

RAI - John George,

1-29-1932

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BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION AND RECORDS

POLICE DEPARTMENT, TOLEDO, OHIO

No. 23813

F. P.
CLASS(13) 5 U 000 10
17 U 000 8

Name RAI -John George.

Alias John Ray-John Romando-John Pieri-
John Piere -

Residence 209 Winchester st. Monroe. Mich.

Occupation Smoke shop at Monroe. Mich.

Eyes Brown Ht. 5 Ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ In.

Age 25 On 3-6-1932 Weight. 153

Beard Hair. dk chest.

Complexion, Fair Build Med. Musc.

Crime. Vagrancy.

Date of Arrest 1-29-1932.

Arrested by, Det. Hartung and Langendorf.

CITY OF CLEVELAND
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

March 29th, 1934.

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73813

Daniel T. Wolfe,
Chief of Police,
Toledo, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 26th instant relative to John C. Piari alias John Rai wanted by your department on the charge of murder, and who was in custody of this department on March 7th, 1934, on the charge of being a Suspicious Person. Permit me to advise that at the time of his arrest here he gave his address as 359 Busti Ave., Buffalo, N.Y. and was arrested with George Sargent, 818 Seventeenth St., Massillon, Ohio; Louis Italiano, 1214 Michigan St., Buffalo, N.Y. Charles Hoss, 818 Seventeenth St., Massillon, Ohio; and John Farah, 16404 Walden Ave., this city. They were all released on bail and your subject forfeited his bond and his present whereabouts are unknown.

We also have information that the subject is wanted at Rochester, N.Y. on the charge of robbery.

We have had a careful search instituted for him and in the event he is apprehended or information concerning him is received, we will immediately notify you.

Respectfully yours,

Geo. J. Matawitz
Chief of Police

GJM:JZ
Wachsman Det.

Please return to room 201 after it has served its purpose

JOHN H. LOUY, Supt.
BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION
AND RECORDS

*Contents noted
Brenner Fulbright*



John A. Price

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March 26th. 1934.

Mr. George J. Matowitz
Chief of Police
Cleveland. Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

RE: John G. Piere your F-#79934

I am herewith enclosing an unmounted photograph of John Rai our number 23813 who is identical with that of the above name subject who was arrested your city March 7th 1934 on charge of Investigation.,

Please instruct your Officers to make every possible effort to apprehend this subject as he is now under indictment this city for Murder.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in this case. I am.

Yours very truly

DANIEL T. WOLFE
CHIEF OF POLICE

Louy:-

March 26th, 1934.

STATE OF OHIO
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Division
BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION
H. G. Robinson, Officer in Charge, London, Ohio.

THIS IS AN ADDITIONAL RECORD FOR YOUR FILES

Disregard this No. F-79934 John G. Piere
John George Rai, John Ray

23813

Refer to this number 494-230 F.P.C. 14) 5 U 000 9 Ref.
17 U 000 7

✓ 1-29-32 As John George Rai, #23813, arrested at Toledo, O. Chg. Susp.

*Notation from D. of J. Letter;
As Jno. Pieri, #17173, arr. P. D. Buffalo, N.Y. 4-8-29, Chg. Delinq.
As #17173, Arr. P. D. Buffalo, N.Y. 2-17-30, Vio. Sec. 1897, Fined \$50.00
As #17173, Arr. P. D. Buffalo, N.Y. 11-10-30, P. L. Discharged
As Jno. Remondo, Arr. S. P. Rockwood, Mich. 7-23-31, URAA
As #2243, arr U. S. M. Detroit, Mich. 7-28-31, Dyer Act. 2 mo. House of Corr.
As Jno. Pieri, #12551, arr. P. D. Rochester, N.Y. 10-9-33, Rob.

3-7-34 As John G. Piere, #F-79934, arr. b P. D. Cleveland, O. Chg. Invest. Pending.

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CITY OF ROCHESTER

NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
BUREAU OF POLICE



March 14, 1934

X 73813

Mr. Daniel T. Wolfe
Chief of Police
Toledo, Ohio

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your communication of the 13th. instant requesting final disposition against one John Pieri charged with Robbery 1st. Degree, be advised that this case as not been disposed of and you will be notified at once of the final disposition.

Very truly yours

Henry J. Fenbogue
Chief of Police

JPM/WAW.

*3-15-1934
Copy of this letter to
Prosecuting Atty. Francis Reams
Loney*



March 13th. 1934.

73813

Mr. Henry T. Copenhagen
Chief of Police
Rochester. N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

We are in receipt of your letter of the 11th instant., in which you enclosed photograph and finger-print classification and description of one John Pieri your number 12551 who was arrested your city October 9th 1933 on charge of Robbery 1st degree as requested in our letter of the 9th instant for which please except our thanks.

We would appreciate it very much if you would furnish this department with the final disposition of the case.

Thanking you in advance. I am.

Yours very truly

DANIEL T. WOLFE
CHIEF OF POLICE

Very truly,
Loy:-

CITY OF ROCHESTER

NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
BUREAU OF POLICE



March 11, 1934

23813

Daniel T. Wolfe
Chief of Police
Toledo, O.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of March 9, we are enclosing a photograph of John Pieri. You will find finger print classification on reverse side, together with description.

Very truly yours

Henry J. Copenhagen
Chief of Police

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VCR



March 9th. 1934.

Mr. Henry T. Copenhagen
Chief of Police
Rochester. N.Y.

Dear Sir;-

Please furnish this department with photograph and fingerprint classification and description of one John Pieri your number 12551 arrested your city October 9th 1933 on charge of Robbery 1st degree.,

Thanking you in advance for this and past favors. I am.

Yours very truly

DANIEL T. WOLFE
CHIEF OF POLICE

Louy;-

September 22nd, 1933.

73813

Captain Jasper Oftedahl,
Penna. State Police, Troop "D",
Butler, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Private J. J. Ebon, of your command at Berceus, Pa., visited us today looking for some information concerning bank robbery which he stated he was investigating, and requested a number of photographs.

While this department is very willing at all times to assist all peace officers in the apprehension and conviction of criminals, a rule of the department is that photographs and records for outside sources must be requested through the commanding officer. We explained this rule to Mr. Ebon and he gave me your name as his commanding officer.

In pursuance of his request I am enclosing you photographs of a mob of gangsters, only one of whom has any connection with bank stick-ups. They are all members of the notorious Licavoli gang of racketeers and it is doubtful whether any of them, with the exception of Syracuse and Sinatra, would attempt a bank robbery. The pictures enclosed are:

Serafino Sinatra, our No. 5504.
Ralph Carpinelli, our No. 10490.
Russell Syracuse, our No. 23384.
John Mirabella, our No. 23714.
John George Rai, our No. 23013.
Leo Boceri, our No. 23072.

As stated above, we promised Private Ebon that these photographs would be mailed to you as soon as they are made up, and if in your judgement they will be of any benefit to him, please see that he gets them. I trust they may be of some use to you.

Sincerely yours,

McK:

Daniel T. Wolfe,
Chief of Police.

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

October 19, 1933

The following is a transcript of the record, including the most recently reported data, as shown in the files of the Division of Investigation concerning our number

866966.

J. E. HOOVER, *Director.*

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
PD, Buffalo, N.Y.	John Pieri, #17173	4/8/26	delinquency (Ct. warrant)	turned over to Sheriff.
PD, Buffalo, N.Y.	John Pieri, #17173	2/17/30	vio. Section 1897, Penal Laws	fined \$50
PD, Buffalo, N.Y.	John Pieri, #17173	11/10/30	petty larceny	discharged
SPol, Rockwood, Mich.	John Ramondo, #---	7/23/31	U.D.A.A.	turned over to Dept. of Justice, Detroit, Mich.
USM, Detroit, Mich.	John Ramondo, #2243	7/28/31	vio. Dyer Act	2 mos. H. of C.
PD, Toledo, Ohio	John George Rai, #23813	1/29/32	ausp.	
PD, Rochester, N.Y.	John Pieri, #12551	10/9/33	robbery 1st deg.	



* Represents notations unsupported by fingerprints

For completion of our records, please supply dispositions to this bureau in any of the foregoing cases where they do not appear

Daniel T. Wolfe

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January 31st 1935.

#23813

Theodore Walker
Chief of Police
Lorain, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

We are in receipt of your letter of the 24th instant, in which you requested photos and description of John Rai and Jimmy Riggio and third man last Russo who is supposed to sing over the Radio.

In reply wish to advise that we are here- with enclosing photograph and description of one John Rai our Number 23813, and that the photo of Russo a singer on the radio we are herewith enclosing photograph and description of one John Jack Rose our number 13098 who has sang over the radio at different times. We have no record or photograph on Jimmy Riggio.

Yours very truly.

DANIEL T. WOLFE
CHIEF OF POLICE

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THE CITY OF LORAIN OHIO

POLICE DEPARTMENT

JANUARY 24. 1933

Mr. Daniel T. Wollfe
Chief of Police
Toledo Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

We are in receipt of your letter of January 5, 1933 in which you sent us the following photos and descriptions:

Harold Moses Gardner	# 13950
Ernest Joseph LaSalla	23263
Russell Vintour Syracuse	23264
Harry Silvenino	23850
Rosa Palmer	23851
Sam Joseph Brown	23852
Edward Beck	23948

We are informed that three more men are in this gang one is known as John Rai another is known as Jimmy Riggio and the third man's last name is Russo who is supposed to be a singer over the radio at various times.

Please send us photos and description of these three men if it is possible to do so.

Thanking you for your co-operation and for past favors. I am,

Yours very truly

{Signed} Theo Walker
Chief of Police

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(ORIGINAL IN NO. 13698.,)

Daniel T. Wolfe
CHIEF OF POLICE

January 16th 1933.

Chief of Police
Wyandotte, Michigan.

Dear Sir:-

With further reference to our letter of
7th December 1932, requesting the arrest of the following
named persons, who were wanted for Murder.

Ernest Joseph Inella. our No. 23263 your number 21804.
Peter Corrado " " 23713 " " 23032.
John George Raf. our No. 23613 sent as U.S. Marshall #2243.

In reply wish to advise that the warrants have
this date been withdrawn therefore they are no longer wanted
by this department

Yours very truly.

DANIEL T. WOLFE
CHIEF OF POLICE

Very:-

(ORIGINAL IN NO., 23263.,)

~~#23263~~
~~#23813~~

December 7th 1932.

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Chief of Police
Wyandotte, Mich.

Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith photographs and finger-print classification and description of the following named person's. for whom we hold warrants charging them with murder. charged that on the morning of November 26th 1932 they shot and killed one Louise Bell who was traveling in an automobile with one Jackie Kennedy.

Ernest Joseph Isalls., - - - - -our No. 23263
Peter Corrado., - - - - - " " 23713
John George Rai., - - - - - " " 23013.

Please instruct your Officers to make every possible effort to apprehend and if successful place this trio in custody and notify the undersigned; (This mob are all Italians and beer runners.)

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation in this case. I am.

Yours very truly.

LOUIS J HAAS
CHIEF OF POLICE

Copy:-
3-encs:-

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January 16th 1933.

Handwritten:
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Fred W. Frahm,
Chief of Detectives
Police Department
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:-

With further reference to our letter
7th December 1932 requesting the arrest of the following
named persons, who were wanted for Murder.

Ernest Joseph Kasalla., our No. 23265 your number 51804
Peter Corrado., " " 23715 " " 22062
John George Rai. our No. 23815 same as U.S. Marshall # 2245.

In reply wish to advise that the warrants have
this date been withdrawn therefore they are no longer wanted
by this department.

Yours very truly.

DANIEL T. WOLFE
Chief of Police

Very:-

(ORIGINAL IN NO., 23263.,)

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Police Department
City of Detroit, Michigan.

December 8, 1932.

Mr. Louis J. Haas
Chief of Police
Toledo, Ohio.

#23813

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of ~~EM~~ December 7th. enclosing photographs of Ernest Joseph Lasalla your # 23263. car # 31804; Peter Corrado, your # 23713. car # 22062; and John George Rai your # 23813. U. S. Marshall Detroit # 2243. wanted by your Department for the murder of Louise Bell on November 30, 1932.

Teletype message has been sent out notifying all Officers to be on the lookout for these men; also for a dark green or blue LaSalle Sport Sedan, 1932 Michigan License D-776. Motor 906-556. with trunk on back. Peter Corrado was seen driving this car here yesterday.

Every effort is being made to apprehend these men for you. in which event you will be notified at once.,

We have no previous record on John George Rai; but the other two men are known to this department.

Yours very truly.

(Signed) Fred W. Frahm
Chief of Detectives

LSM

McGowan & Wysocki.
Searles & Hutchinson.

Copy to Identification Squad
with photographs.

(ORIGINAL IN NO., 23263.,

December 7th 1962.

X 23813

Fred W. Prain,
Chief of Detectives
Police Department
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith photographs and finger print classification and description of the following named persons for whom we hold warrant them with Murders; charged on the morning of November 30th 1962 they shot and killed one Louise Bell who was traveling with Jackie Kennedy;

Ernest Joseph Insalla our No. 22065 same as your 31804.
Peter Corrado, " " 23723 " " " 22002.
John George Raf. " " 22835 " " U.S. Marshall
Detroit, Mich. number 2065.

Please instruct your Officers to make every possible effort to apprehend this trio and place them in custody and notify the undersigned.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance in this case. I am.

Yours very truly.

LOUIS J HAAS
CHIEF OF POLICE

Louy;-
3-encs;-

County of Hillsdale
Sheriff's Office
Hillsdale, Michigan.
January 6th, 1933.

Mr. John H. Louy.
Supt. of Identification
Toledo police department
Toledo, Chic.

Dear Sir;-

I am particularly interested in obtaining the photos of No. 18480. No. 42005. and No. 23813. This is Jack Luppino. John George Rai. and Norman Doughman.

If it is convenient would appreciate also the following photos. No. 23444. 29124, No. 23715. No. 23265. No. 23263. No. 23714. No. 24673. No. 23716., No. 18684 and No., 13698.

This will be highly appreciated.

Yours very truly
(Signed) F. J. Marshall
Deputy Sheriff
Hillsdale County Jail

(ORIGAN IN NO., 23444.,)

Daniel T. Wolfe
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January 13th 1935.

#23813

Leonard Smith
Investigator Prosecutor's Office
Wayne County
No. 1300 Beaubien Street.
Detroit. Michigan.

Dear Sir:-

We are in receipt of your letter of the
12th instant., requesting photos of number 5584.,
15420., 23263., 23264 and ~~23264~~ 23813.

In reply wish to say that we are herewith
enclosing the following photographs.

Sarafino Sinatra.,	- - - - -	-our No. 5584.
Ralph Carpinelli.,	- - - - -	" " 15420.
Ernest Joseph Lasalla.,	- - - - -	" " 23263.
Russell Vintour Syracuse.,	- - - - -	" " 23264.
John George Rai.,	- - - - -	" " 23813.

Yours very truly.

DANIEL T. WOLFE
CHIEF OF POLICE

Louy;-
5-encls;-

OFFICE OF
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
COUNTY OF WAYNE

400 Police Headquarters Building
1300 Beaubien Street
Detroit, Michigan.

Harry S. Toy
Prosecuting Attorney

W. Gomer Krise
Chief assistant.

January 12, 1933

Police Department
Toledo, Ohio.

Attention Detective Inspector

Sir;

Please send pictures on Sarafino Sinatra; also Ralph
Carpinelli. Also numbers 23263. 23264. and 23815 and oblige.

Yours truly

(Signed) Leonard Smith
Investigator. Prosecutor's Office

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(ORIGINAL IN NO., 5584.,)

Headquarters of Police, Toledo, Ohio.**STOLEN PROPERTY, ETC.**

- 72741-MRS R COWELL 3348 MONKOE: THEFT OF U S STAMP MACHINE CONT ABT 500 2¢ STAMPS, 500 1¢ STAMPS; FROM PLACE 9TH.
- 742-V BARNES, FOOT MORRISON DR: THEFT OF STRAIGHT RAZOR, KNIFE, 4 PKGS GOLDEN GRAIN TOBACCO, PR LEA & CANVAS GLOVES ; FROM PLACE 9TH.
- 745-E LUMBELL 1265 DORR: THEFT OF LARGE BROWN LEA TRAV BAG CONT 32 BLUE STEEL COLT AUTO PISTOL IN BROWN LEA HOLSTER, 12 SHIRTS, 30 TIES, 10 PR SOX, ; FROM PLACE 9TH.
- 747-J COLLARD, SYLVANIA O: THEFT OF BLACK LEA ZIPPER GRIP CONT 2 GENTS SHIRTS, KNIT JACKET, NIGHT SHIRT; FROM AUTO STOLEN 2012 N 12TH & RECOVERED 9TH.
- 750-N HALL 864 TOLEDO: THEFT OF TAN ARMY BLANKET, SET CHAINS COLLINS PARK SHELTER HOUSE 9.30 PM 9TH.
- 754-THE SHOW BOAT 422 SUPERIOR: REAR WINDOW JIMMIED NIGHT 9TH & PLACE RANSACKED.
- 751-AMERICAN PLUMBERS SUPPLY Co, 1701 CANTON: GYPED OF SET DIES & STOCK, ½ CHROVE KOHLER SWIVEL SINK CLEANER, BY FAKE SALESMAN FROM GRINNELL Co 11 AM 9TH.
- 762-STANDARD OIL Co, FRONT & CONSAUL: THEFT OF 100 GAL GAS; FROM PLACE SINCE 7TH.
- 763-I ROSEN 420 SUPERIOR: REAR DOOR FORCED AM 10TH & MEATS, CANDY, GUM, TELEPHONE & WEIGHING MACHINE STOLEN.
- 764-C DREYER, TOLEDO HOSP: THEFT OF WG HAMILTON WRIST WATCH WITH MESH BAND; FROM ROOM ABT 1ST.
- RECOVERED AUTOMOBILES; CHRYSLER SED C-71,532. PEERLESS CPE C-11,600. WHIPPET CPE C-72,083. WILLYS 6 TRUCK, T-59,591.

STOLEN AUTOMOBILES NONE

SPECIAL NOTICE:- WE HOLD MURDER WARRANTS FOR ERNEST JOSEPH LaSALLE, JOHN GEORGE RAI AND PETE CURRADO, WHO ARE ALSO UNDER INDICTMENT AND ARE WANTED BY THE U S MARSHALLS. ALSO PICK UP YONNIE LICAVOLI AND HOLD FOR U S MARSHALLS, AS HE IS UNDER FEDERAL INDICTMENTS TOO.

EMMETT E CAIRL, INSPECTOR OF DETECTIVES.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL MEN OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT:- ENTRANCE TO THE TOILETS AND SHOWER BATHS IN THE BASEMENT OF THE SAFETY BUILDING WILL BE BARRED, TO ALL PERSONS, NOT MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT. JANITORS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO SAME. THE GATE PLACED AT THE ENTRANCE IS EQUIPPED WITH A LOCK THAT MAY BE MANIPULATED WITH A REGULATION PATROL-BOX-KEY. THE SHOWERBATH AND ROOM WILL BE THOROUGHLY RENOVATED AND PLACED IN FIRST CLASS SANITARY CONDITION. IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL JEALOUSLY GUARD THIS PLACE AS IT IS INTENDED FOR THEIR OWN PERSONAL USE.

JOS. DELEHAUNTY, INSPECTOR OF POLICE.

November 28th. 1932.

#23813

Hornace M. Hamilton,
Ass't Chief of Police
South Bend, Indiana.

Dear Sir:-

We are in receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant., in which you enclosed photographs and finger prints of the following named persons implicated in destroying the Swank Dry Cleaning Company your city recently; for which please except our thanks.

James H. Stone (RB)	Paul Craft	your No. 5603
Forest Nielsen		" " 5604
Edwin Haden alias Louis Brooks alias Edward Hayden		" 5605
William R. Lowe alias " Rosie "		your No. 5606

In reply wish to advise that after making a careful search thru our Bureau of Identification we failed to find any previous records in our files.

Yours very truly.

LOUIS J HAAS
CHIEF OF POLICE

Copy:-

(ORIGINAL IN NO., 5604.,)

City of South Bend. Indiana.

Police Department

Nov. 23rd. 1932.

Mr. L. J. Haas.
Chief of Police
Toledo. Ohio.

Dear Sir;-

Replying to your letters of Nov. 21st and 22nd, relative to gang destroying Swank Dry Cleaning Company here. will advise we have been successful in arresting and securing confession from the outfit that pulled our local job.

I am herewith enclosing photos and fingerprints of men arrested here as per your request.

James H. Stone (RN) Paul Craft,	#3603
Forest Nielson.	3604
Edwin Haden alias Louis Brooks alias Edward Hayden	3605
William R. Lowe alias " Rosie "	3606

Thanking you for your co-operation in this and past matters. I am.

Very Trul Yours

(Signed.) Horace M. Hamilton
Ass'd Chief of Police

HMH/HW

(ORIGINAL IN NO., 5584.,)

November 22nd 1932.

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Horace H. Hamilton, Asst.
Chief of Police
South Bond, Indiana.

Dear Sir:-

With further reference to our letter of the 21st instant, in which we enclosed several photographs and finger-prints of persons that might be implicated in wrecking a Dry Cleaning Establishment place in your city recently. We are herewith enclosing four more subjects of photographs and finger-prints of the following named:-

Ernest Joseph Lasalla alias Ernest Laselle	our No.	23263
Russell Vintour Syracuse.,	"	23264
Thomas Straniello alias Thomas Strike.,	"	23265
John George Rai alias John Ray.,	"	23213

We are informed that your department recently arrested a mob of Italians if this true we would appreciate if you would forward this department with photographs and finger prints of the mob.

Yours very truly.

LOUIS J HAAS
CHIEF OF POLICE

Louy:-
C-encs:-

November 21st, 1932.

Horace M. Hamilton, Ass't
Chief of Police.
South Bend, Indiana.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 18th instant., to a gang on the 10th instant destroying the Swank Dry Cleaning Co. by overpowering the watchman and then destroying the machinery with sledge hammers, and pouring ceratin chemicals on the clothing.

We are herewith, enclosing photographs and finger prints of the the following named persons.

Sarafino Sinatra our	No., 5584
Ralph Carpinelli alias Ralph Carsello	15420
Thomas Licavoli alias Yomie Licavoli	23444
Carson Carpa alias Carson Carpinelli	24673

This mob was suspected of doing about the same thing here in our city. If you should identify any of the above subjects kindly notify.

Yours very truly

LOUIS J HAAS
CHIEF OF POLICE

Louy:-
4-encls.

City of South Bend Indiana.

Police Department

November 18th 1932.

M.R.L.J. Haes
Chief of Police
Toledo. Ohio.

Dear Sir;-

About 1.15 A.M. Nov. 10th. 1932. the Swank Dry Cleaning Co. of this city. was destroyed by three men who overpowered the watchman. and then proceeded to destroy the machinery with sledge hammers. After this was accomplished they poured acid over the clothing.

Information comes to us that you had a similar occurrence there several months ago and rounded up a gang. If this is correct I am wondering if you would favor this department with their photos.

Yours Truly

(Signed) Horace M. Hamilton
Ass't Chief of Police

HMH/HW

Our # 5584
23444
#24673
#15420

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TOLEDO OHIO JANUARY 12TH 1935

JOHN J WHELEN
CHIEF OF DETECTIVES
POLICE DEPARTMENT
BUFFALO. N.Y.

HOLD JOHN PIERI ALIAS MAI WILL PREPARE EXTRADITION
PAPERS IMMEDIATELY THANKS

DANIEL T WOLFE
CHIEF POLICE

(CHARGE TO TOLEDO POLICE DEPARTMENT)

#23813

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TOLEDO OHIO

JOHN PIERI IN CUSTODY WANTED BY YOU FOR MURDER WILL NOT WAIVE

EXTRADITION PREPARE PAPERS ADVISE

JOHN J WHALEN CHIEF OF DETECTIVES.

*Charges
6 Oct*



April 20th. 1934.

#23813

Mr. John J. Whalen
Chief of Detectives
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 19th instant., in which you enclosed photograph and finger-print classification of one John Pierl alias John Ray alias John Ramondo your No. 17173.

In reply we wish to advise that he is under indictment this city and wanted for Murder.

Please instruct your Officers to make every possible effort to apprehend this subject and if successful place him into custody and notify the undersigned whether or no he demands extradite. we will extradite if necessary.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation with this department in this case. I am.

Yours very truly

DANIEL T. WOLFE
CHIEF OF POLICE

Very:-



Department of Police

BUFFALO, N. Y.
JAMES W. HIGGINS
COMMISSIONER

April 19, 1934.

473813

Chief of police,
Toledo Ohio.

Sir-;

We are herewith enclosing photo of one John Pieri one of your local gangsters, who has a police record here and elsewhere.

We understand through the Cleveland Ohio police that he is wanted in your city for murder.

If this information is correct please advise, and we will try and pick him up as he is in and out of this city.

Very Truly yours,

John J. Whalen
John J. Whalen,
Chief of Detectives.

F. J. MCC
McCarthy.
O. J. S. Det Bur.



RD DIV. NO.	CLASS	NUMBER	SUPPLEMENTAL OFFENSE REPORT	OFFENSE	ARREST NO.
			POLICE DEPARTMENT TOLEDO, OHIO	X 23813	
TITLE OF OFFENSE:				DATE OF OFFENSE	193

PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION:	PERSONS INTERVIEWED:	ADDITIONAL PROPERTY STOLEN, ETC.
Captain Timiney		
DATE OF THIS REPORT		193

IN REGARD TO MY INVESTIGATION OF THE ABOVE OFFENSE, I REPORT AS FOLLOWS:

About 930 PM we went to the Court Hotel, 434 N. Erie St., to investigate Italians who were stopping at this hotel. On our arrival there we were informed that they were not in their rooms at the time. Returned to hotel about 215 AM and found Bert Carpinell. We learned he was a brother of Ralph Carsello, room "21" also found John Tronclone and Joe Pieri in room 201. Pieri who is 26 yrs old is a brother of John Rai and Tronoline 25 years old is a cousin of John Rai. They have said they were here to attend the trial of John Rai and Ralph Carsello and wanted to remain here until they were sent to the OP, which they expected would be this week Weds or Thur., after which time they intended to return to Buffalo, N. Y., their homes, where they operate a cigar store. We looked their rooms over and found no weapons of any kind.

INVESTIGATING OFFICER	BADGE
CY RW	DeLora and Brennan

NECESSARY, USE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS)

R. D. 10-B.—This sheet to be filed in office of the Division to which the Investigating Officer is attached, until case is closed.

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City of Rochester
New York

March 14, 1934.

23813

Mr. Daniel T. Wolfe
Chief of Police
Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your communication of the 13th. instant requesting final disposition against one John Pieri charged with Robbery 1st degree, be advised that this case has not been disposed of and you will be notified at once of the final disposition.

Very truly yours

(Signed) Henry T. Copenhagen
Chief of Police

JPM/WAW

(THIS A COPY ORIGINAL IN NO., 23813.,)

10-9-1933 - Arrested at Rochester N. Y.
Robbery 1st degree case Pending

3-7-1934 - As John C. Piere # 7. 79934
Cleveland Ohio.

This is the same as John Rai.

MAY 24 1934

DIV. NO. 237	CLASS	NUMBER	SUPPLEMENTAL OFFENSE REPORT	OFFENSE Murder 1st Deg.	ARREST NO.
			POLICE DEPARTMENT TOLEDO, OHIO	DATE OF OFFENSE Nov 30,	193 2

LE OF OFFENSE:	PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION:	PERSONS INTERVIEWED:	ADDITIONAL PROPERTY STOLEN, ETC.
Inspector Haas.		DATE OF THIS REPORT Feb 25	193 5

IN REGARD TO MY INVESTIGATION OF THE ABOVE OFFENSE, I REPORT AS FOLLOWS:

**John Kai - returned from Buffalo N.Y.
on Capias for Murder 1st Degree - on Extradition
Papers.**

Respectfully

INVESTIGATING OFFICER H. Manson	BADGE
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CARSELLO, RAI MURDER TRIAL STARTS

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Toledo's regular trial-goers and scores of curious spectators assembled in the common pleas courtroom of Judge John M. McCabe today for the opening phase of the first degree murder trial of Ralph Carsello and John Rai, Licavoli henchmen, accused of four gangland slayings. The photograph shows Carsello, left, and Rai. In the other pictures are shown Frazier Reams, county prosecutor, who will direct the prosecution, left, and Attorney Cornell Schreiber, defender of the accused.

County Jail
6-18-32.

File No. _____

Suspicion.

23813

Toledo, Ohio
POLICE DEPARTMENT

June 17/32.

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~~Sergeant~~ Captain J. Buck;

Sir;

At 10:15 P.M. we arrested John Rai, age 26
12 - 15th st. and Harry Silveino age 26 yrs. 3427 Torrence Dr. at Michi-
gan and Monroe St. Charged with Suspicion. Hold for Acting Inspector
Timiney.

Respectfully,

Acting Inspector Timiney & J. Michalak
Patrolman No.

File No. _____

Toledo, Ohio
POLICE DEPARTMENT

June 18th 1932

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Sergeant Captain Langhoff

Sir;

At 11:45 A.M. took Harry Silveino and John Rai
both charged with Suspicion, to Judge Scott Stahl's Court to answer to a
Writ of Habeas Corpus.

The case was set over until 4:30 PM June 20th
and both defendants released on a bond of \$500.

Friedman was Attorney for defendants and Ben
Berensen furnished bond.

Respectfully,

H. Monahan
Patrolman No.

No. 23813

MALE

Color

White.

Classification

5-17 4-00 10-8
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Name RAY - John George.

Alias John Ray-John Ramondo

R2

Taken JUN 19 1932

by W. RAY

Offense Susp.

Class'd JUN 18 1932

by F. WIESENBERG

Arrested 6-17-32.

Disposition

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CITY OF TOLEDO, OHIO,

POLICE DEPARTMENT

NOTICE! On date of shipment MAIL INVOICE IN TRIPPLICATE showing our purchase order number and division receiving goods, to DEPARTMENT OF PURCHASES, 110 Cherry Street. Make all invoices read CITY OF TOLEDO, regardless of Department for which purchased. Original invoices in lead pencil or carbon not accepted. Invoices must be mailed within five days after shipment.

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DELIVERY	VIA	
WHERE TO BE USED		WATER 583
FOR WHAT PURPOSE		

300 1/2" X 2 1/4" CUT THREAD MACHINE BOLTS

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7.08

Supt. J.Louy.

Time 3.24 Pm

Sir.

At the above time recieved request from Butler Pa. State Police Dept. for a check on one John W.Ray who was returned from Buffalo N.Y.on charge of Murder was extradited they would like check as soon as possible.

Athority State Police Butler Pa.

Copy to.

J.Louy.
Dect.

Respt.

A. Snyder

At 3.45 Pm. I had Radio Operator notify the State Police at Butler Pa. that John W.Rai is now confined in Ohio State Penitentiary at Columbus O.serving a life sentence for the Licavoli Gang Murders.

Snyder.

CITY OF CLEVELAND OHIO

No 5848

1-11-1935--As John Pieri arr So. Buffalo, N.Y. as Fug. from Justice wanted at Toledo, Ohio for Murder.

2-5-1935--As John Pieri arr PD Toledo for Murder 1st Degree by Munson and Unkel.

3-8-1935--Indictment #21539 filed by Lucas Co. Grand-Jury for murder 1st degree.

3-9-1935--Arraigned and pled Not Guilty before Judge Gosline.

1-28-1936--Trial started before Judge McCabe.

2-22-1936--Pled Not Guilty as charged in 1st and 2nd counts by Guilty as charged in 3rd and 4th counts and recommendation of Mercy by Jury.

2-26-1936--Sentenced to Ohio State Penitentiary to serve L I P E sentence.

2-28-1936--Recd at Ohio State Pen, Columbus, Ohio for 1st degree Murder with Mercy.

OSCAR G. OLANDER
COMMISSIONERSTATE OF MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN STATE POLICEBUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION
RECORDS AND STATISTICSCAPT. IRA H. MARMON
BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION
LIEUT. HUGO E. ERICSON
BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION

EAST LANSING

WHEN REPLYING PLEASE REFER TO
BUREAU No. 81069RECORD COMPILED
BY: S. A. R.

Apr. 27, 1936

Ohio State Pen.,
Columbus, Ohio.

Sir: The following identification is made on your #70634 John Rai alias John Pieri:

4-8-1926 As John Pieri #17173 Police Dept., Buffalo, N. Y.
Charge: Delinquency (Ct. Warrant).
Turned over to Sheriff.

2-17-1930 As John Pieri #17173 Police Dept., Buffalo, N. Y.
Charge: Vioq Sec. 1897, Penal Laws.
Fined \$50.

11-10-1930 As John Pieri #17173 Police Dept., Buffalo, N. Y.
Charge: Petty Larceny.
Discharged.

7-23-1931 As John Ramondo #? Mich. State Police, Rockwood, Mich.
Charge: Vio. Dyer Act.

11-21-1931 Sentenced to the D. H. of C.

7-28-1931 As John Ramondo #2243 U. S. Marshal, Detroit, Mich.
Charge: Viol. Dyer Act.
Sentenced to the D. H. of C.

11-21-1931 As John Ramondo alias John Romondo #55331 Detroit House of
Correction, Plymouth, Mich. Sentenced from E.D. S.D. U.S.M. to
serve 2 Mos. for V. N. M. V. Theft Act.

1-20-1932 Discharged.

1-29-1932 As John G. Rai alias John Ray #23813 Police Dept., Toledo, Ohio.
Charge: Vag.

2-17-1932 Discharged in Police Court.

6-20-1932 As John Rain #23813 Police Dept., Toledo, Ohio.
Charge: Susp. Person.

6-30-1932 Discharged in Police Court.

10-9-1933 As John Pieri #12551 Police Dept., Rochester, N. Y.
Charge: Robbery, 1st Degree Disposition not given.

2-26-1936 As John Rai alias John Pieri #70634 Ohio State Pen., Columbu
Ohio. Sentenced from Lucas Co., Ohio to serve LIFE for Mu
1st Degree - Mercy.

Respectfully yours,
I. H. Marmon,
Supt. of Bureau.

Copy to: Sheriff, Buffalo, N. Y.

APR 29

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 3, 1936

The following is a transcript of the record, including the most recently reported data, as shown in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning our number

FBI-286986

J. E. Hoover

J. E. HOOVER, Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DEPOSITION
PD, Buffalo, N. Y.	John Pieri, #17173	4-8-36	delinquency (Court warrant)	turned over to Sheriff
PD, Buffalo, N. Y.	John Pieri, #17173	2-17-30	vic. 1897 P. L.	fined \$50
PD, Buffalo, N. Y.	John Pieri, #17173	11-10-30	P. L.	disch.
SPol., Rockwood, Mich.	John Remondo, #---	7-23-31	U.D.A.A.	turned over to Dept. of Justice, Detroit
USM, Detroit, Mich.	John Remondo, #2243	7-23-31	Dyer Act	2 mos. H. of C.
PD, Toledo, Ohio	John George Rai, #23813	1-8-32	suspicion	
PD, Buffalo, N. Y.	John Pieri, #17173	10-8-33	robbery 1st deg.	turned over to PD, Rochester N. Y.
PD, Rochester, N.Y.	John Pieri, #12551	10-9-33	robbery 1st deg.	
PD, Cleveland, Ohio	John G. Piero, #F-79934	3-7-34	inv.	
SO, Buffalo, N. Y.	John Pieri, #9983	1-11-35	fugitive (Toledo, Ohio for murder)	APR 3 1936

* Represents notations unsupported by fingerprints.

For completion of our records, please supply dispositions to this Bureau in any of the foregoing cases where they do not appear.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
FD, Buffalo, N. Y.	John Fieri, #17173	1-12-35	murder (fugitive)	
SP, Columbus, Ohio	John Hal, #70634	2-28-36	murder 1st deg. mercy	life
<p>WANTED: As John George Hal, for murder. Notify Prosecuting Att'y., Toledo, Ohio. (Inf. rec. 12-8-34). Notified 1-28-36.</p>				

APR 3 1936

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CITY OF TOLEDO
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF POLICE

BUREAU OF
IDENTIFICATION

No. **23813**

Date Measured **January 29th 1932**

Date of Arrest **January 29th 1932 at 3.45 P.M.**

Name **John George RAI**

Alias **John Ray - John Ramondo - John Pieri - John Piere-**

Residence **# 209 Winchester Street Monroe Mich.**

Age **25** On **March 6th 1932** Color of Left Eye **brown** Height **5'5 1/2**

Where Born **Monroe Mich.** Descent **F Italian**
M "

Occupation **Smoke shop at Monroe Mich.**

Color of Hair **dk chest** Color of Beard

Teeth **Good**

Comp. **Fair** Build **Med musc** Wt. **153**

Crime **Vagrancy.**

Officer **Det's Hartung and Langendorf;**

Remarks

Finger Print Classification **(13) 54000 10**
174.000 8

Operator **J.L.**

No.

MARKS, SCARS, MOLES, ETC.

- 1 Clean.,
- 2 Clean.,
- 3 Crescent shape cic at left eye outer.
- 3 Nose been broken.

11-22-32 Mailed F.P.Card & Mug to C.P. at South Bend.Ind.
12-7-32 Mailed F.P.Card & Mug to C.P. Detroit.Mich.& 1 mailing card & mug to
Sheriff of Wayne Co.Mich. 3-9-35.-3X5 & mug to C.Det.
1-9-33 Mailed 3 x 5 & Mug to sheriff Hillsdale Mich. Flint.Mich.
1-13-33 Mailed 3 x 5 & Mug to Prosecutors Office Wayne Co Detroit Mich.
1-31-33 Mailed 3 x 5 & Mug to C.P.Lorsain O. 1-14-35.Mailed 3mailing cards&mug;
12-6-33.Mailed 3X5 and mug to C.P.Detroit.Mich. to Prosecutor's office
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-Turned over to Sheriff.

2-17-1930-As John Pieri No 17173 arr PD Buffalo.Ny. for Viol section 1897 Pen Law
-Got fined \$50.00

11-10-1930-As John Pieri No 17173 arr PD Buffalo.N.Y.for P.L. Discharged.

7 -23-1931-As John Ramondo, ~~2243~~ arrested by State Police, Rockwood, Mich.
on charge of Unlawfully Driving Away Auto.
-Turned over to Department of Justice.

7 -28-1931-As John Ramondo, 2243, arrested by U.S.Marshal, Detroit, Mich.
charge Vio. Dyer Act.

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11-21-1931-Sentenced Two Months Detroit House of Correction.

2-17-1932-On trial and discharged by Judge Ramey on charge of Vag.

6-20-1932-As John Rai alias RAY arrested Toledo.O. with SELBINO #23850
charged with S.P. by Insp Timiney and ect

6-30-1932-Discharged in Muny Court Judge Donovan.

6-17-1932-As John Rai arrested Toledo Ohio. at 10.30 P.M. with Harry
Silvenino # 23850 by Timiney and Michalak on charge of suspicion
bootleggers and racketeers;

6-18-1932-Released on writ of habeas corpus by Judge Stahl

8- 6-1932-As John Rai arrested Toledo.O. at 2.30 PM with LaSalle #23263 by
Brown and Michalak charged with S.P.

8- 8-1932-Taken to Common Pleas Ct before Judge Stahl for hearg on Writ.H.C.
released same day on bond \$750.00 Judge Stahl

8- 9-1932-Case marked off docket in Common Pleas Ct for S.P. on Writ.Judge St

10- 8-1933-As John Pieri No.17173 arr PD Buffalo,N.Y.robb,wanted at Rochester,NY

10- 9-1933-As John Pieri No 12551 arr PD Rochester.N.Y. for robbery 1st degree.

3- 7-1934-As John C Piere No F-79934 arr PD Cleveland.O.for Investigation.

1-11-1935-As John Pieri No 9983 Arr SO Buffalo.N.Y.as Fug from Just,wanted at
Toledo.O.for Murder.

2- 5-1935-As John Pieri alias Rai No.23813 arr PD Toledo.O. for Murder,1st deg
by Munson and Unkel.

3- 8-1934-Indictment # 21539 filed by Lucas County Grand-Jury for Murder 1st
degree.

3- 9-1935-Arraigned and pled Not Guilty before Judge Gosline.

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2-28-1936- As John RAI No 70634 recd at Ohio State Pen at Columbus.Ohio from
Lucas co.O. for Life,for 1st degree murder with mercy.



CITY OF TOLEDO
OHIO

ANTHONY A. BOSCH
Chief of Police

DIVISION OF POLICE

Jan. 18, 1960

Ray Blackmore
Chief of Police
San Jose, California

Re - WALTER GRABACH
1503 Hopkins St., San Jose, Calif.
Phone Claybourne 8-0732

John Geo. Rai
23813

Dear Sir:

On Jan. 10, 1960 this Department received a long distance telephone call purportedly from the above subject, stating that his conscience was bothering him and he wanted to clear up some past police matters.

He then related that a YONNIE LIGAVOLI did not kill one Jack Kennedy in Point Place, Ohio, now a part of Toledo, but that one JOE ROSCOE was the murderer. He further related that he believed ROSCOE also killed Louise Bell, in Toledo, a year before the Kennedy killing. Grabach claims to have been an eye-witness to the Kennedy murder and stated that he will give a signed statement concerning what he knows about these murders. He further claims that he had been a bartender at Jack Kennedy's bootlegging establishment, The Black Hawk Cafe, at the time of these murders. Subject also claims to be a brother-in-law to former Municipal Judge Robert Baumgartner, who is currently vacationing somewhere in California.

We would appreciate your Department interviewing this subject and determining if he is of apparent sound mind, and if so, to have him give a signed statement as to all the particulars and facts he possesses which shows that ROSCOE or any other person than "Wop" ENGLISH whose correct name is Sarafino Sinatra, was the assassin of Kennedy.

For your information, both murders of which GRABACH speaks were attributed to the YONNIE LIGAVOLI gang which was in operation in Toledo at that time. Kennedy reportedly was a competing bootlegger who refused to pay tribute.

The following facts concerning the above mentioned murders appear in the files of the Toledo Police Department:

Louise BELL aka. Louise BAKER was machine gunned while a passenger in Kennedy's car at 11:40 P.M. on Nov. 30, 1932 at the corner of Jackson & Superior Sts., just one block north of Kennedy's establishment, The Black Hawk Cafe. The assassins, three in number, were in a car variously described as a tan Ford Sedan or a 32 Ford Tudor, maroon color, having wire wheels. The driver was described as white male, 29 years old, light felt hat, green colored eyes.

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| 1. Safety Director | 2. Chief of Police | 3. Inspector of Police | 4. Inspector of Detectives | 5. Inspector of Traffic |
| 6. Inspector, Crime Prevention | 7. Inspector, Training | 8. Inspector Ident. Bur. | 9. Cap't No. 1 Station | 10. Cap't No. 2 Station |
| 11. Captain Detectives | 12. Dispatcher | 13. Women's Bureau | 14. Morals Squad | |



CITY OF TOLEDO

OHIO

DIVISION OF POLICE

ANTHONY A. BOSCH
Chief of Police

#2

Ray Blackmore
Chief of Police
San Jose, California

#2 man in back seat described as white male, 34, 170#, heavy set, light hat and light overcoat.

#3 man described as white male, 34, tall, slim, light brown checkered cap.

Warrants were obtained for ERNEST JOSEPH LASALLE, JOHN GEORGE RAI and PETER CORRADO, all members of the Licavoli Gang. These were later withdrawn, and on June 6, 1933 a warrant was obtained for LEO MOCKERI, another member of the mob. He was arrested in 1952 in Los Angeles, California, returned to Toledo and allowed to plead guilty to Blackmail as by then no evidence was any longer available, to prove his guilt in this murder. LEO MOCKERI, also known as LEONARD MOCKERI was a Brother-in-Law of Yonnie Licavoli.

Jack Kennedy was later shot and killed on the night of July 7, 1933 at 9:15 to 9:30 PM while walking with a girl friend, Audrey Bolls, on Edgewater Drive near 140th St., while his body guard, Kenneth Francis was visiting a house a short distance away.

WOP ENGLISH whose right name is Scrafino SINATRA, was identified by two eyewitnesses as being the man who pushed Miss Bolls aside and emptied a gun into Kennedy. He was convicted of 1st degree Murder, sentenced to die in the electric chair but had his sentence commuted to LIFE by a former Governor just before this Governor left Office.

JACOB "Firetop" SULKIN, another member of the Licavoli Mob was also charged with the murder of Kennedy and given LIFE in prison. It was proved that he had borrowed the murder weapon from one Samuel Stein, a clerk in a pawn shop in the 800 block of Monroe St. that was operated by Louis Igdaloff.

YONNIE LICAVOLI was also sentenced to LIFE in prison on this murder as being the "master mind" who plotted the killing.

There were several other men with the killer the night KENNEDY was murdered:

JOSEPH BOSCHER alias Vedo was never known to be a member of the Licavoli Gang. His file reflects an association with the old ALVIN KARPIS and HARRY CAMPBELL Gangs. He served time as an accessory after the fact in connection with a bank robbery.

I trust these facts will assist you in determining whether Mr. Grabach has any real information to offer.

Yours very truly
ANTHONY A. BOSCH, Chief of Police

PIP:b

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| 1. Safety Director | 2. Chief of Police | 3. Inspector of Police | 4. Inspector of Detectives | 5. Inspector of Traffic |
| 6. Inspector, Crime Prevention | 7. Inspector, Training | 8. Inspector Ident. Bur. | 9. Cap't No. 1 Station | 10. Cap't No. 2 Station |
| 11. Captain Detectives | 12. Despatcher | 13. Women's Bureau | 14. Morals Squad | |

C I T Y O F T O L E D O .

O H I O .

Department of Public Safety - Bureau of Ident & Records-Police Dept.

Criminal record of John George RAI,- alias John Ray,- alias John Ramondo,- alias John Pieri alias John Pierce.

Police No.23813.....FP (13) 5 U 000 -10
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- 4- 8-1926- As John Pieri No.17173 arr PD Buffalo.N.Y.for Delinquency on wt
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1897 Penal Law.
- Got fined \$50.00
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- Discharged.
- 7-23- 1931- As John Ramondo arr by State Police ,Rockwood Mich.for UDAA.
- Turned over to Dept.of Justice.
- 7-28- 1931-As John Ramondo No 2243 arr US Marshal Detroit Mich.for Viol of
the Dyer act.
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- 11-21-1931-Got sentenced to Two(2) months Detroit House correction.
- 1-29- 1932-As John George RAI NO 23813 arr PD Toledo.O.for Vagrancy.
-Released on bail bond:
- 2-17- 1932-Discharged in Police Ct on charge of VAG. by Judge Ramey.
- 6-17- 1932-As John RAI arr PD Toledo.O.at 10.30 P.M. with Harry Silvenino
No.23850 by Dets Timiney and Michalak on charge of Suspicion
(Bootleggers and Racket men)
- 6-18- 1932-Released on Writ of Habeas Corpus by Judge Stahl ,Common Pleas C
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by officers Capt Timiney - Tafelski and Fielding charged Susp
Person.
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Parole Given Former Licavoli Gang Members

DEC 13 1972
Rai, Sinatra, Carsello Are Last Three
In Prison For Role In 4 Toledo Slays

The last three members of the Prohibition-era Licavoli gang still imprisoned for their roles in four gangland-style Toledo slayings were granted parole Tuesday by the state parole board.

None of the three is to return to Toledo to live when they are freed from prison within two months after 38 years in prison.

John Rai, 66, and Serafino Sinatra, alias Joe English, 73, will live with and be supported by their families in Buffalo, N.Y., following their Feb. 8 release, Ralph Carsello, 67, who will be freed Jan. 11, plans to live in Cleveland with a brother.

There will be no restriction on visits to Toledo by any of the three, but Rai and Sinatra would have to receive permission of their parole officers before leaving New York state, according to Les Snyder, placement coordinator for the adult parole authority.

If Rai, Sinatra, or Carsello want to move to Toledo permanently, approval of the parole authority would be needed, and is not likely, Mr. Snyder said.

No Plans To Work

He added that none of the three has any plans to work.

When Thomas (Yonnie) Licavoli, the gang leader, was granted parole a year ago after 37 years in prison, Toledo was placed off limits to him under his parole restrictions. He is living in the Columbus suburb of Gahanna, and operates a gift, stamp, and antique shop in another Columbus suburb.

The only special conditions placed on the release of Rai and Carsello were that they remain on parole for life so that "the public can be assured they will be closely supervised for the rest of their lives."

There is no such restriction on the parole of Sinatra, the eldest of the three, meaning that he could be removed from supervision after five years. Sinatra, who is now in the Chillicothe Correctional Institution, was described as a "model inmate"

who has had honor status for 15 years.

All three of the inmates are said to be in reasonably good health.

DEC 13 1972
Can't Be Paroled

The way was opened for the paroles last month when Governor Gilligan commuted their 1934 first-degree murder convictions to second-degree. Persons under convictions for first-degree murder cannot be paroled under Ohio law.

BLADE
The paroles for Rai, Sinatra, and Carsello complete the release from confinement of the five members of the Licavoli gang who were convicted in separate trials of conspiracy in the four Lucas County murders.

The first to be released was Jacob (Firetop) Sulkin, who was freed the day after his 75th birthday. He returned to Toledo, where he lived until his death last July.

Licavoli was granted parole Dec. 7, 1971, three years after former Gov. James A. Rhodes had commuted his first-degree murder conviction to second-degree. Mr. Rhodes refused to commute the sentences of Rai, Carsello, and Sinatra.

The five were convicted of conspiracy in the 1931 slayings of gamblers Abe Lubitsky and Norman Blatt at Franklin and West Woodruff avenues; the 1932 slaying of Louise Bell at Jackson and Superior streets, and the 1933 machine-gun killing of rival speakeasy owner, Jack Kennedy, who had been the actual target when Miss Bell was killed.

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covered Carsello and Mirabella occupying a bed upstairs in the house.

He described also the discovery of a secret room off the laundry in the Licavoli basement which the state charges was used as a hide-out for members of the gang.

In September, 1931, Mr. Unkle said he visited the Show Boat night club, on Superior Street, where he met the gang leader.

"I'm a Good Fellow."

"Why the hell is George Timiney riding me?" Mr. Unkle said Licavoli asked him. "I'm a good fellow."

"I've got orders to keep you down and I intend to keep you down as long as I'm on duty," the witness said he told him.

Bernard "Benny" Hastings, operator of a dance hall and beer garden in Adrian, Mich., and former bodyguard of Kennedy, told of frequent clashes between the Kennedy and Licavoli gangs.

Recover Two Cars.

On one occasion the Kennedy gang recovered a still near Mansfield, O., which had been seized by the Licavoli gang, the witness testified. On another occasion, he said, the Kennedy gang recovered two autos for Roy Swaney, Mansfield bootlegger and auto salesman, who had sold the autos to the Licavoli gang but was never paid for them.

"You're through from now on," Kennedy told Mirabella and Jimmy Riggio at a meeting of representatives of the two gangs in Sandusky, Hastings testified. About two weeks later Kennedy was murdered, he said.

Tells of Gang Meeting.

The night of the Bell slaying, Kennedy, Hastings and Miss Bell were followed by two autos as they drove away from Kennedy's apartment in Northgate Manor to attend a downtown show, the witness said.

He said they lost the autos on Superior Street between Jackson Avenue and Orange Street. Kennedy parked his auto on Huron Street, near Adams Street, and with Miss Bell went into the Paramount Theater. Hastings said he went to another show, returning home about 11 p. m., when he received word of the Bell murder.

Cross-examined as to how he was armed when he attended one of the several meetings of the two gangs in 1931, Hastings said:

"I just had a little one; we were just starting into business then."

"Firetop" Sees Judge.

Irving Knabb, auto salesman, 3212 Cherry Street, told of renting a furnished home on Craigwood Road to Mirabella in 1931. He testified that after the tenants moved, he found ashes and milk bottles strewn over the basement floor, holes burned in the carpets and fixtures and other furniture damaged.

He swore out a warrant against Mirabella, who later was arrested.

The morning the case was to have come up in Municipal Court, the witness testified, "Firetop" Sulkin had a conference with Judge Ira Cole, who was to have presided at the hearing.

"Judge Cole then told me I didn't have enough evidence to prosecute the case," Mr. Knabb testified. "It was continued to the call of the prosecutor and never came up again."

Detective Arthur Brown testified he arrested Rai and Ernie LaSalle Aug. 6, 1932, in a home at 4635 Westway. He said he had to break in a rear door to gain entrance to the home.

He arrested Carsello Oct. 25, 1932, in Licavoli's home, he testified. Carsello, he said, gave him address as 1612 Monroe Street when he was booked at the Safety Building.

Raid Is Described.

"I checked up the address and found it was a vacant lot," Detective Brown said.

Carsello smiled broadly from his seat behind the trial table.

Patrolman Emanuel "Monty" Burand told of a raid which he and five other officers made on an apartment in the Ira Apartments, Dorr Street and Parkside Boulevard, and arresting Carsello, Mirabella and a third man he knew as Carpinilla.

MURDER GUNS IDENTIFIED IN COURT

Gang Linked To Jack Kennedy Killing

TRIAL ADJOURNS

Witnesses called by the prosecution in the Ralph Carsello-John Rai murder trial yesterday told of the renting of a cottage in Point Place by alleged members of the Licavoli gang and of the finding of the guns with which Jack Kennedy was killed.

Boyd Murphy of 17 Irving street, told the jury he found a .45 caliber automatic above the river bank near the intersection of Ottawa River road and 121st street, and Edward VanderHorst, 13, told of the discovery of a .38 caliber revolver on the river bank below Ottawa River road.

Both witnesses identified the guns in court. Previously Sergt. James Payne, of the Detroit police department, had identified the guns as those which he had tested and checked with bullets taken from Kennedy's body.

Mrs. Grant Snyder, of 3484 147th street, testified she had rented her house in Point Place to a Mr. and Mrs. Paresi, and Mrs. Paresi's brother. She also identified one Mrs. Gross, who accompanied Mrs. Paresi when she rented the house, as Mrs. Carsello. Mrs. Snyder also identified Mrs. Paresi as Mrs. Leo Mocer.

Henry Freshman, 2260 Vermont avenue, identified Rai as a customer in his Michigan street tailor shop. Katherine Chester, Lansing, Mich., formerly of Point Place, testified she worked as a maid for Mrs. Mocer, but that she knew her as Mrs. Priestly.

There will be no court today because of the holiday.

tawa River Road after the Kennedy killing.

Boys Found Gun

Edward Vanderhorst, 13, of 3525 Edgewater Drive, several inches taller than when he first testified in the gang trials, told how he found the .38-caliber gun, used in the Kennedy murder, four days after the beer operator was killed.

He found the gun along the Ottawa River Road, he said, near the spot where Boyd Murphy, 17, Irving Street, testified he found the .45-caliber Colt the following day.

John Rai was forced to shed his suitcoat when Henry Freshman, who operates a tailor shop at 241 Michigan Street, took the stand. Mr. Freshman said he made the suit Rai was wearing in the police photograph that he identified. After viewing the coat Rai wore Tuesday, the tailor said it was not his work.

Mr. Freshman testified how at the command of Jacob Sulkin, gang "fixer," he recommended Leo Mocer, gang member, to Mrs. Grant Snyder, 3484 147th Street, Point Place, as a tenant for the house she was renting. Mr. Freshman said he did not know Mocer at the time.

Gave Phoney Names.

Mrs. Snyder testified she rented her Point Place home in the spring of 1933 to Mrs. Mocer under the name of "Pareci." When she returned from Michigan three days after the Kennedy murder, she said, she found the house vacant.

Mrs. Snyder said that when Mrs. Mocer rented the house the gangster's wife was accompanied by a "Mrs. Gross," whom she later learned was Mrs. Carsello.

Katherine Chester, Lansing, Mich., maid employed by Mrs. Mocer, said she knew her employers as the "Priestleys" and that Jimmy Licavoli came to the house, representing himself as the brother of "Mrs. Priestly."

She left the house Wednesday, July 5, she said, and was told to return Saturday. When she returned Saturday, the day following the Kennedy murder, no one was in the house, he said.

MURDER PISTOL IS IDENTIFIED

Pawnshop Clerk Says He Sold Gun Used in Slaying of Kennedy to Sulkin

The slaying of Jack Kennedy, Licavoli gang rival, was the center of testimony today in the murder trial of Ralph Carsello and John Rai.

Sam Stein, a pawnshop clerk, identified a Colt automatic used in the slaying as one he sold Jacob (Firetop) Sulkin for \$17.50.

The sale, Stein said, was late in April, 1933. Kennedy was slain the following July 7, as he strolled in the moonlight in Point Place with Audrey Ralls, beauty contest winner.

Stein was the principal witness called this morning before Common Pleas Judge John M. McCabe in the trial of Rai and Carsello for conspiracy in the murders of Jack Kennedy, Louise Bell, Norman Blatt and Abe Lubitsky.

Caretaker on Stand.

Stein related how, after the Colt was found along the Ottawa River Road, it was traced to him and he was indicted for the Kennedy slaying the indictment not being quashed until he confessed, after long grilling, that he had sold the gun to Sulkin. Sulkin now is under sentence to die in the electric chair.

Preceding Stein to the witness stand was John Henry Brown, who cared for the yard of Thomas (Yonnie) Licavoli's Old Orchard home in 1933.

He testified that on the afternoon of the day that Kennedy was slain he saw Ernest LaSalle, Leo Mocer, Carsello and a fourth man whom he knew only as "Charley" cutting a license plate in half in the Licavoli garage. He said they appeared to be matching the plate with another license that was attached to an auto.

Identifies Police Photos.

"But didn't see them do it," Brown added.

Brown identified police photos of men he had seen frequently at the Licavoli home. These included pictures of Carsello and Rai, who, he said, "just sat around like the

27 (police photo of Mocer) and ask you if you saw that party that night?

A.: Yes; I saw the man here.

Q.: And where did you see him?

A.: This man was in the front seat of the car, driving.

Q.: I show you State's Exhibit 22 (the police photo of Rai) and ask you who this is or did you see him there that night?

A.: This was one of the gentlemen in the back of the car.

Q.: Did your learn what his name was?

A.: Not until later; no, I did not at that time.

Q.: Now I hand you State's Exhibit 33 (police photo of Carsello) and ask you who it is, if you know?

A.: Well, I don't know what his name is; no.

Q.: Did you ever hear him called by any name?

A.: No; only through the prosecutor's office.

Q.: What was that?

A.: Rai.

Q.: Rai.

A.: Yes, sir.

Cites From Records.

Cornell Schreiber, chief defense counsel, subjected the witness to more than an hour of cross-examination and succeeded in breaking down his identification of Carsello as one of the occupants of the death car.

Mr. Schreiber cited at length from the records of Ash's testimony in the Licavoli and Sulkin trials. The attorney read from the Sulkin record to show that Mr. Ash was unable to recognize a police photo of Carsello at that time.

Testimony he read from the Licavoli trial indicated that the witness had testified that police photos of Rai and Carsello both resembled one of the men in back of the death car.

"How were the men in the car facing when you saw them?" Mr. Schreiber asked.

Both Are Expressionless.

"They were facing straight ahead," was the answer.

"You mean to say they were facing straight ahead and shooting out to the right?"

"They might have been. They didn't hit what they were shooting at anyway."

Mrs. Clara E. Osborn, 2829 Rathbun Drive, testified she occupied the lower half of the duplex at that address in the summer of 1933. A Mr. and Mrs. Gross, who she later learned were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Carsello, occupied the upper half at that time, the witness testified.

Quotes Mrs. Carsello.

Two men, one of whom she believed was Carsello and the other either Mirabella or Ernest LaSalle, drove past the duplex several times after 9 o'clock the night of the Kennedy slaying, July 7, 1933, she testified.

The man she identified as either Mirabella or LaSalle, got out of the auto and walked up the driveway where he was met by Mrs. Carsello, the witness said.

"What are you doing around here? You were supposed to stay away from here tonight," the witness quoted Mrs. Carsello as saying.

The defense objected to the quotation and Judge McCabe ordered it stricken from the record.

Identifies Police Photos.

Mrs. Osborn testified that Mrs. Carsello used the Osborn phone several times to call the "Yonnie" Licavoli residence. She identified police photos of English, Mirabella, Russell Syracuse, Sulkin, Licavoli and others as visitors to the Carsello home.

She said that several of these attended a meeting July 6 in the Carsello home. The meeting lasted about a couple of hours, she said.

She pointed out Rai in the courtroom as one of the visitors to the Carsello home. She also pointed out Carsello.

Mrs. Osborn completed her testimony this morning, saying that on one occasion before the Kennedy slaying she saw Carsello carry an object wrapped in a shawl into his home. She testified that she believed the object to be a machine gun.

Defense Counsel Schreiber introduced a sketch of the 2800 block of Rathbun Drive, showing 10 trees on the side of the street on which Mrs. Osborn lives. He attempted to show that the trees would have prevented her from identifying Carsello on the night of the killing, as she testified she had done.

RAI-CARSELLO TRIAL DELAYED BY HOLIDAY

Eye-Witness of Louise Bell Killing Will Go on Stand Thursday

An eye-witness to the gang killing of Louise Bell will testify Thursday, as the state draws near the close of its murder case against John Rai and Ralph Carsello.

The witness, Clarence F. Ash, a taxi driver, has testified in former trials that John Rai was one of the occupants of the car from which gunfire spat death at Miss Bell, sweetheart of Jack Kennedy, enemy of the Licavoli gang.

Miss Bell's death in November, 1932, is one of the four charged to Rai and Carsello. The others are Jack Kennedy, Abe Lubitsky and Norman Blatt.

Court Is in Recess.

The trial, in recess today, will resume Thursday morning with the testimony of Dr. and Mrs. Paul E. Bethards and Margaret Snowberger, among the first on the scene following the Lubitsky-Blatt slayings at Franklin Avenue and Bancroft Street.

Others who will testify about the twin killings will be Frank Segur, who lived across the street from the Bancroft Grill; Morris Lubitsky, attorney and brother of the slain Abe, and Detective George Timiney.

Mrs. Ralph Osborn, 2829 Rathbun Drive, who lived in the apartment below Carsello, will tell of activities in the apartment the night of the Jack Kennedy murder, July 7, 1933.

Tuesday afternoon, James F. Payne, Detroit police chemist and ballistics expert, identified two bullets as having been fired from a .45-caliber Colt automatic pistol, found on Ottawa River Road the week after Jack Kennedy was killed near there.

He identified another bullet as having been fired from a .38-caliber Colt revolver, also found on Ot-

WITNESS TELLS OF 2 SLAYINGS

Deputy Auditor Describes Lubitsky and Blatt Murders at Trial

Testimony pertaining to the slaying of Abe Lubitsky and Norman Blatt on the night of Oct. 6, 1931, was given today at the murder trial of John Rai and Ralph Carsello.

Lubitsky and Blatt were shot down at Bancroft Street and Franklin Avenue. Their deaths are two of the four in which Rai and Carsello, on trial before Common Pleas Judge John M. McCabe, are accused of conspiracy to murder.

The testimony was given by Frank D. Segur, chief deputy county auditor. He said he left his home at 240 W. Bancroft Street just before bedtime that night "to air the dog."

Identifies Two Pictures.

As he crossed the street he saw three men leave the Bancroft Grill, at Fulton Street, get into a car and drive east on Bancroft, Mr. Segur said. He identified pictures of Ernest LaSalle and Pete Corrado as two of these men.

Mr. Segur took his dog along a four-block circuit. As he was walking, he said, he heard a burst of gunfire that appeared to be toward the East.

As he approached Bancroft Street again at Fulton, Mr. Segur said, he saw an auto—the same one he saw earlier, he believes—draw up at the Bancroft Grill. And three men—he believes the same three he noticed before—left the car and walked into the grill.

Rhinefort Is Blocked.

Louis Szyperski, R. F. D. No. 2, Central Avenue, was the first witness today. He testified that he operated the Hill Avenue Gardens in 1932. Carsello, Rai, Russell Syracuse, John Mirabella and LaSalle frequently visited the resort, Szyperski testified, but Carsello was not the proprietor nor did he have any interest in the establishment.

Assistant Prosecutor Joel Rhinefort was blocked by a defense objection in attempting to gain from the witness an admission that for a week he dodged a subpoena to testify.

rest. I did the work."

On one occasion, Brown said, he saw Carsello carrying a gun.

Rai smiled broadly as the witness testified he saw him drive into the Licavoli home on one occasion in a Cadillac.

The state scored heavily yesterday afternoon when Clarence F. Ash, cab driver, pointed out Rai in the courtroom as one of the occupants of the auto from which were fired the bullets which ended the life of Miss Bell. He also identified a police photo of Carsello as that of one of the two other occupants. The car, he testified, was driven by Leo Mocer.

Woman Is Barred.

Judge McCabe barred a woman from his courtroom as the trial adjourned yesterday after Deputy Sheriff Maynard Gardner charged the woman had attempted to engage one of the jurors in conversation.

Mrs. Alice Mailer, juror, reported to the judge the woman approached

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her as she was leaving the courtroom and spoke to her. Judge McCabe told the woman spectator to stay out of the courtroom. He warned her that she would be punished if she were again found guilty of misconduct.

Defense Questions Witness.

The identification of Rai and Carsello came after Mr. Ash had testified he was standing at Jackson Avenue and Superior Street, across from the Interurban Station, at about 11 p. m. Nov. 30, 1932, the night of the Bell murder.

"Are you able to pick out in the courtroom today anyone you saw in that car?" Joel Rhinefort, assistant prosecutor, asked the witness on redirect examination.

"Yes, sir," Mr. Ash answered.

"Just pick him out please."

The witness pointed to Rai.

On direct examination Mr. Ash picked out from an assortment of police photos those of Rai, Carsello and Leo Mocer, and identified them as likenesses of the death car occupants.

Examination Goes On.

With Mr. Rhinefort putting the questions, the examination proceeded as follows:

Q.: I hand you State's Exhibit

a drink."

Q: "Is that what you really were going to do?"

A: "No, I was going to phone the police. But 'Wop' English said that I wasn't going alone. English went with me, so I took a drink."

"When we came back I leaned against the door and English kicked me in the pants. He had one hand in his coat pocket. He told me I had better sit down."

Demonstrates the Kick.

Mr. Engel apparently was still ruffled over the affair of more than three years ago. He got up from the witness chair as he was giving this testimony, leaned over and punched himself with his fist to demonstrate how "English kicked me in the pants." Then he straightened up and rammed his hand in his pocket to illustrate his next sentence.

Q: "What did you do?"

A: "I sat down. Later I got up and said we had better break up the meeting."

"Maybe It Was Carsello."

Prosecutor Reams, reading from testimony of the Sulkin trial, asked Mr. Engel if, at the previous hearing, he had not identified one of the three men as Ralph Carsello.

"Maybe it was Carsello instead

of Syracuse. I can't remember all those names," Mr. Engel said.

The witness said his plant was bombed the Monday following the meeting. He estimated damage at \$700.

Tom Nowak, who operates a grocery and meat market at 3342 Lorraine Street, testified that he sold large quantities of corn sugar to Russell Syracuse in 1931 and 1932. He said he sold as much as 80 100-pound bags of sugar in one purchase as often as twice a week.

Defense Counsel Schreiber and Assistant Prosecutor Rhinefort engaged in a verbal clash when Mr. Rhinefort read at length from the record of the Sulkin trial in an effort to refresh Nowak's memory. Judge McCabe overruled defense objections to this procedure.

Witness Tells of Robbery.

Nowak testified that Syracuse repeatedly attempted to obtain sugar on credit and finally induced him to charge \$350 worth of sugar, for which he never was paid.

The witness told of a robbery one night in February, 1932, in which he was slugged and shot in the hand and robbed of \$6. The holdup occurred, Nowak said, after

Beck had insisted upon coming to the store to purchase sugar although Nowak had informed him that his stock was exhausted.

The grocer said that Beck insisted he should take him to the garage in the rear of the store to prove there was no sugar stored there. Although Beck and his two helpers were present, an armed bandit forced Nowak into his home and attempted to extort money from him, the witness said.

Carsello Gets a Laugh.

Referring to the large sales of sugar, Mr. Schreiber chided the witness:

"You were seeing to it that people were plentifully supplied with vinegar, weren't you?"

Carsello laughed so heartily he had to wipe tears from his eyes with a handkerchief as Nowak agreed readily with Mr. Schreiber.

Delmar Little, Chicago, former manager-clerk of the Argonne Hotel, testified that Thomas Licavoli gave him three \$50 bills as part payment for suites of rooms at the hotel occupied in 1931. He said \$220 still was owed the hotel when the gang abandoned its headquarters there.

Saw Rai in Hotel.

Mr. Little identified pictures of Rai and Carsello as those of patrons of the hotel at that time. He said he saw Rai in the hotel with John Mirabella, Carsello, he said, registered several times with a woman.

Charles Marea, 730 Dorr Street, who carried on an extensive and profitable beer business during

prohibition, yesterday afternoon told how members of the Licavoli syndicate "muscled" into his trade, collected 50 per cent of the profits and installed a bookkeeper to watch the income.

The witness related how James Licavoli and Ernest LaSalle appeared at his place at 120 Southard Avenue and threatened him if he did not agree to "split the profits."

Paid "for Protection."

"They put Jimmy North in as bookkeeper. Every week North and I would take the books and meet LaSalle and Russell Syracuse at the Hill Avenue Gardens where we would settle up," Marea testified.

Pays "For Protection."

Marea said he was paying Jacob (Firetop) Sulkin \$100 a month for protection, in addition to splitting with the gang.

"I met Sulkin on Bay Shore

Road in 1931," the witness said. "He wanted me to pay \$100 a month for protection from the state. I paid him for several months."

"Sometimes I met him on the Bay Shore Road and other times in the R. & K. Cigar Store. He'd phone me and tell me where to meet him."

The former bootlegger said he talked to Kennedy in the winter of 1932 and then stopped all payments.

Two men who were delivering beer for him were arrested, fined and sentenced to jail, Marea said.

Denies Knowing Rai.

"I paid their fines and paid them while they were in jail," he testified.

Marea admitted on cross-examination that while he had seen Carsello at the Hill Avenue Gardens he never paid him money. He said he did not know Rai.

Mrs. Elizabeth Graffice, 336 13th Street, told how she unwittingly rented her suburban home in Lathrop Place to the Licavoli gang in August, 1932.

"I knew Rai as Mr. Ferguson," she said. "He came with Mr. Durkins, who I later learned was Ernie LaSalle. Mr. Durkins introduced him to me as his brother-in-law."

Mrs. Graffice said she received \$50 a month for the house.

Find House Deserted.

"One Sunday, as my husband and I drove past the house, we saw a basement window banging around in the wind," she said. "The next

morning, we came back and found the house deserted.

"The house was in awful shape. There were three bullet holes behind a picture in an upstairs bedroom. There were about 140 cans—alcohol cans I guess—strewn around the kitchen. The sink was all messed up and the trap underneath torn off."

The prosecution sought to link Rai and Carsello with members of the Licavoli gang through testimony of Detective John C. (Chris) Brennan.

Detective Brennan testified he saw Carsello in 1931 in the company of Sulkin, Thomas Licavoli and Syracuse. On two other occasions, he testified, he saw Carsello in the Licavoli home.

Chef Takes Stand.

He said he saw Rai in the company of LaSalle and Syracuse in 1932 but had never seen him with Thomas (Yonnie) Licavoli, head of

the gang.

William Fotoples, 130 Rosalind Place, former chef at both the Golden Rose and Show Boat night clubs, twin enterprises of the gang, testified he had seen neither Rai nor Carsello at either of the hangouts.

Mr. Fotoples, who said he knew Yonnie Licavoli as Tom Lazar, testified he first operated the Golden Rose kitchen on a salary, then took it over as a concession.

"Tom Lazar said it would be a pretty good thing for me if I took it over,"

Questioned by Harry Friberg, assistant prosecutor, Mr. Fotoples said his employers owed him money when the Show Boat closed.

Steve Contia, 2008 Elliot Street, former waiter at the Golden Rose, identified police photos of men he had seen at the club, including Thomas Licavoli, whom he knew as Tom Lazar; Sulkin and Johnny Rose. He saw neither Rai nor Carsello at the club, he said.

Harrison Irwin, 2850 Robinwood Avenue, former bookkeeper at the General Importing Co., through which Russell Syracuse is alleged to have bought sugar for the mob's distilling operations, identified several police photos of men who had visited the company, but said he had never seen either Carsello or Rai there.

LICAVOLI TRIAL FIGURES WILL APPEAR MONDAY

Bodyguard of Murdered Kennedy Also To Take Witness Stand

State's witnesses will continue to unfold the far-flung activities of the once powerful Licavoli gang Monday when the murder trial of John Rai and Ralph Carsello resumes in Judge John M. McCabe's Common Pleas Court.

The trial is in recess today.

The state, seeking to send the defendants to the death chair for the gangland slayings of Abe Lubitsky, Norman Blatt, Louise Bell and Jack Kennedy, has notified 14 more witnesses to appear

Monday.

Chief among these are two Government men whose testimony in Federal Court resulted in conviction of Carsello and Thomas Licavoli, gang leader, on charges of violating the prohibition law.

Bodyguard To Testify.

Ben Hastings, former bodyguard of the murdered Kennedy, also will testify. Other witnesses called for Monday are: W. L. Turner, Clifford Rosch and Thomas Alexander, who clashed with the Licavoli gang in the policy numbers racket; William Poulis, Donald Seiler and Irving Knab, former slot machine operators; Detective Merle Unkle, Dr. Dorman Clark, Roy Swaney and Roy G. Kern.

Bud Gardner, former member of the Licavoli gang, testified Friday afternoon that Carsello and he were at Cote's Inn, near Swanton, the night of the Bell slaying.

Accompanied by two girls, they left Toledo about 8:30 that night, drove to the inn and remained there until about 12:30 a. m., he said. Returning to Toledo, they took the girls home and drove to a downtown restaurant where they learned of the shooting, the witness testified.

Memory Is 'Bad'

"Didn't Carsello say 'the heat will be on us now' when he heard of the murder?" asked Joel Rhinefort, assistant prosecutor.

"No, he didn't say that," Gardner replied. "He said that we better not stall around town because the police will be picking up everyone, or something like that."

Gardner proved a disappointing witness for the state. He was unable to remember testimony he had given at previous gang trials and repeatedly qualified his testimony with "I think," "I'm not sure" and similar expressions.

"Your memory is a little bad today, Bud, isn't it?" Mr. Rhinefort chided him.

"Well, these things happened so long ago—" the witness apologized.

Asked if he knew of any business Carsello was engaged in, Gardner said Carsello cut his hair once—that he was a barber. Later he said the defendant used to help in the whisky business. He said he met Rai in Monroe "through the whisky racket" and had seen him in Toledo.

Tells of "Tribute."

Harry Petler, 2036 Vermont Avenue, told of paying \$50 a month tribute to the Licavoli gang in 1931 when he operated a filling station at Canton and W. Wood-

ruff Avenues.

He said he paid the money every month for six months to two "young fellows" who came to the station and collected it.

One morning in the winter of that year, he said, he was building a fire in the basement of the station when the men came into the station and demanded another payment.

Threat Is Described.

"I told them I didn't have it," the witness said. "I said I had only \$42.50 and had to use it to buy gasoline. By that time the fire was going pretty good in the furnace. One of them said if I didn't pay they'd have to stick my head in the furnace. Then one of them stuck a gun in my ribs and took the \$42.50."

Petler said he went to the Safety Building and appealed to the late Detective Inspector Emmet Cairl. Twenty minutes later, he said, "Firetop" Sulkin drove up to the filling station and demanded:

"What the hell business have you got going to Cairl and telling him the whole story?"

Identifies Photos.

The witness said two detectives hid in the station for a week after he had talked to Inspector Cairl, but the extortionists never returned.

Men he identified from police photos drove into the station, obtained gasoline but never paid for it, Petler said.

"Firetop," he said, "had an account of his own, but never took care of it."

He told of a partnership he had with Sam (Slim) Palazolla, who loaned him \$300 after payments to the gang threatened to ruin his business. He said Palazolla and he went to "Chalky Red" Yaranowski's place in the Jarvis Apartments each month and in the presence of Yaranowski checked over receipts from the filling station.

Business Is Ruined.

Petler said he finally was forced to discontinue business because members of the gang continued to obtain gasoline at the filling station, charge it, but never pay for it.

Spencer Rice, 4633 Westway, testified two men, who he later learned were Rai and Ernest LaSalle, lived next door to him at 4635 Westway in 1932.

The witness said he was standing in his back yard one day when "Yonnie" Licavoli drove up to the house next door and went inside. Later, he said, when Licavoli

was leaving by the back door he

turned and said to someone inside: "That's two more of them you want out of the way, isn't it?"

Mr. Rice said someone inside replied and Licavoli said:

"Well, that's up to you." The witness' wife followed him on the stand and corroborated his testimony that Rai and LaSalle had occupied the house in 1931.

COURT IS TOLD HOW CARSELLO WAS 'TAKEN IN'

Gangster Again Hears About Selling Pint to Affable G-Men Customers

Two affable "insurance adjusters from out of town" visited the Hill Avenue Gardens one evening in 1932.

So good an impression did they make on Ralph Carsello that he "set them up" a couple of beers "on the house," instructed a waitress it was o. k. to sell them a pint of whisky and fixed it up so that they would have no trouble getting in on future visits to the Gardens.

All this was recalled to Carsello today as testimony continued before Common Pleas Judge John M. McCabe in the trial of Carsello and John Rai for four of the slayings laid to the Licavoli gang.

Hears How He Was Taken In.

One of the men with whom Carsello was so taken that night in 1932 told the story. But he introduced himself to the jury not as an insurance adjuster, but as an agent in the Alcohol Division of the United States Treasury Department.

It was the second time that Carsello had heard in a courtroom the story of how he was taken in. For the 1932 activities of the agent, John J. Augsburger, resulted in Carsello being convicted on liquor

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Continued From Page 1. violation charges in Federal Court and being sentenced to the federal workhouse at Bilan, Mich.

Augsburger testified in the liquor trial, but this is the first of the Licavoli gang murder trials in which he has been called as a witness.

Augsburger testified that he met Carsello Sept. 24, 1932, in the Hill Avenue Gardens. He said that Carsello was introduced to him as one of the owners of the place.

Buys Pint of Whisky.

"How's business?" I asked him," Augsburger testified.

"So, so. You know, it could be better," Carsello told me."

Augsburger testified that he attempted to purchase a pint of whisky through one of the waitresses. He said he obtained the whisky after Carsello told the waitress: "He's all right. Give it to him."

The two agents, the witness said, told Carsello they were "insurance adjusters from out of town" and asked for some means of identification so they would be able to gain entrance to the place at a later date. Carsello, the witness said, signed his name on the back of a stamp book which Meredith carried.

Objects to Evidence.

The witness identified Carsello's signature on the stamp book and the book was introduced as evidence over defense objections. He also identified a card that was signed by "Jimmy Naples," who made out the card after Carsello had told him it would be all right, Augsburger said.

Patrolman Archie Best testified that he and five other city policemen raided Carsello's apartment in the Ira Apartments at 5 a. m. Oct. 30, 1932. He said that Carsello answered the door, which had a chain attached to it, and when the officers identified themselves slammed the door in their faces.

Break Down Door.

Best said that he and Patrolman Harry Steel broke down the door and entered the apartment. Inside, the witness continued, they found Carsello, his wife, John Mirabella and another man, who gave his name as Carpinilla and said he was from St. Louis.

Mirabella jumped out of bed as the officers entered, Best said, and ran toward a dresser. Patrolman

Steel pushed him away, searched the dresser and found a .45-caliber revolver in a drawer, the witness said.

Best said he found a .38-caliber pistol under Carsello's pillow and a .25-caliber pistol in Carpinilla's coat, which hung in a closet.

Petler Testimony Ends.

The patrolman said he also found a gallon of alcohol and invitations to an entertainment at the Hill Avenue Gardens. He identified the invitation cards and they were

submitted as evidence.

Harry Petler, 2036 Vermont Avenue, who testified Friday that members of the Licavoli gang forced him to pay tribute of \$50 a month while he operated a filling station at Canton and W. Woodruff Avenues in 1931, concluded his testimony this morning.

Defense Counsel Schreiber, in cross-examination, attempted to show that Petler had gained a reputation as a habitual loser in card games at a smoke shop near his filling station. Petler admitted that he frequented the smoke shop and engaged in rummy at five cents a point and in a game that he called "Skin."

WITNESS BALKS AT 'LIAR' HINT

Trial of Rai and Carsello Enlivened by Clash During Testimony

A clash between a state's witness and Assistant Prosecutor Joel Rhinefort enlivened the Rai-Carsello murder trial today as the hearing entered its third week.

The witness, Al J. Moore, 3411 Detroit Avenue, protested to Judge John M. McCabe that Mr. Rhinefort was calling him a liar.

Mr. Moore, a real estate dealer, testified about two property transfers, in which he acted as agent, to "John Jamieson," who he later learned was Ernest LaSalle, a member of the Licavoli gang.

Objects to Insinuation.

His testimony did not involve directly either John Rai or Ralph Carsello, the defendants, who are charged with conspiracy in four slayings laid to the Licavoli gang.

"Did LaSalle tell you what he wanted the property for?" Mr. Rhinefort asked.

"You mean John Jamieson," Mr. Moore answered.

"You knew who Jamieson was and you knew what he was going to use the property for," Mr. Rhinefort retorted.

"I didn't he was LaSalle until you called my attention to it," Mr. Moore answered angrily. "If I had known, I wouldn't have had any dealings with him."

Appeals to Judge.

Mr. Moore turned toward Judge by Cornell Schreiber, chief de-McCabe, but he was interrupted fense counsel, after he had said only: "Your Honor—"

"You have the right to appeal to the court for protection," Mr. Schreiber said as he got up from his chair at the defense table.

"I object to the prosecutor calling me a liar," Mr. Moore told the judge.

"He didn't call you a liar," Judge McCabe answered.

"No, but he intimated as much," Mr. Moore insisted.

Calm was restored at this point and Mr. Moore then testified that in 1932 he handled the sale of a residence at 3106 Tremainsville Road by Dr. Dorman J. Clark, 662 Islington Street, to "Jamieson" and the renting by "Jamieson" of a house in Lathrop Place from Mrs. Elizabeth Graffice.

Earlier in the trial, Bud Gardner, former member of the Licavoli gang, testified that Dr. Clark's property housed one of the large stills operated by the gang. The Lathrop Place house was used as a residence by the gang, Mrs. Graffice testifying last week that she found it deserted. It was in terrible condition, she said, bullet holes being found in one room.

Finds Secret Boom.

Merle D. Unkle, Mansfield, O., chief of police and former detective of the Toledo Police Department, testified yesterday to finding Carsello and John Mirabella asleep in bed together in the Thomas Licavoli home.

Mr. Unkle said he and other detectives searched the gang leader's home one morning in 1932 and dis-



Clarence Ash, taxi driver, yesterday identified John Rai, Licavoli gangster, as one of three men in a car from which came the bullets that killed Louise Bell, Nov. 30, 1932. Another of the three "looked like" Ralph Carsello, Ash said.

—Staff Photo by Charles Brers.

STATE TO END RAI-CARSELLO CASE MONDAY

Last of Witnesses in Gang Murders Called; Death 'Trap' Discarded

The State, demanding the death

penalty for John Rai and Ralph Carsello, will close its case Monday against the two alleged members of the Licavoli gang.

Three witnesses Monday will complete the chain of circumstantial evidence by which the State hopes to link Rai and Carsello to four murders by members of the gang.

Robert Schwaite, a witness to the Kennedy slaying, will describe how two men stalked the young Irishman down Edgewater Drive in Point Place and then dropped him with a hail of bullets.

Woman To Testify.

Mrs. Sam Bruder, a resident of Point Place at the time, will tell of events the night of the murder. Mrs. Sadie Gromintz, Kennedy's mother, may take the stand, although she was reported to be ill Friday. In case her condition does not improve, the prosecution is expected to close the case without her testimony.

Three witnesses Friday afternoon, told of events in Point Place the night of July 7, 1933, when Kennedy, 25-year-old beer baron and enemy of the Licavoli gang, was slain.

None of the testimony directly involved either Rai or Carsello.

Harry Craig, 221 East Delaware Avenue, told how he and a friend, Robert Schwaite, watched two men follow Kennedy and his sweetheart, Audrey Ralls, down Edgewater Drive to 140th Street, then shove Miss Ralls aside and fire "at least 11" shots into Kennedy at close range.

Follow Strolling Couple

As he has in former trials, Craig identified the killers as John Mirabella and Joseph (Wop) English.

Craig said he and Schwaite were sitting on the running board of Craig's car, parked along Edgewater Drive, when Kennedy and Miss Ralls strolled by. A few minutes later, he said, a car drove up and parked opposite them.

Mirabella and English, he said, got out of the car, received two "objects" from the driver, then walked down the path, following the strolling couple. They gradually caught up with Kennedy while the car trailed slowly behind. At the corner, he said, one shoved Miss Ralls aside and they began firing at Kennedy.

"Two Men Walked By."

Ralph G. Deeds, 425 Oak Street, identified the driver of the car as Russell Syracuse. Both Syracuse and Mirabella are still at large.

WOMAN TELLS JURY SHE SAW KENNEDY SLAIN

State Rests After Hearing Mrs. Buder Testify At Rai-Carsello Trial

The state rested its case in the Rai-Carsello murder trial shortly before noon today. Cornell Schreiber, chief defense counsel, then moved for a direct verdict of acquittal. His motion was denied by Judge McCabe.

The trial then recessed until 1:30 p. m. tomorrow.

The last witness for the state in its attempt to send John Rai and Ralph Carsello to the electric chair was called to the stand before Common Pleas Judge John M. McCabe shortly before noon today.

The final witness was Mrs. Sadie Gromintz, mother of Jack Kennedy, rival to the old bootleg gang of "Yonnie" Licavoli and one of the four in whose slaying Rai and Carsello are accused of conspiracy.

Preceding Mrs. Gromintz to the witness stand was Mrs. Helen Buder, 5907 Edgewater Drive, who testified that her home is only 50 or 55 feet from the Edgewater Drive-140th Street intersection, where Kennedy was slain the night of July 7, 1933.

Witness Identifies English.

Mrs. Buder said she heard a volley of shots and looked toward the corner. She saw a car backing around and two men running toward it. One of these turned, she continued, ran back and fired two shots into Kennedy's body as it lay crumpled in the roadway.

The killers' car was gaining speed as this gunman jumped on the running board, Mrs. Buder said, and he was jolted back onto the rear seat of the car. As this happened, Mrs. Buder said, his hat fell off and she recognized him as Joseph (Wop) English, whom she had known 10 years.

"Scared to Death."

Mrs. Buder admitted that when questioned by investigators the following month she said that she knew nothing of the killing and that she did not reveal her knowledge to the prosecutor's office until after the English trial.

"I didn't want to get mixed up in it," Mrs. Buder said. "I was afraid—scared to death."

Robert Schwaite, 3360 308th Street, testified that he and Harry Craig were sitting on the running board of the murder and saw Kennedy stroll by arm in arm with Audrey Ralls, beauty contest winner.

A short time later, Schwaite said, a car drew up and two men got out of it—almost directly in front of them. He identified these two men from police photos as English and John Mirabella.

Pushed Sweetheart Aside

The two men received "two objects" from the driver and slowly went toward Kennedy and Miss Ralls, the car following behind them slowly. The men caught up with the lovers at 140th Street and Edgewater Drive, shoved Miss Ralls aside and felled Kennedy under a volley of shots, Schwaite said.

Schwaite said that he and Craig had followed the gunmen's car until they reached the home of R. G. Deeds, when they remained until after the shooting.

LICAVOLI AIDES MAY TAKE STAND

Carsello and Rai Expected to Testify in Own Behalf.

Ralph Carsello and John Rai, Licavoli gangsters on trial for first degree murder, may take the witness stand in their own defense.

This was predicted today by criminal lawyers and courthouse observers as the defense was to get under way at 1:30 P. M. with eight witnesses under subpoena.

Based on the presumption that the defendants have everything to gain and nothing to lose it is believed that Cornell Schreiber, defense counsel, will put them on the stand tomorrow or Thursday in the close of the defense case.

However, the bitter experiences of the Joseph (Wop) English and Jacob (Firetop) Sulkin first degree murder trials which brought death verdicts after they took the stand may deter Mr. Schreiber in his plans.

The only gangster to obtain mercy at the hands of the jury was Thomas (Yonnie) Licavoli, leader of the mob, who failed to take the stand and was given a life sentence when a verdict recommending mercy was returned.

Under the law the state may point out to the jury in its closing arguments the failure of criminals to take the stand in their own defense. This state opportunity is lost when the defendants take the gamble and testify.

The eight defense witnesses subpoenaed are Donald McCleary, 135th street; Earl Harding, Grace and George Erd, all of the Driftwood Inn, Point Place; Russell Lieber, 3510 145th street; Lester Kolling, 5023 Summit street; William Hood, 2706 122nd street, and Frank McLeary, chief of the Toledo United States weather bureau.

These witnesses were used in the previous trials. Subpenas have not been issued for Mrs. Thelma Boost or Attorney Abs Kipperman, former defense witnesses.

Continued From Page 1. Friday morning. Four hours have been allotted each side, the state opening and closing. The case is expected to be given the jury Friday afternoon.

The defense unexpectedly closed its case Wednesday afternoon, after summoning only 15 witnesses. The entire defense testimony consumed but six hours.

An hour after Cornell Schreiber, chief defense counsel, announced the defense had finished, the state closed its rebuttal. Only three rebuttal witnesses were called.

Buffalo Sleuth Testifies

Chief rebuttal witness was a Buffalo (N. Y.) detective, Kenneth J. Keliher, who arrested Rai Jan. 11, 1935, in Buffalo.

Keliher testified, over repeated objections of defense counsel, that the photographs of both John Rai and his brother-in-law, Joe DiCarlo, were pasted in the "Commissioner's pocketbook," a Buffalo police record which he said contained the pictures and histories of "known criminals."

Mrs. DiCarlo had testified Tuesday that her husband, Joe, is a florist in Buffalo. She said that Rai had visited her house frequently during the latter half of 1934 while he was living with their mother in a home across the street.

Detective Keliher, at that time a policeman with orders to pick up Rai for Toledo authorities, said Wednesday that he passed the two houses daily from April 1934 until January 1935, but never saw Rai. He finally took Rai into custody in a different locality, he said.

Radio Editor Takes Stand

Ben Mendoza, News-Bee radio editor, took the stand during the state's rebuttal and testified that Robert Schwaite, witness of the killing of Jack Kennedy, talked to him about an hour after the murder.

Kennedy's murder is one of the four charged against Rai and Carsello.

Mendoza said Schwaite told him of seeing two men stalk Kennedy and Audrey Ralls along Edgewater Drive, in Point Place, then shove Miss Ralls aside and shoot Kennedy.

Mendoza's account of what Schwaite told him corroborated what Schwaite himself testified he saw. The defense had called three witnesses Wednesday morning who said they "would not believe

'TURN HEAT ON' JURY IS URGED

Friberg Demands Death For Rai and Carsello as Arguments Begin

A jury of six men and six women was asked this morning "to turn the heat on" John Rai and Ralph Carsello, on trial for their lives for allegedly conspiring in four gang murders.

"You must show them, ladies and gentlemen," said Harry Friberg, assistant county prosecutor, in the opening argument, "that the heat is never off in Toledo by sending these two men to the electric chair."

Mrs. Anna Pieri, widowed mother, and Mrs. Elsie DiCarle, sister of 29-year-old John Rai, dabbed at their eyes with handkerchiefs when Mr. Friberg demanded the death penalty. The two women were sitting in the first row of spectators where they have been for the last several days.

The two alleged members of the Licavoli gang sat stolidly, maintaining the poker faces they have held throughout the trial.

During the recess following Mr. Friberg's argument, Rai's mother and sister visited him as he sat handcuffed to a deputy in the sheriff's office.

Louis Mallow, assistant defense counsel, followed Mr. Friberg in argument after the recess.

Arguments were to continue through today, ending probably

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Schwaite on oath 'and that he had told them different stories of the killing.

To refute the defense contention that Schwaite and Henry Craig, who identified John Mirabella and Joe (Wop) English as the Kennedy killers, could not distinguish the men's features 20 feet away, the state called Captain of Detectives George B. Timiney.

Tells of Visibility Test

Captain Timiney said he performed tests on Edgewater Drive, at the same spot under the same conditions that Schwaite and Craig said they saw Mirabella and English. Captain Timiney said the tests showed facial features visible there at night from a distance of 20 feet, the approximate width of Edgewater Drive.

The testimony given by Ben Kowalski, former Kennedy aide, in the Yonnie Licavoli trial was read again Wednesday afternoon. The testimony described a fistfight between Kennedy and Mirabella at Michigan Avenue and Monroe Street.

To bolster the testimony of Schwaite, which the defense spent several hours seeking to discredit, the state in rebuttal read the testimony given in former trials by Mrs. Mildred Dietrich, of Point Place. Mrs. Dietrich is ill.

The testimony showed that Mrs. Dietrich had passed Schwaite and Craig shortly before the Kennedy killing and saw them sitting on the running-board of a car. The time and place named corroborated the statements Schwaite and Craig made early this week as state witnesses.

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GANG TRIAL GOES TO JURY TODAY

Reams Asks Death Penalty for Rai and Carsello in Four Killings

A jury which may return any one of 33 different verdicts was to retire to its room this afternoon to decide the fate of John Rai and Ralph Carsello.

Judge John M. McCabe was to charge the six men and six women on the completion of closing arguments by Prosecutor Frazier Reams, who that 29-year-old Rai and 30-year-old Carsello died in the electric chair for conspiring in four murders charged to the Licavoli gang.

Because the conspiracy indictment combines four slayings and the defendants are being tried together, a multiplicity of verdict possibilities exists.

The net result for Rai and Carsello, however, includes but four possibilities.

Will Weigh Two Contentions.

Either or both may be sentenced to die in the electric chair. Either or both may be sentenced to life imprisonment. Either or both may leave the courtroom free. Or the jury may disagree as to the guilt or innocence of either or both.

The jury will retire to weigh two contentions, presented by five attorneys during arguments which lasted a day and a half.

The first, that of the state, is

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that Rai and Carsello were members of the Licavoli mob which "made artillery posts of the streets" and left their victims "lying like dogs."

Schreiber Calls Case Flimsy.

Cornell Schreiber, chief defense counsel, attacked the state's case today as "flimsy, tottering and unreliable, built on the shifting sands of passion and prejudice."

He assailed activities of two special investigators from Detroit, who masked themselves as "the Clark

brothers" while questioning witnesses for the Prosecutor's Office during the investigation into the killings.

Their activities, Mr. Schreiber said, are "a blot on the officialdom of Lucas County," and the investigators "usurped the name of Clerk, an honorable name."

Rhinefort Challenges.

Joel Rhinefort, chief assistant county prosecutor, clashed repeatedly with Mr. Schreiber during the latter's address. When Mr. Schreiber said that Mrs. Carsello couldn't testify because she was at the bedside of her sick father in Chicago, Mr. Rhinefort called out:

"That's your story, Cornell. I don't believe it."

Again Mr. Schreiber pulled a sheet of paper from his pocket, saying it was a certificate showing that Rai's sister had been wed on Nov. 29, 1934. He showed it, he said, because Mr. Rhinefort had asked yesterday why such a certificate was not produced to substantiate the sister's testimony that Rai was at her home in Buffalo on her 1932 wedding anniversary, the day before the Louise Bell slaying.

Blames State Tactics.

Mr. Rhinefort and Mr. Reams both jumped to their feet today as Mr. Schreiber read the date of the marriage. They charged the defense counsel with attempting to introduce evidence at an improper time. Judge McCabe upheld them and instructed the jury to disregard what Mr. Schreiber had said as to the marriage date.

Mr. Schreiber blamed the tactics of the prosecutors for the decision not to place Rai and Carsello on the witness stand.

Time after time Thursday Mr. Rhinefort and Assistant Prosecutor Harry Friberg punched home the theory that if the defendants are not guilty they would have taken the witness stand in their own defense.

'Parade of Mannequins.'

The defense contention is that the case against Rai and Carsello is one of "inference," that the 66 state witnesses were a "parade of mannequins" who merely re-echoed the words the prosecutor's staff had put in their mouths.

Thursday afternoon, Mr. Schreiber declared the Jack Kennedy slaying in Point Place, the night of July 7, 1933, was the result of a personal grudge between the beer baron and John Mirabella and Joe (Wop) English.

"There isn't a syllable of evidence," he said, "that places Mr. Rai or Mr. Carsello in Point Place the night of the Kennedy murder."

Cites 'Logical Trail.'

"If Mr. Mirabella and Mr. English did kill Kennedy, a fact not supported by the evidence, it was for their own personal motives."

"If all the state's evidence in reference to Point Place be true, it has nothing to do with John Rai or Ralph Carsello."

Mr. Schreiber said the logical trail of the Kennedy shooting began June 5, 1933, at Michigan and Monroe Streets, when the young Irishman got out of his car to give Mirabella a beating after Mirabella had given him the "Bronx cheer."

Mr. Rhinefort, arguing earlier for the state, branded Carsello a "big shot" of the Licavoli gang.

'Brains Behind Throne.'

"Who was a bigger shot than Carsello in this outfit? He was beside Licavoli all the time. He was a big shot compared to Wop English. Wop English was a gunman."

"These men"—turning toward Rai and Carsello—"were gunmen and also the brains behind the throne."

The assistant prosecutor ridiculed the alibis of the two men and said the fact that women relatives of Yonnie Licavoli took the stand to provide an alibi for Carsello for the Louise Bell killing proved "even though Yonnie is still in the penitentiary, his voice was heard in this case."

JURY COMES IN AFTER 8 HOURS DELIBERATION

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"It's Tough Break But Could Have Been a Lot Worse," Defendant Remarks; Will Join 3 Others in Pen

John Rai and Ralph Carsello must spend the rest of their lives in prison.

The two were found guilty of first-degree murder by a Common Pleas Court jury this morning.

The jury saved the pair from death in the electric chair by recommending mercy for both.

The verdict came after 8 hours, 27 minutes of deliberation.

Unable to reach a verdict by midnight, the jury was taken to a hotel, and resumed its deliberations at 8:55 a. m. today.

At 10:47 a. m., while Judge John McCabe was seated in his chambers, the jury foreman, Edward E. Cram, knocked on the jury room door.

"We are ready with a verdict," he told Bailiff Edward Newmark.

Neither Defendant Speaks.

Rai and Carsello and their attorneys were sent for. The defendants were brought into the courtroom manacled to Deputy Sheriffs Leo Michalak and James O'Leary, their constant companions during the lengthy trial.

Both Rai and Carsello appeared worried, and sat nervously on the edge of their chairs at the defense table.

Neither spoke. As the jury foreman read the verdict, the defendants relaxed visibly, but appeared somewhat disappointed.

"Guilty? Guilty of What?"

Asked by a reporter what he thought of the verdict, Carsello replied:

"What can I think? It's a tough break. Guilty? Guilty of what, mopey?"

Rai's comment was similar. "Gee, that's tough," he said. "It could be a lot worse, couldn't it?" he was asked.

"It could be a lot better, too," Rai replied.

Then Rai turned to Carsello and said:

"Well, it looks like we're stuck for life."

Rai Guilty on Two Counts Only.

The jury found Carsello guilty on all four counts, including the gang murders of Jack Kennedy, Louise Bell, Norman Blatt and Abe Lubitsky.

Rai was found guilty on counts 3 and 4 only. These involved the murders of Kennedy and Louise Bell.

Cornell Schreiber, defense counsel, immediately demanded that the

graphed for newspapers, refused all comment other than:

"I have had my fill."

Mr. Schreiber, when asked if he would file a motion for a new trial, shrugged his shoulders and said:

"I'll say what I said at the beginning and all through the trial; that is, nothing."

Joint Trial Pleases.

Judge McCabe said he would hold Rai and Carsello in jail without sentence in anticipation of a motion for new trial.

The court indicated it was pleased with the joint trial arrangement. This was the first joint trial in the state since the law permitting such trials was

Hope for a verdict last night was dispelled at 11:13 when Common Pleas Judge John M. McCabe ordered the panel into the jury box to be polled.

"Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, if given more time would you be able to reach a verdict tonight," the judge inquired.

W.-O. Foreman Heads Panel.

There was a few seconds' pause. Eleven pairs of tired eyes focused on Mr. Cram. He rose slowly to his feet and answered:

"I believe not, your honor."

"Very well; you will return to the jury room," Judge McCabe instructed.

Meanwhile preparations were made to accommodate the jurors for the night. Mrs. Effie Strance, 1108 Campbell Street, was selected special woman's bailiff. The law provides that a special bailiff be appointed by the presiding judge and must be sworn in by the deputy clerk of courts, who in this instance is her husband, Charles S. Strance.

Ask More Information.

The jurors continued deliberating until 12:05 when they were recalled to the courtroom and placed in the custody of Mrs. Strance and Edward M. Newmark, regular bailiff, who escorted them to the hotel.

The case was given to the jury at 3:54 p. m. At 4:45 p. m. there was a knock on the jury room door. The jurors informed the

jury find Rai not guilty on the first two counts; so he could not be retried on these two counts.

Judge McCabe recalled the jury to the box and asked them about the two counts. Mr. Cram said the jury had found Rai not guilty of the first and second counts.

The jury foreman indicated, after the verdict, that all 12 jurors had been unanimous for a guilty verdict on the first ballot. The only question, he said, was on the question of death or life imprisonment.

He said he didn't know how many ballots had been taken.

Schreiber Remains Silent.

Other members of the jury were extremely reticent about discussing their deliberations in the jury room.

"I have a bad case of the nerves," was the only comment of Emil J. Malohn, 1039 Avondale Avenue.

Another juror, Mrs. Elizabeth Kahn, 5036 Lakeside Avenue, Point Place, who throughout the trial objected to the jury being photo-

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were permitted in the courtroom while the jury pondered the evidence behind a locked door.

Frazier Reams, county prosecutor, concluded the closing arguments for the state yesterday afternoon. Each side had been allotted four hours for arguments.

Called "Big Shots" in Gang.

The defendants glared at the white-haired prosecutor as he referred to them as "big shots" in the Licavoli gang.

"Both of them were vice-presidents in the gang and should be given vice-presidents' shares in the punishment," Mr. Reams declared.

He referred repeatedly to the refusal of Rai and Carsello to take the witness stand in their own defense.

"The defense has said that no one knows about those murders but the actual killers," he said. "There are two men sitting in this courtroom today that could tell a pretty interesting story about those murders."

"The defense has tried everyone in this courtroom but the two defendants. They even dug up poor Jack Kennedy and put him on trial for bootlegging."

Demands Death Verdict.

"Give them the supreme penalty—no recommendation of mercy. That is the only thing they fear."

Rai and Carsello were tried jointly under the new Ohio law, spon-

sored by Mr. Reams, which permits joint trials in first degree murder cases. It was the first time the law has been invoked in Lucas County.

Judge McCabe, in charging the jury, said 33 different verdicts might be returned. Either or both may be given life sentences. The multiplicity of verdicts results from the fact that the defendants are being tried jointly under an indictment which includes four points, one for each of the four murders.

Trial 26 Days Old.

The trial began Jan. 28. It required a week to seat the jury. The original panel of 75 prospective jurors was exhausted and an additional venire of 50 was needed before the 13th juror was seated.

The state called 66 witnesses to build up its case against the two defendants. In addition, three rebuttal witnesses testified for the prosecution. The defense used 15 witnesses. Each side read into the record testimony of witnesses in former gang trials.

Rai and Carsello were indicted with 11 other alleged members of the once powerful Licavoli gang which held away over Toledo's underworld during the prohibition era.

Conspiracy Charged.

The 13 were charged with four gangland slayings that marked the rise and fall of the Licavoli gang here. The state in its indictment charge no one with being actual "trigger men" in the murders. Instead it sought to build up a case in which it was to be shown that the gang conspired to commit the murders in carrying out illegal traffic in liquor, extortion and other criminal activities.

The murders charged to the gang are those of Abe Lubitsky, Norman Blatt, Louise Bell and Kennedy.

Lubitsky, small time gambler, and Blatt, minor hoodlum, were slain as they sat in Lubitsky's car waiting for a traffic light at Bancroft Street and Franklin Avenue, Oct. 26, 1931. Hyman Abrams, third occupant of the car, was wounded but recovered.

Girl, Then Kennedy Shot.

Miss Bell, companion of Kennedy, speakeasy proprietor, was slain in a gangland attempt on Kennedy's life. Kennedy was a bitter foe of the Licavoli gang. The shooting occurred Nov. 30, 1932 at the Jackson Avenue side of

bailiff they desired information from the court. At 5:20 p. m. a note was handed the bailiff.

"When was the Interurban Trucking Co. in operation?" the note read.

Judge McCabe summoned representatives of the defense and state to the courtroom. After a brief conference it was decided the information sought had been included in the evidence and the jury should be allowed to recall the evidence unaided.

Courtroom Is Cleared.

The jurors were taken to the Elks' Club for dinner at 6:20 p. m. They returned to resume deliberation at 8:06 p. m.

The courtroom was ordered cleared of all spectators after the case went to the jury. Don Cochran and Maynard Gardner, deputy sheriffs, were placed on guard at the doors.

Only courtroom attaches, attorneys for the state and defense, their wives and newspaper men

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the Interurban Station as Kennedy, accompanied by Miss Bell, waited in his car for a traffic light.

Kennedy was riddled with gangster bullets July 7, 1933, as he walked with Audrey Ralls, beauty contest winner, at 140th Street and Edgewater Drive, in Point Place where Kennedy maintained a summer cottage.

Rai and Carsello were the fourth and fifth of the 13 jointly indicted, to be tried under the conspiracy charge.

Thomas (Yonnie) Licavoli, gang leader, is serving a life sentence in the Ohio Penitentiary for his part in the conspiracy.

Jacob (Firetop) Sulkin is scheduled to die in the electric chair March 13 for the slayings. He recently was given a 60-day reprieve by Gov. Martin L. Davey, pending the outcome of the trial of Rai and Carsello.

Joe (Wop) English, another of the 13, won a commutation of his death sentence from former Gov. George White. He and Sulkin also are in the Ohio Penitentiary.

Five Still at Large.

Three others, Anthony (Whitzy) Besase, Harry (Chalky Red) Yarnowski, Leonard and Buster Lupica, are serving terms in the Ohio Reformatory. They pleaded guilty to an extortion charge which grew out of the gang's activities

here. Five others have successfully evaded arrest. They are James Licavoli, Ernest Lasalle, Russell Syracuse and John Mirabella.

GANGSTER SENTENCES SLATED WEDNESDAY

John Rai and Ralph Carsello, last of the apprehended members of the Licavoli gang, probably will be sentenced Wednesday, Judge John M. McCabe of Common Pleas Court announced today.

The two ex-gangsters were found guilty Saturday of conspiracy to murder Jack Kennedy, Louise Bell, Norman Blatt and Abe Lubitsky. The jury recommended mercy, making a sentence to life imprisonment in the Ohio Penitentiary mandatory.

Cornell Schreiber and Lewis Mallow, defense attorneys, were expected to file their motion for a new trial Tuesday. This will be overruled by Judge McCabe, it is believed.

RAI AND CARSELLO HEAR LIFE SENTENCE

Gang Killers Silent as Judge Pronounces Order

John Rai and Ralph Carsello, last of the apprehended members of the Licavoli gang, were sentenced to life imprisonment Wednesday.

In the presence of prosecution and defense attorneys and a knot of spectators, Judge John M. McCabe, of Common Pleas Court, passed sentence on the pair after overruling a motion for new trial, filed Tuesday by Cornell Schreiber, defense attorney.

In accordance with custom, Judge McCabe asked both men if they had anything to say before hearing sentence pronounced. The men, convicted Saturday by a jury of complicity in four gang murders, said nothing.

The date for taking the prisoners from County Jail to the state penitentiary in Columbus has not been set. They may be taken any time within the next 30 days, at the discretion of the sheriff.

Law's Delay In Ohio's Rai-Carsello Trial Seen As Sad Contrast To Michigan's Kurtz Case

Gangsters' Lawyers Haggle Here for Months; Monroe Sessions Wind Up in a Week

By JOHN M'GOWAN.

MICHIGAN'S streamlined justice that tried, found guilty and sentenced John H. Kurtz, 24-year-old Toledoan, in less than two and one-half days of court sessions, offers a sharp contrast to Ohio's clumsy, slow-moving procedure.

I had the opportunity to study both at close range—Michigan's swift, sure method in the Kurtz trial and Ohio's dilatory, uncertain process in the Rai-Carsello case.

Perhaps these trials do not provide equitable grounds for comparison. But in any such comparison Ohio, with its maze of red tape, generously proportioned loop holes and abundance of technicalities, must emerge the loser.

In the Kurtz trial the issues were clear cut and comparatively simple. The defendant had confessed to assaulting Dorothy Brown, 17-year-old Toledo high school girl. He repeated his confession on the witness stand.

While admitting the assault, he pleaded not guilty of assault with intent to commit murder. It remained only for the jury to determine what Kurtz's intent had been in the commission of the crime.

IN THE Rai-Carsello trial the defendants were charged with conspiracy to commit four gangster slayings in the state. In



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The attorneys representing each side at Monroe conducted themselves with becoming dignity. There was no time lost to allow opposing counsel to engage in flip exchanges or to recite repetitious objections. Each of the attorneys carefully avoided any attempt to introduce immaterial evidence into the case.

Under Michigan procedure the jury venire is chosen to serve an entire term of court. The Monroe County venire is composed of 24 men. From their number, 12 are chosen to hear a case. In line with Ohio criminal procedure, each side is allowed unlimited challenges for cause and five peremptory challenges.

HOWEVER, when the venire is exhausted the sheriff is charged with the responsibility of selecting talesmen from among courtroom spectators. This procedure tends to place a self-imposed limit on the attorneys in exercising challenges.

A new venire is chosen for each trial in Ohio. The number of prospective jurors usually runs between 50 and 75. When through peremptory challenges or challenges for cause, a smaller venire is called.

This system tends toward lawlessness on the part of attorneys

in exercising their challenges. It, too, prolongs examination of prospective jurors because attorneys, wishing to reserve their peremptory challenges, question the prospective jurors at great length in an effort to uncover cause for dismissal, especially if the prospective jurors may be undesirable but otherwise qualified.

SELECTION of the Rai-Carsello trial jury required a full week, including various delays requested by attorneys. It was necessary to draw an additional venire of 50 after the original panel of 75 had been exhausted. Moreover, because the trial was a joint one, each side was allowed twice the usual five peremptory challenges.

Then, too, the judge in the Monroe court insisted on elimination of delays. His reputation for dealing harshly with the "stalling" type of attorney is well known throughout the county. Barristers come into his court fully prepared to carry their cases through to a rapid conclusion.

Red tape in preliminary procedure leading up to trial of criminal cases likewise has been slashed in Michigan.

WHEN the defendant is arrested he is immediately arraigned in the City Court for preliminary hearing. If he waives examination he is bound over to Circuit Court. There he enters his plea and the court fixes the date of trial.

Kurtz was arrested Dec. 17. He was removed to Monroe the next day. His trial, however, was delayed until Feb. 24 because Dorothy Brown, the plaintiff, had not sufficiently recovered from the assault to appear as a witness. Otherwise, it is safe to say, the trial would have been fixed for a much earlier date.

Had Kurtz been arrested here, he would have been arraigned

in Municipal Court and bound over to the grand jury. Later, when the grand jury had been called into session to consider his and numerous other cases, he would have been indicted.

THE trial would be further delayed until he had pleaded on the indictment. Then the Common Pleas Court would fix the date for the trial. Several continuances might be granted by the court at the request of attorneys.

It is almost certain it would require at least a week to try the case here. After he had been found guilty Kurtz would have been remanded to jail several days or weeks pending his arraignment for sentence. It would be a matter of several more days or weeks before he would actually begin serving his sentence.

Then, too, he would be eligible for parole after serving a year of his sentence. Under Michigan law he will not be eligible for parole until he has served out his minimum sentence, three

years and nine months, just three months less than the four-year maximum stipulated for felonious assault.

EIGHT EXTRA GUARDS FOR RAI, CARSELLO

Judge Grants Permission to Hire Them for Trip.

Judge John M. McCabe of common pleas court today granted the application of Sheriff James O'Reilly for authorization to employ eight additional guards for the transportation of Ralph Carsello and John Rai, convicted Licavoli gang murderers, to the Ohio penitentiary where they will spend the remainder of their lives.

Sheriff O'Reilly would not divulge the date the mobsters, who were convicted of first degree murder last week by a jury in common pleas court, will be removed from the county jail to the penitentiary.

Bills presented to the county commissioners today revealed that the jurors ate \$18.10 worth of food at two meals during their deliberations. A dinner at the Elks' club cost \$12 and breakfast at Byrum's lunch cost \$6.10.

RAI, CARSELLO RUSHED TO PEN

Go on 'Last Ride' Under Heavy Guard at 'High Speed' Order; Departure Secret

John Rai and Ralph Carsello, former Licavoli gangsters, went for their last ride this morning.

Escorted by eight deputy sheriffs, the two convicted murderers left the County Jail by auto at 7:40 a. m. for Columbus, to begin serving life sentences in the Ohio Penitentiary.

Rai and Carsello, handcuffed together, rode in a car in charge of Chief Jailer John Schimmel and driven by Deputy Ray Flood. They were guarded by Deputies James O'Leary and Leo Michalak.

Immediately in back of this car was another in charge of Chief Deputy Joseph Delehaunty, driven by Deputy Robert Price and carrying Deputies John Sayen and George Zang. Machine guns were carried in the second car, while all officers in both autos bore side arms.

Drivers of both cars were ordered by Sheriff James O'Reilly to maintain a speed of "about 50 miles an hour" all the way to Columbus.

Hurried into cars. The time of departure was kept secret until just before the party left to minimize the risk of possible jail breaks or delivery. Even some of the deputies who made the

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trip did not know the exact time they were to leave or who all the guards were to be.

Entrances to the jail had been kept locked since the men were convicted. The prisoners were taken from their cells, manacled to each other and hurried into the waiting autos, which were driven away immediately.

Judge John M. McCabe, who sentenced the men Wednesday, Thursday granted the request of Sheriff O'Reilly to assign additional guards to transport the prisoners to Columbus. The sheriff is allowed, under the law, to use only two guards for each prisoner.

Trial Costs Given.

The men, the last of the apprehended members of the Licavoli gang, were convicted of conspiracy to murder Jack Kennedy, Louise Bell, Norman Blatt and Abe Lubitsky.

Cost of trying the two men exceeded only slightly the expense of the trial of Jacob (Firetop) Sulkin, one-time "fixer" for the gang who is in the penitentiary under reprieve from a sentence to electric chair.

Trial costs for Carsello were \$1725.06, for Rai, \$1709.46, according to the report of William F. Renz, clerk of courts.

Difference Is Explained.

The slight variation was explained by the difference in the expense of extraditing the two men to Toledo. It cost the county \$277.36 to extradite Carsello from the Federal Prison at Milan, Mich., upon completion of his term there, and \$261.00 to bring Rai here from Buffalo, where he was arrested.

The total trial costs of \$3434.52 compared with \$3364.75 for trying Sulkin and \$2710 for the Yonnie Licavoli trial.

The total expense included \$43.90 clerk costs, \$241 sheriff's costs, \$281.70 witnesses' fees, \$76 for official stenographers. The remainder was spent for transcripts of testimony.

CARSELLO, RAI Begin Serving Life

MACHINE GUN ESCORT

Ralph Carsello and John Rai, convicted of murder conspiracy in connection with gangland slayings, arrived at the Ohio penitentiary at 12:25 p. m. yesterday to begin serving life sentences without hope of parole.

The men were taken to Columbus in two autos. In the first car with the convicted men rode Deputies John Schimmel, Ray Flood, James O'Leary and Leo Michalak. In the second car were Chief Deputy Joseph Delehaunty and Deputies Robert Price, John Sayen and George Zang. Sayen and Zang bore machine guns.

RAI, CARSELLO PASS UP PLEA

Lawyers Fail To File Appeal Before Deadline; Still Have One Chance

Attorneys for John Rai and Ralph Carsello, convicted in March of four gang murders, have failed to perfect an appeal to the Court of Appeals within the statutory time, 30 days.

The period for filing notice of appeal and a petition in error with the prosecutor's office expired April 5.

Rai and Carsello's only hope now of avoiding imposition of their life sentences, which were pronounced by Common Pleas Judge John M. McCabe following the trial, is to petition the Court of Appeals for special permission to go ahead with the appeal.

Cornell Schreiber, chief defense attorney, today declined to say whether he would ask special permission, or drop the appeal.

Rai and Carsello were found guilty by a jury of complicity in the murders of Jack Kennedy, Louise Bell, Norman Blatt and Abe Lubitsky.

Licavoli Aids Eligible For Parole Try

Members of the old Licavoli gang, sentenced to life imprisonment in 1936 on murder charges, will come up for parole hearing in March. Notification of the hearing before the state parole board was received yesterday by Common Pleas Judge John M. McCabe from R. G. Fogles, parole board clerk. Rai and Carsello, last of the apprehended Licavoli gang members, were sentenced by Judge McCabe in the murders of Jack Kennedy, Louise Bell, Norman Blatt and Abe Lubitsky. The jury recommended mercy, making a life sentence to the penitentiary mandatory.

To Ask Extradition of Gang Suspect

Joel Rhinefort, assistant Lucas county prosecutor, will leave for Columbus this afternoon to obtain the signature of Gov. Martin L. Davey to extradition papers for the return of John Rai, Licavoli gangster arrested in Buffalo, N. Y., last week, to Toledo to stand trial for murder.

Rai was indicted with Thomas (Yonnie) Licavoli, gang leader, and 12 others in connection with four gangster murders here. Detectives Harry Manson and Merle Unkle will accompany Mr. Rhinefort and proceed to Buffalo to get Rai.

Jailed Gangster Socks Kangaroo Court Judge

John Rai Doesn't Like Red Tape Involved in Getting Into County Lockup; Is Moved to Get Him Away From Carsello

There was too much extra-legal red tape about getting into the Lucas county jail to suit John Rai, gangster, so, on his final appearance before a kangaroo court in session there Tuesday, he acted as his own attorney and offered an argument to end all arguments in the form of a lusty sock to the jaw of "Judge" Carl Covey, bandit.

Rai, who was indicted with Thomas (Yonnie) Licavoli and other members of his gang in connection with four murders here, was returned from Buffalo, N. Y., early Tuesday and placed in a small ward. According to reports, he was immediately haled before a kangaroo court conducted by the prisoners and fined.

The gangster was moved to another ward later in the day in order

to keep him separated from Ralph Carsello, another Licavoli gangster indicted with him.

Covey, known as the bad boy of the jail and judge of the kangaroo court in his ward, immediately had Rai arraigned on the charge of breaking into jail. He attempted to overrule Rai's demurrer to this procedure but dropped the case after the prisoner swung on him, according to reports seeping out of the jail.

Covey himself is to be arraigned for sentence before Judge John M. McCabe in common pleas court Thursday. He pleaded guilty to the charge of assault with intent to rob in connection with a holdup at the Owen's Bargain Wagons, Inc., 2221 Albion street, where \$769 was obtained Oct. 31.

Sheriff James O'Reilly said today that he had heard nothing of the fight.

CARSELLO, RAI TRIAL IS NEAR

To Get Under Way First Week in December, It Is Believed.

Ralph Carsello and John Rai, members of the Thomas (Yonnie) Licavoli gang indicted for four murders, probably will go on trial during the first week of December.

This was apparent today following a ruling by Judge John McCabe, of common pleas court, in which he granted a motion of the county prosecutor to try the men jointly.

The original motion of the prosecutor was for joint trial of Carsello, Rai, Sebastian Lupica, Chalky Red Yaranowski and Anthony (Whitey) Besase. The latter three, however, pleaded guilty to extortion, and are serving terms in the Ohio reformatory.

A venire of 75 prospective jurors will be drawn probably Thursday or Friday of this week and the trial date is expected to be set for three weeks from that time.

Carsello and Rai have been held in the county jail on murder charges for months. They were indicted with other members of the gang for the slayings of Jackie Kennedy, Louise Bell, Abe Lubitsky and Norman Blatt. Licavoli was sentenced to life imprisonment for the crimes. Joseph (Wop) English was sentenced to the electric chair but the sentence later was commuted to life imprisonment.

The third member of the gang to be found guilty of the slayings, Jacob (Firetop) Sulkin, is waiting action on a plea for commutation of the death penalty to life imprisonment.

CARSELLO-RAI TRIAL IS SET FOR JAN. 28

Jury Venire To Be Drawn Jan. 7, McCabe Decides

The joint trial of John Rai and Ralph Carsello, former Licavoli mobsters, on first degree murder charges was set for Jan. 28 by Common Pleas Judge John M. McCabe Friday afternoon.

The date was fixed after Judge McCabe conferred with Assistant Prosecutor Joel Rhinefort and Cornell Schreiber, defense counsel. A venire of prospective jurors will be drawn Jan. 7, the second day of the new term of court.

Rai and Carsello are charged with conspiracy in the gang murders here several years ago of Jack Kennedy, Louise Bell, Norman Blatt and Abe Lubitsky. Eleven other members of the Licavoli gang were indicted on the same charges. Three, Thomas (Yonnie) Licavoli, Joe (Wop) English and Jacob (Firetop) Sulkin have been convicted.

Licavoli and English are serving life terms in the Ohio Penitentiary, while Sulkin is in the same prison under death sentence. Recently he was given a 60-day reprieve from execution.

Three other former members of the gang, Anthony (Whitey) Besase, Sebastian (Buster) Lupica and Harry Leonard (Chalky Red) Yaranowski, recently pleaded guilty to extortion charges. They are serving terms in the Ohio Reformatory.

Court Prepares for Carsello Trial

Preliminary steps to the joint trial of John Rai and Ralph Carsello, members of the once powerful Licavoli gang, were taken today by Judge John M. McCabe with the signing of two orders in common pleas court.

The two are accused of complicity in the murders of Jack Kennedy, Louise Bell, Norman Blatt and Abe Lubitsky.

One order provided that 75 names be drawn from the jury wheel as the panel for the trial. The other order officially set the date for the opening of the case as Jan. 28, the date previously agreed upon.

MURDER TRIAL VENIRE DRAWN

75 Chosen for Possible Service on Jury To Try Rai, Carsello

A venire of 75 was drawn from the jury wheel Tuesday in Judge John M. McCabe's Common Pleas Court from which will be selected the jury for the first degree murder trial of John Rai and Ralph Carsello, Licavoli gangsters. The trial is scheduled to start Jan. 28.

Names were drawn by William F. Renz, clerk of courts, assisted by Leonard Osborn, jury commissioner. The prosecutor's office was represented by Assistant Prosecutor Harry W. Friberg. Sheriff James O'Reilly also was present.

Both defendants were in court. They are among 13 men indicted on charges of conspiracy to murder in the gangland slayings of Jack Kennedy, Louise Bell, Norman Blatt and Abe Lubitsky.

CARSELLO-RAI TRIAL JURORS ARE CALLED

75 Talesmen Summoned; Murder Hearing to Start Jan. 28.

The fate of Ralph Carsello and John Rai, Licavoli gangsters, will be in the hands of 12 of 75 prospective jurors whose names were drawn from the jury wheel today.

Trial of Carsello and Rai for the first degree murders of Jack Kennedy, Louise Bell, Norman Blatt and Abe Lubitsky will start Jan. 28 before Judge John M. McCabe.

The jurors called are: Flo Sargent, 208 Floyd street; Mary E. Sackett, 618 Hampton avenue; Helen J. Tomanski, 153 East Delaware avenue; Cora M. Smith, 1134 Ontario street; Frank W. Roensing, 1834 Clay avenue; Mary Hockenberger, 2737 Parkwood avenue; Roy T. Shell, 1643 Wayne street; Ignatius Regent, 1067 Tecumseh street; Raymond J. Croke, 813 Kipling drive; Cleo F. Peterman, 1939 Berdan avenue; Richard Willie, 624 1/2 Nevada street.

Names Are Drawn
William R. Webster, 2361 Glenwood avenue; Mary M. Devlin, 2834 Robinwood avenue; Stanley C. Klepacz, 640 Bronson street; Donald T. Waltz, University club; Wallace M. Head, 315 Eastern avenue; Frieda Penske, 1020 Nebraska avenue; Gerald A. Smith, 1752 Huron street; George L. Smead, 620 Neslewood avenue; Howard E. Miller, 805 Forsythe street; Thomas A. Barry, 1328 1/2 Detroit avenue; Joseph F. Holben, 1824 Marlowe avenue; Lillian Donney, 306 Eastern avenue; Dorothea J. Harms, 238 Kevin place.

Donna E. Linder, 128 Islington street; Arthur E. Backus, 3813 Hazelhurst avenue; Catherine Helm, 621 Milton street; Ida A. Klaiber, 309 Raymer boulevard; Ida E. Con-

or, 1938 Glencove drive; Norman Provencher, 657 Hamilton street; Elizabeth A. Shea, 1158 Lincoln avenue; Harvey S. Griffin, 1320 East Broadway.

John B. Suller, 700 Spencer street; Mrs. Anna B. Southerland, 52 Birchhead place; D. J. Cloutier, 628 Brighton avenue; George S. Emch, 1825 1/2 Ontario street; Martha A. LaPointe, 2311 Fulton street; Tom Emerson, 2537 Robinwood avenue; John J. Stuckholz, 727 Frederick street; George Corbin, Jr., 1816 Loxley road; Raymond H. Rice, 2563 Portsmouth avenue; Lucille E. Sheahan, 3142 Kenwood boulevard; William L. Dooley, 1814 Wayne street.

More Are Listed
Elizabeth Kahn, Point Place; Charles W. Buell, 2919 Fulton street; Carl L. Hughes, 2134 Elliott avenue; Carl C. Lukut, 327 Crittenden avenue; Earl Hart, 3124 North Erie street; Thomas Grafton, 2320 East Moreland boulevard; Alton P. Bringman, 2208 Erie street; Joseph Wrzesinski, 1323 Tecumseh street; Frank Runner, 1834 Loxley road; Martha Trimmell, 1352 Lincoln avenue; Paul H. Weirlich, 3953 Hazelhurst avenue; Margaret V. Snyder, 1551 Wayne street; Ruth F. Hoffert, 221 West Bancroft street.

Paul M. Andrea, 1236 Berdan avenue; Mrs. Viola H. Harry, 1971 Superior street; Enoch C. Jones, 1657 Gilbert road; Carl W. Wallis, 4221 Bowen road; A. E. Baker, 706 Thomas street; Anna Schoonmaker, 1609 North Erie street; Lee R. Crawford, 1408 Jackson avenue; Mabel A. Lindquist, 1084 Oakwood avenue; George B. Barr, 3304 Grimsby place; Otto H. Hohly, 2504 Parkwood avenue; Royal L. DeLand, 2220 Maplewood avenue; Mattie C. Crouse, 1334 Rollins road; Christian Thompson, 551 Palmwood avenue; Wilson L. Jay, 440 Winthrop street; Albert E. Kenninger, 694 Islington street; Sarah J. Jones, 556 Lucas street; Alex J. Mauter, 945 Wheeling street; May Kerr, 4034 Caroline avenue and Charlotte R. Erd, 2938 Stickney avenue.

Weary of Jail, Carsello And Rai Anxious For Trial

Joint Proceedings Against Accused Gang Slayers To Open Tomorrow; State Summons 106 Witnesses

By JOHN M'GOWAN.
Ralph Carsello and John Rai, pale with months of confinement, sat in their cells in County Jail today eagerly awaiting the opening of their joint trial tomorrow.

They are accused of con-

spiracy in the slayings of Abe (The Punk) Lubitsky and Norman Blatt, in 1931; Louise Bell, sweetheart of Jack Kennedy, in 1932, and Kennedy himself, in 1933.

In separate interviews each said he welcomed the opportunity to gamble with the state in a game that has for its stakes the lives of these two former members of the once-powerful Licavoli combine.

"You Wonder Why."

"You wonder why a lion walks up and down in his cage until you get into one of these," Rai said, jerking a thumb over his shoulder as he spoke through the iron network of his cell.

He had interrupted the solving of a cross-word puzzle to talk. He spoke softly, almost shyly.

He has been in County Jail since Feb. 5 of last year. Most of that time he has spent in working cross-word puzzles, reading newspapers.

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magazines, books—"You read anything when you're in jail."

"What can I say?" he replied with a shrug when asked how he thought his trial would terminate. He added: "I hope it comes out all right."

Loses Some Hair.

He appeared to be in robust health. "I haven't lost any weight, but I've lost some hair." He ran his hand over his head.

He wore a blue denim shirt, the collar turned in. His trousers were white duck. On the wall of his cell hung one of those moth-proof paper bags which contained, it might be concluded, a suit of clothes, cleaned and pressed for his appearance in court Tuesday. It will be the first time he has ever been placed on trial, he said.

Carsello stepped from the "bull pen" where he had been exercising to the cell door when the jailer called his name.

"I'm glad the trial opens Tuesday," he said. "Anything but this waiting."

In Jail Two Years.

He has been in jail continuously more than two years. He had just finished serving six months in the Federal Penitentiary in Milan, Mich., when he was picked up and brought to County Jail here 18 months ago.

"Yes, I'm ready to go to bat." He closed his fists, put them one on top the other, simulating a baseball player. "I just hope the jury is able to see the thing right."

He wore a knit sport shirt above grey flannel trousers. On his arms, bare to above the elbows, were several tattoos.

First Trial of Kind.

Neither man has been able to communicate with the other during

their confinement. Carsello occupies a cell on the second floor in the cell-block designated "two-short-left." Rai is in a cell on the third floor in "three-short-right cell-block."

Cornell Schreiber, veteran criminal lawyer and former Toledo mayor, will represent both men in the first trial invoked by the state under the new law which permits joint trials in first-degree murder cases.

Joel Rhinefort, chief assistant prosecutor, will direct the state's case. He has called 106 witnesses.

Indicted With 11 Others.

Carsello and Rai were indicted with 11 other members of the gang on first-degree murder charges in the four gangland slayings.

Three, Thomas (Yonnie) Licavoli, Joe (Wop) English and Jacob (Firetop) Sulkin, have been convicted. Licavoli and English are serving life terms in the Ohio Penitentiary, Sulkin, in the penitentiary under death sentence, recently was given a 60-day stay, the fourth since his conviction.

Three other former members of the gang, Anthony (Whitey) Besase, Sebastian (Buster) Lupica and Harry Leonard, alias "Chalky Red" Yaranowski, recently pleaded guilty to extortion charges and are serving terms in the Ohio Reformatory.

Other members of the gang have successfully avoided arrest.

GANG SUSPECTS FACE QUESTIONS

Men Will Be Quizzed About Slayings by Coroner

Orders for Ernest LaSalle, 32, and John Rai, 26, reputed gangsters, who were released on a writ of habeas corpus yesterday afternoon by Common Pleas Judge Scott Stahl, to be produced in his office at 11 a. m. today were issued last night by coroner Frank G. Kreft. A woman also will be questioned.

He said that he desires to question the men in connection with the slaying of Pete Dagastino, of Monroe, here last Wednesday night. The coroner said the men also will be questioned regarding Dominick Mighiore who died yesterday afternoon in County hospital, as a result of a bullet wound received Wednesday night.

LaSalle and Rai were released by Judge Stahl after their attorney, Harry Levy, contended that they were taken into custody without a warrant. Police said the men were arrested as "suspicious persons," and Assistant County Prosecutor Samuel Kaplan, representing the police, said that the issuance of a warrant was a "mere formality" and that the court could assume that "the warrant will issue."

As the two men left the court house with Mr. Levy, Inspector George Timiney sought to arrest them again, but their attorney protested, and Timiney decided to postpone his plans of arresting the two suspects. He said that police are desirous of questioning the men in connection with the gangster killings here and that the police will be at the coroner's inquest this morning.

Operator of a restaurant at Huron street, was Dr. Kreft yesterday said that he knew Dagastino, and saw him the night he was killed, but that he knew nothing of his slaying.

Tells of Seeing Pair

Rossini said that the two men were patrons at his restaurant last Wednesday night, and that several girls were with them. He said they were in the place when he left to go to a hotel to make a long-distance telephone call. Rossini said that Dagastino, when in the restaurant, had \$650, a diamond pin, and a watch and a chain. The articles and money were not on the body when found.

Rossini also testified that Dagastino had received a telephone call while in the restaurant. He said that he did not know how Dagastino or Mighiore made their living, and denied that Dagastino was a partner in his restaurant. He admitted, however, that Dagastino had paid \$80 in bills at one time, and testified that the \$650 Dagastino had with him Wednesday night was obtained from an insurance company on a stolen automobile.

Lived Here Seven Years

Rossini said that he came to Toledo seven years ago from Buffalo, and that he took over the restaurant recently from a man named Charles Loper at the request of Loper's son. He said that a chef named Paul and a waitress named Virginia were in the restaurant Wednesday night when Dagastino and Mighiore were there.

Dr. Kreft said that he plans to question the employees of the restaurant.

VICTIM LINKED WITH ROSSINI BY WAITRESS

Slain Man Was Partner in Restaurant, Witness Tells Coroner Kreft

Pete Dagastino, slain in a gangland war here last Wednesday night, and Tony Rossini, proprietor of a restaurant at 214 Huron street, were associated in management of the restaurant, despite Rossini's assertions to the contrary, a waitress in the restaurant testified today at a coroner's inquest.

The waitress, Mrs. Virginia Lee Sturniolo, 19, and attractive, was questioned by coroner Frank G. Kreft in an effort to throw light on the slaying of Dagastino and of Dominick Mighiore, henchman of Dagastino who died late yesterday in County hospital of wounds presumably inflicted by the same gunmen who slew Dagastino.

Describes Last Meal

Mrs. Sturniolo detailed the actions of Dagastino and Mighiore and two pretty young girls with whom they dined in the Rossini restaurant shortly before they were killed.

"I waited on them," she said. "The two girls entered the cafe shortly before 8 p. m. Wednesday. Tony (Rossini) called one of them by name and they came back to a booth in which Dagastino and Mighiore were sitting. They ate and then left together in Dagastino's car."

"I noticed that Dagastino wore a beautiful diamond stickpin and that his watch chain was unusually expensive."

Valuables Missing

When Dagastino's body was found slumped over the steering wheel of his car, the stickpin, chain and \$650 in cash he is said to have carried were missing.

Mrs. Sturniolo said she was positive Dagastino was associated with Rossini in management of the restaurant because after she had quit her job at the restaurant, Dagastino re-employed her and she resumed her work there.

Her testimony that Rossini knew one of the two girl companions of the slain men by name contradicts Rossini's insistence that he knew neither of the girls.

Licavoli Aid on Stand

Ernest La Salle, reputed lieutenant of the Licavoli gang who, with John Rai, another suspect, is held in connection with the double slaying, followed Mrs. Sturniolo to the witness stand.

Judge Stahl released the two gangsters on a writ of habeas corpus yesterday. George Timiney, acting inspector of detectives, engaged in a tug of war over LaSalle with Harry Levy, their attorney, as the party was leaving the courthouse.

"I think I'll take you along again anyway," Timiney said, seizing LaSalle's arm.

Levy seized LaSalle's other arm and tugged at him, reciting law statutes. The detective laughed, released his hold and walked away.

Rossini testified at an inquest held by coroner Kreft yesterday. He said he knew both Dagastino and Mighiore, but that he knew nothing of the shooting.

YONNIE, LIEUTENANT FAIL TO APPEAR FOR GANG WAR INQUEST

Detective Hunts for Reputed Racket Leader and Rai for Questioning in Two Killings

Yonnie Licavoli failed to appear before coroner Frank G. Kreft today for questioning at an inquest into the slaying here last week of Pete Dagastino and Dominick Mighiore in a gang war feud, and coroner Kreft immediately issued subpoenas for Licavoli and John Rai, said to be one of the Licavoli lieutenants.

Licavoli's appearance before the coroner was promised yesterday by Ernest LaSalle, arrested with Rai last week as suspects in the double slaying and now at liberty on writs of habeas corpus.

Rai also failed to appear at the inquest today.

The coroner handed the subpoenas for the two men to Detective Dinnie Clark, who was in the coroner's office in anticipation of the inquest. Detective Clark said he would make every effort to find the men and serve them with the subpoenas.

Arrest Not Planned

It was emphasized again by the detectives assigned to the murder case that they did not plan actually to arrest Licavoli, but merely to question him.

At the beginning of the coroner's inquest yesterday La Salle promised the coroner he would return to the inquest today and bring with him Licavoli and Rai. None of the three men appeared.

The subpoena lists Rai's address as 4635 Westway, the place where he and La Salle were arrested, and gives Licavoli's address as Pemberton drive, Old Orchard.

Hope To Find Men

"We hope to find the two men and have them here for questioning tomorrow," said the coroner.

Testimony at the inquest yesterday sent police searching again today for two young girls who left Rossini's restaurant at 214 Huron street with Dagastino and Mighiore Wednesday night an hour before they were shot.

Mrs. Virginia Lee Sturniolo, 19, of 929 Huron street, a waitress in the restaurant, told Dr. Kreft yesterday of the two girls, and said Tony Rossini, proprietor of the restaurant, had called one of the girls by name. Mrs. Sturniolo said she had never seen the girls before.

Rossini had testified Monday that he did not know the two girls accompanying Dagastino and Mighiore.

DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING



Yonnie Licavoli, Court

LICAVOLI DENIES PART IN SLAYING

Fashionable Mobster Questioned in Gang War Shootings Offers Alibi

Thomas "Yonnie" Licavoli, for whom coroner Frank G. Kreft had been seeking two days, stepped out of a bandbox into the coroner's office today and said he knew nothing of the slaying here last week of Pete Dagastino and Dominick Mighiore and hardly knew the men themselves. In fact, Yonnie confessed, he spoke to them only to be sociable.

Following his avowal of innocence coroner Kreft returned a verdict homicide by a person or persons unknown.

Attended Party

Licavoli, the breath of fashion in a cream-colored hat and mouse-colored gabardine suit with a diamond-studded watch ribbon stretched across his chest, established an alibi for himself and said he had known the two hoodlums only slightly and had never had any dealings with them.

"I knew Dagastino and Mighiore only by sight," Licavoli said. "I spoke to them when I met them just to be sociable. Beyond that I never had anything to do with them."

With Licavoli came John Rai, said to be one of his henchmen, and Attorney Harry Levy. Rai, too, had his alibi and denied any knowledge of the killing.

On the day of the shooting, Licavoli attended a family party given for his mother, who was leaving for St. Louis, he testified. He said he did not leave his house that night and knew nothing of the shooting until next morning.

Coroner Reads Verdict

Rai, who was arrested with Ernest LaSalle, another alleged Licavoli henchman, several days ago at 4635 Westway, testified that he knew the two victims only slightly, had had no dealings or differences with them and was at his home the night of the shooting.

When the two had finished their testimony, coroner Kreft read his verdict in their presence.

Paul Daniels, 725 Erie street, chef in the cafe of Tony Rossini at 214 Huron street, also summoned for questioning, said that on the night of the shooting he saw Dagastino and Mighiore accompanied by two girls go out of the restaurant thru the kitchen and disappear into an alley.

REPUTED GANG HEAD QUIZZED

Licavoli Testifies for Coroner's Inquest

Denial that he had any knowledge of the slaying of Pete Dagastino and Dominick Mighiore here last week was made by Thomas "Yonnie" Licavoli when he appeared yesterday before coroner Frank G. Kreft for questioning in connection with the killings.

Licavoli, who had been sought for two days by the coroner, appeared at Dr. Kreft's office yesterday with his attorney, Harry Levy. He said that he knew Dagastino and Mighiore casually, but that they had never worked for him and that he never had any dealings with them.

Licavoli said that he was at his home, 2733 Pemberton road, the night of the slaying, and that he knew nothing about it until the next day. John Rai, reputed lieutenant of Licavoli, also appeared at Dr. Kreft's office yesterday and testified that he knew the murdered men slightly but that he had no knowledge of the slayings. He said he was at home the night the men were shot.

Coroner Kreft, who devoted several days to questioning gangster suspects, rendered a verdict yesterday that Dagastino and Mighiore were killed by a person or persons unknown.

Paul Daniels, 725 Erie street, a chef in the Rossini restaurant, testified that on the night of the shooting the two murdered men left the restaurant with two girls. Police have been unable to locate the two girls.

LICAVOLI GANG MEMBER JAILED

John Rai; Named in Four Mob Murders, Held In Buffalo.

John Rai, 28, Licavoli gangster

under indictment here for four gangland murders, and who had evaded the law

with other members of the band for nearly a year, was arrested in Buffalo, N. Y., Friday night. Toledo officials will seek extradition papers at once.

Rai was indicted with Licavoli and 12 other members of the gang March 8, 1934, for the four

gangland slayings for which Yonnie Licavoli, the mob leader, and Joe (Wop) English are serving life terms in the Ohio penitentiary and for which Jacob (Firetop) Sulkin and Ralph Carsello are held in jail, awaiting trial.

The latest prisoner was arrested by Detectives William J. Tedesco and Kenneth J. Kelleher, as he

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stood at a Buffalo street corner. He told authorities there he would fight removal to Toledo. He gave his name in Buffalo as John Pieri.

Buffalo police heads said Rai was a brother-in-law of Joseph DiCarlo, labeled Buffalo's Public Enemy No. 1, by a former police commissioner.

They asserted that he is also charged with a Rochester robbery committed in October, 1933, and has been free on bond.

Rai, who had several encounters with police here, fled with other members of the mob when the indictments were returned. He was named with the others in the first degree murder indictments in the slayings of Jackie Kennedy, Louise Bell, Norman Blatt and Abe (The Punk) Lubitsky.

Besides Licavoli, English, Sulkin, Carsello and Rai, others indicted are: Leo Mocer, Yonnie's brother-in-law; John Mirabella, Ernest LaSalle, Russell Syracuse, Harry Leonard, better known as Chalky Red Yaranowsky; James Licavoli, cousin of Yonnie; Anthony (Whitey) Besase and Sebastian (Buster) Lupica.

LICAVOLI GANGSTERS GO ON TRIAL



—Staff Photo by Clarence Baileer
Ralph Carsello, left, with hands folded in lap, and John Rai, right, in Judge John M. McCabe's Common Pleas Courtroom as their joint first-degree murder conspiracy trial got under way today.

SCHREIBER ILL; GANG MURDER TRIAL DELAYED

**Six Jurors Are Selected
Tentatively for Hearing
of Killing Case.**

The murder trial of Ralph Carsello and John Rai, Licavoli hoodlums, was delayed today because of the illness of Cornell Schreiber, defense attorney.

Mr. Schreiber told Judge John M. McCabe and Joel Rhinefort, assistant county prosecutor, that medicine he took last night in an effort to overcome a severe cold had left him in a weakened condition.

Mr. Rhinefort was agreeable to a day's postponement, which was ordered by the judge, who instructed the six jurors tentatively seated in the case to return tomorrow.

May Call New Venire

Possibility that another venire of 75 persons will be necessary was seen today as the original venire was reduced to 29 with only the half dozen jurors tentatively selected.

It is believed that a jury will not be selected finally until late this week, since a total of 24 peremptory challenges may be used. Testimony in the joint trial, the first of its kind in the history of Ohio, will not begin until Monday.

The six seated when Judge James M. McCabe ordered the postponement today are Mrs. Elizabeth Shea, 1508 Collingwood avenue, housewife; George B. Barr, 3304 Grimsby place, mechanical engineer; Charles Buell, 2919 Fulton street, Toledo Edison Co. real estate manager; George Emch, 1825 1/2 Ontario street, unemployed bookkeeper; Mrs. Viola M. Harry, 1971 Superior street, housewife, and Joseph Holben, 824 Marlowe road, painting contractor.

Mrs. Sarah J. Jones, 556 Lucas street, whose husband is a WPA worker, returned for additional examination by defense counsel. She is acquainted with Frazer Reams, county prosecutor, and J. Slater Gibson, assistant city law director, she said. Mrs. Jones also knew of the family of Anthony (Whitey) Besase, Licavoli gangster who is serving a sentence in the Ohio reformatory for his activities in connection with the gang.

27 Possible Verdicts

Because of the unusual nature of the trial in that it is a joint murder trial, a total of at least 27 different verdict forms will be given to the jury when it ultimately receives the case and begins deliberations.

Three forms will provide for verdicts for both men of not guilty, guilty as charged, or guilty as charged with a recommendation of mercy.

In addition, 24 other forms will be given to the jury—a dozen for each of the defendants—to cover individual verdicts on the four counts in the indictment upon which they are being tried.

Great Interest Is Shown

Carsello and Rai are being tried jointly for the murders of Jack Kennedy, Louise Bell, Norman Blatt and Abe Lubitsky. They are the seventh and eighth members of the gang to face the court.

Both showed great interest in the court action yesterday afternoon following closely the questioning of jurors by their lawyer, Cornell Schreiber. They conversed fre-

quently and studied the faces of the jurors.

Rai was amused often and smiled broadly as his lawyer read the long list of state witnesses, more than 100, to the jurors, and heard the jurors say "no, no, no, no," a hundred times, as they failed to recognize the names.

Mr. Schreiber, who represented Thomas (Yonnie) Licavoli, convicted gang leader, and Jacob (Firetop) Sulkin, Licavoli lieutenant, is defending Carsello and Rai unassisted.

Five Are Excused

The state is being represented by Mr. Reams, and his assistants, Mr. Rhinefort and Harry Friberg.

Five persons excused yesterday afternoon because they are opposed to the death penalty are Arthur E. Backus, 3813 Hazelhurst avenue; Thomas A. Barry, 1328 1/2 Detroit avenue; Ray J. Croke, 2509 Charlestown avenue; Mrs. Mary Devlin, 2834 Robinwood avenue, and Earl Hart, 3124 North Erie street.

Four veniremen who failed to respond when their names were called are Mattie Crouse, 1330 Rollins road; L. R. Crawford, 1408 Jackson street; Wallace N. Head, 315 Eastern avenue, and Mark Hockenberger, 2737 Parkwood avenue.

Others excused for cause are Catherine Helm, 821 Milton street, and Ignatius Regent, 1067 Tecumseh street.

RAI-CARSELLO TRIAL RESUMED

**Nine Tentative Jurors, Four
Women and Five Men,
Are Selected**

Trial of John Rai and Ralph Carsello on first degree murder charges was resumed today before Common Pleas Judge John M. McCabe with three women and a man being selected as prospective jurors. This made a total of nine, four women and five men, that had been seated tentatively in the jury box.

Selected today were Mrs. Sarah J. Jones, housewife, 556 Lucas Street; Mrs. May Kerr, housewife, 4033 Caroline Street; Albert E. Kenninger, 634 Islington Street, who has been unemployed for two years, and Mrs. Elizabeth Kahn, housewife, 5936 Lakeside Avenue, Point Place.

Those previously seated were Mrs. Viola M. Harry, housewife, 1971 Superior Street; George B. Barr, 3304 Grimsby Place, mechanical engineer for the National Supply Co.; Charles W. Buell, 2919 Fulton Street, civil engineer for the Toledo Edison Co.; George S. Emch, 1825 1-2 Ontario Street, unemployed bookkeeper, and Joseph F. Holben, 824 Marlowe Road, painting contractor.

Woman Is Excused.

Mrs. Elizabeth Shea, 1508 Collingwood Avenue, who had been selected tentatively for jury service Tuesday, was excused today when she reported that her doctor had advised her yesterday that she was in no fit physical condition to serve in the trial.

Two additional veniremen were excused, Mark Hockenberger, 2845 Scottwood Avenue, because he had formed an opinion in the case, and Enoch C. Jones, 1657 Gilbert Road, because he was opposed to capital punishment. This left only 24 of the original 75 in the venire to be examined. It is expected that at least one additional venire will have to be summoned.

Defendants Are Bored.

Rai and Carsello, members of the Licavoli gang that terrorized Toledo in prohibition days, appeared bored as the tedious task of selecting a jury continued today. Both yawned frequently. Only a handful of spectators followed the proceedings.

Cornell Schreiber, defense attorney, who gained cancellation of yesterday's session of the trial because he was suffering from a cold, requested today that proceedings be put off until Monday. He said he still was not very fit.

Judge McCabe said, however, that in view of the great expense attached to the trial he would like proceedings to resume, with Mr. Schreiber seeing for how much of the day he could carry on. The defense counsel consented to this.

RAI-CARSELLO TRIAL DELAYED

**New Venire Must Be Called
To Complete Jury; Recess
to Monday**

The first-degree murder trial of John Rai and Ralph Carsello was halted until Monday when a venire of 75 prospective jurors was exhausted today without selection of a jury being completed.

Common Pleas Judge John M. McCabe ordered a new venire of 50 summoned for 9 a. m. Monday.

Tentatively seated in the jury box when proceedings were halted were eight women and three men. The delay was forced when William R. Webster, 3 Tremain Drive, the last member of the original venire, was dismissed on a peremptory challenge by the defense after he had been seated tentatively in the jury box.

Selection of a jury for the trial of Ralph Carsello and John Rai, charged with conspiracy in four first-degree murders, was resumed today in Judge John M. McCabe's Common Pleas Court.

Eight women and four men had been tentatively seated when court adjourned yesterday.

They are: Mrs. Sarah J. Jones, housewife, 556 Lucas Street; George

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B. Barr, engineer, 3304 Grimsby Place; Charles W. Buell, engineer, 2919 Fulton Street; Mrs. Lucille Sheahan, wife of Raymond J. Sheahan, county commissioner, 3142 Kenwood Boulevard; Mrs. Viola M. Harry, housewife, 1971 Superior Street; Joseph F. Holben, painting contractor, 824 Marlowe Road; Mrs. May Kerr, housewife, 4033 Caroline Avenue; Albert E. Kenninger, unemployed, 634 Islington Street; Mrs. Elizabeth Kahn, wife of Dr. Dalton Kahn, 5936 Lakeside Avenue; Mrs. Margaret V. Snyder, housewife, 1581 Wayne Street; Mrs. Mable A. Lundquist, housewife, 1094 Oakwood Avenue, and Freida Penske, housewife, 1020 Nebraska Avenue.

Officer's Wife Challenged

The state exercised two of its 12 peremptory challenges to eliminate Mrs. Donna E. Linder, housewife, 128 Islington Street, and George S. Emch, unemployed, 1825 1-2 Ontario Street.

Mrs. Ida A. Klaiber, 209 Raymer Boulevard, wife of Lieut. Harvey Klaiber of the Toledo Police Department, was eliminated when the defense exercised the first of its 12 peremptory challenges.

Mrs. Sheahan, who replaced Mr. Emch, said she had followed the trials of other Licavoli gang members in the newspapers and had

formed an opinion in those cases. She said she knew of the Licavoli family—that the family had lived near the Sheahan home.

Her father, William J. Delhaunty, is a former inspector of the Toledo Police Department, and her brother, Joseph W. Delhaunty, is employed in the County Sanitary Engineer's Office, she said.

Sulkin Case Injected

Mrs. Snyder replaced Mrs. Klaiber. Mrs. Linder's place in the jury box was taken by Mrs. Penske.

During the examination of Mrs. Penske, Joel Rhinefort, assistant prosecutor, injected into the trial for the first time the question whether the prospective jurors had signed any petition in the interest of Thomas Licavoli, Joseph English or Jacob Sulkin, convicted members of the Licavoli gang.

Mrs. Penske replied she had not. Mr. Rhinefort then asked permission of the court to put the same question to all jurors tentatively seated. All occupants of the jury box shook their heads negatively when the question was asked.

Mrs. Sheahan, who was examined later, was asked if she or her husband had signed such a petition. She said she had not but that she was unable to answer for her husband.

Defense Council Named

The question recalled that thousands of Toledoans had signed petitions asking Gov. Martin L. Davey to commute the death sentence which had been imposed upon Sulkin. The former gang member was granted a 60-day reprieve Feb. 13.

Louis E. Mallow, former assistant prosecutor and veteran Toledo attorney, was appointed by Judge McCabe yesterday afternoon to assist Cornell Schreiber, defense counsel.

The trial was halted Wednesday because of the illness of Mr. Schreiber. The attorney yesterday requested Judge McCabe to continue the trial until Monday to permit him to recuperate from a cold.

Judge McCabe pointed to the inconvenience to prospective jurors and the expense involved in further delaying the trial and refused to grant the request.

Mr. Mallow was appointed, Judge McCabe said, in the event Mr.

Schreiber should be physically unable to carry on the trial.

The following prospective jurors did not answer when their names were called yesterday afternoon: Alex J. Mauter, 945 Wheeling Street; Cleo F. Peterman, 1939 Berdan Avenue; Frank W. Roesing, 834 Clay Street, and Mrs. Anna Schoonmaker, 1600 N. Erie Street.

Carsello and Rai are charged with conspiracy in the gangland slayings of Abe Lubitsky, Norman Blatt, Miss Bell and Jack Kennedy.

RAI-CARSELLO TRIAL RESUMES

**Jury Selection Continued From
New Venire of 50; State
Gains Challenge**

Selection of a jury for the first degree murder trial of John Rai and Ralph Carsello was resumed today before Common Pleas Judge John M. McCabe, with prospective jurors being selected from a new venire of 50 men and women.

The trial was halted Friday morning when the original venire of 75 was exhausted with only eight women and three men tentatively seated.

Proceedings opened today with Judge McCabe ruling that William R. Webster, 3 Tremain Road, who had been dismissed on a peremptory challenge by the defense Friday, in reality should have been ruled ineligible for jury service because he had served on a county grand jury in this term of court. This ruling restored to the defense one of its 12 peremptory challenges.

The first tentatively selected for the jury today was Joseph F. Bihn, 160 Oak Street, a house painter. The defense then exercised its fifth peremptory challenge to dismiss Mrs. Viola M. Harry, 1971 Superior Street.

She was replaced by Edward E. Cran, 5546 Gay Street, Trilby, a foreman at the Willys-Overland plant. The state then ousted Mrs. Helen J. Tomanski, 153 E. Delaware Avenue, with its fourth peremptory challenge.

Others tentatively selected as jurors earlier in the proceedings were Mrs. Sarah J. Jones, 556 Lucas Street, housewife; Gerald A. Smith, 1752 Huron Street, factory worker; Mrs. May Kerr, 4033 Caroline Avenue, housewife; Albert E. Kenninger, 634 Islington Street, unemployed; Mrs. Elizabeth Kahn, 5936 Lakeside Avenue, housewife; Mrs. Mabel A. Lundquist, 1034 Oakwood Avenue, housewife; Mrs. Frieda Penske, 1020 Nebraska Avenue, housewife, and Charles W. Buell, 2919 Fulton Street, Toledo Edison Co. engineer.

INJURY HALTS MURDER TRIAL

Rai-Carsello Case Is Again Delayed; Juror Is Hurt on Way Home

The murder trial of John Rai and Ralph Carsello was halted this morning in Judge John M. McCabe's Common Pleas Court because of the absence of one of the jurors.

The absent juror, Mrs. Alice Mailer, 1309 Idaho Street, strained a ligament in her leg at Adams and Huron Streets Monday as she was returning home from the courtroom.

Judge McCabe adjourned court until 1:30 p. m. today to await a report from Mrs. Mailer's physician as to whether the injury is sufficiently serious to prevent her from serving on the jury.

Doctor's Report Awaited.

If an adverse report is submitted, Mrs. Irene Winans, 327 Valleywood Drive—13th juror, will replace Mrs. Mailer and a new panel of 10 or 12 will be drawn from which an additional juror will be chosen.

When the status of the jury is decided the panel will be taken to view scenes of four killings that marked the gang warfare in Toledo during the prohibition era and with which Rai and Carsello are charged with conspiring to commit.

The scenes are at Franklin Avenue and W. Bancroft Street, where Abe Lubitsky and Norman Blatt were slain Oct. 28, 1931; Jackson Avenue and Superior Street,

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locale of the Louise Bell slaying Nov. 30, 1932, and 140th Street and Edgewater Drive, Point Place, where Jack Kennedy was shot to death July 7, 1933.

The jurors also will inspect the palatial former home of Thomas Licavoli, ex-gang leader, at 2733 Pemberton Drive in Old Orchard.

State Seeks Death.

Opening statements will be made

by Joel Rhinefort, assistant prosecutor, for the state, and Cornell Schreiber, chief defense counsel. The state will ask the death penalty.

First witnesses to be called by the state are Dr. Frank G. Kreft, former Lucas County coroner; his former assistant, Dr. Paul Hohly, and Millie Thompson, salad girl at the Golden Rose Night Club, formerly operated by the Licavoli gang in Point Place.

Selection of a jury of six men and six women and of a thirteenth juror, a woman, was completed as court adjourned yesterday. The selection required four days and an additional venire of 50 after the original panel of 75 prospective jurors had been exhausted.

Each Side Gets 12.

In the process of selecting the 12 jurors the state exercised six peremptory challenges and the defense eight. Each side was allowed 12 peremptory challenges under the joint first degree murder trial statute invoked for the first time in Lucas County. The only peremptory challenge exercised in the selection of the 13th juror was used by the state although each side was allowed four.

The jurors are: Mrs. Mailer; Gerald A. Smith, factory worker, 1752 Huron Street; Mrs. Kathryn J. Heinisch, housewife, 1818 Macomber Street; Elwood Southard, Works Progressive Administration worker, R. F. D. No. 8, Lewis Avenue; Edward E. Cram, Willys-Overland Co. foreman, 5546 Gay Street, Trilby, O.; Joseph F. Bihn, house painter, 160 Oak Street; Mrs. May Kerr, housewife, 4033 Caroline Avenue; Albert E. Kenninger, unemployed, 634 Islington Street; Mrs. Elizabeth Kahn, housewife, 5936 Lakeside Avenue, Point Place; Mrs. Mary E. Sackett, housewife, 618 Hampton Avenue; Emil J. Malohn, Willys-Overland Co. welder, and Mrs. Frieda Penske, housewife, 1020 Nebraska Avenue.

Salesman Is Challenged.

Mrs. Winans, housewife, was chosen as the 13th juror after the state challenged Alfred R. Thatcher, auto salesman, 3329 Cherry Street.

The state exercised its fifth peremptory challenge at the opening of the trial session yesterday afternoon to eliminate Mrs. Sarah J. Jones, housewife, 556 Lucas Street. She was replaced by Mrs. Della L. Burrell, housewife, 1131 1/2 Ontario Street, who was removed later when the state used its sixth chal-

RAI JURY VISITS MURDER SCENES

Braves Below-Zero Blasts On Point Place Tour Prior to Trial Opening

Buffeted by below-zero winds sweeping in off Lake Erie, the jurors in the murder trial of John Rai and Ralph Carsello were led on a tour of Point Place today as a prelude to the formal opening of the trial.

The jurors visited the scenes of all four gangland murders in which Rai and Carsello are accused of conspiracy, but it was in barren Point Place, bordering on the lake, where they experienced the greatest unpleasantness from the 6-below-zero weather.

View Kennedy Trail.

One of the spots inspected in Point Place was the summer cottage on 136th Street, only three doors from the water's edge, where Jack Kennedy, rival to the Licavoli gang, lived in the summer of 1933.

Another was the intersection of Edgewater Drive and 140th Street, also close to the wind-swept lake.

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where Kennedy was slain July 7, 1933.

A third was the place where the killers had parked their car as they trailed Kennedy.

As the jurors huddled in heavy overcoats, they were shown the course along which Kennedy strolled with beach-pajama-clad Audrey Rails—a stroll halted when

the beauty contest winner was roughly pushed aside and a hail of lead pumped into her bear baron escort.

Visit Licavoli Home.

Numerous complaints of the cold weather were voiced by the jurors as they were led from the Community Traction Co. bus chartered for the tour to view the three scenes in Point Place. Cheeks were pink, teeth chattered and frequent comments were heard "it seems more like 20 below out here than 6 below."

Before going to Point Place the jury had stopped at Jackson and Superior Streets to inspect the spot where another Kennedy sweetheart, Louise Bell, was slain Nov. 30, 1932, as she sat beside Kennedy in his car waiting for a traffic light to change.

From Point Place the jurors were taken to the palatial home at 733 Pemberton Drive, Old Orchard, formerly occupied by Thomas (Yonnie) Licavoli, gang leader now serving a life sentence in Ohio state Penitentiary after conviction on the same charges of which Rai and Carsello are accused.

Reams Accompanies Jury.

Other points in the tour were the former Carsello home at Rathin Drive and the Franklin Avenue-Bancroft Street intersection, here Abe (The Punk) Lubitsky and Norman (Agate) Blatt were slain Oct. 26, 1931.

In addition to the six men and six women members of the jury led the woman serving as alternate juror, those on the tour were prosecutor Frazier Reams, Lewis Mallow, co-defense counsel; Edward Newmark, Deputy Sheriff on Cochran and reporters.

Rai and Carsello, waiving their right to accompany the jury, remained in the comparative comfort of the County Jail cells.

On completion of the tour, opening statements were to be presented by Assistant Prosecutor Joel Rhinefort for the state and Cornell Schreiber for the defense.

Defense attorneys were presented with a letter from the prosecutor's office today requesting them to give notice at once if they intend to base the defense of Rai and Carsello upon an alibi.

MAID NAMES RAI, CARSELLO

Hotel Employee Points to Pair as Visitors in Licavoli Gang Headquarters

John Rai and Ralph Carsello "sat in" at meetings of the Licavoli gang in its Argonne Hotel headquarters in 1931.

This testimony was given at the Rai-Carsello murder trial today by Myrtle Dunn, 826 City Park Avenue, who was a maid at the Argonne in 1931.

Miss Dunn testified she had seen Rai and Carsello in Suite 426, the gang headquarters, on two or three occasions.

Her testimony came after three previous state witnesses had said today that they never had seen the prisoners before.

Picks 12 Photographs.

While Rai and Carsello watched intently, each of the four witnesses, in turn, sorted through a sheaf of 38 "rogues gallery" pictures to pick out those of men they had seen in haunts of the Licavoli gang.

Miss Dunn, during examination by Assistant Prosecutor Joel Rhinefort, had picked 12 of these photos, including those of Rai and Carsello, as being persons she had seen in Suite 426. Mr. Rhinefort, however, did not ask her to identify the prisoners in person as they sat at the defense table.

Points to Prisoners.

Cornell Schreiber, chief defense counsel, apparently taking a chance that Miss Dunn would fail in a personal identification, pointed to Rai and Carsello during cross-examination and asked if she ever had seen them before.

"Yes," Miss Dunn answered, "on two or three occasions in Suite 426 of the Argonne Hotel."

"You have seen these pictures (the 38 police photos) often."

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Suite 426 at the hotel, the registration being made under the name of Schwartz. Combs said, however, that he knew "Schwartz" to be "Yonnie" Licavoli.

As he shuffled through the stack of 38 rogues' gallery photos, dropping those he recognized into his lap, Carsello and Rai watched Combs closely. Neither of the prisoners took his eyes off the bellboy as he sorted through the photos.

Combs was asked by Mr. Schreiber in cross-examination if he had ever seen Rai or Carsello at the Argonne.

"No, I never saw either of them," Combs replied.

Maid Is Witness.

Combs was followed to the witness stand by Charles Thorpe, 1116 Ironwood Avenue, also employed as a bellhop at the Argonne Hotel in 1931. He corroborated Combs' testimony. He likewise said he had never seen Rai or Carsello at the hotel.

The next witness, Miss Myrtle Dunn, 826 City Park Avenue, was employed as a maid and linen girl at the Argonne in 1931. She testified she had seen both Rai and Carsello in Suite 426 two or three times while the suite was occupied by Licavoli.

In cross-examination, Mr. Schreiber pointed to the prisoners as they sat in the courtroom and asked if she had ever seen them before. Miss Dunn replied she had on two or three occasions in the hotel suite.

Who Was "the Boss"?

She testified that Sulkin came to her and told her to keep the suite clean so that it would be "in good shape when the boss comes," promising that she would receive a tip from "the boss."

"Who was 'the boss'?" Joel Rhinefort, assistant prosecutor asked.

"Licavoli," she answered.

"Did you get the tip?"

"Yes." Miss Dunn picked 10 other photographs as those of men she had seen visiting the gang suite. She said the suite was furnished with a big mahogany desk, swivel chair and other chairs set in a semi-circle.

Licavoli, she said, occupied the swivel chair and spoke in a for-

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"Yes," Miss Dunn said. "In fact, these pictures are about as familiar to you as a deck of cards, are they not?" the defense counsel queried.

"Yes," the witness answered. Rai and Carsello are charged with conspiracy in the first-degree murders of Abe Lubitsky, Norman Blatt, Jack Kennedy and Louise Bell. The trial is before Judge John McCabe in Common Pleas Court.

Linen Man Testifies.

The first witness today was Arthur H. Edelstein, employe of the Toledo Towel Supply Co.

He testified that he received a check signed by Tom Lazur, whom he also knew as Thomas Licavoli, drawn on the Toledo Trust Co., which was returned because of insufficient funds. He said the check was in payment for linen and seat covers supplied by his firm to the Showboat Night Club.

Mr. Edelstein testified that his firm furnished like supplies to the Golden Rose, another night club operated by the Licavoli gang in 1931.

"I was out to the Golden Rose once or twice to collect a bill," the witness testified, "and 'Firetop' (Jacob Sulkin, Licavoli gang member under sentence of death for his part in the murders), I saw several other persons out there, but I don't remember who they were."

Didn't Know Defendants.

He said he also saw Sulkin in an office on the fourth or fifth floor of the Valentine Building. The office was marked "insurance," Mr. Edelstein said.

Mr. Edelstein testified that his company was paid in full for services rendered the Golden Rose, but that a balance is still owed for supplies furnished at the Showboat.

Cross-examined by Cornell Schreiber, defense attorney, Mr. Edelstein said that he had never seen Rai or Carsello before.

Identifies Police Photos.

John Combs, 508 Avondale Avenue, former bellboy at the Argonne Hotel, 321 13th Street, was the next witness. He identified from police photos 11 members of the Licavoli gang.

The gang, he said, occupied

eign language, while the rest listened.

She said that on one of the rare occasions when Licavoli spoke in English, he said: "You've been paid to do this."

Miss Dunn described a locker in the room, which, she said, contained pasteboard boxes of bourbon whisky and gin.

Pictures Familiar To Her.

"You have seen these pictures often, haven't you?" Mr. Schreiber asked her.

"Yes," she answered. "As a matter of fact, these pictures are about as familiar to you as a deck of cards, are they not?" he asked.

"Yes, they are," Miss Dunn said.

First to testify as the state opened its case yesterday afternoon were Dr. Frank G. Kreft, former Lucas County coroner; Dr. Paul Hohly, Dr. Kreft's former assistant, and Mrs. Millie Thompson, former employe at the Golden Rose.

Dr. Kreft, who performed autopsies on the bodies of Miss Bell and Kennedy, described the bullet wounds that caused their deaths and identified police photographs of the bodies.

Describes Powder Burns

The gruesome photographs were admitted as state's exhibits over the objection of Cornell Schreiber, chief defense counsel, and passed along to the jurors who showed great interest in them.

Dr. Kreft then identified a lead bullet he had removed from Kennedy's head at the autopsy and two steel-jacketed bullets he had removed from Kennedy's left upper arm. The lead bullet, he said, was 38-caliber and the others 45-caliber.

"Did you know Kennedy's reputation as a fighting man?" Mr. Schreiber asked on cross-examination.

"Yes," Dr. Kreft answered. "Did you hear of him traveling up and down highways armed with guns and rifles and accompanied by men armed with guns and rifles?"

The witness admitted he had heard such reports.

"What type of fighting man was Kennedy?" Frazier Reams, prosecutor, asked on re-direct examination.

"He was a clean fighter," the witness answered.

'DEATH CHAIR' TALE IS LAUGH TO CARSELLO

Mobster Guffaws Over Grocer's Story of Huge Sugar Sales to Gang

Testimony by which the state hopes to send Ralph Carsello to the electric chair provided the Licavoli mobster with a hearty laugh today.

The incident came as Cornell Schreiber, chief counsel for Carsello and John Rai in their joint first degree murder trial, was questioning Tom Nowak, operator of a grocery and meat market at 3342 Lagrange Street.

Mr. Nowak, testifying before Common Pleas Judge John M. McCabe, had told of purchases of huge quantities of corn sugar by Russell Syracuse and Eddie Beck, other members of the former Licavoli gang. He sold as many as 80 100-pound bags of sugar at a time and as frequently as twice a week, the grocer said.

"Plenty of Vinegar."

The state was laying the inference that the sugar was sold to be used in the manufacture of bootleg liquor by the gang. But Mr. Schreiber asked Mr. Nowak if there weren't other purposes to which the sugar could be put.

The grocer agreed it could be used for many things, including the making of vinegar. And he, Mr. Nowak averred, would not have sold the sugar if he knew it was to be used in making liquor.

"You were seeing to it that people were plentifully supplied with vinegar, weren't you?" chided Mr. Schreiber.

As Mr. Nowak agreed quickly, Carsello laughed so heartily the tears came to his eyes.

"Kicked in Pants."

The trial, in which the state charges Rai and Carsello conspired in the slayings of Jack Kennedy, Louise Bell, Abe Lubitsky and Norman Blatt, provided another humorous incident today.

This was when Christopher C. Engel, proprietor of a dry cleaning shop at 1850 W. Bancroft Street, was describing what happened when members of the Licavoli gang "muscle in" on a meeting of dry cleaners in the Gardner Building in 1932.

Mr. Engel got up from the witness chair to demonstrate rough treatment he said he received from Wop English. Bending over, Mr. Engel punched himself and said: "English kicked me in the pants."

"I Sat Down."

Then he thrust his hand into his pocket, saying:

"English had one hand in his pocket. He told me I had better sit down. I sat down."

Albert McElroy, 731 Buckeye Street, was the first witness today. He testified that he rented a furnished house at 4635 Westwood Avenue in April, 1932, to a "Mr.

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Jamleson" and a "Mr. Simmons." Asked by Assistant Prosecutor Rhinefort if he knew the two men by any other names, Mr. McElroy said he later learned that "Simmons" was Rai and "Jamleson" was Ernest LaSalle.

Learns From Newspapers.

He admitted in questioning by Defense Counsel Schreiber, however, that he learned what he thought to be the actual names of his tenants only from newspaper accounts of the Licavoli gang.

Christopher C. Engle, proprietor of a dry cleaning establishment at 1850 W. Bancroft Street, told of a meeting of dry cleaners in October, 1932, in the Gardner Building.

Mr. Engle said that a man he knew as "Schunk" called the meeting.

"He claimed he was an engineer," Mr. Engle said, "and that he was going to organize the dry cleaning industry in Toledo."

Examination by Prosecutor Reams follows:

Q: "What happened at the meeting?"

A: "Nothing. Three fellows came in and broke up the meeting before it got started."

Q: "Do you know who they were?"

A: "They were Yonnie Licavoli, Wop English and Russell Syracuse. The three introduced themselves to us. Then we fellows began to get suspicious."

Q: "What did you do then?"

A: "I decided I was going to get

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LICAVOLI MEN FREE ON WRITS

Leader Told to Leave City While Habeas Corpus Action Is Filed

Resisting the police department's drive against the Thomas (Yonnie) Licavoli organization which is said to control the liquor and gambling rackets here, two suspected lieutenants of the leader were freed Saturday on writs of habeas corpus.

John Rai and Harry Silbeino, both 26, were released until Monday at 4:30 P. M., and in the meantime detectives are waiting to see whether Licavoli obeys an edict to get out of the city and remain out. Acting Inspector George Timiney of the detective bureau issued the order banishing the former Detroit character.

Hearing on the writs to liberate Rai and Silbeino had been set for Saturday morning but the court attaches were unable to find the arresting officers. Common Pleas Judge Scott Stahl postponed the hearing over the week-end and set bond at \$500 each which was quickly posted.

Inspector Timiney and Inspector of Detectives Emmett Cairl ordered Licavoli to the Safety building last week, it was revealed Saturday, and warned him to leave town.

Inspector Timiney said that if Licavoli does not comply with the order a relentless policy of arresting him on sight as a suspicious character will be adopted by police.

The order also applies to other members of Licavoli's gang, including Rai and Silbeino.

Several employes and patrons of the Stork club appeared before the Wayne county circuit grand jury in Detroit Monday in its investigation of the shooting.

A secret indictment in the Jones murder was returned by the grand jury Monday. A second indictment may be returned later, Prosecutor Harry S. Toy said.

Speakeasies Closed
Proprietors of several Toledo speakeasies closed their establishments Sunday when it was reported that Detroit gangsters were in the city gunning for members of the Pete Licavoli mob. Pete is a brother of Tom Licavoli.

Friends of Jones, according to underworld rumors here, came to Toledo over the week-end in the belief that his slayers had taken refuge here. Toledo police said they had not heard these rumors.

Pete Licavoli was arrested in a Toledo night club a year ago last winter on an indictment charging him with participating in the murder of Gerald Buckley, Detroit radio announcer. He was never brought to trial. His brother, Tom, who maintains a home in a fashionable Toledo neighborhood, was ordered to leave the city by Detective Inspector George Timiney last week.

"Fixer" Believed Slain
Two men said to be henchmen of Tom Licavoli will have a hearing at 4:30 P. M. Monday on habeas corpus proceedings instituted following their arrest last week.

Friends of an alleged Toledo "fixer," meanwhile, persist in their belief that he was taken for a ride more than a week ago. They have not seen him since the date on which he is believed to have been slain.

The "fixer," it is said, promised gangsters that equipment seized in a brewery raid would not be destroyed. The equipment was destroyed by raiding officers, and his death followed, friends of the missing man say.

Harry Levy, attorney for the Licavoli interests, applied immediately for a writ of habeas corpus for the two men, one of whom police say has been arrested here before for investigation in a kidnaping case. The motion for the writ will be heard today.

Altho police expect an attempt will be made by friends of the two men to avenge their shooting. George Timiney, acting inspector of detectives scoffed at rumors of invasion by Toledo of a large number of gangsters and of a report that a Toledo wholesale liquor dealer, who has been opposing Licavoli, has been marked for death before Saturday night.

Seek "Yonnie" Licavoli.

A close watch is being kept on all known underworld haunts, however, following a report that a brother of Dagastino had left Detroit for Toledo.

The arrest on sight of many "Yonnie" Licavoli gang leader, also was ordered by Inspector Timiney.

Detectives John Michalak and Arthur Brown found the two Licavoli lieutenants in a luxuriously furnished house on Westway which they say has been used as a branch headquarters of the gang. Four expensive autos were parked on the driveway.

In the sumptuously furnished house the detectives found more than 30 suits of men's clothing, 15 pairs of shoes and a large quantity of other wearing apparel, they said.

Reports Prove False.

The two men and two women companions refused to open the door unless a warrant was shown. Detective Brown broke open a rear door and placed the two men under arrest. One of the suspects was found attempting to destroy ownership papers for an auto sold to John Raymond, alias Mirbella, who recently was arrested with James Licavoli by Inspector Timiney at Swayne field. The women were not held.

Both men will be questioned today with Tony Rossini, proprietor of a restaurant at 214 Huron street, in the belief they know the gunman who shot Dagastino and Migliore.

Rossini was released by Judge Leonard Donovan under \$1000 bond today.

GANG SUSPECTS WILL TESTIFY BEFORE KREFT

Coroner Asks Quiz of Released Pair at Inquest

The two suspected gangsters arrested in a raid early Saturday on a residence in Westway, are desired by police and Coroner Frank G. Kreft for questioning in connection with the slaying of Pete Dagastino, 29, Wednesday night. Detective Inspector Timiney said Saturday afternoon.

The suspects, Ernest LaSalle, 32, and John Rai, 26, were released Saturday noon on \$750 bond each by Common Pleas Judge Scott Stahl, after writs of habeas corpus had been filed by their attorney, Harry Levy. The hearing on the writs was set for 1:30 Monday afternoon.

Still Seeking Licavoli

Inspector Timiney said that the two men are lieutenants of Thomas "Yonnie" Licavoli, reputed gang leader, whom police are seeking for questioning in regard to the Dagastino killing. He said the two men will be turned over to Coroner Kreft, who is making an investigation of the Dagastino slaying for questioning Monday.

Charges of being "suspicious persons" were placed against the two men Saturday afternoon.

Ordered Out

The two men, both well known to police, were arrested in a raid on a fashionable home in Westway. Detective Inspector George Timiney said that they were among the men ordered from Toledo several weeks ago.

Timiney said investigation of the Dagastino slaying indicates it was a result of the dead man's efforts to operate as an independent distributor of beer and liquor here.

Tony Rossini, who was said to be a partner with Dagastino in a restaurant at 214 Huron street, and who was arrested Thursday in connection with the slaying, was released yesterday on \$1,000 bond.

39 Suits Found
Detectives Arthur Brown and John Michalak, who led the raid which resulted in the arrest of LaSalle and Rai, said they found more than 30 suit of clothing in the house, and that several expensive automobiles were in the rear yard and garage. They said the two men endeavored to conceal papers for one of the cars, which was issued to another suspect sought by police.

GANG SUSPECTS' HEARING TODAY

AUG 8 1932 Two Men Arrested in Police Drive After Slaying

Hearing on the writs of habeas corpus filed for Ernest LaSalle, 32, and John Rai, 26, who were arrested Saturday in a police drive that followed the slaying of Pete Dagastino, 29, Wednesday night, is scheduled to be held today at 1:30 p. m. before Common Pleas Judge Scott Stahl.

The two men were released Saturday on bond of \$750 each pending the hearing.

Police charge the men are lieutenants of Thomas "Yonnie" Licavoli, reputed gang leader, whom detectives also are seeking for questioning in connection with the slaying.

Police investigation in the gang killing was practically at a standstill over the week-end as officers failed to find several police characters they are seeking for questioning.

Acting Inspector of Detectives George Timiney announced LaSalle and Rai are wanted for questioning by Coroner Frank G. Kreft in connection with the slaying.

Three At Quizzed in Gang Slaying

Tony Rossini, Ernest LaSalle and John Rai were questioned by Coroner F. G. Kreft Monday afternoon in his inquest into the gang murder of Pete Dagastino, 29, who was shot to death Wednesday.

Rossini is said to have been a partner of the slain man in the operation of a restaurant at 214 Huron street. LaSalle and Rai were to have a hearing on their application for writs of habeas corpus before Judge Scott Stahl in common pleas court after the inquest.

UNDERWORLD WAR ON HERE

Battle for Control Is Blamed in Detroit Gang Killing.

A fight for control of Toledo's underworld resulted in the gangster slaying of Milford Jones, former St. Louis gunman, in the Stork club in Detroit, last Wednesday, according to police officials in Detroit.

Thomas (Yonny) Licavoli set himself up as the Al Capone of Toledo, Detroit police declare, and last week attempted to organize the stage hands here as another source of revenue for himself.

Jones, with a reputation in St. Louis as having ousted a racket gang in the Missouri metropolis, was imported to Detroit to perform a similar feat against Licavoli's mob, Detroit authorities declared.

Arriving in Detroit, Jones spent his time going to baseball games and indulging in drinking sprees police say. During one of his liquor parties he is said to have called Tom Licavoli by telephone in Toledo.

"You'd better move your crowd out of Toledo," he is credited with saying to Licavoli. "I'm coming down there and if you're not out you know what it means."

Police Chief Haas said he does not believe that Toledo or Toledo interests are involved in the Detroit killing. He declared that the victim, well known to detectives here, was under suspicion of being a member of the machine gun gang that murdered Patrolman George Zientara in Upton avenue but that there was not sufficient evidence to warrant his prosecution.

Several members of a mob in Detroit were chased from St. Louis by Jones, according to Michigan authorities.

GANG SUSPECTS WILL FACE COURT

Supposed Lieutenants of Licavoli Charged as Suspicious Persons

Two supposed lieutenants of Thomas (Yonnie) Licavoli, reputed gang leader, will be arraigned in police court this morning on suspicious person charges as a result of the filing of affidavits against them yesterday afternoon by Detective Inspector George Timiney.

The action eliminated the necessity of a hearing on a writ of habeas corpus, scheduled for 4:30 p. m. yesterday before Common Pleas Judge Scott Stahl.

The two suspects, Joe Rai and Harry Silbeino, both 26, were arrested Saturday and released on \$500 bail.

Inspector Timiney said that he is checking reports from Detroit police that the Licavoli mob may be implicated in the slaying in Detroit last Wednesday of Milford Jones, St. Louis gangster. The Detroit police advanced a theory that the killing of Jones was the outgrowth of a fight for control of the Toledo underworld.

POLICE ARREST LICAVOLI AIDS

Two Seized in Effort To Prevent Renewal of Gang War Over Beer Racket

Two of the three lieutenants in charge of the Toledo liquor interests of the Licavoli gang were arrested early today as a police move to frustrate anticipated further underworld violence here in reprisal for the killing of Pete Dagastino, racketeer, and the shooting of his henchman, Dominick Migliore, Wednesday night.

2 GANGSTER SUSPECTS ARE FREED ON BOND

Attorney Files Habeas Corpus Writs for Men Arrested in Raid on Luxurious West Toledo Home.

Ernest LaSalle, 32, and John Rai, 26, arrested early Saturday in a raid on their home in Westway by detectives investigating gang warfare, which claimed the life of Pete Dagastino here early Thursday, were released on bond by Judge Scott Stahl in common pleas court at noon.

Each man was placed under \$750 bond, signed by Earl Wittenberg, to appear at 1:30 P. M. Monday for a hearing on writs of habeas corpus filed in their behalf by Attorney Harry Levy. LaSalle and Rai were taken to the courtroom by Detective Inspector George Timiney and Detective John Mullen.

In the absence of Robert Zanville, assistant law director, who was conferring with the prosecuting attorney, Inspector Timiney asked for bond of \$1,000 each on the men.

In requesting the release, Mr. Levy said he did not object to their arrest on charges, but he did object to having them held without charges; to police breaking into their home at 2:30 A. M. and slugging them, and to having them held by the police department which "recognizes no one's rights."

The raid came as a surprise. Detectives Arthur Brown and John Michalak, who have been assigned to racket activities here, were in charge and were assisted by Patrolmen Walter Bielefeldt, Don McGregor and Orrin Gonja.

Brown and Michalak were refused admittance by a woman who answered the door and demanded to see a warrant. They warned her they were police and if she did not admit them they would use force. She refused and the detectives broke in a rear door. While they and Patrolman Bielefeldt searched the rooms, Patrolmen Gonja and McGregor guarded the front entrance.

The detectives reported the house was luxuriously furnished. More than 30 suits of men's clothing, 15 pairs of shoes, and large quantities of other apparel were found there. Several expensive automobiles were in the rear yard and garage. The suspects tried to conceal papers for one of the cars, but were detected. The papers were issued to another gang suspect who was arrested here by Inspector Timiney

Upstairs, the detectives found the two men, dressing hurriedly. They also demanded to see a warrant, but submitted to arrest. The woman who answered the door and another woman were released after questioning.

and Brown and Michalak at the time James Licavoli was seized.

The house has been watched by Detectives Brown and Michalak for two months. The officers entered the house once before, seeking the same two men, but were unsuccessful. They also sought a third man who was absent when the raid was made Saturday.

Rai was arrested here once before for investigation in kidnaping. Both had been ordered to leave the city when a gang cleanup was started several months ago.

Cafe Man Quizzed

Questioning of Anthony Iacuzzo, alias Ross, alias Rossini, proprietor of the Rossini cafe, 214 Huron street, in the slaying of Dagastino and the wounding of Dominick Meghiore in the Old Orchard district Wednesday night, was continued by Inspector Timiney Friday night. Ross was released on \$1,000 bond Saturday.

An order was issued Friday for detectives to pick up Yonnie Licavoli for questioning but the reputed leader had not been found Saturday. He was not at his home in Pemberton drive, Old Orchard.

Reports that gangster reinforcements were in Toledo to avenge the slaying of Dagastino and to fight it out with another faction for control of the liquor and vice business here were current Saturday.

Thinks Tip Was False

Inspector Timiney places little credence in the report that two women accompanied Meghiore from the Rossini cafe an hour before he was wounded Wednesday night. The tip, he believed, was given to throw investigators off the track.

Another possibility for the slaying of Dagastino was advanced when it was learned that Dagastino, a partner of Rossini in the cafe, had pulled away from a large liquor ring here and had set up his own business. Detectives believe the man had attempted to compete with the larger outfit and may have stepped into their territory.

It was reported Friday that an independent beer dealer had been ordered to join the larger liquor outfit here, get out of business or take the consequences.

Detective Inspector Emmet Cairl. It was also reported through underworld circles that a brother of Pete Dagastino was on his way to Toledo. This man had been arrested in Toledo.

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Two Licavoli Gang Lifers To Get Hearing

County Prosecutor Against Commutation For Carsello, Rai

Ralph Carsello and John Rai, Licavoli gangsters now serving life sentences in the Ohio Penitentiary, will be granted commutation hearings Feb. 1, the Lucas County prosecutor's office was informed yesterday by the Ohio Pardon and Parole Commission.

Joseph Jan, assistant prosecutor, said a letter protesting the proposed commutation of the former Toledoans' sentences would be sent to the commission. He said a representative of the prosecutor's office likely will attend the hearing.

Carsello and Rai were among 13 Licavoli gangsters convicted of first-degree murder charges. They were sentenced here Feb. 26, 1936, by a Common Pleas Court jury which recommended mercy.

The pair were convicted of the fatal shooting of Louise Bell Nov. 30, 1932, at Jackson Bell and Superior Streets, and the slaying of Jack Kennedy July 7, 1933, in Point Place.

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Licavoli Gangster John Rai Refused Commutation Of Murder Sentence

Governor Acts Parole Board Denies Parole For Yonnie

COLUMBUS (AP) — Governor Rhodes refused Tuesday to commute a life sentence for murder for John Rai, a henchman of one-time Toledo gangster Thomas (Yonnie) Licavoli.

Rai and Serafino Sinatra, both Licavoli gang members, are serving life terms on murder counts in the four slayings that sent Licavoli to prison in 1934.

Rai, 62, was sentenced in 1934 along with the others.

Rhodes Explains Action

Mr. Rhodes letter, to acting parole board chairman Joe Palmer, stated:

"Notwithstanding the inmate's good institutional record, which would ordinarily form a proper ground for clemency, I am unable to accept the board's recommendation for commutation of his sentence to a lesser offense.

"To commute his sentence at this time would damage public acceptance of the principle of commutation and parole which is important to proper administration of our penal system."

Rai is originally from Buffalo, N.Y., and has indicated previously that, if released, he would go to Buffalo, where he has relatives.

The parole board earlier in the day rejected parole consid-

eration for Licavoli, 85, who is currently hospitalized by a heart attack. Parole officials said that action would have the effect of keeping Licavoli in prison for up to five more years.

Licavoli's hospital confinement had apparently delayed executive action concerning Rai and Sinatra.

Decision Delayed

Mr. Rhodes acted in January to commute Licavoli's sentence to second-degree murder thus making him eligible for parole consideration. However, the parole board delayed action pending further consideration on Tuesday's rejection of parole.

George Z. ... chief of the Ohio Adult Parole ... said 10 days ago that recommendations for Rai and Sinatra had been sent to Mr. ...

However, John ... chief aid to Mr. Rhodes, said he has received ...

Licavoli Aid Plans Appeal

Rai Convicted For 1933 Murders

A member of the old Thomas (Yonnie) Licavoli gang intends to appeal his first-degree murder conviction to the Sixth District Court of Appeals and wants the court to pay for the procedure.

John Rai, who was refused a commuted sentence by Governor Rhodes at the same time that the governor reversed his decision to commute the life sentence of Licavoli last April, filed a motion with the appellate court asking permission to proceed as a pauper.

Rai says that he has been in prison since 1936 and has only \$200 in cash. His attorney told county officials that Rai wants to leave Ohio and live with relatives in Buffalo, N.Y., if his appeal succeeds.

Rai's brother, Salvatore Pieri reportedly has taken over as boss of the Buffalo underworld. Rai's sister, Elsie, is married to Joseph Di Carlo, Pieri's chief adviser.

Rai also asked the appeals court to send him transcripts of his trial, the Licavoli trial, and the trial of another henchman, Ralph Carsello. All are serving life prison terms for the shooting deaths of four Toledo men in 1933.

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