Vice Squad Head Now Investigating '5th Columners'

Maj: Ernest W. Brown, superintendent of police, last night said Lieut. Earl P. Hartman, chief of a squad investigating possible subversive activities here, would act as liaison officer between the local police and the Department of Justice.

Brown's statement came after the announcement that he had transferred, the work of probing "fifth column" complaints from the public relations squad to the special investigations (vice and gambling) squads.

Transfer of the work, the police chief said, was done to relieve the public relations unit of overwork. That squad, which is headed by Lieut. Horace Lineberg, handles all missing persons and the personal histories of police characters, Brown said, and the additional work proved a burden.