohibition act, gave their names as Howard Lane, 30, Palmer street; Harry Johnson, 35, Monroe street; Harry Silvenino, Adams street; Ross Palmer, 21, Detroit, and Sam Brown, 26, Holmes street. Johnson had \$102 on his person when arrested.

Arraigned before United States Commissioner John C. Budd Thursday morning, all pleaded not guilty. Bonds for preliminary hearing were set as follows: Lane, \$3,500; Silvenino, \$2,000; Palmer, \$2,000; Brown, \$2,000, and Johnson, \$5,000.

POLICE RAID DISTILLERY

Huge Alcohol Plant Found on East Side

A gigantic alcohol distillery, with equipment valued at \$100,000, was discovered by federal prohibition agents last night when they made a surprise raid on a house at 1413 Holmes street, on the East Side.

Five men were arrested, two stills of 3,000-gallon capacity seized, and 3,000 gallons of alcohol confiscated after the government agents had swooped down upon the place.

The plant was one of the largest and most expensive ever discovered in Toledo and is said to have been in operation for several weeks. Federal agents say that it was financed by Detroit interests.

The distillery was equipped to turn out alcohol on a production basis. Federal agents say that weeks were required to set up the stills and the huge vats found in the house and in a garage in the rear.

HOUSE REMODELED
 The entire interior of the house had been remodeled to accommodate the huge 1,000-gallon still found in the place. All ceilings were removed and the still extended from the floor almost to the attic. Here the alcohol was subjected to the final cooking and proving process.

In the large garage in the rear was found another even larger still, with a capacity of at least 2,000 gallons. In addition the garage contained eight 2,000-gallon vats and two vats of 1,000-gallon capacity, and all were filled with mash. The stills were heated by two large, especially constructed furnaces.

A pipe two and one half inches in diameter ran from the garage to the house. The mash from the garage was conducted through this pipe and into the still in the house.

RANKIN LEADS RAID
 In addition to this equipment, the federal officers found 3,200 pounds of sugar and 250 pounds of yeast in the place. The raid was led by William H. Rankin, chief of the federal prohibition forces in Toledo.

Mr. Rankin said the federal agents had been watching the plant for three weeks. The distillery was in full operation when Rankin and six other agents staged the raid.

ARRAIGN FIVE FEB. 25
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 Bonds for suspects in still case Range From \$2000 to \$5000.
 Five men arrested Wednesday night in a raid on a distillery at 1413 Holmes street will be given a hearing Feb. 25.
 Bonds ranging from \$2000 to \$5000 were placed on each. The men are Ross Palmer, Harry Silvenino, Harry Johnson, Howard Lane and Sam Brown. All pleaded not guilty of violating the national prohibition act.

MURDER AUTO DRIVER NAMED

JUN 29 1934

Syracuse Charged With Being at Wheel During Kennedy Slaying.

Identity of the driver of the death car, occupants of which ambushed Jackie Kennedy, night club operator, at Point Place last July, was revealed today when an affidavit of facts was presented to Gov. George White in Columbus.

Russell Syracuse, Licavoli mobster, sat at the wheel when the assassins closed in on Kennedy and Audrey Ralls, his sweetheart, it is charged in the document drawn up in connection with extradition proceeding to bring Ralph Carsello back to Toledo to stand trial for first degree murder.

Who identified Syracuse as the driver of the killers' car is not disclosed.

Conspiracy Charged

The affidavit involving Carsello who is held in the federal penitentiary at Milan, Mich., says that prior to Oct. 8, 1931, Joseph (Wop) English, Leo Mocerri, Thomas (Yonnie) Licavoli, John Mirabella, Jacob

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Sulkin, Ernest LaSalle, Syracuse, Carsello, Harry Leonard, James Licavoli, John Rai, Anthony Bessie and Sebastian Lupica entered into a conspiracy for the violation of state and federal laws, engaging in the illicit liquor business and in intimidating people with intent to extort money or to compel them to do certain acts against their wills.

The affidavit contends that growing out of this conspiracy and as a part of the conspiracy which continued until after July 7, 1933, Abe Lubitsky, Norman Blatt, Louise Bell and Jack Kennedy were murdered.

Carsello Arrested

Shortly after the murder Carsello was arrested and held in the county jail until July 22, 1933, when he was released for lack of evidence. He was rearrested in Akron, O., Nov. 5 and held in county jail here until Jan. 8, 1934 when he was turned over to federal authorities

to be taken to the prison at Milan.

Carsello and 12 others were indicted by the grand jury March 8, 1934. He has completed his sentence for violation of the prohibition act and is serving a fine imposed in connection with the violation.

Extradition papers which were prepared by Arnold F. Bunge, assistant county prosecutor, were taken to Columbus today by James O'Reilly, county detective.