

PROBE OF JERSEY LIQUOR RING MAY LEAD TO FOREIGN AGENCIES

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of \$5,000 each will be asked, except in the case of Joseph Levin, who, it is thought, recently jumped bail in Philadelphia in connection with the operation of a still. Bail of \$25,000 will be asked in his case. Levin was arrested in the raid at 25 West Forty-third Street, the ring's headquarters.

Five men arrested in those sections of the raid which were in the jurisdiction of the Southern New York district were arraigned today before U. S. Commissioner Garrett W. Cotter.

Samuel Krivett, who was arrested at the nominal headquarters of the syndicate on 43d Street just west of Fifth Avenue, was held in \$5,000 bail for a hearing November 15 on a charge of violating the Jones Law.

The same disposition was made in the cases of Philip Braver, his brother, Max Braver, and Max Gold, all of whom were arrested in a Bronx garage which, the government charges, was used as a "drop-off" place for liquor.

In the case of Joseph Levin, who, the government believes, may be wanted for bail-jumping in Philadelphia, Mr. Watts asked that bail be set at \$15,000. Disposition was held up, however, pending the arrival of an agent from Philadelphia. Levin was represented by Edward Silver who, until a few weeks ago, was an Assistant U. S. Attorney in Mr. Tuttle's office.

(United Press)

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—The Federal government started today on the trial of banking institutions which, authorities believe, supported a \$1,000,000 rum ring organized like a gigantic business corporation.

Assistant United States Attorney Robert B. Watts revealed today that the liquor syndicate—smashed by a veritable army of raiders along the Jersey and New York coasts last night—not only maintained fleets, trucks, garages, an arsenal and a secret radio system, but also had financial backing from at least two prominent Jersey banking institutions.

The Government agents also were working on a theory that other banks, probably in New York City, helped finance a liquor smuggling business, stupendous in its ramifications. The bank trail was taken up this morning after Government agents had pried into a wealth of damaging documents seized in yesterday's series of dramatic raids. These raids culminated in a swoop upon a veritable fortress at Atlantic Highlands, N. J., from which a secret radio directed movements of rum-laden craft upon the Atlantic and in Long Island Sound.

While investigators followed the bank trail, Government craft searched Long Island Sound for a mysterious rum ship to which fake code orders to dock had been sent by the raiders after they took control of the Atlantic Highlands fortress and seized its unlicensed radio set.

Director to Give Up

indicted seven men for violation of the Radio Act of 1927.

Those Indicted

Those indicted in the conspiracy charge, all of whom have not been apprehended, are:

Herman Bender, James Murphy, Malcolm Masters, John McLeod, William Hannon, Joseph Levin, Michael Levin, Michael Krock, Samuel Cohen, Patrick Connors, Buck Marson, Mill Marson, Frank Mason, William O'Brien, Louis Luke, John A. Delmont, Al Lillien, William Lillien, Harold Lindauer, Andrew Richards, Ralph Bitter, James Brown, James Flynn, Thomas Ross, Sr., Thomas Ross, Jr., Louis Caruso, Fred Blank (fictitious) H. J. Thiele, Daniel McInery, Thomas Collandiera, John Collandiera, also known as "Two-Gun Johnny"; Vito Collandiera.

Those named in the radio indictment include: James Murphy, Malcolm MacMasters, Al Lillien, William Lillien, Ralph Bitter, Andrew Richards and Harold Lindauer.

The William O'Brien named in the indictments was believed by Federal agents of Newark to have been wounded in a gun fight between customs guards and rum runners in the mouth of Raritan River last Monday. The agents reported to Calhoun that they believed the man was in Perth Amboy Hospital under the name of "Bishop."

Police of Perth Amboy said they had no record of the wounded man.

The New Jersey rum sector was believed extremely quiet after the surprise offensive which climaxed five months of secret preparation.

With Trenton as the headquarters of operation the dry operatives armed with warrants issued by United States District Attorney Forman and Chief Deputy Marshal Snowden, 25 deputy marshals, 30 Federal agents and 10 State troopers started from the post office building here yesterday afternoon at 4:30, the zero hour.

Nineteen places in this State and 12 others scattered in New York City, Brooklyn and Long Island, extending from Atlantic City, N. J. to Montauk, L. I. were raided.

Sixteen of the 34 arrested were brought to Trenton last night and early this morning. They were taken into custody by U. S. District Attorney Forman and U. S. Deputy Marshal Snowden, who kept an all-night vigil at the Federal Building. The prisoners were locked up in the Mercer County Jail for the night.

Many other arrests are expected today, according to District Attorney Forman and Chief Deputy Snowden.

Morris Sweetwood and Mannie Kessler, originally termed by the authorities as the real "big shots" in the rum racket were taken in the raids and brought to Trenton, and locked up with the others. No indictments had been returned against them, however, but they were taken as witnesses. Both were released today on their own recognizance and agreement to appear when wanted.

Forman said that agents and other raiders made their start from Trenton so as to arrive at their destinations at

RUM PURCHASERS' STATUS IN DOUBT

Attorney General Won't Pass
On Question—Leaves
Issue to Courts

(Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—Attorney General Mitchell said today a determination of the liability to arrest of the purchaser of bootleg liquor could be obtained only through the arrest and conviction for actual purchase and then the carrying of the case to the Supreme Court.

He expressed belief that no pending case would provide a proper test and that, since the recently discussed Philadelphia case, in which the Circuit Court of Appeals held the buyer not liable, was based upon conspiracy to violate the law through buying, it did not constitute a thorough test. Carrying the case through the various courts to the highest tribunal, he pointed out, would take many months.

Mitchell refused to express an opinion on the question. He said he has turned the request of Senator Sheppard, Democrat, Texas, for an inquiry to determine the purchaser's liability, over to the prohibition division for investigation.

Signal Corps Tests Led To Rum Radio Discovery

The unlicensed radio broadcasting station, alleged by Federal dry authorities to have been used by bootleggers arrested yesterday in the raids conducted at Atlantic Highlands and other parts of the State and New York, was first discovered by the U. S. Signal Corps at Fort Monmouth, according to information received today.

This broadcasting outfit was located about two miles back in the hills from the "mansion or arsenal," alleged to have been maintained as a headquarters at the highlands by the bootleg ring.

The tip on its location was given by the members of the corps to the Federal Radio Commissioner, who in turn notified the Federal dry authorities of his suspicions. This led to the investigation, it was stated.

The signal corps was testing out a new portable radio set when it is said to have picked up the "strange code."