

# 'Crime-Buster' Olney in Washington

At their conference in New York, President-elect Eisenhower and Attorney-General-designate Brownell lately charted a vigorous, determined course of action for restoring the prestige and the good name of the United States Department of Justice.

That organization—whose very title demands that it be above reproach—had suffered heavily in the public esteem following the revelations of last spring. The matter came to a climax when the then Attorney-General, J. Howard McGrath, summarily discharged Newbold Morris as special investigator, only to be relieved of his own (resigned) office by President Truman—all on the same day.

The situation thus brought to public attention had cast the spotlight upon some particularly unsavory aspects of "the mess in Washington." The Eisenhower Administration stands pledged—alike by the party platform and the Presidential candidate's campaign speeches—to clean up that mess promptly and completely.

As intelligent, unbiased citizens are convinced—suspecting the presence behind all that smoke—considerable cleaning remains to be done. The well-publicized "clean-up" campaign by outgoing Attorney-General McGranery does not carry much conviction.

To direct the veritable housecleaning which will begin on January 20, General Eisenhower has chosen an experienced, highly successful "crime-buster"—Warren Olney III of California.

Mr. Olney—formerly a law professor at the University of California—earned his national reputation as a "bad man's nemesis" after Governor Warren had drafted him to be chairman of his special crime commission in 1947. In that post Mr. Olney unearthed a multi-million-dollar State-wide gambling syndicate that, linked with national overlords, had operated bookie activities and slot machines. He also discovered "business tie-

ups between Federal tax officials and tax-evading gangland figures."

Besides, Mr. Olney had nipped in the bud the gamblers' scheme to retrieve lost ground after bookies and slot machines had been smashed.

Called to head the United States Department of Justice's criminal division, Mr. Olney "could do no less than accept so stirring a challenge with enthusiasm." Fortunately for his anti-gangland campaign on a nationwide scale, he will have at his command the experience and fact-finding machinery of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

There is one Government agency which has come through the scandals with a clean slate.

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