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TO : H. H. CLEGG

DATE: September 11, 1953

FROM : *Attorney General's Speeches*

SUBJECT: ADDRESS BY THE HONORABLE WARREN  
OLNEY III, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY  
GENERAL  
IACP CONVENTION *waited to DC*

President CYRILLE LEBLANC of the IACP introduced Chief of Police JOHN HOLSTROM, Berkeley, California, as a close friend of the next speaker and asked Mr. HOLSTROM to introduce Mr. OLNEY. Mr. HOLSTROM in introducing Mr. OLNEY pointed out that Mr. OLNEY had been in some phase of law enforcement for the past 25 years.

Mr. OLNEY opened his remarks with the statement that there have been many studies of crime problems, many of these studies placed the blame for the crime situations entirely on the shoulders of the police. He stated this is very unjust since in addition to the detection of crime, which is the job of the police, that we must also have appropriate action on the part of the prosecuting officials and on the part of the judiciary. He pointed out that lawyers and judges are as much responsible as the police agencies for current crime problems in the United States. He stated that it is the job of the bar association, the judges and of the police to restore and maintain public confidence in law enforcement. He pointed out that we must meet organized crime, that the people are aware that there is organized crime and are aroused because of it.

To combat organized crime he stated that in his opinion we should have "organized law enforcement against organized crime" and in this way there is no problem that cannot be solved if we are all working together.

He advocated as the first step toward organized law enforcement the full use of cooperation between all law enforcement agencies on all levels. He pointed out that he could speak for the present Attorney General, Mr. BROWNELL, that the latter does not believe in a national police force or in extending federal legislation as the cure-all for all crime problems. Mr. OLNEY then stated that there appeared to be three principal fields in which the federal Department of Justice and its law enforcement agencies could be of assistance in combating organized crime. He listed these as follows:

First, keeping the channels of interstate commerce free of rackets and racketeers. He specifically mentioned the success of the enforcement of the Interstate Transportation of Gambling Devices statute, but pointed out that local legislative bodies, state and municipal, would have to follow up the federal enforcement of the transportation statute by making it illegal to

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manufacture or use gambling devices locally. He also stated that the Department is presently advocating the passage, they hope at the next session of Congress, of a statute to prohibit the interstate transportation of gambling information and on this point he emphatically solicited the recommendations and advice of the members of the Association and of all local law enforcement agencies as to just how far federal legislation should go in this regard.

He mentioned as the second field in which the federal government could be of help as the field of denaturalization and deportation. He stated that it was the view of the Department of Justice that hoodlums and racketeers who are aliens or naturalized citizens should not be permitted to avail themselves of the opportunities of this country in plying their illegal trade, but that every means should be brought to bear to see that they are, if naturalized, deprived of their privilege of citizenship and thereafter, along with alien hoodlums and racketeers, deported.

The third general field in which he felt that the federal government is currently being of assistance is the field of taxation. He stated that while he was not normally in favor of seeking a rather indirect means towards enforcing criminal laws, nevertheless it cannot be denied that if the profit were taken out of crime the criminals would disappear and that Internal Revenue laws are currently being pursued vigorously and new legislation has been provided.

He pointed out that the Attorney General of the United States has announced that he will try to get disallowed all expenses claimed as deductions where the expenses were in connection with illegal business enterprises.

He pointed out that another development of interest was that the American Bar Association is now showing great interest in its membership and in the field of criminal law. He said that they think that their major problem is in the proper administration of criminal justice, including police work, prosecutive action and proper judicial handling of cases.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Mr. OLNEY be complimented by the Director on his presentation of the Department's viewpoint relative to crime problems, particularly his placing proper emphasis on the responsibility of the police agencies, the prosecuting agencies and the judiciary.

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