

# CUBAN LOTTERY RING INDICTED BY GRAND JURY

Detroit—(AP)—U. S. District Attorney J. C. Lehr disclosed today that 63 residents of the United States, Cuba and Panama had been indicted as conspirators in an international lottery operation described by postal authorities as one of the largest and most extensive in the United States.

## Accuse 16 of Mail Fraud

A federal grand jury returned the indictment June 1, based on the operations of the Republica De Cuba hospital funds lottery. Lehr said that District Judge Ernest A. O'Brien had ordered it suppressed to facilitate the arrest of the defendants, which was scheduled for today.

A companion indictment accused 16 persons of mail fraud, likewise in connection with the Cuban lottery. Postal Inspector Ernest J. Mansfield of Jacksonville, Fla., who conducted a two-year investigation of the ring's operations, described the lottery, which originated in Havana, Cuba, as itself a fraud. Mansfield said tickets were sold with the representation that \$650,000 would be paid in prizes, whereas in fact only \$22,500 was distributed to winners.

Lehr said the syndicate "combined efficient business and racketeering methods in the nation-wide operation of lotteries, baseball pools and policy games." They provided printing shops for the manufacture of lottery tickets and maintained an office force of more than 90 employees.

He said 45 lotteries, including the Republica De Cuba hospital funds lottery, were conducted by the ring, either under a name assumed by the defendants or in the name of an established organization. Tickets were distributed to all parts of the country through the mails and by railway express, the indictment charged.

Lehr described as leaders in the domestic operations Park Mullinix of Skillman, N. J.; Loyal T. Sprague and Tyler Sprague, both of Peoria, Ill.; Louis Levenstein of Newark, N. J.; Charles Weinberg of Westfield, N. J.; Harry Friefeldt, of Nahant, Mass.; William Dennison, Leigh Lawrence and Louis A. Patalano, all of New York City.

Also named in both indictments were Jose Luis Abalo y Cuza, Ernesto Ganivet y Horruttiner and Marcos Diaz, of Havana, Cuba, and Alberto De Obarrío of Panama.

## Circumvented Instructions

Lehr said Abalo held the concession for the operation of the Republica De Cuba hospital lottery, and that it was given him with specific instructions from the Cuban government that no lottery tickets were to be shipped or mailed to the United States. The ring circumvented these instructions by printing 3,600,000 "lottery voucher tickets" for circulation in the United States, the district attorney added.

Mansfield, who conducted the government's two-year investigation with the aid of Postal Inspector Tennyson Jefferson of Boston, estimated the conspiracy "take" in recent years at \$1,000,000 a year.

# WLB Orders Men Hired to Break Strike

Fall River, Mass.—(AP)—For the first time since the United States entered the war, the federal government today obtained new employees to take the jobs of men on strike in a privately-owned industry.

Hiring of replacements was called for yesterday by the national war labor board when 125 employees of the Arkwright corporation textile mill declined to end a strike that started eight days ago over demands for wage increases aggregating \$81.81 a week.

William F. Clark, manager of the Fall River office of the U. S. employment service, which was asked by the WLB to supply the replacements, said early today that so far he had obtained six loom fixers and two "changers."

On strike are 27 "changers," seeking a \$2.03 a week wage increase, and, in sympathy, 98 loom fixers, who have made no wage demands. All are affiliated with an independent union.

The plant employs about 1,280 workers, most of whom were left idle when the strike halted the production line.

In the face of the WLB action, George H. Bradbury, chairman of a committee representing the strikers, said today that they "are 100 per cent American and do not want to stop war production, but they must protect their rights and freedom as American citizens."

## Plainfield

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Houden and baby of Milwaukee were Sunday and Monday guests of her mother, Mrs. Agnes Oestrich.



MAN RESCUED FROM STREET "FLOOD"—In this dramatic scene, five men rescue Frank Lawson (third from right), after a downtown water main break and sidewalk cave-in threw him into eight feet of water, in Seattle, Wash.

# Corporal Phil Dittman, in Australia, Writes Parents About Pacific Crossing

Censorship doesn't let the soldier tell anything definite in the heading of his letter to his family at home, but if Cpl. Phil Dittman couldn't be explicit, he could be poetic and realistic when he wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Dittman, while aboard a troop transport in the Pacific.

"Between the sky and the deep blue water—three miles from Davey Jones's locker. May 9, 1942." That is the way young Corporal Phil put it.

Brother Bill With Him He's now somewhere in Australia, a postscript added to the letter tells, with the regular army unit which started from Wisconsin Rapids in October, 1940, as a National Guard battery. One of his soldier mates is his brother, Corporal Bill.

His interesting letter of life aboard a transport was recently received by his father and mother who live at 611 Tenth avenue south.

To Corporal Phil's amazement, he suffered not a whit from sea sickness, and he offers this bit of advice for other members of the armed forces who may go on one of Uncle Sam's sea cruises: "They say achow sound never gets that way, and that is just what I am, super de luxe."

Have Fine Accommodations Phil and five others shared a cabin on the long journey, and apparently enjoyed "pretty lucky" accommodations since "we had a shower, bath and wash room besides two closets for our clothing."

Life was unusual, if somewhat cramped and dull, on the ship headed for Australia. Every day, the ship's private newspaper kept the men informed of events throughout the world, and one of the competitive sports was attempting to break the life boat drill record.

Phil had much to write of the beauty of the Pacific, calm and blue, and gray and stormy by turns. A revealing sidelight he describes thus:

Storm Provokes Prayers "Here is a little incident that will give you an idea how bad the storm was the other night. One of the fellows in the same cabin I'm in said that during the night when the boat was pitching and rolling so violently, he prayed for the first time in 16 years. Amazing what the sea will do to a man!"

The Corporals Dittman are both former Wisconsin Rapids Tribune carrier boys.

Amman of Wausau to Milwaukee where they visited relatives Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Ray Indermuehle and Mrs. A. Fischer were Thursday visitors in the Leon Trickey home in Almond.

Mrs. Roy Scanlan and daughter Shirley and Merlin Tunks visited Mrs. Edith Barnes at Mazomanie Sunday bringing the latter's daughter Lois home with them for a few days visit.

Harvey Polzin attended Grand Lodge in Milwaukee Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Rumble, son Donald and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Fischer and children were Stevens Point visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Waterman accompanied their son Carl and wife and the latter's mother Mrs. R. S. Rogers of Lone Pine to Milwaukee where they visited Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Klubertanz and other relatives. They were accompanied

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# CHINESE ADMIT JAP GAINS IN KIANGSI DRIVE

Chungking—(AP)—The Chinese high command announced tonight a further Japanese advance in east Kiangsi province, but indicated that the Chinese were exacting a heavy toll from the Japanese columns striving to close a pincers on the Chekiang-Kiangsi railway.

Abandon Kwangfeng A communique said the Chinese abandoned Kwangfeng, 25 miles within Kiangsi, on Sunday after an all-night battle in which the Japanese, thrusting westward along the railway, suffered more than 1,000 casualties.

An army spokesman admitted that the gap between this invading column and another driving eastward through Kiangsi had been reduced to 80 miles.

(The Japanese said their columns were only 60 miles apart.) The communique said the Chinese had seized the initiative in the Nancheng region, some 40 miles south of the railway, and were storming the city, which the Japanese captured a few days ago.

Urges Pacific Offensive A government spokesman urged today that the immediate launching of a major Pacific offensive be given at least equal consideration with possible drives in other war theaters.

If the united nations "continue to be complacent" toward Japan, he warned, she may become "the most difficult of the axis powers to defeat."

The spokesman prefaced his appeal by asserting that Japan's successes could be explained by what he called the false impression that she was the weakest link in the axis chain.

3 Jap Objectives The spokesman enumerated three objectives of Japanese drives in China:

- 1. To eliminate remaining united nations bases which might be used to attack Japan;
- 2. To seize strategic points for attacking the united nations;
- 3. To consolidate dominated areas and develop their resources.

## MOON SUPERSTITIONS

In the Middle East, exposure to the rays of the moon is said to cause nightmare as well as headaches, and in the Far East a morning "thickhead" is added to these symptoms. In Burma, there is a belief that when the insane suffer from mental storms these correspond to the phases of the moon.

## TWO-WAY FLOW

Water, falling on a ridge in Rocky Mountain National Park may flow southward into Hell Canyon, or northward into Paradise Park.

The oxfords were the pair he had on when he abandoned ship on the Lexington, the U. S. aircraft carrier sunk in the battle of the Coral sea.

The shoes—and John—were soaked in salt water for 45 minutes. Drew is home on a short leave.

Columbus, O.—(AP)—When a stiff finger caused his rejection as a naval aviation cadet, 22-year-old Richard Guy Vaughn spent \$15 to have the digit amputated.

Then Vaughn was re-examined and now he's been enlisted for navy flight instruction.

When Vaughn, who has 85 hours of flying to his credit, applied for a navy cadetship, the third finger on his left hand—injured in boyhood—remained extended when he tried to "make a fist." Medical examiners thought that the obstinate finger might cause Vaughn to jam a control in some "tight spot."

Rejected, Vaughn took a gamble and had a physician amputate.

## Flashes of Life

Baltimore—(AP)—A Negro fielder in an impromptu baseball game couldn't find the ball when it landed in some bushes, but he found something else, and tossed it to another player.

It landed on its blunt end as the other player sidestepped.

The players took the object to the police station. It was a two-and-a-half pound bomb stamped by the U. S. army ordnance as containing T. N. T.

Police began an investigation to determine how the solitary bomb had come to be lying there by some railroad tracks, and told two gulping ball players the bomb was very much lethal "and it was plain lucky it landed on its tail instead of its nose."

Philadelphia—(AP)—A 600-pound pig broke up an afternoon tea at the estate of socially prominent Mrs. Thomas G. Ashton.

It drove the guests to cover, wrecked glasses, consumed cakes and scones, and finished its meal from a bed of petunias.

Patrolman Philip Minnis captured it after a chase through Mrs. Ashton's gardens.

Milwaukee—(AP)—Ensign John Drew's dull-looking shoes seemed to detract from his otherwise natty appearance, but neither John nor his family cared one whit today.

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## Wants Million a Day

Mr. Roosevelt was reported to have suggested that the pending tax bill be divided into two parts, with all efforts being directed first to final congressional action on excise levies that would produce at least \$1,000,000 a day.

This would provide immediate additional revenue. Taxes to be collected next year could be acted on later.

Should that plan be followed, congress would be under less pressure to act hurriedly on the more difficult questions of individual and corporate tax rates. Secretary Morgenthau presented a \$7,600,000,000 tax program to congress last March 3 but the first action in the house probably will not come before the middle of next month.

Randolph Paul, tax adviser to Secretary Morgenthau, yesterday formally requested a \$25,000 flat limitation on individual incomes after federal income taxes were paid.

President Roosevelt first broached the idea in a message to congress April 27.

Proposes 100% Supertax Paul proposed a flat 100 per cent supertax on individual incomes above \$25,000 after payment of taxes, and on married couples' incomes above \$50,000.

He estimated that about 11,000 single persons and married couples would be affected by the proposed limitations, which would produce about \$184,000,000.

by Virginia Waterman from Oshkosh.

Sgt. Charles Stebnitz of Luke Field, Phoenix, Ariz., and Miss Lois Dayliss of Normal, Ill., came Monday evening for a visit with the former's parents. Charles is enjoying a 15-day furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin and sons of Duluth, Minn., came Saturday bringing Mrs. Olin's mother, Mrs. C. H. Pratt home after she had spent some time with another daughter. The former returned home leaving his wife and sons here with her mother for a two week's stay.

Mr. and Mrs. John Coates of Marshfield and Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith were Merrimac visitors Sunday.

James Chase and son Jack and daughter of Oshkosh and Mrs. Knoble and sons of Atlanta, Ga., were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Chase.

# Propose Parity Compromise to End Farm Bill Deadlock

Washington—(AP)—A compromise that would permit farmers to obtain full parity loans on major crops and still allow the government to sell surplus wheat at a lower price was reported under White House consideration today.

The proposal was said to have been advanced by some members of a joint conference committee, striving to break a senate-house deadlock on major features of the annual farm bill.

Chief element of the controversy has been a senate amendment authorizing the government to sell up to 125,000,000 bushels of wheat for livestock feeding purposes at about \$3 cents a bushel instead of the full parity price of \$1.34 a bushel.

Senators Bankhead (D-Ala.) and Russell (D-Ga.) already have pending a bill requiring mandatory government loans up to full parity on major crops and some members said it was possible an agreement could be reached to include such a provision in the appropriations bill, retaining the senate-approved authority for the government to sell wheat at the \$3 cent level.

## Sunset Valley

Mrs. Bob Bader of Chicago is spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Ironside. On her return to Chicago Mrs. Bader expects to move to St. Louis, Mo., to join her husband who is in camp there.

Mrs. Ed Uher, daughter Marguerite and son Melvin were business visitors at Wisconsin Rapids Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson Gustafson of Wausau who has spent the past week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jadaek returned to her home on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Engstrand and son Carl were Friday shoppers at Wisconsin Rapids.

# New Miner

Delores Smart of the New Miner school, Francis Zerby of the Old Miner school, Edward Hresil, Daniel McLellan and John Winker of the Lake school passed the eighth grade and received their diplomas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Neffeneagar of Plainfield were Monday visitors at the George Mayhew home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Westerbach of Chicago are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Balk of Chicago are spending a week here visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Haverberg and mother of Milwaukee spent the week-end visiting here at the I. A. Haverberg home.

Chester Korzenowski of Chicago is visiting friends here.

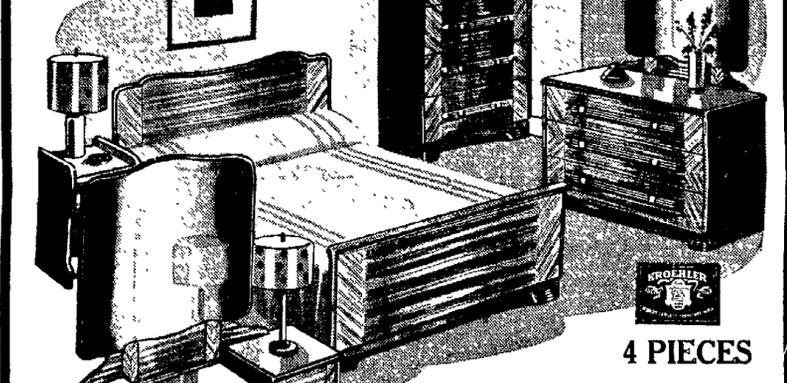
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