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still missing



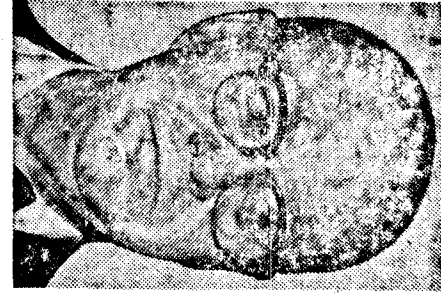
OTTO KEENER . . .  
under indictment



ARTHUR BIDWILL  
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THEODORE J. ISAACS  
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JOSEPH E. KNIGHT . . .  
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WILLIAM S. MILLER . . .  
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Getting more than the vote?

Official misconduct rife in state

BY TOM WATTS

**SIDNEY HILLMAN, a politician of some dexterity, said it: "Politics is the science of how who gets what, when, and why."**

In Illinois, of late, that science seems to have evolved into a fine art and the definition shortened to simply: "Where's mine?"

With judges, a former governor, a state's attorney, state senators and representatives, and a suburban mayor all involved in alleged goings at the public trough, a bemused taxpayer is entitled to wonder whether we're getting a poorer class of public servants or a better class of questionable characters in public office.

There exists, too, the corollary possibility that maybe we've just developed a heightened awareness of "who gets what," thanks to prying newsmen and increasingly nosy citizens' groups ready and willing to blow the whistle when pocket-lining gets outrageously ostentatious.

Chicago, Cook County, and Illinois have no patent on profiteering in politics, certainly, but they've never had to apologize for the quality of their practitioners.

Yet a quick roundup of merely the most prominent cases involving politicians in the state does seem to indicate we've got a disproportionate number, even for this vicinity.

While many of the charges against high office-holders remain to be proved in court, there have been convictions and so many investigations that even the Illinois General Assembly, of all reluctant governing bodies, finally passed ethics-in-government legislation.

**WITH NO ATTEMPT to pass judgment and no claim to**

have covered all the bases, here's a list of current and choice cases involving public figures:

● Judge Otto Kerner of the United States Court of Appeals and former governor of Illinois is awaiting trial in Knoxville, Tenn., on charges including bribery, mail fraud, tax evasion, perjury, and conspiracy stemming from the state race track stock scandals.

Indicted with Kerner by a federal grand jury are Theodore Isaacs, former state director of revenue; William S. Miller, former chairman of the Illinois Racing Board; Joseph E. Knight, former director of state financial institutions, and Faith McInhart, Miller's former secretary.

● State's Atty. Edward V. Hanrahan is seeking a second term in office while awaiting trial with 13 other law enforcement officers for conspiracy to obstruct justice arising from a 1969 raid in which two Black Panther Party leaders, Mark Clark and Fred Hampton, were slain.

● The absentee ballot used in the 1968 primary election, one of Hanrahan's opponents in the primary election, of the ballot because many of the names on his nominating petitions allegedly were falsified.

● State Sen. Arthur Bidwill Jr., River Forest, has been under investigation regarding huge profits on race track stock he and members of his family secretly held. The stock was acquired at bargain rates while Bidwill was Senate majority leader.

● State Sen. Bernard S. Neishein (D., Chicago), a close friend of Bidwill, has been accused of concealing ownership of lucrative race track stocks and of neglecting to mention those holdings in a "statement of economic interests" re-

quired by state law. He, too, is believed to be a person of interest to federal probers.

● State Rep. Bernard J. O'Hallaren (D., Chicago), who "double dips" as an assistant Chicago corporation counsel, has admitted he failed to file federal income tax returns for three years. He has confessed to "procrastination."

● State Rep. Harold Washington (D., Chicago), is to be sentenced March 10 on conviction of failing to file federal income tax returns for 1964, 1965, 1967, and 1969. He says he plans to run for re-election in November anyway.

● Further down on the political ladder, former Calumet City Mayor Joseph W. Nowak last week began serving a three-year stretch in Sandstone, (Minn.) Federal Prison for embezzlement while in office. He says he was the mayor of the suburb while unsuccessfully appealing his case.

● Stanley Thoms, former Alsip police chief, will be arraigned Thursday on bribery and ticket fixing indictments returned by a county grand jury. He was convicted of official misconduct last Friday, still faces trial on charges of burglary and conspiracy.

And then there's the case of Chicago Alderman Fred Hubbard (2d), missing for months after disappearing with funds from a federal project he headed and still the object of an international search. Officially, he's still an incumbent alderman, the City Council having been even slower than usual to act and declare his seat vacant.

The list of how who got what could be longer still. The reason why has baffled psychiatrists, theologians, political scientists, and honest politicians, as well as plain citizens, for years.



RAYMOND K. BERG . . .  
petition falsified?



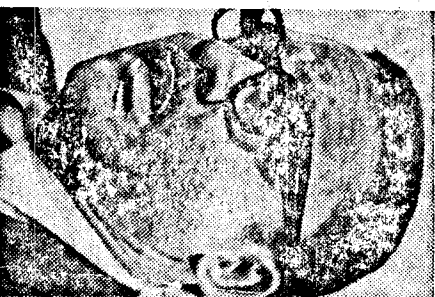
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HAROLD WASHINGTON . . .  
cheated IRS



EDWARD V. HANRAHAN . . .  
indicted for conspiracy

# Sure you want a 'Top 10' license plate?

IF YOU THINK it might be great to have one of those prestigious first-10 Illinois license plates, maybe you had better think again!

Three out of the "Top 10" license-plate holders have been connected with official misconduct. One is facing trial for race track stock hanky-panky, one is being investigated by federal tax agents, and the third was an associate of a former secretary of state, the late Paul [Shoeborn] Powell.

And a fourth is the wife of a former governor once deeply involved in state scandals.

Judge Otto Kerner of the United States Appeals Court here holds auto license plate No. 2 [Gov. Ogilvie's wife has No. 1]. A former governor, Kerner is under indictment for alleged race track stock deals, as are a handful of other politicians and former state officials.

Illinois' No. 5 license plate belongs to State Sen. Arthur

Bidwell [R., River Forest], whose enormous profits in secretly-held track stock have attracted the interest of federal tax agents, among others.

No. 6 belongs to Mrs. Marge Hensey, Powell's former executive secretary, who was involved in the colorful politician's tangled financial affairs.

And license plate No. 7 is issued to Mrs. Shirley Stratton, wife of former governor William G. Stratton, who finally won acquittal on charges of failing to pay income taxes.