

NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM

FBI Arrests 6 Here On Gambling Counts

A cross-country blow against what the FBI declared is a network of illegal interstate gambling activities has resulted in the arrests of six men in the New Orleans area.

The FBI announced here late yesterday that 15 suspects in the alleged gaming operations were picked up at New Orleans, Buffalo, N. Y., and Cleveland, Ohio.

JUSTICE Department spokesmen identified the men taken into custody here as:

Frank V. Timphony, 3233 Ursuline ave.

Vincent Timphony, 3264 Belfort.

Anthony Glorioso, 301 Norton ave., Arabi.

Joseph Mandala, 401 Norton ave., Arabi.

Victor Joubert, 1327 Esplanade ave.

Dudley Geigerman Jr., 1327 Esplanade ave.

Timphony was one of three men named in a Life magazine article last year as the "bosses of horse and sports betting operations" in the New Orleans area.

The Life expose of organized crime, which kicked off a state investigation ordered by Gov. John J. McKeithen, said Timphony used a public telephone in a luxury New Orleans motor hotel to operate a betting handbook.

The same article said Orleans Parish Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison "claimed never to have heard of Timphony," adding:

"When the reporters pressed the point, Garrison put through a call in their presence to his former chief investigator, Pershing O. Gervais, whom promptly assured him that Timphony was and still is one of the biggest bookies in New Orleans."

FILES indicate that Frank Timphony was among two men convicted here April 14, 1956, for obstructing officers making a raid in the French Quarter.

A Frank Timphony of 3233 Ursuline was among five men arrested April 27, 1960 by federal agents in St. Bernard Parish and charged with operating a handbook:

Anthony P. Glorioso of Esplanade and Galvez was one of eight men indicted by a federal grand jury here June 27, 1961, charged with conspiring to conceal evidence of a widespread gaming operation.

At the time, the Internal Revenue Service said the crackdown broke up the biggest national gambling conspiracy "in many years."

Yesterday's arrests here resulted from a "Task Force" investigation of illegal horse betting and other gaming operations in the New Orleans area.

THE ARRESTS and raids were directed by Owen A. Neff, special prosecutor for the organized crime and racketeering section of the U.S. Justice Dept.

The six suspects picked up here were arraigned before U.S. Commissioner Fritz H. Windhorst on charges that they conspired to violate federal

gaming statutes by transmitting wagers on horse races and other sports events between Buffalo, Cleveland and New Orleans.

Neff said the conspiracy occurred between Jan. 23 and

Feb. 28. Neff added that Buffalo was the focal point of the illegal gambling activities.

In the Buffalo area, agents nabbed Joseph Victor Vizzi and Richard Raymond.

FEDERAL officers said raids in Cleveland netted suspects identified as Aaron H. Goldstein, Oscar H. Schwartz, Hyman H. Goldberg, Henry A. Abrams, Ralph Fain, Sam L. Firsten and Joseph Cohen.

An affidavit filed with the U.S. Commissioner said an informant in Buffalo provided information that Vizzi and Raymond were conducting a betting "layoff" operation from pay telephones there and at Niagara Falls.