

### Housecleaning In Justice

Because the administration of the Department of Justice has been so much in the spotlight, General Eisenhower's selection of three Assistant Attorneys General warrants special attention. The choices reflect a deft balance. They are calculated to please the various Republican groups and at the same time to bring competent legal brains to the department. Warren Olney 3d, who will head the Criminal Division, is close to Governor Warren of California. Warren E. Burger of St. Paul, who will take over the Claims Division, was the 1949 director of the Stassen-for-President drive. J. Lee Rankin, who will be in charge of the Executive Adjudications Division, managed the Dewey campaign in Nebraska in 1948. All three have reputations as excellent lawyers.

It is on the Criminal Division that the most interest will center. Mr. Olney appears to be a man of exceptional qualifications for this job. As chief counsel of the California Crime Commission, and as a former State assistant attorney general in charge of the criminal division, he has been in close touch with organized crime. During the hearings of the Kefauver Committee he cooperated by giving the committee the benefit of California's experience. Not only does he understand the problem, he also is known as a man of courage with a regard for facts.

What this may mean is that the Department of Justice for once will be on top of the organized crime situation instead of merely a bystander. Such aggressiveness as the department has shown toward the crime rings in the last year or so has resulted largely from the lead taken by the Kefauver Committee and

the various State crime commissions. An alert Department of Justice can supply an important stimulus to continued crackdowns by using the powers of the Federal Government to help the States combat interstate crime. At least there should be no repetition of the attitude of former Attorney General McGrath, who, just prior to the Kefauver investigation, gave the impression that he didn't know of any extensive organized interstate crime.

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