

JAN 3 1953 BLADE
Extradition Hearing
Waived By Mocer

Gangland Figure To Be Returned

The extradition hearing in Sacramento, Calif., to return Leonard (Lips) Mocer, 45, to Toledo to face trial on murder charges, has been waived. Joel S. Rhinefort, prosecutor, said he was informed today.

In a telegram to Mr. Rhinefort, Mocer's attorney, Richard Cantillon, said his client had agreed to waive the hearing scheduled Jan. 8. It is expected that Detective Capt. Ralph Murphy and another officer will go to Sacramento next week to bring Mocer to Toledo, Mr. Rhinefort said.

Mocer was arrested several weeks ago in Hollywood while attempting to put a slug in a telephone pay station. He is wanted here to face first degree murder charges in connection with four gangland slayings in the 1930s.

JAN 6 1953 BLADE
West Coast Hearing
Slated For Mocer

Hearing on the fugitive warrant issued for Leonard (Leo) Mocer, wanted here to face murder charges, has been set for Jan. 12 in Municipal Court in Los Angeles, Prosecutor Harry Friberg was notified by telegram last night.

Mocer is under indictment here on charges of first degree murder in connection with four gangland slayings in the early 1930s.

JAN 9 1953 BLADE
Mocer Ordered
Back To Toledo

Charges Dropped On West Coast

Gov. Earl Warren of California yesterday ordered the return of Leonard (Leo) Mocer to Toledo to face first-degree murder charges, the Associated Press reported. Mocer is wanted here on charges of participating in four gangland slayings in the early 1930s.

Governor Warren said he was informed that charges of using slugs in telephone coin boxes in Los Angeles, which led to Mocer's arrest, had been dropped.

Capt. Ralph Murphy of the Toledo detective bureau was to leave today for Los Angeles. He will be present at the Mocer hearing on a fugitive charge there Monday and be ready to return Mocer to Toledo should the prisoner decide not to begin habeas corpus proceedings.

JAN 9 1953 TIMES
City Officer Going
To Mocer Hearing

Murphy To Leave For West Coast Today

Capt. Ralph Murphy of the police homicide squad will leave for Los Angeles today to attend a hearing for Leo Mocer, wanted here in connection with gangster killings in the early 1930s.

The West Coast hearing will be on a fugitive warrant. Mocer, a former Toledoan who vanished from sight years ago, was arrested in Los Angeles Nov. 19 when he attempted to drop a slug in a pay telephone.

The Associated Press reported last night that Governor Earl Warren of California had ordered the return of Mocer to Ohio.

Mocer waived extradition but a hearing must still be held on the fugitive warrant, a county official said here. This is to allow him a chance to protest extradition in court.

JAN 17 1953 BLADE
Mocer En Route
To Face Charges

Leonard (Lips) Mocer, 45, sought more than 20 years in connection with four Toledo gangland slayings, was en route here today in the custody of Detective Capt. Ralph Murphy and Detective Lieut. Edward Jarczynski.

The fugitive was turned over to the detectives yesterday in Los Angeles after Superior Judge Clement D. Nye rejected the plea of Mocer's attorney that he had not been sufficiently identified.

Mocer was arrested Nov. 19 in Los Angeles after he dropped slugs into a pay telephone to make a long distance call.

JAN 17 1953 BLADE
Mocer Handed
To Toledo Police
By Coast Judge

LEONARD C. MOCERI, 45, wanted here more than 20 years in connection with three slayings, is being returned by two Toledo detectives, the Associated Press reported last night from Los Angeles.

Superior Judge Clement D. Nye turned Mocer over to Detective Capt. Ralph Murphy and Detective Lieut. Edward Jarczynski after denying a request by Mocer's attorney to release him on the ground he had not been sufficiently identified.

Gov. Earl Warren had signed papers for Mocer's extradition to Ohio last Sunday.

Returned



—Blade Photo
LEONARD MOCERI
 Accused in gangland slayings
JAN 20 1953 BLADE

Mocer Returned
To Face Trial

Trip Ends By Train From Cleveland

Leonard (Leo) Mocer, 45, sought since the early 1930s in connection with four gangland slayings here, was in custody in Toledo today.

He was booked in the Safety Bldg. at 3:25 a.m. following his return from Los Angeles by Detective Capt. Ralph Murphy and Detective Lieut. Edward Jarczynski.

The party, which included an-

DEC 30 1952 TIMES
Lucas Man Asked
At Mocer Hearing

Prosecutor Joel S. Rhinefort was requested yesterday by the governor's office of California to send a representative to a Jan. 8 extradition hearing for Leo Mocer, a fugitive wanted here in connection with Licavoli gang slayings in the mid-1930's.

The telegram was received by Mr. Rhinefort from James Welsh, secretary to Gov. Earl Warren of California.

Mr. Welsh informed the prosecutor that Leo Mercer, California attorney general, will represent Toledo "on the legal sufficiency of papers" but that as the facts of the case are known only to Toledo, it was felt that a representative should be sent, particularly as the case received wide publicity in California.

Mr. Rhinefort said that as he leaves office Jan. 6, to enter private practice, he will be unable to attend the hearing. Harry Friberg, prosecutor-elect, said he has not yet decided whether he will send a representative.

Left On Monday

Captain Murphy said he and Lieutenant Jarczynski left Los Angeles with their prisoners yesterday about 11 a.m.

Mocer was "cooperative at all times," after finally losing his fight to avoid return to Toledo, Captain Murphy said, but was "very uncommunicative" about his past, "particularly the part he spent in Toledo."

The gangland figure was scheduled for transfer to county jail late today, after having his fingerprints and picture taken in the police identification bureau.

Returned on the child-neglect charge was Peron Glass Dubard, 21, of 642 Woodland Ave.

JAN 21 1953 TIMES
Early Court Date
Set For Mocer

Leonard (Leo) Mocer, 45, returned here yesterday from California to answer indictments in connection with gangland slayings of the 1930s, will be arraigned in Common Pleas Court early next week.

Harry Friberg, county prosecutor, said he does not expect to interview the prisoner prior to his courtroom appearance. He said he did not think that such an interview would produce any new information.

Capt. Ralph Murphy, who returned Mocer here, accompanied by Detective Lieut. Edward Jarczynski, reported Mocer was co-operative during the trip from the coast, but uncommunicative, particularly as to past activities in Toledo.

Mocer was transferred late yesterday to county jail after a brief stay at the Safety Bldg. where his fingerprints and picture were taken in the police identification bureau.

JAN 17 1953 BLADE
Mocer Retains
Toledo Lawyer

Leonard (Leo) Mocer has retained Joseph Sheehy as counsel, the Toledo attorney informed Harry Friberg, county prosecutor, today.

Mr. Friberg said the attorney told him that Mocer, now in County Jail, would be available for arraignment on a first-degree murder indictment at any time. The prosecutor said the arraignment would probably be held early next week.

Mocer, returned recently from Los Angeles, was indicted in connection with four gangland murders here in the early 1930s.



MOCERI MAKES COURTHOUSE APPEARANCE
 Deputy Louis Metzger, left, with prisoner.

APR 3 1953 BLADE
Mocer Moved
To State Prison

Leonard (Leo) Mocer, 45, Toledo prohibition era mobster, today was taken to the Ohio Penitentiary to begin serving a 1-to-5-year term for blackmail.

The former member of the Yonnie Licavoli gang was taken from County Jail to the penitentiary by Alfred Bartkowiak and Louis Metzger, sheriff's deputies.

Mocer was sentenced March 26 by Common Pleas Judge John M. McCabe.

Returned here earlier from California to face an indictment charging him with complicity in four gangster killings in the early 1930s, Mocer pleaded guilty to the blackmail charge after Harry Friberg, prosecutor, agreed not to press the murder charge.

JAN 20 1953 TIMES
Mocer Granted
Stay For Counsel

The arraignment of Leonard (Lips) Mocer on an old indictment linking him to the mobster murders of four persons, yesterday was postponed until the defendant obtains an attorney.

Common Pleas Judge John M. McCabe told Mocer he could have a week in which to employ counsel. Mocer, who is alleged to have been a member of the Purple Gang in Detroit and the Yonnie Licavoli gang here during the early 1930's, was returned last week from California.

He was arrested there for dropping a slug into a pay telephone. Fingerprints established Mocer's identity and that he was wanted in Toledo on the 1931 murder charges.

TWO WOMEN SOUGHT IN GANGSTER PROBE

Detectives Want to Question Wife of Ohio Fugitive and Maker of \$10,000 Mystery Check

Detectives sought two women yesterday—one of them the signer of a mysterious \$10,000 check—as close questioning of Leonard C. Mocerri, 45, Detroit and Toledo gangster and fugitive, was continued in an effort to link him with local unsolved underworld murders.

The check writer was identified by Capt. James E. Hamilton of the police intelligence division as Mrs. Ruth Cameron Illions. The second woman hunted is Mocerri's wife, Margaret.

The draft in question was made out in favor of John (Bat) Battaglia, a transplanted Eastern hoodlum, now locally notorious. The check was deposited to Battaglia's account in a Bank of America branch and came to police attention after the deposit slip was found in Mocerri's possession.

Payoff Suspected

Detectives said they figured it might have been a payoff for murder.

Mrs. Illions, police said, was affiliated with the Cameron Concessions Co., an itinerant firm which operates soft drink stands, a merry-go-round and other carnival concessions at county fairs throughout the nation, including the Pomona Fair.

Mocerri, reputed Mafia killer and onetime member of Detroit's infamous Purple Gang, was arrested Wednesday on a misdemeanor complaint of feeding bogus 25-cent pieces into a pay telephone—an inexplicable crime for a major gangster, police said, especially considering he was carrying \$1800 at the time.

Sought 21 Years

Toledo authorities had sought him for 21 years on a murder indictment, the FBI had searched for him for eight years on draft evasion charges and Detroit wanted to question him on a two-year-old gang-type murder.

Within a matter of hours after his arrest by a pair of telephone company special agents, the District Attorney in Toledo notified Capt. Hamilton he was forwarding a warrant charging Mocerri with murder.

Although an almost constant target of questions since his arrest, Mocerri—nicknamed "Lips"—has maintained a nonchalant silence, according to Capt. Hamilton, on all pertinent topics.

Seven Questioned

In the wake of his ironical capture members of the intelligence division flushed and arrested seven hoodlums or ex-convicts, most of whom had previously been picked up for questioning regarding Los Angeles gangland slayings in recent years.

Unsolved murders in which Mocerri may have been concerned, according to the intelligence officers, include those of Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel, Atty. Sam Rummel, Tony Trombino and Tony Brancato and possibly Abe Davidian, the latter's in Fresno shortly before he was to have testified in a major narcotics case in Federal Court.

They also think he may know something about the strange disappearances of Dave Ogul and Frank Nicolli, Cohen lieutenants.

Ted Lewis Jabour, 50, a movie and television publicist, apparently implicated by one of the other six men questioned, was arrested at his home, 1046 N Cordova St., Burbank, early yesterday.

He was identified by detectives as an ex-Purple Gang mem-

ber who served a prison term in Michigan for larceny in 1922.

Detectives said they found papers in Jabour's home which indicated he had connections with hoodlum elements in the Midwest; also a .32-caliber revolver, a gun permit and a captain's badge, both issued to him by Elmer Adams, recently resigned Burbank Chief of Police.

Adams denied later at his home in Sun Valley that he had issued such a badge to Jabour. Records at the Burbank Police Department show that Jabour's gun permit, for a 45-caliber automatic pistol, expired in December, 1951.

Record Not Known

The records also bear notations indicating that Jabour's imprisonment was not known to Burbank police nor to the FBI.

Jabour was booked on suspicion of robbery. A writ of habeas corpus for his release was filed yesterday afternoon. Judge Philip Richards set bail at \$1000 and directed the writ be returnable next Tuesday at 1:45 p.m.

The other six men arrested and questioned—Mike Rizzo, Jimmy Fratiano, Tom Dragna, Salvatore Pinelli, Joe Vetranino and Jimmy Iannone—all were subsequently released.

Detectives said they came within minutes of apprehending both of the missing women.

Coffee Pot Still Warm

The coffee pot on the stove in the small apartment which Mrs. Mocerri occupied with her husband at 1232 1/6 N Flores Ave. was still hot to the touch when officers arrived to question her

Wednesday. A dish of unmelted ice cream was on a living room table.

Bank officials told detectives Mrs. Illions had left the bank just a few minutes before their arrival yesterday. The officers made a quick search of nearby streets but could not spot her.

Teams of detectives Thursday night and early yesterday checked more than 200 motels looking for Mrs. Mocerri, a former ballet dancer, it was reported.

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to learn he had been jailed in Las Vegas on a Nevada warrant.

In Mocerri's possession was a Bank of America deposit slip for \$10,000 in Battaglia's name. The slip was dated Wednesday and the long-distance telephone call which Mocerri tried to defray with a slug was traced to John Battaglia, Charles' brother, in Las Vegas, detectives said.

Unsolved gangster murders about which detectives say Mocerri will be questioned include: Benjamin (Bugsie) Siegel in Beverly Hills in 1947.

Sam Rummel, Mickey Cohen's attorney, in front of his Laurel Canyon home in 1950.

Tony Brancato and Tony Trombino in their automobile parked on a Hollywood street in 1951.

Still unsolved, too, are the mystery disappearances of Frank Nicolli and Dave Ogul, Cohen lieutenants.

Detectives believe Mrs. Mocerri may know something about the Trombino and Brancato killings. They arrived at her apartment to apprehend her just a few minutes after she fled the place. The coffee was still warm on the stove.

Mocerri is under indictment for four gangland slayings in Toledo.

As a member of the notorious Yonnie Licavoli gang, he was charged with complicity in the murders of Abe Lubitsky and Norman Blatt, Oct. 6, 1931; Louise Bell, Nov. 30, 1932, and her companion, Jack Kennedy, July 7, 1932.

Kennedy's gang and Licavoli's had feuded for years over control of Toledo's supply of bootleg liquor.

Wanted in Detroit

Mocerri also is wanted in his home town of Detroit, Mich., for questioning about the gang-type slaying of Jack George, a hoodlum found two years ago bound and shot to death in the trunk compartment of an automobile.

FBI officers here said Mocerri has been sought by them as a draft evader since 1944.

Mocerri's long record in Detroit includes arrests for grand larceny, armed robbery, car theft, assault and narcotics offenses.

Joel S. Rhinefort, county prosecutor in Toledo, conferred with Capt. Hamilton over the telephone.

He said that a warrant charging Mocerri with murder would be forwarded immediately. He said he believes that, even at this date, there is enough evidence to take Mocerri to trial.

In all, 13 members of the Licavoli gang were indicted for the four murders, according to Rhinefort.

Of the seven principals, five were convicted and are now serving life terms at Ohio State Prison at Columbus. With the arrest of Mocerri, only one, a John Mirabella, is still at large, Rhinefort said.

Gives Wrong Name

Mocerri first gave the name of John Baker when he was arrested by the telephone company agents, R. D. Skibel and William Bradley. He was booked on a misdemeanor charge.

But the Battaglia deposit slip in his possession, as well as a telephone number that turned out to be Tom Dragna's, accented police interest in him.

He was admitted to \$500 bail and permitted to leave jail, but detectives trailed him. And a short time later when his fingerprints revealed his true identity Mocerri's "tails" arrested him.

He admitted, they said, that he is Mocerri and that he is a cousin of Pete Licovoli, a Middle West gambling czar, but insisted,

officers said, that he didn't "know nuthin'."

Mocerri, taken before Municipal Judge Harry B. Westgate on the misdemeanor charge yesterday morning after a night of questioning by detectives, appeared humble. He hid his face in his hands when photogra-

phers took his picture during a brief court recess.

Judge Westgate, informed that there is a "hold" order on Mocerri, continued his case on the misdemeanor charge until next Monday.

Fratiano has been frequently interrogated as a major suspect in the two Tonys murders.

Iannone was picked up Wednesday. Detectives said they found \$1300 in his possession and asked him where he had obtained it. He refused to comment, they said, and was released.



GANG SLAYINGS SPOTLIGHTED—Jailer Alexander Shearer, left, escorts Leonard C. Mocerri into Municipal Court. Arrest of gangster who had evaded capture 21 years revived police study of unsolved gang murders.

Times photo



ARRESTED—Ted Lewis Jabour, 50, publicist, was nabbed as aftermath of Leonard C. Mocerri capture.

Times photo



FACES MURDER WARRANT—Det. Harry Hanson, left, questions hoodlum Leonard C. Mocerri, who evaded arrest for 21 years. Murder warrant is en route from Toledo, O.

Times photo

Police Seek Wife Of Mocerri; Other Woman Is Also Hunted

Toledo Mobster's Spouse Fled Apartment Near Time Of His Arrest In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 22 (AP)—Detectives today sought the wife of mobster Leonard C. Mocerri, who after his arrest here was tagged by police as "the nation's most wanted triggerman."

Police Capt. James E. Hamilton of the anti-gangster squad also said he may question another woman, Mrs. Ruth Cameron Illions, described as the signer of a \$10,000 check found on Mocerri, 45, when he was picked up Wednesday night on a charge of putting slugs in a pay phone. Fingerprints disclosed his identity.

Police said they did not plan to take Mrs. Illions into custody and Captain Hamilton said he has determined that the \$10,000 check was involved in a legitimate business transaction.

Meantime, police said, efforts continued to link the hoodlum, wanted for 20 years in connection with four Toledo mob slayings, with local and eastern unsolved killings.

In Hackensack, N.J., New

Jersey Deputy Attorney General Harry L. Towe said he has asked Los Angeles police for fingerprints and a picture of Mocerri in connection with the killing of gambler Willie Moretti.

Mr. Towe said he wants Mocerri to give an account of what he did Oct. 4, 1951, the day Moretti was shot to death in a Cliffside Park, N.J., cafe by four men. None has been apprehended.

Police found Mocerri's wife, Margaret, missing when they went to his apartment. But coffee was boiling on the stove and ice cream was melting.

Mocerri Plans Battle Against Return Here

A former member of the Licavoli gang, Leonard (Lips) Mocerri, 45, wanted here for trial in connection with four gangster killings, has refused to waive extradition from California.

Prosecutor Joel S. Rhinefort was informed by telegram last night that the prisoner, held by Los Angeles police, will not return to Toledo voluntarily.

Starting Action Today

Mr. Rhinefort said he will start proceedings today to compel Mocerri to answer the charges standing against him since 1934. Extradition papers signed by Gov. Frank Lausche will be sent directly to Gov. Earl Warren of California. The proceeding normally would take about 10 days.

The wire notifying the prosecutor of Mocerri's refusal to return to Toledo voluntarily was sent by Capt. James Hamilton, head of the Los Angeles police intelligence division.

Earlier Mr. Rhinefort was informed by Los Angeles authorities that a check there has failed to indicate that Mocerri had any part in unsolved killings there.

Indicted In 1934

In Lucas County, Mocerri is under indictment with others for the killings of Abe Lubitsky and Norman Blatt in 1931; Louise Bell in 1932 and Jack Kennedy in 1933.

He was indicted in 1934 but eluded police until his arrest last Wednesday in Los Angeles. Mocerri caused his own arrest by dropping a slug in a pay telephone although he had \$1,800 cash in his pocket at the time.

Mocerri Return Being Sought

Extradition Plea To Lausche Slated

Action to return Leonard Mocerri, 45, to Toledo to face trial on charges of participating in four gangland murders here in the early 1930s, was started today, Joel S. Rhinefort, county prosecutor, said.

Mr. Rhinefort received a telegram last night from W. H. Parker, Los Angeles police chief, saying that Mocerri would not waive extradition and would say nothing concerning the Toledo slayings.

The Lucas County prosecutor said he would ask Gov. Frank J. Lausche to sign extradition papers at once and send them directly to Gov. Earl Warren of California.

Mr. Rhinefort said he was informed by Chief Parker that Governor Warren usually grants such requests immediately and that it is possible that Mocerri can be returned to Toledo before Christmas.

Mocerri was indicted by the Lucas County grand jury on charges of participating in the slayings of Abe Lubitsky and Norman Blatt in 1931, Louise Bell in 1932, and Jack Kennedy in 1933. He was indicted in 1934 but eluded capture until last Wednesday when he was arrested in Los Angeles for using slugs in a pay telephone.

Mocerri Extradition Hearing Date Set

Governor Warren To Hear Arguments

Extradition hearing for Leonard (Lips) Mocerri, 45, wanted here to face first degree murder charges in connection with four gangland slayings in the 1930's, has been set tentatively for Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. before Gov. Earl Warren in Sacramento, Calif.

Joel S. Rhinefort, Lucas County prosecutor, said he was informed of the hearing time yesterday.

Mr. Rhinefort said he called James Welsh, secretary to Governor Warren, asking that the hearing be held about Dec. 17. He said he and Detective Capt. Ralph Murphy would be in Los Angeles for Mocerri habeas corpus proceedings and he wanted to avoid two trips.

Mr. Welsh said he would ask Richard Cantillon, counsel for Mocerri, to agree to delay the extradition hearing.

Extradition Papers Sent For Mocerri

Extradition papers for Leo (Lips) Mocerri, indicted here in connection with the Licavoli gang killings in the 1930s, were forwarded yesterday to Sacramento, Calif.

Prosecutor Joel S. Rhinefort, who returned last night from Columbus and Cincinnati, took the papers personally to Gov. Frank J. Lausche for his signature.

Mocerri is held by Los Angeles police, who informed Mr. Rhinefort that the fugitive will be detained for Toledo authorities.

Mr. Rhinefort said he was hopeful that Mocerri may be returned here within a month or six weeks. The fugitive is wanted in connection with the murders of Jack Kennedy, a Toledo bootlegger; Louise Bell, Kennedy's sweetheart; Abe Lubitsky and Norman Blatt, bootleggers.

Mocerri Extradition Hearing Postponed

A first degree murder extradition hearing for Leo Mocerri, wanted in Toledo in connection with four gangster slayings in the mid-1930s, has been postponed until after Jan. 1, the Associated Press reported from Sacramento, Calif. yesterday.

The hearing had been scheduled for last Wednesday in Sacramento, but was postponed at request of Prosecuting Attorney Joel S. Rhinefort, the dispatch said.

Complaint Against Mocerri Held Valid By Coast Judge

Defense Argument On Mobster's Name Defective; Action Spurs Trial In Toledo

Toledo's fugitive complaint against Leonard (Lips) Mocerri, 45-year-old mobster wanted here for four gangland slayings in the 1930s, was held valid by a Los Angeles judge yesterday.

Mocerri's attorney, according to the Associated Press,

argued the complaint was defective because Mocerri's first name is Leonard instead of Leo as on the fugitive warrant.

Municipal Judge F. Ray Bennett held that the complaint was sufficient and set next Wednesday for hearing.

Prints Forwarded

Meanwhile, Joel S. Rhinefort, Lucas County prosecutor, forwarded copies of Mocerri's fingerprints taken here Feb. 16, 1932, and photographs to complete identification.

The prosecutor yesterday also rushed to complete extradition papers, which must be signed by Gov. Frank J. Lausche, for immediate transmittal to Gov. Earl Warren of California.

Purpose of the fugitive complaint to be heard Wednesday is to hold the ex-gangster until extradition proceedings are completed, Harry Friberg, prosecutor-elect, said.

Brought Up To Date

The case against Mocerri was further brought up to date yesterday with additional interviewing of key witnesses who may be asked to identify Mocerri as the gangster who participated in four slayings here.

Mr. Rhinefort said about 90 of an original 100 witnesses to the four killings may still be available for questioning.

Mocerri was arrested Nov. 19 in Los Angeles after he dropped a slug in a pay telephone at a time when he had \$1,800 in his pockets, a \$10,000 bank deposit slip and an expensive sedan at the curb.

He is being held without bail.

Mocerri To Stand Trial In 4 Toledo Gang Killings

California To Release Member Of Old Licavoli Mob That Operated In Bootleg Era

Leonard (Lips) Mocerri, 45, may be on trial here within six weeks for his alleged role in four Toledo gangster killings in the early 1930s, Joel S. Rhinefort, county prosecutor, said today.

Police in Los Angeles reported yesterday they have been unable to link Mocerri, onetime member of the Yonnie Licavoli gang, with any of four west coast slayings of which he had been suspected. Under intensive questioning, Mocerri insisted he had no knowledge of the killings of Bugsy Siegel, Sammy Rummel, Tony Trombino and Tony Brancato, all murdered in recent years.

Capt. James Hamilton, head of the Los Angeles police intelligence division, said no charges would be brought against Mocerri in the California city. The prisoner will be returned to Toledo to face the old charges pending against him here, Captain Hamilton said.

Mocerri is under indictment in Lucas County for the slaying of Abe Lubitsky and Norman Blatt in 1931; Louise Bell, in 1932, and Jack Kennedy, Toledo bootlegger, in 1933. Miss Bell was the sweetheart of Kennedy, and Lubitsky and Blatt were bootleggers.

Rhinefort To Act

Mr. Rhinefort said he would get in touch with Captain Hamilton today to determine whether Mocerri would waive extradition. If the prisoner refuses, extradition proceedings will start immediately through Gov. Frank J. Lausche, the prosecutor said.

Governor Lausche would then apply to Gov. Earl Warren of California for permission to have the prisoner brought to Ohio, Mr. Rhinefort explained. He estimated that the whole procedure might take up to 10 days, and that about four weeks after that his office would be ready to

Wife Disappears

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acted by the Lucas County grand jury on March 8, 1934. The charge of murder was placed against him, but he eluded police until he was arrested in Los Angeles last Wednesday as a result of putting a slug in a pay telephone. He had \$1,800 in cash with him at the time that he put the slug in the phone box in paying for a \$1.20 phone call from Hollywood to Las Vegas, Nev.

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Gov. Lausche Will Get Mocerri Case Today

Gov. Frank J. Lausche will be asked today to sign extradition papers to force the return of Leonard (Lips) Mocerri, wanted in connection with four gangland killings here in the '30s, to Toledo for trial.

Mocerri Extradition Hearing Postponed

Extradition hearing on Leonard C. Mocerri, who is fighting return from California to Toledo to face four first-degree murder charges, will be held after Jan. 1, it was reported today.

The hearing, originally scheduled for last Wednesday before Gov. Earl Warren at Sacramento, Calif., was postponed at the request of Joel S. Rhinefort, county prosecutor.

Mr. Rhinefort is out of the city and his chief assistant and prosecutor-elect, Harry Friberg, said he did not know of the reason for the delay.

Mocerri is in jail in Los Angeles, where he was arrested Nov. 19 after dropping slugs in pay telephones. He was linked to four Toledo gangland murders in the early 1930's by fingerprints.

L.A. Holds Mocerri For Extradition

Los Angeles police authorities notified Prosecutor Joel S. Rhinefort yesterday that Leonard Mocerri, 45, a member of the old Licavoli gang, will be held in that city while extradition papers are in process of transmission.

The prosecutor, in close touch with West Coast police since Mocerri was arrested there last week as he dropped a slug into a pay telephone, said he received the assurance from W. H. Parker, Los Angeles chief of police.

Mr. Rhinefort yesterday began the preparation of papers which will be sent to Gov. Frank Lausche for transmittal to California. Mocerri is expected to fight return here and probably will file a motion for a writ of habeas corpus which could be appealed if decided against him in the California courts.

Mocerri is wanted here to face charges of participating in the slayings of Abe Lubitsky and Norman Blatt in 1931, Louise Bell in 1932 and Jack Kennedy in 1933.

Mocerri Extradition Hearing Will Be Held Week Of Dec. 15

A hearing on extradition proceeding to compel the return here of Leo (Lips) Mocerri, wanted on an old murder charge, has been set for the week of Dec. 15 in Sacramento, Calif.

Prosecutor Joel S. Rhinefort yesterday was notified of the approximate hearing date and immediately wrote to learn if it will be necessary for Toledo to

be represented at the hearing. The prosecutor and Capt. Ralph Murphy, in charge of the homicide squad, are planning to go to the west coast to return the prisoner for trial here. Mr. Rhinefort said, however, that he is seeking to avoid an extra trip.

Mocerri is wanted in connection with four murders which occurred in the early 1930s.

MOCCERI- TOLEDOAN SHOT DOWN BY AUTOISTS WHO AIM VOLLEY AT COMPANION

MAY 11 1931

One Who Dodged Death Month Ago Is Cut by Glass; 3 Pursued From Restaurant by Murderers

Gang bullets, intended for another man, yesterday caused the death of an innocent Toledoan.

Aaron Harris, 26, of 2057 North Twelfth street, died a few minutes after he was felled by a volley fired from an auto in the 300 block of Nebraska avenue.

Police believe that the slaying of Harris was another misdirected attempt to get James Lahey, alias William Lahey, and Thurston Lahey, a well-known police character.

Lahey faced death less than a month ago in West Toledo, when he slipped from his bullet riddled automobile and fled through a bakery, gangsters sending a hail of lead after him. Sam Leedyn, North Thirteenth street, accom-

panied Harris and Lahey. Leedyn escaped injury, but Lahey was cut by flying glass.

Both were taken to the Safety building, where the police investigation consisted of a cursory questioning of the two. They were released.

PURSUED BY GUNMEN
The three men had driven from Bowles' lunchroom at Madison avenue and Superior street early yesterday morning. It is believed they were seen by gunmen who were enemies of Lahey and who gave chase in an auto.

As the trio drove up Nebraska avenue toward Wyandotte street, the gunmen followed and opened fire. Harris stopped his car immediately and started to get out. The three were met with another volley of bullets. Lahey and Leedyn dropped behind the car but Harris started to run for cover.

FELLED BY BULLETS
He was felled with a stream of lead from the gangsters.

Louise Watson, 322 Tecumseh street, told police she heard more than 20 shots fired but she was unable to give any description of the gunmen.

LICAVOLI AIDE IS NAMED AS BELL KILLER

Moceri, Brother-in-Law of Gang Leader, Accused of Girl's Slaying in Police Warrant.

Leo Moceri, 23, brother-in-law of Yonnie Licavoli, was named as the killer of Louise Bell, 22, girl friend of Jack Kennedy, speakeasy proprietor, in a warrant for first degree murder sworn out Friday by Detective Arthur Langendorf, head of the vice, liquor and gambling squad.

Moceri, also known as George Bono and Leo Licavoli, is at large but is known to have been in and out of Toledo for the last few weeks.

A witness of the shooting appeared at police headquarters recently and positively identified a picture of Moceri as the man who fired the shots from two pistols that killed Miss Bell.

Defied Licavoli Mob

Miss Bell was slain in Kennedy's automobile in Jackson street at the side of the Interurban station at midnight Nov. 30. Licavoli gangsters were suspected at the time as Kennedy was reported to have defied this mob in the operation of his speakeasy at 513 1/2 St. Clair street.

Kennedy and Miss Bell had attended a movie earlier in the evening and after the show drove north in Huron street to Jackson street. As he turned east in Jackson street another automobile fol-

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MOCERI NAMED IN BELL KILLING

Licavoli Brother-in-Law Accused by Police in Warrant.

lowed Kennedy's car and caught up with him as Kennedy stopped for a traffic light at Superior and Jackson streets.

Empties Two Guns

The gangsters' car stopped for a moment and a man leaned out the side and emptied shots from two pistols at Kennedy. The intended victim had leaned forward to shift gears and when he heard the first shots he stooped further down. The bullets intended for Kennedy killed her.

Moceri, who is named as the gunman, is wanted in several cities for murder and is wanted here in connection with several gang killings and shootings in addition to the Kennedy affair.

Police have been told that Moceri is the last of Yonnie Licavoli's lieutenants and one of the most dangerous. He has been known as the handler of the machine guns, rifles and pistols in gang shootings.

Quizzed in Killings

Detective Langendorf arrested Moceri May 20 for questioning in connection with several gang killings. The prisoner was held for 26 hours but police were unable to obtain any information.

Twenty hours after his release Detroit police officials notified the Toledo police that Moceri was wanted there in connection with two shootings.

Moceri was wanted in connection with the Tupancy killing in Detroit some time ago. He also is wanted there in connection with the killing of Milford Jones, St. Louis gunman who was imported into Detroit during a night club war.

Detective Langendorf said he has

information to prove the Moceri was the man who fired several shots at Jimmy Lahey, former Li-jacker who was later killed, March 16, 1932. Moceri has been identified as the man who shot at Lahey when the latter escaped a hail of bullets in Sylvania avenue March 28, 1931. Lahey escaped at that time by running through a bakery shop.

May Know of Other Slayings

Police here believe Moceri could give valuable information as to the killing of Lahey later and also information as to the killing of Abe (The Punk) Lubitsky, and Norman Blatt.

Lubitsky and Blatt were killed in the former's automobile as they stopped for a traffic light at Franklin avenue and West Bancroft street at midnight Oct. 6, 1931.

Police have been informed that killers who have been imported here receive a total of \$500 for each successful murder. Officials say the gunmen are paid \$250 when they undertake the killing and the remaining \$250 when the body of the victim is found by police.

Moceri is described as well dressed, 23 years old, five feet eight and one-quarter inches tall with hazel eyes and dark hair.

Called in for Shootings

Detectives learned Moceri has been a gunman for several years. They declare that he was called in for killings by the gang lords of many cities.

Detective Langendorf said he has searched several downtown hotels and rooming houses on tips that Moceri had appeared in Toledo. On one occasion Moceri is said to have escaped with a violin case thought to contain a machine gun.

Police have several leads they are investigating and have wired police officials throughout the country to be on the lookout for Moceri.

Moceri's sister, Zena Moceri, was married to Licavoli, fugitive gang leader, in an elaborate ceremony in Detroit, Feb. 2, 1932. Mrs. Licavoli is in St. Vincent's hospital, where she gave birth to a daughter a week ago.

A few days after Miss Bell was killed, police obtained murder warrants naming John Rai, Ernest Lasalle and Pete Corrado, henchmen of Licavoli.

Named as Slayer



Leo Moceri

Leo Moceri, 23, was named as the slayer of Louise Bell, girl friend of Jack Kennedy, in a murder warrant obtained Friday by Detective Arthur Langendorf. He is a brother-in-law of Thomas (Yonnie) Licavoli, fugitive gang leader.

Four More Indicted In Rackets Quiz

Ex-Toledo Mobster Faces Tax Case

CLEVELAND, Oct. 9 (AP) — A federal grand jury probing Youngstown area rackets was recessed today after returning four more indictments, two involving failure to file income tax returns, one for perjury and one for an alleged false statement on a gambling tax application.

The jurors were told they will not be needed "for another few weeks," but U.S. Attorney Merle McCurdy told newsmen the federal investigation will continue "until we clean up all racketeering in Youngstown and Mahoning County."

The grand jury has been investigating the Youngstown situation for 21 months and has indicated a total of 11 persons. One of those named today was Ronald Carabbia, 34, of Struthers, who was indicted previously for alleged tax violations.

False Answers Charged

Today's indictment accused him of stating falsely on a federal gambling stamp application that he had two agents working for him collecting wagers. Actually there were more agents, the indictment charged.

Indicted for failure to file income tax returns were Leo Moceri of Cuyahoga Falls, formerly of Warren, and Philip J. Mainer of Youngstown.

Benjamin White, 38, of Struthers, was indicted for giving false answers to grand jury questions about betting activities.

Carabbia, Moceri and Mainer have been among those questioned by authorities in several gangland slayings.

The indictment accused Moceri of failing to file income tax returns for the years 1958 through 1961 and set his income in those years at a total of \$34,697.

Moceri Once Member Of Licavoli Gang

Moceri once was prominent in Toledo gangland circles.

He was one of 13 members of the Yonnie Licavoli gang indicted by a Lucas County grand jury in 1934 in connection with four gangland slayings.

The indictments involved the deaths of Abe Lubitsky and Norman Blatt in 1931, Louise Bell in 1932 and Jack Kennedy in 1933. The murders reportedly were part of an attempt by the Licavoli gang to take over bootlegging operations in Toledo.

Escaped Murder Trial

Moceri eluded police until 1952 when he was picked up for dropping a 25-cent slug into a pay telephone in Hollywood. He had \$1,800 in cash on him at the time.

Returned to Toledo, he escaped facing murder charges because of the death of some

Ex-Toledo Gang Figure Indicted

Linked To Licavoli Slayings In 1934

Leo Moceri, a former Toledo gangland figure, who was once under indictment here in connection with four slayings, was indicted yesterday in Cleveland by a federal grand jury that is investigating rackets in the Youngstown area.

Moceri, who now lives in Cuyahoga Falls, near Akron, was charged with four counts of failure to file income tax returns. The charges cover the years 1958 through 1961 and set his income in those years at a total of \$34,697.

Gangland Slayings

He is also among several persons who were questioned in three gangland slayings in the Youngstown area.

Moceri was 1 of 13 members of the Yonnie Licavoli gang who were indicted by a Lucas County grand jury in 1934 on charges of participating in four slayings during a bid by the Licavoli gang to take over bootlegging operations in Toledo.

They were charged with the slayings of Abe Lubitsky and Norman Blatt in 1931; the death of Louise Bell, who was killed in 1932 during an abortive attempt to kill her boy friend, Jack Kennedy, and the slaying the following year of Kennedy.

Moceri eluded police until 1952 when he was arrested in Hollywood for dropping a slug into a pay telephone. Hollywood police reported he was carrying \$1,800 in cash when arrested.

Returned To Toledo

He was returned to Toledo in 1953 but the murder charges were dismissed because of the death of some of the key witnesses, including former Sheriff George B. Trimney, who died Jan. 8, 1953.

Moceri was permitted to plead guilty to blackmail and was sentenced to one to five years in the Ohio Penitentiary. The blackmail count stemmed from charges of extorting money by threat from Charles Marea, a one-time bootlegger.

French Put \$1.20 Lid On Beefsteak

PARIS, Oct. 10 (AP) — The

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MAR 26 1953
Moceri Gets 1-5 Years For Blackmail

Murder Charge Not Pressed In Face Of Guilty Plea

Leonard (Lips) Moceri, 45, member of the Yonnie Licavoli gang in Toledo's violent past, pleaded guilty to a charge of blackmail before Common Pleas Judge John M. McCabe today and was sentenced to one to five years in the Ohio Penitentiary.

Moceri was picked up in California and returned to Toledo to face a 1934 indictment charging him with four mobster killings committed in the early 1930s.

Harry Friberg, prosecutor, told the court that after conferences with defense counsel, Joseph P. Sheehy, he had agreed to accept the lesser plea rather than press the murder indictment.

Had No Statement
 Three times Judge McCabe asked Moceri if he wished to make any statement before sentence was passed, and each time the erstwhile gangster replied quietly, "No, sir."

Mr. Friberg said the murder charges will be dismissed as soon as Moceri pays the \$875 which it cost the County to bring him here from California. However, the prosecutor has written to the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, recommending that Moceri be required to serve a full 5-year sentence. Blackmail normally carries a penalty of 1 to 5 years.

Judge McCabe, who personally sentenced 10 other members of the Licavoli gang nearly two decades ago, noted that the Federal Government may be waiting for Moceri to answer draft evasion charges when he is released from the Ohio Penitentiary.

Based On Gang Deaths
 The murder counts against Moceri and 12 others were based on the gangland slayings of Abe Lubitsky and Norman

Blatt in 1931, and the death of Louise Bell, killed in 1932 in an abortive effort to rub out her boy friend, Jackie Kennedy, who was shot down in Point Place the following year.

The blackmail count to which Moceri today entered his long-deferred plea of guilty accuses him of extorting money by threats from Charles Marea, one-time bootlegger of Toledo's prohibition era. Joel S. Rhinefort, former prosecutor, conferred recently with Mr. Friberg and assured him that the death or disappearance of key witnesses made the possibility of a murder conviction remote, the court was informed.

Others Pleaded Guilty
 Five others of the original 13 men named in the murder conspiracy indictments also were permitted to plead guilty to blackmail and most of them served 3-year terms.

The first blackmailers to be sentenced were Harry Leonard, Sebastian Lupica and Anthony Besase. In September, 1945, Ernest LaSalle was sent to the penitentiary for a 2-to-10 year term on two counts of blackmail. Two months later, James Licavoli, brother of gang-leader Yonnie, was given a 1-to-5 year term after pleading guilty to the lesser offense.

Still at large are Russell Syracuse and John Mirabella, who never were captured after the indictments were returned here during the first term of Frazier Reams as prosecutor.

Spared By Governor
 Moceri's entrance to the penitentiary in Columbus will mark a sort of gangland reunion with six former members of the mob. Sentenced to death, but spared by a governor's commutations to life imprisonment were Joe (Wop) English and Jacob (Fire-op) Sulkin. Life sentences for murder conspiracy were meted out to Yonnie Licavoli, Ralph Tersello and Johnny Rai. LaSalle reportedly still is serving his 2-to-10 year blackmail sentence.

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Moceri Is Allowed To Plead To Blackmail; Gets 1-5 Years

A murder charge against Leonard Moceri, 45, a member of the old Licavoli gang, was shelved yesterday and the defendant was sentenced to serve one to five years in the Ohio Penitentiary upon his plea of guilty to blackmail.

Sentence was passed by Common Pleas Judge John M. McCabe who has sentenced 10 other members of the Licavoli gang over a period of nearly 20 years.

The indictment on which Moceri was charged dated to 1931, and was based on the gangland killings of Abe Lubitsky, Norman Blatt and Louise Bell. The blackmail count to which Moceri pleaded guilty charged that he

MAR 28 1953 BLADE
Moceri's Brother Pays Convict's Bill For Trip To Toledo

Leonard Moceri's debt to Lucas County for a ride from California to Toledo was paid today by a man who identified himself as Joseph Moceri, brother of the one-time Licavoli mobster.

With payment of \$875 to Gordon Jeffery, clerk of courts, the 1934 indictment accusing Leonard Moceri of four Toledo murders was dropped. Moceri was allowed to plead guilty to the lesser charge of blackmail in Common Pleas Court last Thursday, and was sentenced to five years in the Ohio Penitentiary.

The former gangster was picked up in California and returned here at county expense. Harry Friberg, county prosecutor, agreed to accept the plea of guilty to blackmail because of the difficulty of obtaining any witnesses to testify if the 19-year-old murder charges were pressed.

Mr. Friberg specified, however, that the indictment would not be dropped until the county was reimbursed for the expense of transporting Moceri from California.

extorted money from Charles Marea, a prohibition era bootlegger.

Harry Friberg, prosecutor, said he agreed to accept the lesser plea after conferences with Joseph P. Sheehy, defense counsel. Dismissal of the murder charges will be contingent upon Moceri paying \$875 court costs and the expense of returning him here from California.

An attempt to bring Moceri to trial on the murder indictments was dropped because of the difficulty involved in obtaining witnesses, particularly in view of the death of former Sheriff George B. Timiney, who would have been a key figure in the state's case, Mr. Friberg said.



RE-ORDER NO. 490

Blasts Hit Home Of Ex-Convict

Racketeer Involved In Toledo Extortion

AKRON, Jan. 2 (AP)—Two explosions, followed by fire, tonight destroyed the fashionable Northampton Township home of rackets figure Leo (Lips) Moceri.

Detectives of the Summit County sheriff's department said it had not been determined if the explosion was man-made.

No one was in the house. Moceri and his brother, Mike, and sister-in-law, Ann, who live there, were reported to be visiting relatives in Detroit.

Moceri, about 54, who now uses the name Leonard Martin, got out of Ohio Penitentiary in 1957. He was sent there in 1952 after he pleaded guilty to extortion involving a bootlegger in Toledo.

Tax Indictment

He currently is under indictment for income tax evasion. He allegedly is tied in with a Cosa Nostra family headed by John Scalish of Cleveland.

He also is believed to be a member of the Mafia, and was known as a member of Detroit's Purple Gang.

Moceri was convicted with 16 others for a larceny in Michigan and served a five-year prison term.

Licavoli Gang

From Detroit, Moceri was said to have moved to Toledo and joined the Licavoli gang. He was one of 13 persons indicted in 1933 for the slaying of two bootleggers, a bootlegger's girl friend, and a speakeasy operator. Seven of the defendants were given life sentences, but Moceri disappeared.

He was arrested in 1952 for using a slug in a California pay telephone, and returned to Toledo, but charges in the four slayings were dropped because witnesses had died.

Home Of Hoodlum In Akron Bombed

AKRON, Jan. 3 (AP)—Arson investigators said today the fashionable home of gangland figure Leo (Lips) Moceri, which was destroyed by an explosion and fire last night, had been bombed.

Moceri, who now uses the name Leonard Martin, was released from Ohio Penitentiary in 1957 after serving five years on his guilty plea to extorting a bootlegger in Toledo.

Mater TOLEDO-BLADE of the Northampton Township home was taken to the state bureau of criminal identification at London to determine what kind of explosive was used.

State arson investigator Harold D. Carter said the blast "definitely was not accidental." The house apparently was empty when the incident occurred. Moceri and his brother, Mike, and sister-in-law, Ann, who live in the house, were reported to have been visiting relatives in Detroit.

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Moceri Arrested After He Drops Slug In Phone

Fugitive Eluded Capture Despite Tips In Last 10 Years

Leo Moceri, 42, indicted here on the charge of first degree murder in connection with four Toledo slayings by the Yonnie Licavoli gang in 1931, was arrested yesterday in Hollywood, Calif., the United Press reported.

Joel S. Rhinefort, county prosecutor, today air-mailed a murder warrant to Los Angeles police in order to hold Moceri for Lucas County authorities.

Moceri was arrested in Hollywood yesterday by special investigators for a telephone company, Capt. J. E. Hamilton, of the Los Angeles police intelligence division, announced.

Drops Slug In Pay Phone

He said Moceri was arrested after he had dropped a 25-cent slug in a pay telephone. Police found \$1,500 in cash on Moceri, and said he was driving an expensive car. After he was booked, he was released on bail under the name of "John Baker."

Later a routine fingerprint check disclosed he had a record of arrests and was wanted for questioning. Intelligence division officers trailed him after

last night. Moceri had little to say and would not answer questions about his past.

Moceri was one of 13 members of the Licavoli gang to be indicted by a Lucas County grand jury on March 8, 1934, on charges of participating in the slayings of Jack Kennedy, Toledo bootlegger; Louise Bell, sweetheart of Kennedy; Abe (the Punk) Lubitsky and Norman (Big Agate) Blatt, bootleggers.

All Victims Of Bullets

Lubitsky and Blatt were shot to death Oct. 6, 1931, in their auto when it stopped for a traffic light at Franklin Ave. and Bancroft St. Miss Bell was shot to death at Superior and Jackson Sts., Nov. 30, 1932, while in an auto with Kennedy. Kennedy fell under a hail of bullets in Point Place July 7, 1933.

Moceri is the brother-in-law of Yonnie Licavoli, leader of the gang, now serving a life sentence in Ohio Penitentiary for the same murders. Also serving life sentences for the crimes are Jacob (Firetop) Sulkin, Joseph (Wop) English, Ralph Carsello and John Rai. Moceri was arrested several times but his only previous conviction was for grand larceny. Los Angeles police say he has been living in Hollywood and Las Vegas, Nev.

Federal agents said Moceri was wanted on a May 11, 1945, warrant charging him with failing to report for induction into the army.

One Of Trigger Men

Mr. Rhinefort said evidence introduced in the murder trials indicate that Moceri was one of the trigger men in the Louise Bell slaying, and that he helped "finger" Kennedy. Moceri, he said, rented a cottage in Point Place under the name of "Priestly" when the gang heard rumors that Kennedy was frequenting the neighborhood. They wanted to check the report and, if possible, "get" Kennedy.

Miss Bell and Kennedy, deadly enemy of the Licavolis, were in Kennedy's cream-colored convertible, slowing down for a traffic light at Jackson and Superior Sts. when another auto crept past. Kennedy saw a gun pointed at him, screamed a warning and ducked. A fusillade of shots fol-

Dozen Bullets Hit Kennedy

Not many months later, Kennedy and Audrey Ralls, his beauty contest-winning sweetheart, were strolling on Edgewater Dr. near 139th St. A maroon-colored auto disgorged two men who stepped up behind the hands-holding couple. Pushing Miss Ralls aside, the gunmen opened fire on Kennedy. Nearly a dozen bullets struck him. Miss Ralls was unhurt.

Abe Lubitsky and Norman Blatt were mowed down by machine-gun fire alongside No. 7 fire station. Hyman (Nick) Abrams, who was in Lubitsky's car, was wounded but recovered.

The slayings were the outgrowth of efforts of the Licavoli gang to take over bootlegging in Toledo. The vicious slayings of Miss Bell and Kennedy became the turning point in the gang's move for power. A grand jury was summoned and the indictments followed.

California Tries To Link Moceri To Coast Killings

Return Of Gangster To Toledo Hinges On Investigation Results

Further steps to bring Leo Moceri, 45-year-old member of the old Licavoli gang to Toledo to face first-degree murder charges will hinge on investiga-

tion by Los Angeles authorities of several unsolved gangland slayings there, Joel S. Rhinefort, Lucas County prosecutor, said today.

Mr. Rhinefort took the first step yesterday by mailing a murder warrant to Los Angeles police to make sure that Moceri, brother-in-law of Lonnie Licavoli, would not be released. Moceri was one of 13 Licavoli gangsters indicted here in the early '30's for four Toledo gangster slayings.

Mr. Rhinefort said he examined testimony and the witness list of the five Licavoli gang trials in Toledo yesterday and felt there are enough witnesses still available to justify bringing Moceri here for trial.

Caught For Quarter

Until he erred by putting a slug into a telephone pay station instead of spending 25 cents from the \$1,800 he had in his pockets Tuesday, Moceri had eluded authorities for nearly 19 years. As the result of his mistake, he was arrested, and police learned his identity through his fingerprints.

Capt. J. E. Hamilton of the Los Angeles police department said his detectives wanted to question Moceri about the slayings of Bugsy Siegel, West Coast head of Murder, Inc., killed in 1947; Neddie Herbert, close associate of gambler Mickey Cohen, slain in 1949; Tony Brancato and Tony Trombino, killed as they sat in an automobile in Hollywood in 1951, and dope ring informer Abe Davidian, murdered in Fresno, Calif.

Six Persons Questioned

Moceri is wanted in Toledo to face charges of participating in the murders of Jack Kennedy and his girl friend, Louise Bell in 1932 and Abe Lubitsky and Norman Blatt, Toledo bootleggers, in 1931.

Los Angeles police said Mrs. Margaret Moceri, 35, who had been living with Moceri in Hollywood, has disappeared. They reported questioning and releasing six California underworld figures yesterday.

Moceri, who has refused to talk, is to be questioned about a \$10,000 bank deposit slip, made out in the name of Charles Battaglia, which was found in Moceri's car. Police said Moceri was talking to Battaglia on the telephone when arrested. Tele-

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19 Years Ago



LEO MOCERI, suspect in four Toledo slayings, is being held by Los Angeles police. This picture of the former Licavoli gangster was taken 19 years ago. Story on Page 1.



—AP Wirephoto

LEO MOCERI Held in Los Angeles NOV 21 1952 TIMES Killer Suspect Of '30s May Be Tried Here

Lucas County stands a good chance of getting Leo Moceri for trial on first-degree murder charges, although he also is wanted by Detroit police and the FBI, Prosecutor Joel S. Rhinefort said last night.

The former Toledo gangster, described by Los Angeles police as "the nation's most wanted trigger man," dropped a slug into a pay telephone in Los Angeles Wednesday and brought to an end his 18 years as a fugitive.

Tripped By Slugs In Phone

Moceri, 45, had \$1,800 in his pockets when he used slugs for a call to Las Vegas, Nev., the Associated Press reported. Telephone company investiga-

picked him up as he finished the call.

The alleged Mafia member gave a wrong name when booked at the jail on a petty theft charge, put up \$500 bond and walked off. A fingerprint check revealed his identity and he was quickly rearrested.

Capt. J. E. Hamilton of the Los Angeles police said the dapper, deadpan Moceri, also known as "Lips," is a suspect in the 1947 Bugsy Siegel murder and other Hollywood slayings.

Wanted In Detroit

Detroit police want to question him about killings in 1935. He is sought by the FBI on a charge of failing to report for military induction in 1945.

The Lucas County murder indictment, returned in 1934, involves Moceri in four gangland killings here in the early 1930s. A brother-in-law of Yonnie Licavoli, he was one of 13 Licavoli gang members indicted for the murders.

Two of the 13 still are at large, Mr. Rhinefort said. Licavoli is serving a life sentence in Ohio Penitentiary.

A murder warrant to hold Moceri was sent by the prosecutor yesterday.

Leo Moceri Enters Not Guilty Plea Defendant Faces Early Murder Trial

Leonard (Leo) Moceri, 45, appeared briefly today in Common Pleas Court as his attorney, Joseph Sheehy, entered a not guilty plea to the 4-count first degree murder indictment which Moceri evaded almost 19 years.

Judge John M. McCabe asked Anthony G. Pizza, assistant prosecutor, and Mr. Sheehy to confer toward agreeing upon an early trial date.

Mr. Sheehy asked for time to arrange for the hiring of an attorney to assist him. He later said he expected to be ready for the trial next month.

The indictment against Moceri was returned March 8, 1934. It accuses him in two gangland

Moceri To Be Arraigned On Murder Count Today

Leo (Lips) Moceri, charged with first degree murder in connection with four Licavoli gang killings of the early 1930s, will be arraigned today at 10 a.m. before Common Pleas Judge John M. McCabe.

Moceri was arrested in Los Angeles and returned to Toledo last month.

Moceri's Arraignment Is Scheduled Today

Leo Moceri, 45, returned here from California, will be arraigned today at 10 a.m. before Common Pleas Judge John M. McCabe on an 18-year-old charge of conspiracy in the gangster killings of four persons.

The defendant, brought to Toledo from Los Angeles last week, is accused in the shootings of Abe Lubitsky, Norman Blatt, Jack Kennedy and Louise Bell.

Arraignment Of Moceri In Murder Case Delayed

Judge John M. McCabe of Common Pleas Court today postponed for a week the arraignment of Leonard (Leo) Moceri to permit him to retain an attorney.

Moceri, returned from Los Angeles last week, is under indictment on a first-degree murder charge in connection with four gangland slayings in the 1930s.

25c Slugs Trap *Los Angeles Paper* Hoodlum Wanted NOV 21 1952 for Five Murders

BY EARL HAZEN AND JACK GOULDING, Mirror Staff Writers

A well-heeled hoodlum sought since 1935 for five mid-western gangland murders was arrested for petty theft yesterday when he dropped a handful of 25-cent slugs in a Hollywood pay phone.

Several hours later, when he was identified through fingerprints as Leonard Calaggiro Mocerri, 45, wanted on two murder warrants from Toledo and Detroit, Capt. J. E. Hamilton of the police intelligence unit immediately tagged him:

- 1—The nation's most wanted trigger man.
- 2—A member of the Mafia, infamous underworld brotherhood.
- 3—A "hot suspect" in the local unsolved rub-outs of Atty. Sammy Rummel, Gambler Bugsy Siegel, and Hoodlums Tony Trombino and Tony Brancato.

Mocerri was collared by two phone company special agents, R. A. Skibell and W. B. Bradley, as he stepped out of a phone booth at 1269 N Vine St. and into his late model Cadillac.

The agents said he had used a handful of two-bit slugs to make a call to Las Vegas although he had \$1800 in cash in his pockets.

When he tried to bribe the agents with \$100 each they turned him over to police who booked him at City Jail for petty theft under the name of John Baker.

He was released on bail and was walking up N Broadway, near Alpine St., when police learned through the routine fin-

when officers found in his pocket a Bank of America deposit slip for \$10,000 to the account of Charles (The Bat) Battaglia, 33, underworld muscle man who was arrested as a suspect in the slayings of Trombino and Brancato on Aug. 6, 1951.

The two gangsters were shot to death in their car in front of 1650 N Ogden Drive and their killers have not been found. Hamilton said Mocerri will be grilled about the double murders.

The police captain said he also will question the midwestern trigger man about the Dec. 11, 1950, shotgun slaying of Underworld Mouthpiece Sammy Rummel and the killing of Gambler Bugsy Siegel in Beverly Hills on June 21, 1947.

Mocerri told police he hit town from Las Vegas two days ago but refused to tell them where he got his bankroll or how he got Battaglia's deposit slip.

In Toledo, Lucas County Prosecutor Joel S. Reinfort took immediate steps to extradite Mocerri and have him stand trial for the four killings there.

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gerprint check that he was the long-sought Mocerri.

Intelligence officers overtook him and re-arrested him.

They questioned him all night and then booked him on suspicion of murder and ordered him held for the FBI and police in Detroit and Toledo.

Murder Warrants

Hamilton said the murder warrants are in connection with the slaying of Gangster Jack Kennedy and his girl friend, Louise Bell, on a downtown Toledo street in July, 1932.

He also has been named as the killer of two bootleggers, Abe Lubitsky and Norman Blatt, in Toledo in 1931, police in the Ohio city told The Mirror by telephone.

He also is wanted for a Detroit murder, police there said.

Capt. Hamilton said Mocerri was a trigger man in the Midwest's notorious Thomas (Yonnie) Licavoli's 13-man gang of the early 30s which hired out of Cleveland, Miami, Toledo and Tucson.

Yonnie Licavoli is serving a life term in the Ohio State Prison at Columbus for a gangland killing.

Mocerri told local police he is a cousin of Pete Licavoli, Midwest gambling kingpin who refused to tell the 1951 Kefauver Senate Crime Investigating Committee hearings anything about his income or activities.

Mobster Rest Home

Hamilton said Pete Licavoli now runs what he called "The Grace Ranch," a desert rest home for mobsters near Tucson.

Mocerri's tie-in with local hoodlums was disclosed last night



—MIRRORPHOTO

LEONARD C. MOCERRI

'Moceri One Of Top Licavoli Killers'

Northampton Twp. gangland figure Leo Moceri, who got more attention than he really cared for the last two days, got fleeting notice Thursday from the Senate Investigations Subcommittee.

Detroit Police Commissioner George C. Edwards told the Senate crime probers that Leo "Lips" Moceri, Thomas "Yonnie" Licavoli and Frank Commarato were the "three top killers" of the prohibition-era Peter Licavoli mob in Detroit.

Senators who have been hearing testimony by mobster-informant Joseph Valachi heard Moceri's name as Edwards documented the rise to power of today's Detroit crime bosses.

Listing Peter Licavoli as one of the five "dons," or bosses, who make up the "ruling council" of Detroit crime, Edwards said his gang is believed responsible for 17 gangland slayings during the 1920s and early 1930s in Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

MOCERI WAS a member of both Detroit's Purple Gang and the Peter Licavoli mob before moving to Toledo with Yonnie Licavoli about 1930. He is related to the Licavolis.

Yonnie Licavoli is serving a life term in the Ohio Penitentiary for engineering four bootleg era slayings in Toledo. Moceri was indicted in the killings but the murder charges were dropped because key witnesses had died by the time he was apprehended 19 years later, in 1952.

MOCERI, whose secluded life at 577 Hidden Valley rd. was jarred this week when a Federal Grand Jury indicted him for failing to file income tax returns on \$34,697 in income during the years 1958 through 1961, pleaded innocent to the charge today.

He was represented by Cleveland Atty. John Kane in the brief arraignment before

Federal Judge James Connell, and was released on \$2,500 bond, the standard amount in tax cases.

'Mafia Don Never Takes Direct Risk'

WASHINGTON (P)—A Detroit police official testified today there are six or seven layers of "insulation" between the bookmaking and numbers rackets and the top "Don" of the Mafia in Detroit.

Police Commissioner George C. Edwards used this term to describe how the rackets money filters up from the bottom, but the top gangsters are never directly implicated and take little risk.

Inspector John J. O'Neill, in charge of the vice bureau, described a typical bookmaking operation to the Senate Investigations Subcommittee at its hearings on the secret code organization known as Cosa Nostra or the Mafia.

O'NEILL SAID one type of bookmaker records bets on a special "flash" paper that goes up in smoke at the touch of a cigaret in case of a police raid.

Edwards commented "We believe this (the Mafia) is the largest continuing criminal conspiracy in our area, as it is nationally. They do have a major part of any of the handbooks operating in the Detroit area."

ACCORDIONS? See Class 60 — "Music" — in Want Ad Section.

'Lips' A Suspect In Youngstown Gang Slayings

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appear at the Sicilian Club.

MOCERI'S whereabouts also were supposedly unknown at his home Wednesday afternoon. His dark blue 1963 Pontiac Grand Prix was parked in front of the house which he shares with his brother, Mike Maceri, and his brother's wife.

The car's trunk lid was up and a set of golf clubs was inside.

"Some fellow came and got him," Mrs. Maceri told a reporter. "I was upstairs making the beds and I don't know when it was."

IF SO, the car's open trunk lid was an indication that his departure had been hurried. But there was also the possibility that Mocerri, who shows publicity and detests reporters, still was in the house and watching the conversation.

Mocerri doesn't need newspapers to tell him what's happening.

Even before Wednesday's indictment was issued, Cleveland Atty. John J. Kane was calling Asst. U. S. Atty. Bernard J. Stuplinski to arrange Mocerri's arraignment.

Yet when contacted by the Beacon Journal, Kane claimed to never have met Mocerri and said he called Stuplinski only because "I understood some indictments were to be issued and I assume I will represent Mocerri."

EQUALLY reluctant to admit an acquaintanceship with Mocerri was James P. LaFatch, 578 Mardon av., one time major figure in Akron area rackets.

Of Mocerri, he would only say "I don't know him that well."

Jimmy LaFatch was one of the trio waiting for Mocerri at Breathnach Wednesday night.

It's also fairly common knowledge that Jimmy LaFatch and Leo Mocerri are huddled at the Sicilian Club, late almost every afternoon "to talk business."

THE TWO MEN also are frequent golf companions and at times have played with such people as Tony DelSanter, regarded as one of the top men in the Youngstown-Warren rackets picture.

Jimmy LaFatch also was with Mocerri when Mocerri made an automobile purchase which resulted in his latest brush with the law.

This was on Oct. 12, 1961, when Mocerri purchased a 1962 Oldsmobile from a Shaker Heights auto dealer and falsely gave a Bath rd. address as his home. LaFatch ordered a car at the same time, but never completed the transaction.

CHARGED by the State Highway Patrol with giving false information to obtain an automobile title, Mocerri took the case to trial in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court.

On the second day of the trial, Nov. 28, 1962, he suddenly changed his plea to guilty. He began a 60-day sentence in the Cuyahoga County Workhouse on Dec. 10, 1962.

Mocerri and LaFatch also are both horse-race fans and were together at Ascot Park last Spring.

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By last April 22, when he sold the home to his brother for \$25,000, the mortgage had been reduced only to \$15,500.

But this hasn't been Mocerri's first residency in Summit County.

of 13 gang members indicted in 1933 for the 1931 slaying of bootleggers Abe Lubitsky and Norman Blatt, the murder of bootleg moll Louise Bell in 1932 and the killing of her boyfriend, speakeasy operator Jack Kennedy, in 1933.

Seven men, including gang leader Thomas "Yonnie" Licavoli, were given life sentences in Ohio Penitentiary, but Mocerri had disappeared.

HE EVADED the law successfully for 19 years. But telephone company agents had him arrested in 1952 after he dropped a 25-cent slug into a Hollywood, Cal., pay phone. He had \$1,800 in his pocket at the time and his new Cadillac was parked at the curb.

Los Angeles police questioned him about the gangland killings of two associates of former gambling chieftain Mickey Cohen and two other racketeers, but couldn't pin them to him.

Mocerri was returned to Toledo on the murder charges there, but the charges were dropped because of the deaths of key witnesses.

He then pleaded guilty to an old charge of extorting money from bootlegger Charles Marena and was an Ohio Penitentiary inmate until 1957.

Mocerri moved to Florida, then was a Warren resident for three years.

He was questioned in the Youngstown area murders of Trumbull County racket fig-

ure Mike Farah and the March, 1960, slayings of Youngstown racketeer Sandy Naples and his girlfriend.

Two months later, he was quizzed in the attempted killing of John "Stoneface" Romano.

Two weeks ago, Mocerri could not be located by State fire marshals armed with a

subpena for his questioning in the recent Stark auto-trunk slaying of land bomb expert D. Moio.

What will happen to now is anyone's guess while, he lives in North Twp., exhibiting on a keen ability as an barbecue chef.



THIS IS LEO MOCERI'S HIDDEN VALLEY HOME



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IN THE late 1940s, when the FBI was seeking him as a draft dodger and other police agencies pegged him as "the nation's most wanted trigger-man," Moceri under the name James Randa was helping run a gambling joint in Barberton.

So well guarded was his real identity that police agencies didn't learn until nearly two years after he left the County who "James Randa" really was.

That alias and Leonard Martin are only two of many which the 56-year-old Detroit native has used over the years.

HE WAS born Leonard Calaggiro Maceri, with the same spelling of the last name as his brother uses. He's also gone as George Bono, Leo Morris, John LeBlanc, Leo Randa and Leo Licavoli.

In Youngstown, where his picture and a dozen others hang under a detective bureau sign proclaiming them as "Suspected Mafia Members," he is also known as John Baker.

Moceri got into crime early. In 1924, when only 17, he was sentenced to 1 to 5 years for larceny in Lansing, Mich.

HE WAS known as a member of Detroit's notorious Purple Gang as well as the Licavoli gang, headed by Moceri relatives. He was questioned, but never convicted, in three Detroit gangland slayings and the attempted assassination of a police inspector there.

Moving to Toledo with the Licavoli gang, Moceri was one



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'Lips' Is Mum On Quiet

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By MARVIN KATZ

Leo Mocerì at 1:30 in the afternoon can look as fresh as if he just stepped out of a shower.

That's because Mocerì at 1:30 in the afternoon probably just has stepped out of his "morning" shower.

Ask the people who know him what he does for a living and you get either of two answers—a nervous "I don't know" or a flat "nothing."

Further questioning almost always leads to admission of knowledge that Mocerì is "in the rackets."

This is the picture of Mocerì, a quiet-

living Northampton Twp. resident, which was unveiled Wednesday as a Federal Grand Jury in Cleveland indicted him for failing to file income tax returns on \$34,697 in income for the years 1958 through 1961.

The indictment came from no ordinary Grand Jury, but the one which has been investigating racketeering in the Youngstown area. But "Lips" Mocerì needs no Grand Jury indictment to tell who he is. Though he has never been convicted of a gangland slaying, he has been questioned in more than a dozen and indicted in four.

Despite his outwardly quiet life today, law enforcement officials still tag him as a

"button man," "enforcer" or, n... rub-out artist.

His associations with men in the Akron, Youngstown and Cleveland areas tie him to the Cosa Nostra "family" in Northern Ohio which the U. S. Justice Dept. says

Three other Northern Ohio men indicted on tax charges. Page 2.

is headed by John T. Scalish of Cleveland. To his neighbors along Hidden Valley rd., Mocerì is Leonard Martin, the not-so-social person who lives in a stately English-style stone home in "the hole," the neighborhood name for the secluded valley which gives the road its name.

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The house at 577 Hidden Valley is screened from the road some 350 yards away by the contour of the land and heavy stands of trees. A winding drive cuts down the hillside and through a clearing in front of the house.

It may well be that Mocerì was at home Wednesday night. He was supposed to have dropped in at his favorite haunt, the Sicilian Club at 2346 Theiss rd., Northampton Twp., then was due at a clambake at Breathnach Country Club in Cuyahoga Falls.

Three men who are known to be his companions were waiting for him at Breathnach, but he never showed up. Nor did he

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LEO MOCERÌ
...faces tax charge

200 FT HIGH WALL OF WATER

'Lips' Is Tagged The 'Enforcer'

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counts of failure to file income tax returns. Federal agents said Mocerri's unreported income from 1958 through 1961 amounted to \$34,698.04.

Mocerri (in more than 30 years has been questioned in connection with more than a score of gangland killings. He has been indicted in four slayings, convicted in none.

Federal agents report Mocerri was a member of Detroit's Purple Gang, where, as a family relative, he was a close associate of the Licavolis — Pete (Horseface), Thomas, better known as Yonnie, and James.

WHEN THE LICAVOLIS moved their operations to Toledo, Mocerri moved with them.

A deadpan character who talks tersely through heavy lips, Mocerri was born in Detroit in 1907.

He was implicated in robberies and burglaries in the Detroit area. He was convicted of larceny in Jackson, Mich., in 1924 and received a one-to-five-year prison sentence.

DURING THE Licavoli reign in Toledo, Mocerri was one of 13 gang members indicted in the murders of two bootleggers, a speakeasy operator and a prohibition-era moll, Louise Bell, in a nine-month period ending July 7, 1932.

Seven men, including Yonnie Licavoli were given life sentences.

Mocerri disappeared until

1953. Then, with \$1,800 in his pocket and a new Cadillac on the street, he was caught by Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. agents in Los Angeles, Calif., sticking quarter slugs in a pay telephone. He was calling Las Vegas.

IN CUSTODY for this two-bit crime, he was returned to Toledo and, on Feb. 7, 1953, was arraigned in Lucas County Common Pleas Court on a charge of first-degree murder.

At that time Los Angeles Police Intelligence Division Capt. J. E. Hamilton noted that Mocerri was "the nation's most wanted trigger man."

Prosecution on the murder charges in Toledo was stymied. A key witness had died. Mocerri was allowed to plead guilty to extortion. He spent the next four years in Ohio Penitentiary.

FOLLOWING HIS release from the penitentiary in 1957, Mocerri and another former member of the Licavoli crowd, Ernest LaSalle, alias Ernest Fusco, settled in the Warren area.

Mocerri was questioned in the gunning down of Trumbull County racket kingpin Mike Farah.

And he was questioned in the Youngstown area in the March, 1960, murders of Sandy Naples and his girl friend, and the attempted slaying of John (Stoneface) Romano three months later.

"When you talk to Lips, you get a cordial reply as to his name and address plus an icy stare—nothing more," one police official said.

Slain Richards Left at Least \$1 Million

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buy the lodge. The price was quoted as \$1 million."

The motel is at 9197 Pearl

past few days.

Mrs. Wasko has admitted having an affair with Richards for the past year—and with the consent of her husband. This was confirmed by

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By J. C. DASCHBACH

Four men, listed by government agencies as racketeers of long standing in the Youngstown area, were indicted yesterday by the federal grand jury.

Two were charged with failure to file income tax returns, one with filing a false gambling tax stamp return and the four with giving false testimony before the grand jury.



Leo (Lips) Mocerri

'Lips' Known as 'Enforcer' of Mob Rule

By SAMUEL F. MARSHALL

A decade ago he was called "the nation's most wanted trigger man."

To police in several Ohio cities and federal authorities probing the racket world, he is known today as "an enforcer" of mob rule.

HE IS Caloggero Mocerri, alias Leo Mocerri, John Baker, Leonard Martin. To his underworld friends and his law enforcement foes he is known simply as "Lips."

He is Leonard Martin to his neighbors along Hidden Valley Drive in Northampton Township, just north of Cuyahoga Falls. He lives in a stately English-style stone home tucked away in a secluded forest a thousand feet off Hidden Valley Drive.

Agents of the Bureau of Internal Revenue pulled Mocerri into their net during a two-year investigation of rackets in Youngstown.

IN CLEVELAND yesterday, a federal grand jury indicted Mocerri on four

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Boy, 13, Killed as Classmate's Rifle Blasts

Lorain County Bureau NORTH RIDGEVILLE — A 13-year-old boy was accidentally shot and killed by a classmate yesterday while the boys were playing hooky.

Mickey Mathes, 13, son of Earl and Mrs. Earl Mathes, Road, was killed instantly when Billy Bruce was placed the rifle back in a gun rack at his home at 6292 New Boulevard. Both were students in the slow class at Wilcox in North Ridgeville. Billy skipped classes for

Mathes, son of Mr. Alvin Bruce, told Mickey placed a chamber while

erman Mauser, Billy was put in the gun rack. Mathes in and entered back. Mathes were shop oc-

Most notorious of the group is Leo Mocerri, formerly of Warren and now living near Cuyahoga Falls. He has a long criminal record. He is charged with failure to file returns on his income for 1958, 1959, 1960 and 1961. The government alleges his taxable income was \$8,962.10 in 1958; \$9,489.54 in 1959; \$6,496.35 in 1960, and \$9,750.05 in 1961.

PHILIP MAINER of Youngstown, at liberty under \$5,000 bail pending appeal of a burglary charge in Pennsylvania, is charged with failure to file returns on his income for 1960 and 1961. The government says his taxable income was \$2,598.74 in 1960 and \$5,594.86 in 1961.

Ronald Carabbia of Youngstown, long time operator in gambling specializing in pin ball machines, was charged with making a false statement June 30, 1960, in his federal gambling stamp return. The indictment says he reported he had only two employes while he had many more.

Both Carabbia and Mainer have been questioned by police and government agents in gangland murders.

CARABBIA AND TWO of his brothers were indicted by the federal grand jury in June on income tax charges.

Benjamin White, known as a bookmaker in Struthers, was charged with perjury in testifying before the grand jury. The indictment says he denied he ever had taken bets or had any other gambling operation. He has been arrested twice in Struthers on charges of operating a numbers racket.

U.S. Attorney Merle M. McCurdy said the indictments arose from the long investigation that has been under way by federal authorities in the Youngstown area.

"THIS IS A continuing investigation," McCurdy said. "There have been many witnesses before the grand jury. The investigation is by no means ended and we expect to place more cases before the grand jury later in the year."

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Two More Mental Experts Quit Ohio

By SANFORD WATZMAN Plain Dealer Bureau

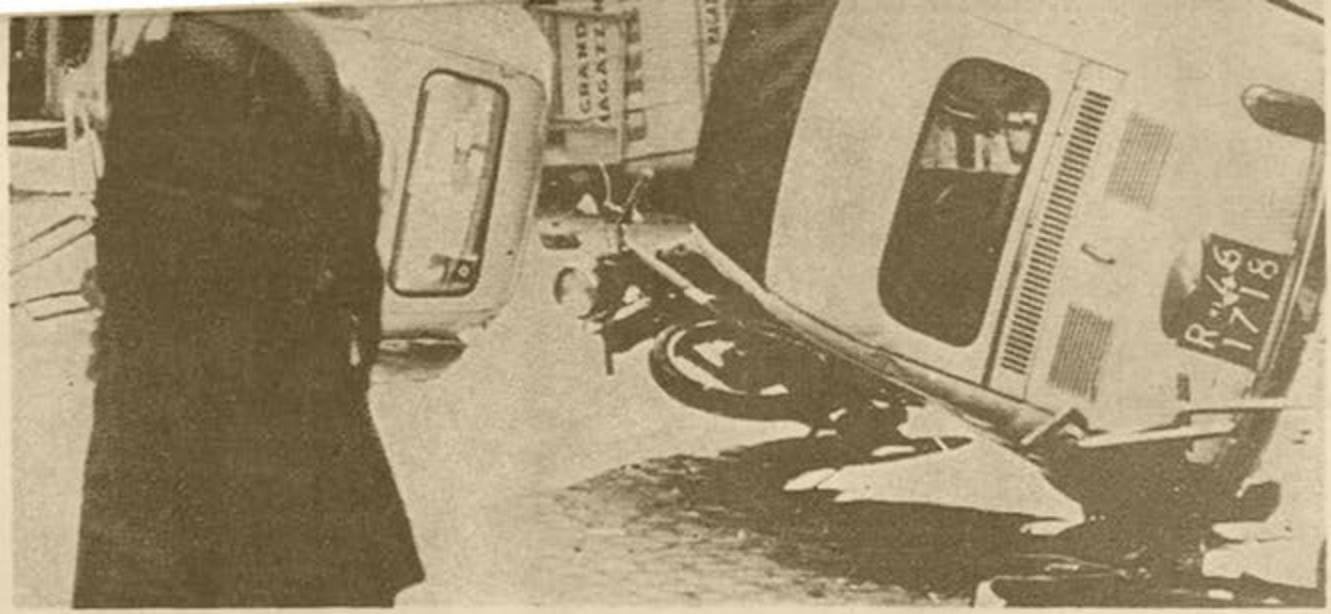
COLUMBUS—Two more high-ranking psychiatrists are joining the exodus of mental-health officials from Ohio.

Dr. Donald W. Martin, superintendent of Summit County Receiving Hospital in Cuyahoga Falls, will take charge of Pontiac State Hospital in Michigan.

Dr. Benjamin Kovitz, veteran clinical director of Columbus State Hospital, has accepted a post as chief of professional education at Patton State Hospital in California.

RESIGNATION of Dr. Edward N. Hinke, superintendent of Cleveland Psychiatric Institute, was disclosed last week in the Plain Dealer.

Dr. Hinke, an open critic of Gov. James A. Rhodes' economy program has been appointed assistant commissioner of mental health in



ROME—Overturned vehicles litter street during clash between police and striking building workers. Vehicles were overturned by the strikers. AP Wirephoto by Radio

U.S. Stores A-Arms on Canadian Bases

OTTAWA (P)—Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson told the House of Commons yesterday his government is letting the United States store nuclear warheads for American jet interceptors at two Canadian bases.

The announcement drew immediate fire from opposition leader John Diefenbaker, re-

awakening echoes of the stormy nuclear debate that prefaced the fall of his Conservative government last winter.

Pearson said the United States had obtained permission to store the warheads at Harmon Field, Nfld., and Goose Bay, Labrador. The agreement means that Canadian and American intercept-

tors stationed in Canada have access to the same type of defensive nuclear weapons.

The matter of nuclear arms for the U.S. interceptor squadrons at Harmon Field and Goose Bay had been left open in the Aug. 16 nuclear custody and control agreement signed by Canada and the United States.

Pearson said that "under the arrangement, operational use of these defensive weapons would be governed by operational plans of NORAD (North American Air Defense Command) approved by both governments."

Diefenbaker assailed the agreement as "so sketchy" that the House was denied an opportunity of knowing whether Canada's sovereignty is protected or whether Canada has been placed in a "subservient position."

T. C. Douglas, leader of the leftwing New Democrats, said the agreement forges another link in the "chain binding Canada to the United States as a military satellite."

He called for early debate in Commons on the nuclear agreements which, he said, "boxed" Canada more and more into a nuclear role.

In the Aug. 16 agreement, Canada and the United States agreed to equip Canadian forces with American nuclear warheads. Pearson said the United States would retain control over the warheads.

Onassis is aboard the yacht and has been keeping his associates in Athens informed about his whereabouts. But the Athenian associates said they did not know where the Christina was.

In Athens, U.S. embassy officials, who have been treating Mrs. Kennedy's visit as a private holiday that does not concern them, shook their heads when asked where the Christina was.

The lack of news touched off speculation that the vessel might be heading out of Greek waters, to Italy, or even Tangier, Morocco or Cairo.

The vacation party, besides Onassis, includes Mrs. Kennedy's sister, Princess Lee Radziwill.

Where's Jackie? It's a Mystery

LEVKAS ISLAND, Greece (P)—The whereabouts of the luxury yacht Christina, carrying Mrs. John F. Kennedy on a vacation cruise, became a mystery last night.

Authorities on various islands between Levkas and Crete, where Mrs. Kennedy spent Tuesday, said they had not sighted the vessel.

Rainstorms and heavy seas plagued the Greek islands during the day. It was possible the Christina — a converted Canadian corvette — had put in to one of the smaller islands to wait out the storm.

THE 400-MILE voyage from Crete to Levkas should take about 24 hours on the yacht, which Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis has put at Mrs. Kennedy's disposal.

Italian Slide Brings Flood

BELLUNO, Italy (P) — A mountain landslide crashed into the Vaiont dam reservoir north of here during the night and sent a great flood onto communities in the Piave River valley, police reported today.

First reports said some communities were submerged and it was a major disaster.

Longarone, a community of 2,000 people close to the dam, was reported by police here to have been completely submerged.

The Italian news agency ANSA said first reports were that at least several scores of

Rome Police, Pickets Fight; 160 Injured

ROME (P) — Thousands of striking building workers and hundreds of police fought for an hour in downtown Rome yesterday, turning the Piazza Venezia area into a battlefield of tear gas, smashed vehicles and wounded persons.

The number of injured was put at more than 160, including police and demonstrators. Three truckloads of strikers were taken into custody.

Tourists and Rome's evening rush hour traffic were caught unaware as the rioting erupted and surged around the foot of the Piazza's great white marble monument to Italy's Unknown Soldier.

STRIKERS RIPPED up paving stones and hurled them at police charging into the crowds on trucks. Frightened shopkeepers clanged down their metal window shades. Tear gas and high-powered jets of water from fire trucks were turned on the strikers.

Three public transport buses were wrecked and at least 10 cars were overturned. One car was set afire. Sirens screamed as police and fire units fought their way through the dense traffic to get to the scene.

The exact number of injured was not known.

COMMUNIST AND non-Communist unions had summoned 70,000 Rome building trades workers to strike for

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French Bombers Packing A-Punch

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PARIS—France yesterday joined the United States, the Soviet Union and Britain as a military atomic power.

The first elements of the French nuclear striking force, a symbol of France's independence of the Western alliance, are now operational, qualified sources disclosed.

What was described as "the concrete beginning" of French nuclear power consists of an undisclosed number of Mirage IV supersonic bombers armed with 40-kiloton plutonium atomic bombs.

Allied military consensus is that France now has six Mirage IV bombers in service. Each of the 40-kiloton bombs is twice as powerful as the atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima by the U. S. in 1945. A kiloton represents 1,000 tons of TNT.

The French striking force is President de Gaulle's

dependence of the United States and his credit card for political leadership in Europe.

It may only have been coincidence, but the existence of the force's first element was disclosed when the government had learned that the Washington administration remained hostile to French claims to independence within the Atlantic Alliance.

Enough of the new weapons evidently are available to allow France to rely on atomic bombers as the key to her de-