

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following story was gathered and compiled by Stutes-Item staffers Ed Lepoma, Ray Lincoln, Lanny Thomas and Bill Rai-

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The prosecution laid the foundation for its pinball bribery case against

owners and employes as witnesses. pinball figures with a succession of bar District Atty. Jim Garrison and two

Court jury they paid off winners on gambling type pinball machines in their establishments. from prosecution stemming from their testimony—had told the U.S. District lunch, 10 of them-all given immunity By the time the trial recessed for

machine distributors John Aruns ON TRIAL with Garison are coin

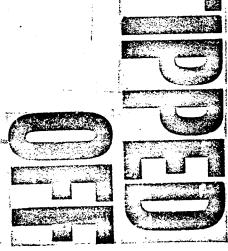
Alphonse "Curley" Gagliano, who said he has operated bars in New Orleans Callery and Robert Nims. for the past 20 years. He testified at the start of the third day of the trial before Judge Herbert W. Christenberry and a jury of nine men and three women. The first bar owner to testify

said the warnings came from employe of a firm that owned pinball machine in his bars. He said they would put out Gagliano, who operates Curley Lounge Corner at 500 Carondelet St

leans Novelty and those at two other bars by Lucky Coin Co., now REN the word that "the heat was on." Enterprises Inc., headed by Nims. Carondelet were owned by New Orbarrooms there were two Bally-type pinball machines. He said those at 500 Gagliano said that in each of his

off on games won by pinball players in his bars. He said the cash payments were made by him and by his em-GAGLIANO TESTIFIED that he paid

profit was \$7,000 to \$8,000 a year, firms the profits from the pinball ma-chines and estimated his share of the He said he shared with the machine



Nims or anyone with Lucky Coin?" you ever received a warning Gallinghouse asked Gagliano, "Haye "No," replied Gagliano.

named Jimmy? Q. Were you warned by a man

A. Yes. He would tell me don't pay

off. The heat is out. Q. Did anyone warn you from New

and said, 'Be careful. The heat's out.'"
Gagliano said he has been arrested
"maybe half a dozen times". in the Orleans Novelty Co? the things were a little hot. He called Novelty employe) let me know when A. Vincent Anzelmo (a New Orleans

past 20 years for pinball payoffs.

LOUIS LACOUR, a Nins attorney,

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asked Gagliano under cross examination if Nims ever encouraged him to make payoffs. "No," said Gagliano.

Other barroom owners and employes who testified fo rthe government were:

-Emile Rufin, part-owner of Ye Olde College Inn, 3016 S. Carrollton, who said he has had two to five pinball machines in his business and that the machines were owned by New Orleans Novelty.

He said he and his employes frequently paid customers for accumulated games at the rate of 5 cents for each game cashed in. He said his payoff averaged \$30 to \$40 a week and his weekly profits \$75 to \$100. Under cross-examination he said his liquor license once was suspended for three days, but he believes it was before Garrison took office.

-Lloyd English Jr., a partner in Mandich Restaurant and Bar, who said he had one to three Bally machines in his business for "as long as I can re-

member," until 1971.

He said he paid off customers familiar to him. He said he split the profits with New Orleans Novelty down the middle and averaged \$100 to \$200 in

weekly profits.

-R. E. Hutcheson, a bartender at 620 Iberville, who said he made frequent payoffs on pinball machines but never to strangers. "If you don't know them, they could take you for a ride," he said.

Upon cross-examination he said he was asked if he took these precautions because he didn't want to be arrested. "No, I was scared," he replied. He said he was never told he wouldn't be arrested for making cash payoffs.

-Frank Macagoni, operator of the Oriignal Brown Derby, Louisiana and Freret, who said "someone" would call him from time to time aind warn him to be careful whom he paid off for

pinball games.

—John Bordes Sr., owner of a Metairie Road barroom, who said he worked as a collector for New Orleans Novelty for 30 years. He said he would go to 60 or 70 locations each week, check the money in the coin machines, and divide the profits. He said he collected \$100 to \$1,000 or more a day, depending on the number of machines he checked and the locations.

During cross-examination of Bordes, Garrison attorney Louis Merhige attempted to establish that gambling was a way of life for most New Orleanians, but Christenberry cut off that

line of questioning.

—Clay Roberts, operator of a bar at 3100 Calhoun St., who said as many as four machines owned by New Orleans Novelty were in his bar between 1948 and 1971. He said he made payoffs in cash and merchandise. He said he received "quite a few" telephone calls from Harby Marks, a defendant whose case has been severed, telling him to "be careful, the police were out."

—Thomas Magsino, operator of Brothers' Lounge, 6208 Elysian Fields Ave., who said he had as many as three machines owned by TAC Amusement in his bar and that he made cash payoffs. He said a bartender was arrested in 1970 and legal fees were paid by TAC Amusement.

-Bertrand Kiern, owner of Liuzza's Restaurant and Bar, 3636 Bienville Ave., who testified he "always" made cash payoffs on machines owned by TAC. He said he was arrested once, in

1961 or 1962.

-Sam Maggio, owner of two bars in which he said he had machines owned by TAC-and New Orleans Novelty. He said employes of the two companies sometimes would warn him to be careful. He said those instructions meant "that police were out checking the machines."

Garrison, Callery and Boasberg were among 10 persons indicted in the case on a charge of conspiracy to obstruct law enforcement by giving and taking bribes to protect illegal pinball ma-

chine gambling.

Three persons have pleaded guilty and four were granted separate trials. The guilty pleas were entered by former police Capt. Frederick A. Soule Sr. and pinball figures John Elms Jr. and Louis M. Boasberg. Former police Sgt. Robert N. Frey and pinball figures Lawrence A. Lagarde, John Elmo Pierce and Marks had their cases severed.