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EXPOSE CAPONE PALS AS 'REDHUNT' BACKERS

Curtain goes up, Chicago sees stage through iron bars

By Bob Lucas

There's a police drag-net out for William Shakespeare. In fact, Chicago's cops are hot on the trail of any playwright who puts realism into drama.

Recent additions to the rogue's gallery created by Chicago's nightstick censors include Joshua Logan, author of "Mr. Roberts"; Tennessee Williams, "Streetcar Named Desire"; and Alfred Hitchcock, "Rope."

Now on the long list of Public Enemies of the theater is "Respectful Prostitute," recently banned from Chicago's Rialto. This play, about a lady of easy virtue who is the only person in a southern town to defend a Negro prisoner, had a long and successful run in New York City.

High priest of Chicago's corncob culture is Police Commissioner John C. Prendergast. He decides what thousands of Chicago movie and theater-goers may or may not see. His ruling is final; there is no appeal.

The movie "Mom and Dad,"

an educational film dealing with the "facts of life," offended the oracle's sense of good taste. As a result, mature Chicagoans who might have considered the film informative and worth seeing were denied the right to decide for themselves.

BOARD APPOINTED

The Censor Board, composed of five women and one man, is headed by Police Capt. Harry Folmer. Nine investigators do the board's "leg work," watching new films and plays to make sure that all cuts ordered have been made. The board members and investigators are appointees.

Should a naughty word or situation not listed in the bulky

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By Bernie Asbel

Illinois' "little Mundt-Nixon Bill" is the product of the same hands in the state legislature that two years ago saved the life of organized gangsterism in Chicago.

An investigation just completed by *The Illinois Standard* reveals that a group of legislators, linked with Capone mobsters, who last session blocked five bills proposed by the Chicago Crime Commission, are ring-leaders behind the proposed witchhunt raid to jimmy open the minds of progressives and tie the gag on free expression.

Specially active as a member of the Illinois Seditious Activities Commission, which already has garnered a formidable record of intimidating school teachers and smearing textbooks, is Senator Roland V. Libonati.

Virgil W. Peterson, director of the Chicago Crime Commission, offers this comment on Illinois' pocket size edition of J. Parnell Thomas:

"In the Senate, Roland V. Libonati, from the 20th Ward, was a key opponent to all Crime Commission bills. During the height of the Capone regime in Chicago during the early 1930s, the Chicago press featured pictures of Senator Libonati attending a public function in the company of Al Capone, 'Machine Gun' Jack McGurn, and bodyguards."

Sen. Paul W. Broyles, chairman of the seditious activities commission, which will sponsor the proposed red hunt, credits most of the spade work for the bills to Sen. Libonati's brother, Elliodor, who is American Legion Americanism chairman for Illinois.

Stated to plunk hard along with Sen. Libonati for passage of the Broyles-Libonati bills are the following distinguished patriots:

SEN. LAWRENCE E. DOWD, who the Crime Commission describes as "a lawyer who specialized in the defense of gambling cases in Racket Court in Chicago. In 1947 he represented almost 500 defendants charged with gambling violations."

REP. JAMES J. ADDUCI, who was, according to the crime commission, "arrested by police in 1933 with William Bioff (convicted in the \$1 million movie industry extortion case) and . . . a pal of Capone mobster 'Dago' Lawrence Mangano."

REP. ANDREW A. EUZZINO, who in the recent grand jury investigation of the parole of four Capone mobsters, was called as a witness to identify the handwriting of Tony Accardo, syndicate boss.

REPS. PETER C. GRANATA and JOHN D'ARCO, who along with Euzzino are from the old "Bloody Twentieth" Ward.

Granata and D'Arco were dubbed by the Crime Commission as "key men from this locality who led the fight against the proposed legislation" which would merely have given powers to Cook County grand juries investigating crime equal to those allowed by other counties in the state. At present, county grand juries expire after only one month which prevents panels from developing full-scale investigations of crime.

Witchhunt payoff

Will the proposed Broyles-Libonati witchhunt eliminate "un-Americanism" from among Illinois teachers? If the red hering runs true to form it will be more successful in eliminating a few teachers—this way:

This week in New York Mrs. Minnie Gutride, a first grade teacher, turned on the gas jets in her home after two days of frantic worry following an inquiry by school officials into her private politics.

Mrs. Rose V. Russell, of the CIO Teachers Union, charged that the suicide victim had been questioned "in a threatening manner." She further charged

that although Mrs. Gutride was told anything she said might be used against her, she was denied legal advice.

Mrs. Russell made public a letter written by Mrs. Gutride to the superintendent of schools immediately after the questioning.

In the letter, Mrs. Gutride said the incident was "shocking," and that the questioning took place in a "terrifying atmosphere." She said she was not told why she was being questioned.

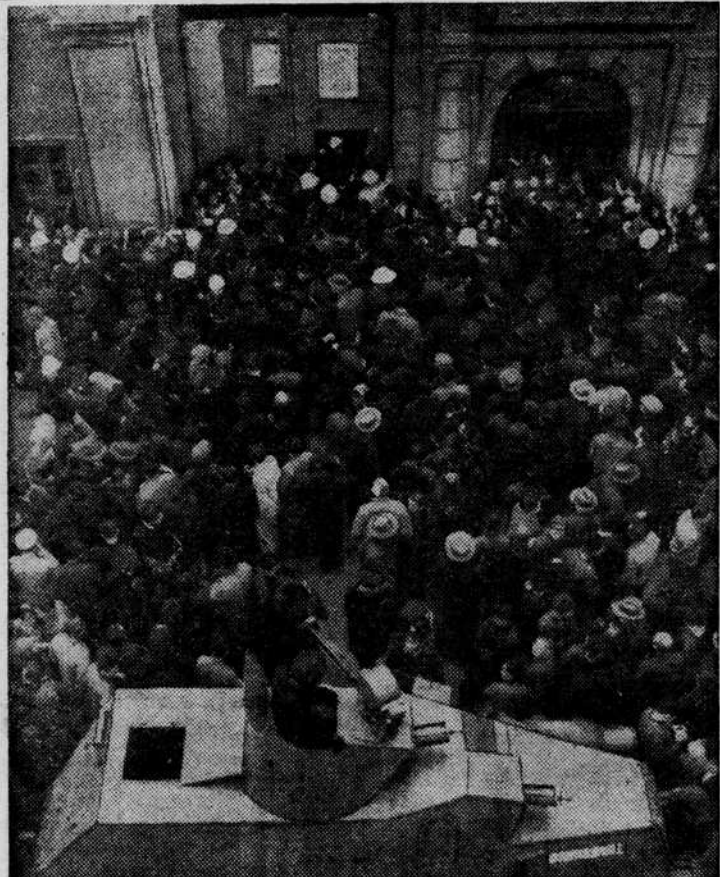
Mrs. Russell said the questioning was about "alleged Communist meetings supposed to have been held in 1940 or 1941."

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Here are the bills

Highlights of the Broyles-Libonati bills to be introduced this month are:

- 1 Dismissal of school teachers accused of "indoctrinating" students with subversive ideas.
- 2 Outlawing the Communist Party, "Red-front" organizations and any other groups named "subversive" by the attorney general.
- 3 Barring from public office and from election any persons affiliated with Communist and "subversive" groups.
- 4 Making it a criminal offense, punishable by a sentence of two to ten years in prison, to take an oath of allegiance to a "foreign totalitarian sovereignty."
- 5 Making it mandatory for all state and municipal employees to take an oath that they are not members of any "subversive" political party or organization.
- 6 Making it a criminal offense to "slander" political, religious or fraternal groups, through "rabble rousing" speeches and thus "inciting to riot."



WITH CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S dictatorship expected to fall momentarily, some 200,000 civilians storm government banks to exchange inflated currency for gold bullion or silver dollars. Hundreds injured and at least seven killed as police, supported by armored cars, try to disperse crowd.