

Police Smash Gambling Ring, Nab 11 In Raids

Eleven men and a woman, including a Livonia printing shop owner, have been arrested in a series of raids throughout Wayne County which broke a \$25,000 a week gambling operation centered mainly in Detroit. The Livonian, Richard Masserang, 35, of 30805 Blazon, was charged with printing illegal football pool cards for the ring, according to Livonia Police Vice Squad Sgt. Lee Grive. Of the others arrested, nine were from Detroit, one from Allen Park and another from Lincoln Park. The raids were under the direction of Detroit Police Lt. Robert Bullock of the Racket Conspiracy Squad.

Mrs. John T. Johnson, 36-year-old Pontiac woman found dead in a fire which swept her Pontiac home and took firemen two hours to bring under control, had been brutally murdered, an autopsy has revealed. A post-mortem examination of the charred body revealed a metal coat hanger twisted around her neck, and a fractured skull. An investigation at the fire scene uncovered traces of kerosene spread about the room where her body was found by firemen who said the fire was deliberately set in an attempt to hide the slaying.

The strike deadline for settlement of the Chrysler Corp. salaried workers' contract has been extended to midnight Sunday to allow UAW President Walter Reuther to attend the funeral of his father, Valentine Reuther, in Wheeling, W. Va. Negotiations involve 8,000 white-collar employees and follow ratification by the 95,000 Chrysler production and skilled tradesmen of a new three-year contract.

Petitions are being circulated for the recall of six of the seven members of the Lincoln Board of Education. The seventh board member, Walter E. Gibson, and Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Corliss have been identified as leaders of the recall movement. The latter was launched after resignations of six school staff members, and the six board members named on recall petitions are accused of failing to support the school administration and hindering progress in the school district.

State Rep. Leonard S. Walton, arrested Nov. 14 for drunk driving, has been accused by Thomas Gozinski, President of the Redford Police Officers Association, of bringing undue pressure from dignitaries to have the charges against him dropped. When arrested, the 38-year-old 18th District Democrat, refused to take the new breathalyzer test now used in such cases and was "belligerent," according to Gozinski. He said a representative of the Detroit Police Officers Association tried to pressure arresting officer, Patrolman

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Richard Blazo, into dropping the charge against Walton, Redford Township Police Chief Edwin Gleza said the state legislator would be treated "just like everyone else." Under the "implied consent" law passed by the last session of the State Legislature and which provides for the breathalyzer test, Walton's refusal to take the test will result in the revoking of his license by the Secretary of State's office. No date for Walton's hearing has been set in Redford Township Justice Court.

The Detroit Edison Company has 74 customer business offices located in various local communities throughout southeastern Michigan.

Nor is there a Free Press which ceased publication Friday the day after Teamsters Local 372 closed the Detroit News. The reciprocal strike defense pact of the two dailies left Detroit without a newspaper and stirred memories of the 1964 dispute which lasted 134 days.

Chrysler employees have ratified a new three-year contract providing production workers a 20-cent hourly increase and skilled tradesmen 50 cents. Another 6 per cent boost will follow over the last two years of the agreement which is similar to that gained at Ford after a 50-day strike earlier this year. GM now becomes the next UAW target.

Dearborn Democrat Alex Pilch, of the State House of Representatives, has demanded that Gov. Romney quit his job as governor should he win the GOP presidential nomination. Pilch indicated he would sponsor legislation on the matter when the special session of the Legislature reconvenes early in December.

Democratic National Chairman John Bailey: "Since he has been on both sides of every issue, I suggest Gov. Romney start his campaign with a series of debates with himself so both he and the public will have some idea of where he stands."

The governor came out about even on the GOP scorecard following his Detroit announcement for the presidential nomination. Rockefeller called him a "moderate, able, winning candidate in 1968" and Nixon cited him as "an effective and energetic campaigner." Percy waxed enthusiastically and described him the "most outstanding governor in Michigan history." On the other side, Reagan said it was too soon for him to back Romney or anyone else, and Mayor Lindsay admitted he and other New York GOP leaders will be backing Sen. Jacob Javits.

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