

Seattle City Clerk's Office

Comptroller File

148090

148090

INVESTIGATION

By

CITY COUNCIL

of

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

JULY 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17 - 1935

SEP 9 1935

ON FILE

\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*

Volume 1  
Pages 1 to 358

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8 INVESTIGATION

9 By

10 CITY COUNCIL

11 of

12 SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

13  
14 JULY 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17 - 1935  
15  
16  
17

18 \*\*\*\*\*  
19 \*\*\*\*\*  
20 \*\*  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25

26 Volume 1  
27 Pages 1 to 358  
28  
29  
30

I N D E X  
W I T N E S S E S

<u>Name</u>	<u>Page</u>
Anshus, Officer Charles	299
Baldwin, Julius L.	143
Bailey, Officer Carl	491
Bakenhus, Officer H. D.	582
Beach, Robert W.	181
Black, Officer C. W.	310
Bolen, Officer J. W.	503
Bushaw, Officer Gordon	432
Cameron, Officer O. L.	422
Chaffee, Sergeant Arthur L.	86
Chestnut, Arthur R.	322
Crawford, Mrs. Minnie	282
Clark, Officer James B.	591
Collins, Officer C. B.	495
Collyer, Officer R. O.	479
Davis, Officer Jos. H.	365
Devin, Wm. F.	201
Duyungla, Virgil S.	603
Failing, Officer Clarence E.	499
Feek, Sergeant Arthur	395
Feek, T. G.	671
Fuqua, Sergeant Frank C.	656
Garrett, James H.	239
Graham, Sergeant L. H.	618
Griffin, Sergeant E. C.	559
Green, Officer Floyd I. I.	314
Haley, James Joseph	363
Hamley, Frederick C.	163
Haag, Capt. J. J.	634
Hanson, Officer R. E.	587
Hampson, Floyd Franklin	211
Heslop, Foster A.	376
Hiltner, Dr. Walter G.	134
Hull, Bradford M.	126

## INDEX WITNESSES CONTINUED:

James, Officer R. A.	474
Johnson, Officer A. A.	363
Kemper, Officer C. L.	531
Kessler, Officer C. W.	508
Kimsey, Officer H. D.	519
King, Mrs. D. N.	265
Kirtley, Chief of Police	4 - 69 - 224
	274 - 277
	289 - 685
Langlie, Arthur B.	256
Lavine, Olin H.	427
Lockwood, David J.	154
Luce, Officer C. F.	444
McLennan, Sergeant Hugh C.	389
McWade, R. C.	371
Miles, Frank F.	343
Newton, Officer R. F.	535
Norton, Capt. L. S.	352
Oakes, Officer Earl B.	387
O'Dell, Officer S.H.	368
Parker, George	610
Parks, Earl R.	325
Pendergast, Officer W. L.	483
Powell, Mildred T.	149
Prince, Sergeant Jos. E.	629
Resch, John	246 - 270
	280
Rix, Officer C. E.	516
Robbins, Officer F. O.	292
Rohlf, Marcus	187
Sands, Officer B. A.	431 - 436
Smith, Officer James W.	549
Steen, Wm. H.	331
Stewart, Donald D.	231
Stewart, Mrs. D. D.	599
Thomas, Officer W. J.	358
Thompson, Officer Jas. F.	511
Thompson, Officer R. R.	290
Tuynell, Officer W. H.	466

## INDEX WITNESSES CONTINUED:

Vernon, Officer Guy C.	469
Walsh, Officer C. E.	488
Warford, Officer Victor F.	451
Warner, Wm. F.	594
White, J. H.	243
Wilson, Officer J. C.	461
Wilson, Officer R. N.	384

I N D E X  
E X H I B I T S

<u>Number</u>		<u>Page</u>
Exhibit #1	Record by Seattle Police Department of number of Arrests from January 1, 1935 to July 1, 1935	15
Exhibit #2	Record by Seattle Police Department of number of Arrests from June 1, 1933 to June 1, 1935 (by years)	17
Exhibit #3	Copy of a Newspaper - "North End Review" dated "Seattle, Washington, June 14, 1935."	39
Exhibit #4	Patrol Report of the 1st Patrol from Police Signal Stations by the Department of Police, of the City of Seattle.	77
Exhibit #5	Patrol Report of the 2nd Patrol from Police Signal Stations by the Department of Police, of the City of Seattle, (2 sheets)	77
Exhibit #6	Patrol Report of the 3rd Patrol from Police Signal Stations by the Department of Police, of the City of Seattle, (2 sheets)	77
Exhibit #7	Boundaries for the 2nd Patrol of the various Districts patrolled by Prowler Cars dated July 10, 1935	77
Exhibit #8	Boundaries for the 1st Patrol of various Districts patrolled by Prowler Cars, and Boundaries for the Sergeants of Districts #1, #2 and #3	78

## INDEX EXHIBITS CONTINUED

<u>Number</u>		<u>Page</u>
Exhibit #9	List of names, addresses, license numbers and dates of Expiration of Nurses, Bath and Massage Operators	280
Exhibit #9-A	Sixteen (16) Chinese lottery tickets	169
Exhibit #10	Business card of "RUBENAK'S"	180
Exhibit #11	Three (3) Chinese lottery tickets	183
Exhibit #12	Eighteen (18) lottery tickets	
Exhibit #13	Communication from "CANNERY WORKERS' and FARM LABORERS' UNION" "LOCAL No. 18257" dated July 11, 1935	609
Exhibit #14	One (1) Chinese lottery ticket	611
Exhibit #15	Seven (7) Chinese lottery tickets	612
Exhibit #16	Descriptive list of various parcels of land and names of reputed owners (7 sheets)	679

1 Wednesday July 10, 1935

2 10 O'clock A. M.

3  
4 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: The committee will please come to  
5 order. Mr. Harlin is out of town, I understand, and the  
6 reporter will make note of who are present.

7  
8 PRESENT: COUNCILMEN

9 Frederick C. Hamley  
10 David E. Lockwood  
11 Arthur B. Langlie  
12 Mrs. F. F. Powell  
13 Frank J. Laube

14 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: The only matter on the calendar  
15 this morning, the thing we are spending our time on, is  
16 this petition of the Council of Churches and Clean City  
17 League calling for an investigation, and the resolution  
18 of the City Council authorizing an investigation of the  
19 charges that they made.

20 I think I will read first the petition of the Council  
21 of Churches and Clean City League which really started the  
22 investigation. This petition is dated July 1st, 1935:

23 "WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Council of  
24 Churches and Christian Education recently passed a reso-  
25 lution, which was sent to the Mayor requesting action in  
26 correcting the vice conditions in the city, (a copy of  
27 which is attached herewith together with his answer) and

28 "WHEREAS, no improvement has been made in conditions  
29 referred to

30 "THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Executive Committee  
of the Council of Churches and Christian Education, and

2

1 the Executive Committee of the Clean City League in joint  
2 session; That we petition the City Council to undertake a  
3 thorough investigation in regard to the vice, gambling and  
4 other law breaking and graft conditions in the present City  
5 administration."

6 To this petition is attached their original resolution  
7 of June 3rd, I believe it is, which was addressed to the  
8 Mayor. I will read that.

9 "WHEREAS, Mayor Charles L. Smith has now completed one  
10 year of his term in office; and

11 "WHEREAS, As a candidate he sought the support of the  
12 church element in order to secure his election, and ob-  
13 tained it on his very definite, oft-repeated and apparently  
14 serious and sincere promises to give the city a ~~clean~~ ad-  
15 ministration free from the open vice conditions, liquor  
16 law violations, gambling and police graft which he charged  
17 then existed; and

18 "WHEREAS, Open solicitation by prostitutes has con-  
19 tinued during the whole of his administration except a  
20 short time under a former chief of police and is now car-  
21 ried on in an aggravated degree; and

22 "WHEREAS, Open and flagrant Chinese lotteries and other  
23 forms of commercialized gambling are flourishing; with the  
24 consent and protection of the police administration; and

25 "WHEREAS, the liquor laws have been openly violated,  
26 with practically no attempt on the part of the administra-  
27 tion to curb such violations; and

28 "WHEREAS, it is commonly charged and is also an almost  
29 unavoidable inference that police graft is flourishing on  
30 a scale not condoned by the administration so roundly con-

1 demned by Candidate Smith; and

2 "WHEREAS, the church people and the decency-loving  
3 people of Seattle, having accepted his promises in electing  
4 him, are entitled to have all these conditions corrected;  
5 and

6 "WHEREAS, delegations from this council and others have  
7 repeatedly during the past year called these matters to the  
8 Mayor's attention and requested their correction and he has  
9 ignored them;

10 "THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee  
11 of the Seattle Council of Churches condemns the foregoing  
12 conditions and demands that Mayor Smith forthwith correct  
13 them by the strict enforcement of the vice, gambling and  
14 liquor laws.

15 "Dated and voted at Seattle, Washington, June 3, 1935."

16 There was also attached to this petition the answer of  
17 the Mayor to this resolution.

18 "June 5, 1935

19 Miss Gertrude L. Apel  
20 Secretary Seattle Council of Churches  
21 314 Marion Building  
22 Seattle, Washington

23 Dear Miss Apel:

24 I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 4  
25 and enclosed resolution.

26 For the information of the Committee the resolution has  
27 been called to the attention of the Chief of Police,

28 Sincerely yours,

29 (signed) Charles L. Smith  
30 Mayor

CLS: L"

1 Now, if it is the desire of the committee, I think the  
2 proper course to pursue would be to call first the Chief of  
3 Police, and obtain from him an authentic statement as to the  
4 conditions as they exist, and so on. Is that the desire of  
5 the committee?

6 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: I so move, Mr. Chairman.

7 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: I second the motion.

8 (The motion being duly carried, Chairman Hamley  
9 calls Chief of Police Kirtley to the stand.)

10 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: It is the will of the committee,  
11 I understand, that all witnesses be sworn under oath?

12 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Yes.

13  
14  
15 CHIEF OF POLICE W. B. KIRTLEY,  
16 being first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

17  
18 DIRECT EXAMINATION

19 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

20 Q Will you state your full name, please?

21 A W. B. Kirtley.

22 Q And you are Chief of Police of the City of Seattle?

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q Now, Chief, you heard the petition which I have just  
25 read of the Council of Churches and the Clean City  
26 League calling for an investigation, and also the  
27 resolution of the Council of Churches addressed to the  
28 Mayor stating that conditions in regard to gambling,  
29 vice and liquor violations, and so on, were very bad,  
30 and calling upon him to correct them. I think if you will

1 state in your own words what you believe the true con-  
2 ditions with regard to these are, whether bad or not,  
3 and whether or not everything reasonable is being done  
4 to take care of them --

5 A Well, of course, I have this barometer here to go by,  
6 numbers of arrests. I also have another excuse, or  
7 possibly it will be termed an excuse, lack of men. But  
8 nevertheless, so far as the gambling conditions are  
9 concerned, -- we will go into the gambling first; we  
10 might as well go into it one at a time.

11 Q Yes.

12 A The gambling conditions at the present time, I believe,  
13 are at a minimum, despite many reports to the contrary.

14 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: When you say "present time,"  
15 do you mean at this moment, or over a period of the last  
16 month or so?

17 THE WITNESS: No, sir; no -- we -- if it is permis-  
18 sible to the committee, we will dwell from January 1st  
19 to date. Is that --

20 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Yes, that would be a good period.

21 A You asked for some statistics from January 1st to date.  
22 We could go back the entire year if you want to, but you  
23 have asked for that from January 1st to date.

24 Q I think that would be sufficient.

25 A Yes, sir.

26 Q Your last annual report would cover generally the situ-  
27 ation before that, would it not?

28 A Yes, sir. We will have a report here that you can com-  
29 pare, the first year, if you want to a little bit. But  
30 taking it all in all, the gambling situation here I do

1 not think is alarming. There have been no specific  
2 complaints here by anyone, with the exception of pos-  
3 sibly confidential letters by some of the leading citi-  
4 zens or members of this league, telling me what someone  
5 else had told them. Whether the investigation of these  
6 conditions is true or not, I don't know.

7 Q Was any effort made to check up on such matters?

8 A Yes, sir. The special detail has made efforts at all  
9 times, and arrests have been made in many of these  
10 places. We have many things to deal with in the special  
11 detail. We have slot machines. That was quite a prob-  
12 lem for a while for us. I believe the slot machine  
13 situation is -- there isn't any slot machine situation  
14 at the present time.

15 However, there seems to be an idea among some of  
16 the organizations of this sort to class the pin-ball  
17 machine, the marble machine, with the slot machine; but  
18 I believe that that is gradually being cleared up. Of  
19 course, we know the marble machine is licensed by the  
20 Council, and our trouble there is it sometimes turns  
21 itself into a gambling device where money is paid, or  
22 trade checks are paid out, and merchandise is exchanged.

23 Then we have a number of Chinese in this city that  
24 are selling lottery tickets. There is no question they  
25 are selling lottery tickets. I don't believe that they  
26 will ever be stopped entirely. I don't believe, after  
27 investigation, that these places are open, wide open and  
28 in flagrant violation as charged in the resolution.

29 These police officers of course -- you gentlemen  
30 know that we have a problem here in our budget, and we  
want to help you with that. Of course, we don't want you to

1 take any more away from us, but then, if you do, why,  
2 we can't help that.

3 Then we have been confronted here with strikes and  
4 industrial disputes practically the entire time that I  
5 have been in this office. The first two months I was  
6 alone there, inspector and acting chief of police.  
7 And then we were almost immediately confronted with  
8 this tanker strike. We had a garment workers' strike.  
9 That has been temporarily in a lull now. Then we had  
10 this timber workers' strike, the Northwest Brewery  
11 strike. And it has been very difficult to maintain  
12 peace in the city in these disputes.

13 Some think that we haven't done very well with  
14 that. In fact, I was bitterly charged here last night  
15 in this garment workers' strike by a man that didn't  
16 know anything about it. But that has been the thought  
17 foremost in my mind.

18 We have men who are in organizations affiliated  
19 with the communists. We have one man that is very  
20 high up in that organization. We get reports as to  
21 what these communists intend to do, and these reports  
22 are rather alarming. Now, it is proven to us here  
23 that the reports we have are true in so far as other  
24 cities are concerned. I, myself, personally don't  
25 want this state's militia in this city, and if we can  
26 maintain our peace here for the next few days, we will  
27 probably have this strike settled. And then we will  
28 have nothing else possibly until the first of September,  
29 when the longshoremen and seamen contract runs  
30 out.

1 We have some things here -- you can realize that  
2 this is some disadvantage to me to come over here on  
3 less than twenty-four hours' notice. I didn't read  
4 your letter until after three o'clock. It was neces-  
5 sary yesterday to be in this building on other mat-  
6 ters. But if we had a little time here to gather  
7 something together that you could read, it might give  
8 you a little insight into what these men are doing  
9 and what they have done.

10 Q (By Chairman Hamley) I might state that the hearing  
11 will probably last three or four days at least, and  
12 if within that time you care to furnish any other  
13 records, why, we will be very glad to receive them.

14 A We would do that. Now, in these slot machines, we  
15 have seventy-eight slot machines over there that will  
16 be destroyed as soon as Judge Bell gets back and  
17 signs the order. It is all prepared for him to sign.

18 There may be one thing wrong with this police ad-  
19 ministration, and if it is, it will have to be con-  
20 tinued wrong. I have never been a police officer to  
21 court the head-lines in the papers. And many arrests  
22 have been made here. When I look over these statis-  
23 tics myself, I have been surprised, especially in  
24 view of the charges that have been made here. But  
25 we can go out here from day to day until the people  
26 get tired of listening to what the Chief of Police  
27 says. I have gotten tired of it many times formerly.  
28 But I am very well satisfied with the arrests that  
29 are being made here.

30 There are three men on the special detail at the

1 present time. It was necessary when I went in on the  
2 first of January to reduce that special detail by two  
3 men on account of needing men elsewhere.

4 Q By "special detail," do you mean the vice squad?

5 A Yes, sir.

6 Q What is commonly known as the vice squad?

7 A Well, it was commonly known, before liquor became le-  
8 gal, as the dry squad. But it is a squad that en-  
9 forces law on vice, gambling and liquor.

10 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Might I ask you who are the  
11 three men on this squad?

12 THE WITNESS: Sergeant Chaffee, B. M. Hull.

13 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: What is that name?

14 THE WITNESS: B. M. Hull, and A. F. Jordan -- no,  
15 Bruce Jordan, excuse me, there are two Jordans.

16 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Bruce Jordan?

17 THE WITNESS: Bruce Jordan.

18 Q (By Chairman Hamley) These all rank as detectives,  
19 do they, or as patrolmen?

20 A No, sir; they are police officers. Of course, Ser-  
21 geant Chaffee is the sergeant.

22 Now, what is customary in most police procedure  
23 in these cases, these men go out on complaints many  
24 times. They go out and they find the complaints are  
25 unfounded. Many anonymous letters are written. We  
26 try to read and discern whether or not those letters  
27 are genuine. There is some attention paid to these.  
28 The most attention is paid to those that are signed.  
29 We have complaints also by telephone, by personal  
30 calls, but most of our anonymous complaints are com-

1        complaints of men who have been arrested and want to  
2        operate gambling games or speak-easies.

3        We have very few complaints on women. Women, there  
4        are many of those arrested. There is a varied opinion  
5        as to what is the proper thing in the way of women.  
6        We have this to face, though, in the women; we have  
7        hundreds of women here who are unemployed, the same  
8        as we have the men. Some of those are arrested on  
9        the streets soliciting. There are many of those that  
10       are not arrested. We can't tell an officer to go out  
11       here and arrest all these women, there are a lot of  
12       those women that should not be in jail. We try, if  
13       we believe and the officer believes it is the first  
14       offence, to get the practice stopped and with a warn-  
15       ing sometimes those arrests are not made. If they are  
16       caught again why, of course, the arrest is made. The  
17       Court takes those things into consideration too, es-  
18       pecially with the women.

19       Now, in gambling arrests, these doors wherever  
20       gambling is conducted, and anything else but lottery  
21       tickets, are usually heavily barred. By the time  
22       these bars are broken down and the officers get in,  
23       there is usually nothing much left there but para-  
24       phernalia.

25       We have a police judge now who is very fair to us  
26       in our presentation of evidence. The number of con-  
27       victions, I couldn't tell you how many, what the per-  
28       centage would be on that, that would have to be gone  
29       over very carefully to tell you, but I can say that  
30       the number of convictions in the past year has been

1 greater than possibly before. That possibly is due  
2 partly to the evidence the officers present, and part-  
3 ly to the judge in considering the evidence.

4 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Might I ask, you have statis-  
5 tics on that point before you there?

6 THE WITNESS: Well, we have referred, we have given  
7 you here -- I will give you the original, because you  
8 will probably handle it -- did you want more of these?  
9 If you did, we can --

10 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: I think perhaps one will be  
11 enough.

12 THE WITNESS: That is one specific thing that you  
13 asked for.

14 Q (By Chairman Hamley) I thought I might have the Chief  
15 read it, then it will be in the record.

16 A This is, at your request, from January first to July  
17 first. The charge as:

Being in Place where Gambling is conducted	27
Conducting Gambling Game	6
Gambling	6
Gambling Paraphernalia in Possession	51

22 Q That would be the same as possession of gambling de-  
23 vices?

24 A Yes, sir. Now, there has been no arrests made for  
25 being in a place where liquor is sold, but violation  
26 of the city liquor ordinance and state law is 86.

27 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: What do you mean by that  
28 now, is that the proprietor of the institution?

29 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. We haven't adopted the  
30 policy of arresting any people that are in a place

1 where liquor is sold, or any people that are in a  
2 place where gambling is conducted.

3 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Now, would these raids, ar-  
4 rests, these 86, take in what the state has done, or  
5 is that just your own department?

6 THE WITNESS: No, sir; this is our own police de-  
7 partment.

8 Q (By Chairman Hamley) You have records at headquarters  
9 that show where and when and by whom these arrests  
10 were made?

11 A Yes, sir. That is one thing that I did. We would  
12 have to have a little more time here. You realize  
13 this is pretty short, and our clerical help is short.

14 Q Oh, sure.

15 A We should have a man in the special detail to keep  
16 these records up, but we haven't that man, and we get  
17 along as best we can.

18 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: You don't have the records  
19 kept up, then?

20 THE WITNESS: Not by the special detail. The  
21 special detail usually bring to me a page of arrests  
22 in this manner, when they have a page, I have it in  
23 my office, and they are kept that way. But so far  
24 as getting in there and getting a total -- as an il-  
25 lustration, if they go out and arrest a man for pos-  
26 session of gambling paraphernalia they state briefly  
27 the particulars in the arrest. If it is a woman,  
28 they state briefly the particulars in the arrest of  
29 the woman. And that is the way that is kept up.

30 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Well, you have accurate

1 records on the disposition of all these cases?

2 THE WITNESS: All that have been tried, we have  
3 those.

4 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: These that have been men-  
5 tioned here, it wouldn't take a very big clerical  
6 force, of course, to take care of about 160 cases a  
7 month?

8 THE WITNESS: We can have a disposition of those  
9 cases; yes, sir, we can give you those dispositions.

10 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Yes, that is what I under-  
11 stand.

12 THE WITNESS: But we couldn't do that by this  
13 morning.

14 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Oh, no.

15 THE WITNESS: Now, the women arrested on disorder-  
16 ly charges, disorderly persons, 152.

17 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Well, now, I notice in the re-  
18 port you have disorderly persons and disorderly con-  
19 duct.

20 A Yes, sir.

21 Q What is the distinction there?

22 A Well, the distinction is this, that in a disorderly  
23 conduct case the officer can testify only as to what  
24 transpired at the time of the arrest; a disorderly  
25 person charge is the same as a charge of vagrancy un-  
26 der the state law, and the officer can testify as to  
27 the conduct at the time of the arrest and the previ-  
28 ous conduct in so far as he knows back, last week,  
29 last month, or as far back as he can go. He can bring  
30 in the man's or woman's police record, he can testify

1 to that.

2 Q Then the women are arrested under this disorderly per-  
3 son charge, is that right?

4 A Most of them. Sometimes they are charged with dis-  
5 orderly conduct. Disorderly conduct ones -- naturally  
6 most of those cases, I would judge, would be where the  
7 officer doesn't know the woman, and he can testify as  
8 to what she was doing at the particular time, and hence  
9 she is charged with disorderly conduct.

10 Now, women arrested for violation of liquor ordin-  
11 ance were 23.

12 Q Where does that appear in here?

13 A Well, that doesn't appear, I don't believe. It might.  
14 Charge of drunk were 308.

15 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: That is men and women?

16 THE WITNESS: No, sir; that is women. Drunk and  
17 disorderly is 21.

18 Q (By Chairman Hamley) That is the women?

19 A Yes, sir. Women referred to Health Department were  
20 145.

21 Q What cases are those?

22 A Those cases are women who have -- the officers have  
23 reason to believe are venereally infected.

24 Q Are they ones that have been arrested?

25 A Yes, sir. Usually in cases where prostitutes are  
26 arrested, they are referred to the Health Department.  
27 Now, those times where a woman has been recently re-  
28 ferred to the Health Department, when she is arrested  
29 again, sometimes she is not referred again to the  
30 Health Department. And there are also times

1 where women, of whom I have spoken, possibly they  
2 were unemployed women, or women that may be making  
3 their first venture, and young girls whose parents  
4 we believe will take care of them, in cases of that  
5 kind they are not referred to the Health Department.  
6 But nearly all of them are.

7 Now, would you want the disposition by the results  
8 of the health examinations of these?

9 Q I think we will put this in as an exhibit, and we can  
10 refer to that in the record, and the committee can  
11 look at it.

12 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: Mr. Chairman, may I move  
13 that that communication be made a part of the record?

14 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Yes.

15 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: And then we won't need to --

16 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: And the reporter will mark this  
17 exhibit "1," the statement which the Chief has just  
18 been reading to the committee.

19 (Paper marked exhibit "1".)

20 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Before I leave that, this item  
21 152 for disorderly persons, was that intended to be  
22 just women, or both men and women? It is this one  
23 down here.

24 A Yes, but I haven't -- I have another one, this is  
25 something else here. 152 disorderly persons.

26 Q Yes.

27 A No, those are women.

28 Q Would that 152 constitute the total arrests for pros-  
29 titution during this period?

30 A No, sir. The disorderly conduct cases may enter into

1 that to some extent.

2 Q You don't have the record?

3 A I can't tell you just how much, to what extent they  
4 would enter into that.

5 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Those figures published in  
6 the paper the other night about 504 gambling raids,  
7 that must have been an error?

8 THE WITNESS: That was an error, I believe, on  
9 the part of the man that set up type. Now, those  
10 were comparisons from the year before.

11 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Yes, I think there was 1200  
12 this year and 500 last year, and I have forgotten the  
13 exact figures. I know it went into the thousands in  
14 one case.

15 THE WITNESS. Now, in making that comparison --

16 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: (Interposing) These are  
17 the accurate records for the first six months, that  
18 is all we are interested in.

19 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Yes.

20 THE WITNESS: Those comparisons were in error  
21 there. There is 504 in the year arrested for gambling,  
22 being in gambling places, conducting gambling games.

23 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: That was last year, 1934?

24 THE WITNESS: 1934.

25 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Where does this appear on this?

26 A It doesn't appear on there, but you don't want that  
27 anyway.

28 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: No, this record you have  
29 given us here from January to July gives us --

30 Q The only trouble is we haven't any comparison between

1 this record and any previous record.

2 A I will give you this here if you want it. It is the  
3 comparison from June 1, 1933 to 1934, and 1934 to 1935.  
4 Those comparisons were made, possibly I prepared those,  
5 and they compare the first year of this administration  
6 with the last year of the last administration. We  
7 usually make comparison that way. And now we had 504  
8 against 211.

9 Q On what is that?

10 A That is on liquor and gambling.

11 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Mr. Chairman, I move that  
12 that be made a part of the record as Exhibit No. 2. Do  
13 you have a copy of that you can give us, Chief?

14 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

15 (The motion is duly carried)

16 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: This, Mr. Reporter, you will mark  
17 as Exhibit No. 2, the statement the Chief has just re-  
18 ferred to.

19 (Paper marked Exhibit No. 2.)

20 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Now, just so we get the general  
21 picture: I notice in the annual report there are  
22 several items as to gambling, and I am not just sure as  
23 to the difference between them. For instance, you have  
24 one "Being in a place where gambling is conducted."  
25 That is explanatory, all right. Then "Conducting a  
26 gambling game." Then you have in another place, gambling,  
27 and operating gambling device, and possession of gambling  
28 device.

29 A Yes.

1 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Isn't there likely to be  
2 considerable duplication in that kind of a statisti-  
3 cal setup?

4 THE WITNESS: No, I don't think there is in your  
5 totals, I don't think so. I think that -- I can't  
6 quite understand what distinction you want, Mr. Hamley.

7 Q Now, for instance this gambling. Does that mean those  
8 who are actually gambling?

9 A They are charged with gambling, that is the charge.  
10 You see, you might be in a gambling house. If you  
11 were gambling around the table here, we might arrest  
12 you for gambling.

13 Q I see.

14 A We might arrest somebody else for conducting the game.

15 Q Well, what would be the difference then between con-  
16 ducting a gambling game and operating a gambling de-  
17 vice?

18 A Well, operating a gambling device -- well, I don't  
19 know, I never heard tell of that charge. It is a  
20 charge not used very much. We usually charge them  
21 with possession of gambling devices. They could all  
22 charged -- now, these 78 slot machines, all those ma-  
23 chines were played, I couldn't tell you, there was  
24 one arrest there, wasn't there, for operating a gamb-  
25 ling device?

26 Q Yes.

27 A Well, I don't know what that could be. It might be  
28 something a little out of the ordinary run of things.

29 Q Do these reports show the -- oh, this is the compari-  
30 son that I was looking for, as to women arrested on

1 disorderly charges. It shows 1296 from June 1st, 1933  
2 to June 1st, 1934, and 1581 arrests from June 1st,  
3 1934 to June 1st, 1935. That would be an increase of  
4 approximately 300?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Now, you have told us about this vice squad. Are  
7 there any other departments or ways in which the de-  
8 partment attempts to cope with this situation, that  
9 is, in regard to the detective division, or any other  
10 function of the police department, do you take care  
11 of these conditions?

12 A Well, we take care of the conditions. Of course,  
13 every member of the department takes care of these to  
14 the best of his ability. Now, many arrests of women  
15 are made by officers in uniform on the beat. Of  
16 course, a woman soliciting prostitution -- it is pret-  
17 ty hard for a man on the beat in a uniform to make an  
18 arrest of that kind although many have been made. It  
19 is hard evidence to present in the court. The officer  
20 would have to see her stopping several people, and  
21 of course she would naturally deny it in court, and  
22 if she didn't she would plead that the officer has a  
23 conviction --

24 Q Might I ask, does your vice squad operate in uniform  
25 or in plain clothes?

26 A In plain clothes.

27 COUNCILMAN LOCHWOOD: Now, in answering that ques-  
28 tion; Mr. Hamley asked you about what the divisions  
29 of the police department were in functioning in regard  
30 to this gambling situation. As I understand it, any

1 man, on any beat, for instance, if there is a man  
2 down below Yesler walking up and down that district,  
3 he is responsible for everything on his beat, is he  
4 not?

5 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

6  
7 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

8 Q And the sergeant also in that district is also respon-  
9 sible?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q That goes all down the line?

12 A Yes, sir.

13 Q How is the police department divided with respect to  
14 districts, is a lieutenant, for example, responsible  
15 for a certain district, and a captain responsible for  
16 a certain territory?

17 A The Captain in precinct No. 1 is responsible for all  
18 the headquarters district. There is no lieutenant  
19 in the precincts. The sergeants are responsible for  
20 each district. It is divided into seven districts.

21 Q The downtown district is divided into seven districts,  
22 is that it?

23 A The headquarters precinct.

24 Q The headquarters precinct is divided?

25 A From Spokane Street, roughly speaking, on the South,  
26 to Lake Washington Canal on the North.

27  
28 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

29 Q You would be able to furnish the committee with a re-  
30 cord as to what sergeant covers approximately what

1 district?

2 A Yes, sir. I think we could. You ask here something  
3 about prowler cars, and their districts, and boun-  
4 daries.

5 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Well, the district from  
6 Spokane Street to the Canal is divided into seven  
7 sub-districts?

8 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.  
9

10 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

11 Q And each one of these districts is in charge of one  
12 sergeant, is that it?

13 A Yes, sir; with the exception of six and seven, on  
14 account of the reduction in the number of sergeants  
15 in the department. We had to combine 6 and 7 under  
16 one sergeant.

17 Q Where is that district?

18 A That district is located from Madison Street to Spo-  
19 kane Street on the south, and from Ninth Avenue to  
20 Lake Washington.

21 Q You only have one Sergeant from Madison to Spokane?

22 A In that district now, Madison Street to Spokane Street,  
23 beginning then at Ninth Avenue and going to Lake  
24 Washington. Then in the sixth, No. 6 starts in here  
25 at Fourth Avenue, and from Madison to Yesler, and goes  
26 to Lake Washington -- no, and starts in at Ninth  
27 Avenue instead of Fourth Avenue, and goes to Lake  
28 Washington.

29 Q I am a little bit confused on that myself. Now, dis-  
30 trict--

1 A Now, for instance: The sergeant in the first squad,  
2 that is below Yesler Way here, the boundary of his  
3 district is Yesler Way to Spokane Street.

4 Q This is squad No. 1?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Yesler Way to --

7 A Spokane Street.

8 Q To Spokane.

9 A On the west is waterfront, and on the east is Ninth  
10 Avenue, or Ninth Avenue South, rather. Now then, of  
11 course, the No. 7 --

12 CHAIRMAN HANLEY (Interposing) just a moment. Who  
13 is the sergeant in charge of that district?

14 THE WITNESS: Well, we have two sergeants. We  
15 have a sergeant in charge from 12 noon. to 8 P. M.,  
16 one from 8 P. M. to 4 A. M. And the one from 4 A. M.  
17 to noon has that district and also No. 7 district.

18 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Well, Mr. Chairman, I think  
19 we might ask the Chief to have prepared a communica-  
20 tion to the council giving us the lay-out of these  
21 down-town districts, and the sergeants and officers  
22 in charge of each district, just as a matter of re-  
23 cord, that he can compile within the next day or so.  
24 I guess you can do that without much trouble?

25 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: I think that list should be  
26 made complete enough to include the officers on the  
27 beat too.

28 CHAIRMAN HANLEY: Would that entail a great deal  
29 of work?

30 THE WITNESS: No, sir.

1 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: It is moved and seconded that  
2 such a report or communication be prepared by the  
3 Chief and filed with the council in a day or two. All  
4 those in favor say, "Aye."

5 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Maybe we'd better make that  
6 a definite date. How long would that take, Chief?

7 THE WITNESS: Well, it is all according to how  
8 much other you want. This would not take very long.  
9 It would take altogether -- this wouldn't take over  
10 half an hour.

11 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: You could have that --

12 THE WITNESS: I could have that over --

13 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: By tomorrow afternoon?

14 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

15 (Upon a vote, Chairman Hamley an-  
16 nounces the motion is carried.)

17 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY

18 Q Now, taking up the prowler crews, you have a report  
19 there on that, I understand?

20 A Well, you asked for the boundaries of the prowler crew  
21 districts, and the numbers of the cars. Now, these  
22 numbers, for your information, given, are the last two  
23 figures of the license plate.

24 Q The first four figures are all the same?

25 A Yes, sir.

26 Q What are they?

27 A Well, they are 600,000 series. 606 -- I had better  
28 give you a little bit more. What are those numbers,  
29 Sergeant?

30 A PERSON: 6061.

1 THE WITNESS: 6061?

2 A PERSON: Yes, sir.

3 Q It is number 6060 or 6062?

4 A PERSON: No, that is the State.

5 A PERSON: All Police cars are 606 --

6 A PERSON: State license.

7 THE WITNESS: This is the way those are drawn up.  
8 Maybe I had better have that written up, with the  
9 exact number of the car.

10 Q Yes, if we could have the license number.

11 A We will give you the exact number of the car. But  
12 that is the boundaries.

13 Q You could just hold that back until you have that,  
14 then you can put the whole thing in together.

15 A Yes. I can combine this with the information you want  
16 here now, and the boundaries of these districts.

17 Q Yes, might as well combine the whole thing together.

18 A And give you the prowler car number and the men driv-  
19 ing the prowler car. You wanted that, didn't you?

20 Q Yes, the names. Now, you spoke about the strike con-  
21 ditions, and so on. Might I ask whether or not any  
22 of those labor troubles have caused you to decrease  
23 the number of men on the vice squad?

24 A No, not in particular. The labor troubles, of course,  
25 losing so many men the first of January is what caused  
26 that, and the constant clamor for police and protec-  
27 tion, that we just thought that we simply had to do  
28 it, had to take their cut the same as anyone else.

29 Q Well, to what extent would you say the officers on  
30 the beat had been reduced since the first of the year

1 for budget reasons or strike conditions, or anything  
2 of that sort?

3 A Well, that would be hard to tell you.

4 Q Only referring to the downtown districts.

5 A Yes, sir. You take in these downtown districts, there  
6 are some days we have a man on the beat down there,  
7 and on these avenues, First, Second, Third, in strike  
8 times we usually just have one man on those avenues  
9 from Yesler to Pike. In the lower end of town, where  
10 two men work together, we have one man.

11 Q Has it been that way, say, during the last month or  
12 so?

13 A Yes, sir. I believe it has, to a very great extent.

14 Q But you would say there was at least one man on all  
15 the regular beats?

16 A Well, I would say this much. You take a district where  
17 there might be one man covering two or three beats.  
18 Now, a man's beat that extends maybe two blocks one way  
19 and four blocks the other way, he might have to work  
20 that one and he might have to work the next one to it.

21 Q Now, do you know whether or not that is the case, say,  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30

1 with the district below Yesler Way?

2 A It is true in all the cases; yes, sir. We have this  
3 other too: the day suspension that we are giving these  
4 men a month to keep these men on, that has to be taken  
5 care of. And then, in this strike trouble, and espec-  
6 ially in this tanker strike when it was bad, we couldn't  
7 allow any excuse time, or any furlow time. So naturally  
8 when we have a lull in the strike situation, these men  
9 take advantage of that and are excused in such numbers  
10 as the captain feels that he can get along safely with.

11 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: Do you keep any record, Chief,  
12 of the whereabouts of these men, to what territory they  
13 are detailed and what they are doing?

14 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

15 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: That is all a matter of record?

16 THE WITNESS: We established boundaries for every  
17 officer, the same as the boundaries are established for  
18 the sergeant in his district.

19 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: That will be covered in your  
20 report that you are going to give to us, the different  
21 downtown districts, and the boundaries, and the officers  
22 in each district.

23 THE WITNESS: You want the boundaries of each of-  
24 ficer, his district that he covers, the streets that he  
25 covers?

26 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Yes.

27 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: This was the question I was in-  
28 terested in, Chief. Here is a man that is regularly  
29 assigned to a certain beat. Do you have a record show-  
30 ing that that man patrolled that particular beat over a

1 certain period of time, or do you just know that that is  
2 his beat, and occasionally you ask him to take a little  
3 more? Is it a matter of record what he actually does  
4 do on any given day?

5 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

6 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: It is.

7 THE WITNESS: It is a matter of public record where  
8 he works, the time; he makes his reports to head-  
9 quarters. He makes his reports every hour to headquar-  
10 ters, either on the even hour or on the half hour.

11 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: So if you take a man off the  
12 beat and put him on strike duty, you would have a record  
13 of that?

14 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

15 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: So in this information that you  
16 supply us, then, you can give us details as to the men  
17 who were actually on duty on beats, and those who ordin-  
18 arily were on duty on beats but have been assigned  
19 to strike duty?

20 THE WITNESS: Well, we can do that. But now, that  
21 is getting into a lot of work. We would have to go over  
22 the daily time sheets. And you would want that for how  
23 long a period, from January first to --

24 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Would it be possible to, say,  
25 bring the book over that has that in, and say, for the  
26 purpose of demonstrating to the committee how these  
27 records are kept; we could simply refer to a certain  
28 district, or a certain time, something of that sort, and  
29 we could then refer to that time for the person covering  
30 that district, what time, what day, etc.?

1 THE WITNESS: Yes, we could do that, but that would  
2 be a massive record. You can remember, you were over  
3 there, and you were looking for the assignments of the  
4 different officers?

5 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Yes.

6 THE WITNESS: A sheet about <sup>that</sup> long and about that wide.  
7 Daily, the police reporter writes down the officer that  
8 makes the first hours, the officer assigned to that beat.  
9 If the officer assigned to Second and Yesler, his regular  
10 assignment, if he was on strike duty, that would be so  
11 noted on that time sheet. Or if he is on any other  
12 special duty, that would be so noted. Some other officer  
13 would be assigned to work his own beat and this officer's  
14 that had been assigned elsewhere. But those --

15 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: (Interposing) I think then, if  
16 you bring the time sheets for the men who regularly cover  
17 these downtown beats, that from those time sheets we can  
18 get whatever information we need, because they show when  
19 these men are assigned to strike duty.

20 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

21 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: We wouldn't need that since  
22 the first of the year, just the last several weeks.

23 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Yes.

24 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: The last couple of months.

25 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

26 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: We wouldn't need it that far  
27 back.

28 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Say from June first.

29 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Yes.

30 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: And if we want to go beyond that,

1        why, we can take it up as a specific case.

2        THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

3  
4        BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

5        Q    Now, have you anything, or statistics, in the way of  
6        showing how many raids your department has made on  
7        gambling houses, or places of liquor law violations,  
8        or places of prostitution, as distinguished from just  
9        separate arrests, I mean concerted raids, have there  
10       been any during the last six months?

11       A    The report I mentioned before, that the sergeant makes  
12       from time to time, we have those.

13       COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: You mean in charge of the vice  
14       squad?

15       THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

16       CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Well, he will be able to give us  
17       that information.

18       THE WITNESS: Well, I don't know if I can give you  
19       that now or not.

20       CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: No, but --

21       THE WITNESS: (Interposing) Now, I looked at those  
22       in my file. I don't know whether my file is complete.  
23       There might be something that is left out of it. I  
24       would want to be fair to the sergeant, or I would want  
25       to check over it and see if that is complete. And  
26       those are not brought over. You request here: Please  
27       furnish the committee with a record of all arrests per-  
28       taining to gambling, liquor law violations, prostitution,  
29       since the first of the year, and the disposition of  
30       these cases if they are available. Then you say: I do

1 not mean by this a specific record as to individual  
2 cases, but merely statistics.

3 Now, we brought the statistics. But if you want a  
4 record of all arrests pertaining to gambling, liquor and  
5 vice, we could possibly give you that in that brief re-  
6 port that the sergeant makes to the inspector and the  
7 chief.

8 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Well, would that be very cumbersome,  
9 to do that from the first of the year?

10 A I don't think so, no.

11 Q What would that be, that would give specific cases?

12 A Yes, sir. Might I ask this: Are we going to get these  
13 back? We don't want to give these up, and if we haven't  
14 extra copies, we would have to have those copied.

15 Q Well, of course we will see that you get anything back  
16 that you have to have for your records.

17 A Yes, sir.

18 Q On these records that you have brought in, the committee  
19 can have the originals of those, I take it?

20 A Oh, yes. Yes, you don't have to give that back. But  
21 now here -- you haven't apparently much time to waste on  
22 this, you want to go through with it, and you want to  
23 be very thorough with it. So if, say, we had a week to  
24 prepare all of this stuff, then we could make copies of  
25 everything.

26 Q Yes.

27 A And so note they were copies. Then you could have that  
28 and retain it.

29 Q Well, it wouldn't be necessary on things like your time  
30 sheets or anything of that sort. Just bring those in,

1 and we can read into the record anything we have to have,  
2 so that you can bring that back.

3 A Yes, sir.

4  
5 BY COUNCILMAN LANGLIE:

6 Q Chief, do you recall any raids in the last six months on  
7 gambling places, or other vice hang-outs?

8 A Oh, yes.

9 Q Where?

10 A Well, I can recall one at Twelfth and Yesler.

11 Q What was that place?

12 A Well, I don't know what the name of that place was. It  
13 was a Chinese place.

14 Q What were they doing there, do you recall?

15 A Well, now, you understand that all I can tell you is  
16 what I have heard about this, and from my memory, I  
17 wasn't there.

18 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Excuse me. Was this a raid  
19 by the vice squad?

20 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

21 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: I see.

22 THE WITNESS: All of these raids have been conducted  
23 by the vice squad. I would think that possibly they  
24 could give you, themselves, a better insight into that.

25 Q (By Councilman Langlie) They were initiated by the vice  
26 squad and not by you as the Chief of the department; you  
27 had no knowledge of them?

28 A No, sir.

29 Q Is that true of all the raids that have been made?

30 A Yes, sir. Oh, I would have knowledge that they were  
going out to endeavor to make arrests, but as to when

1 they would make them, I wouldn't have specific know-  
2 ledge as to that.

3 Q You had no knowledge of any planned raid, then, on any  
4 particular --

5 A (Interposing) No, I believe generally speaking, I  
6 couldn't say that I would have knowledge of any --

7 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: (Interposing) Well, is this  
8 the only raid that you think of that amounted to any  
9 particular proportions over the last six months, this  
10 one at Twelfth and Yesler?

11 THE WITNESS: Well, I would hate to answer that  
12 question, to say that that is the only one that I could  
13 think of, because I am sure that there have been many  
14 more. I have had a good many things to think of here  
15 that has required many hours of my time. And I might  
16 tell you that I have left this largely to the sergeants  
17 in the district and the vice squad.

18 Q (By Councilman Langlie) You have had considerable com-  
19 plaints, haven't you, from people in town here that have  
20 come down and taken your time on this matter?

21 A No, sir.

22 Q You haven't had?

23 A I haven't had considerable.

24 Q Haven't you had representatives of these complaining  
25 organizations here down to see you and attending con-  
26 ferences with you in regard to this matter?

27 A There has been none in my office. I talked to one of  
28 these men who invited me out to a lunch shortly after  
29 I was made Inspector of Police. I talked to one --I  
30 don't -- you mean members of the Council of Churches?

Q Yes, or the Clean City League?

A You don't mean -- anyone --

Q No, no.

A I have talked to one member of the City League. I have talked to one minister. I went to see him on another matter, and this situation was gone over with him.

Q Did they call your attention to any specific places where gambling games and other forms of vice were being conducted?

A Well, they told me what they had. They showed me some anonymous letters, and I have received those also in mail. And at this time we talked mostly of slot machines. It seems the slot machine evil was overshadowing any other evil at that particular time.

COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Excuse me. Do you mean by that that the Council of Churches group and the Clean City League didn't give you specific information as to where gambling was being conducted and liquor violations were in operation?

THE WITNESS: Mr. Langlie here asked if they had been to see me.

COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: I mean whether they were in your office, or in anyone else's office, or where they were, haven't they given you definite information?

THE WITNESS: I have calls and calls and calls. Now, these calls have to my knowledge been reported for years to the police department, and this is an annual thing for them. It is almost a daily and a constant thing. These men are demanding that we give up all of our other activities and center our drives on these par-

1        ticular things.

2        COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: You have just been ignoring  
3        them, is that it, year after year?

4        THE WITNESS: No, sir; no, sir. Arrests have been  
5        made year in and year out. Hundreds of these arrests  
6        have been made, and the clamor has been, "Abate the  
7        places and drive them out." And we can't abate a place.  
8        We make the arrests. The arrests are made. And I  
9        don't think they will ever be driven out.

10      Q    (By Councilman Langlie) Chief, you say you did have a  
11      list then, of these places, furnished you?

12      A    I can't say that I had a list furnished me by that Clean  
13      City League.

14      Q    Did you ever have any list of any kind furnished you?

15      A    I have had a list of slot machines furnished me.

16      Q    But of gambling places and speak-easies, and things of  
17      that sort, you have never had, and houses of prostitu-  
18      tion, you have never had any lists of those?

19      A    Oh, yes, we have had lists of houses of prostitution.

20      Q    Well, do you have such a list now down at headquarters?

21      A    I don't think so. Those lists are never signed, they  
22      come in there anonymous.

23      Q    Well, you never keep any type of list, then, that is  
24      furnished you in regard to those places?

25      A    Oh, yes, yes. I know where those places are.

26      Q    Well, can you, along with the records you are compiling  
27      for us now, can you furnish us with a complete list of  
28      those places along with that?

29      A    Along with this?

30      Q    Yes.

1 A A complete list of the places that are complained of?  
2 Q A list of places that have been reported to you, and  
3 that you say you know about.  
4 A If Sergeant Chaffee has that in his files he can furnish  
5 it to you. I turned that over to Sergeant Chaffee.  
6 There may be letters in there that I don't recall at the  
7 present time.  
8 Q Well, you spoke a minute ago, Chief, about knowing of  
9 these places, and the addresses, and I just wanted to  
10 get a list of those that the police department know  
11 about.  
12 A Well, you will have the list of those when we furnish  
13 the record of where these arrests have been made.  
14 Q All right.  
15 A These arrests have been made in there.  
16 Q That is the only --  
17 A Now, as I say, the sergeant may have some of these com-  
18 munications that you refer to. I don't know. Now, I  
19 might add here that we get some mail that is marked  
20 personal and confidential. Without the permission of  
21 the writer, I wouldn't furnish that to this committee.  
22 I don't believe that it would be right.  
23 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: No, I don't think so either.  
24 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: No, I don't think so.  
25 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: What we are principally in-  
26 terested in is whether or not you had received definite  
27 information from the Clean City League and Council of  
28 Churches. I don't think you have given us a correct  
29 answer. I don't know whether you don't remember, or  
30 what.

1 THE WITNESS: I want to tell you this much, Mr.  
2 Lockwood. Definite information, I can go out here and  
3 point out to you and say that is a bootlegging place.  
4 I can't say that is definite information.

5 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: If you can give a definite ad-  
6 dress on a certain street, it seems to me that is pret-  
7 ty definite.

8 THE WITNESS: The address is definite.

9 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: And if you go down and find  
10 it is either open or closed?

11 THE WITNESS: We know whether it is open or closed.

12 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: And if you go down and find  
13 there is liquor --

14 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. Arrests actually made.

15 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: That is what we are trying to  
16 find out. You had actual information from these groups,  
17 and in my own mind, I don't know whether you said yes  
18 or no.

19 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: We are not so much interested  
20 in knowing whether you are or aren't. We are interested  
21 in addresses that have been supplied to you to invest-  
22 igate, and we would like as complete a list of those  
23 addresses as you have, and your knowledge of them.

24 THE WITNESS: Well, there is nothing. You will par-  
25 don me, I hope. I have tried to give you everything that  
26 this letter calls for. I don't believe that this calls  
27 for that.

28 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: No, it doesn't.

29 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: No.

30 THE WITNESS: If you want that, that will be furn-

1       ished. I don't know whether I have that over there or  
2       not. But if those letters have been furnished to me  
3       over the signature of any man, I have them, or the ser-  
4       geant has them, of the special detail. Those will be  
5       furnished you.

6       COUNCILMAN LANGLEIE: All right.

7       COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: All right.

1 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

2 Q Now, taking up particular cases, I have heard it said,  
3 and I noticed the paper came out here and referred to a  
4 particular place down here at 310 Washington Street,  
5 which is supposed to be a large gambling place.

6 A Yes, sir.

7 Q Do you have personal knowledge about any complaint being  
8 made about that and if so, what was done about it?

9 A I don't know if there has been any complaint made about  
10 310 Washington Street or not. Now, there has been  
11 complaint made about Third and Washington, 118 Third  
12 Avenue South, or 118<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Third Avenue South. The sergeant  
13 made a raid on that place some little time ago. I don't  
14 know how long ago, but the arrests were made there. I  
15 don't believe that that place is open now, 118<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Third  
16 Avenue South.

17 Q About how long ago do you think he made the raid?

18 A Oh, I don't know. It is two or three weeks ago. It  
19 may be a month. It is hard for me to tell. We can find  
20 these. In these reports that I will furnish you, there  
21 is a report of that arrest.

22 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Did you see a copy of this  
23 paper, Chief, when it came out?

24 A No, sir; I heard it. It was scattered in around  
25 the building here.

26 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: You heard about it, you say?

27 A Yes. I heard about it, but I never read it.

28 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: How long ago did you hear about  
29 it?

30 A Oh, I don't know how long ago it was.

COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: A week ago?

1 A I couldn't say.

2 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Two weeks ago?

3 A I don't know.

4 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: What is the date?

5 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Just a rough --

6 A Two or three weeks ago.

7 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Two or three weeks ago.

8 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: It is dated June 14.

9 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Do you know whether or not  
10 310 Washington Street has been opened two or three  
11 weeks ago, or since then?

12 A I don't know whether it has or not.

13 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Would the reporter mark this as  
14 an exhibit?

15 (Newspaper "North End Review"  
16 marked as exhibit No. 3.)

17 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Did you make any effort to  
18 see whether or not it was open two or three weeks ago?

19 A Yes, sir.

20 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Did you find it open or  
21 closed?

22 A We found that place closed at that time.

23 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Two or three weeks ago you  
24 found it closed?

25 A Yes, sir. Then we found it open again too.

26  
27 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY

28 Q Were arrests made when you found it open?

29 A Well, we thought that place was open. It is a pretty  
30 hard matter for an officer to get in there. It is a

1 pretty hard matter for these policemen to get in there.  
2 The sergeant will possibly explain the difficulties  
3 to you when you talk to him about that. He has not  
4 been able to get in there to make an arrest.

5 Q Well, you say it was closed up. Do you mean by the  
6 efforts of the police department arresting, or some-  
7 thing of that sort, it was closed up for a while?

8 A Most or some of the -- when the sergeant went down  
9 there to investigate this, this place was closed up.  
10 Now, I might say when things like that came out,  
11 if these are facts and they are open, they might not  
12 be open when the officers look there. Now, the ser-  
13 geant, of course, and his squad are continually look-  
14 ing for things of this kind, and especially looking--

15 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD (Interposing) How do they  
16 look, may I ask, what is their procedure when they  
17 look?

18 A Well, they go down and try to get into these  
19 places.

20 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Do they wear -- do they go  
21 down with a siren on their cars?

22 A Well, they just go down like anyone else. They  
23 go down there in plain clothes.

24 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Do you think these members of  
25 the vice squad are so well known that they are recog-  
26 nized ahead of time, that that is the reason it makes  
27 it so difficult for them to get in?

28 A That is the reason it makes it so difficult for them  
29 to get in. These places -- I will tell you what we  
30 run into in many of these places, it is the look-outs.

1 And the look-out sees the approach of the "law," and  
2 by the time the "law" gets there, the "law" can't  
3 get in. By the time the doors get broken down, as  
4 I stated before, there is nothing left there but evi-  
5 dence of gambling paraphernalia. And sometimes there  
6 is not that. It is according to the kind of a place  
7 the place might have been. And for that reason it  
8 is difficult.

9 Q Have you ever tried the experiment of having other  
10 detectives who are not known in this district, who  
11 would probably be unknown to the look-outs, going in  
12 and probably getting inside before the doors were  
13 closed?

14 A Oh, we have from time to time tried that. You mean  
15 detectives of the regular detective department?

16 Q Yes.

17 A No, sir. No, we have never asked them to do anything  
18 of that kind. They are very busy with their own  
19 particular work, and for that reason it has never to  
20 my knowledge been done in the police department.

21 COUNCILMAN LANGLEIE: When this crew went down  
22 here the other day to check up on this place after  
23 this report came out in the paper, and they found the  
24 place locked, did they break down the doors?

25 THE WITNESS: No, sir.

26 COUNCILMAN LANGLEIE: They didn't.

27 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Well, Chief, would you say that  
28 the closing of the large gambling places was less im-  
29 portant than checking up on pawn shops, or auto theft  
30 cases, work that some of the detective divisions or

1 squads do? In other words, wouldn't some of that  
2 work be more important for them to be assigned to on  
3 occasion if you find it impossible to stop this by  
4 your regular squad?

5 A Well, I don't think that the -- in the first place,  
6 I don't think that this is as large -- I haven't read  
7 this article. I don't know how big this thing is.  
8 But stories go the rounds and they get bigger and big-  
9 ger and bigger all the time. I don't think that the  
10 detective department, pawn shop detail, or any other  
11 detail -- I think they are details of more importance  
12 than stopping someone that might be running a long-  
13 draw, selling lottery tickets, or running a chuck-a-  
14 luck game, or what-ever they run in there.

15 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Well, now, if you had evi-  
16 dence or in some way were convinced that there were  
17 probably 250 or 300 persons in a place like that,  
18 with chuck-a-luck games going on, and black-jack  
19 games, and dice games, and lotteries, and one thing  
20 and another, would you think that was quite impor-  
21 tant and worth while stopping?

22 A Oh, yes, yes, sir. If we had evidence. But  
23 I might say here now that I am not going to instruct  
24 any officers to go down there and smash a place up  
25 unless we have that evidence. If there is anybody  
26 here that comes in here to the officers and says there  
27 is gambling going on down there, and are willing to  
28 go into court and testify, that is all the officers  
29 want.

30 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Of course, by that time, the

1 place might have been closed.

2 A Well, sure the place might have been closed.  
3 You can't tell when it is open and when it is closed.

4 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Yes, but I mean if it were  
5 necessary every time for someone to come in and con-  
6 vince the police department that there is gambling  
7 going on down here, and take it to court and prove  
8 it, of course nothing would ever be closed up. My  
9 understanding of the police force is it is their  
10 duty to know what is going on, and if they find law  
11 violations exist, to see it is taken care of. Is that  
12 your understanding as Chief of Police?

13 A Yes, sir.  
14

15 BY COUNCILMAN LANGLEIE:

16 Q Chief, you spoke about slot machines, that situation  
17 being taken care of pretty well. When did you abate  
18 that practice of slot machines going on, when did  
19 you stop that pretty successfully?

20 A Oh, I don't know how long that has been stopped, but  
21 I haven't heard anything about slot machines for many  
22 weeks.

23 Q For several weeks?

24 A Yes, sir. Occasionally one shows up somewhere, and  
25 whenever it does, we go and get it.

26 Q I notice here from a news item in one of the daily  
27 papers of July first that three men were held for  
28 robbing a slot machine. Your officer, sergeant H. C.  
29 McLennan--

30 A Yes, sir.

1 Q (Continuing) made the arrest of three men because they  
2 were too adept at getting money out of slot machines.  
3 A Yes, sir.  
4 Q Were any arrests made at that time for operating slot  
5 machines?  
6 A Yes, sir.  
7 Q But they arrested the men who were getting the money  
8 out of them?  
9 A Yes, sir.  
10 Q Well, that was July first, and you say that the slot  
11 machine nuisance was fairly well abated at that time?  
12 A It was.  
13 Q Is that particular machine still operating?  
14 A Well, the machines that these men robbed were not in  
15 the city.  
16 Q It was not in the city?  
17 A No, sir. These men came up here from California, and  
18 they had a report from the police bulletin to pick  
19 these men up, a certain car, gave the license number  
20 of the car, and the sergeant picked these men up on  
21 that bulletin report of several days previous. When  
22 they were questioned at headquarters, they found that  
23 they were slot machine slickers. They had tools to  
24 get into slot machines and trip them and get the money.  
25 They came up here from California and said they had  
26 been robbing the slot machines on the way up from  
27 California.  
28 Q What disposition was made of their case?  
29 A I can't tell you.  
30 Q Were they sent away? Were they sent to some other

1 jurisdiction?

2 A I don't know. They were arrested in reference to the  
3 stealing of some travelers' checks. That is what  
4 they were held for. Whether or not they were the  
5 men that were wanted for that -- but that was the re-  
6 port, the police report, on it anyway, that these  
7 men were wanted for stealing travelers' checks. They  
8 were arrested for that, and this other newspaper arti-  
9 cle was written up at the time, I believe, the press  
10 man was there when they were questioned, and they  
11 stated that that was the way they were making their  
12 living, the way they had made their living coming up  
13 here from California.

14  
15 BY CHAIRMAN HANLEY

16 Q Well, Chief, taking up another specific case just to  
17 see how your records are, have you received any com-  
18 plaints in your office in regard to a gambling place  
19 operated at 656½ King Street? I have had complaints  
20 made to me about that, and that there was a large  
21 gambling place operating there. Have you heard any-  
22 thing about that?

23 A 656½ King Street?

24 Q Yes.

25 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Atlas Hotel entrance.

26 A Atlas Hotel. Oh yes, I have heard from time to time  
27 that there is gambling there.

28 Q Well, do you know what has been done about it, whether  
29 any arrests have been attempted there, or any report  
30 made to you as to what the condition is?

1 A Arrests have been attempted. Arrests have been at-  
2 tempted at all these places, but I don't believe that  
3 there has ever been an arrest made there.

4 Q Do you know whether or not it actually has been opera-  
5 ting during the, say, last month?

6 A I don't know whether it has or not.

7 Q The members of your vice squad would probably know  
8 whether or not they have made any recent inspection  
9 of that place?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q Well, taking up another specific case, have you had  
12 any complaint made to you about gambling at Green's  
13 Cigar Store, at 3rd and Union Street?

14 A No, sir.

15 Q And never had any complaint of that sort made?

16 A Not -- I don't remember that. We had complaints on  
17 Green's about slot machines here some time ago. But  
18 these were made along with a list of a lot of other  
19 places that had slot machines.

20 Q Well, do your officers that are on the beat in those  
21 districts make a regular inspection of places of that  
22 sort that hold card room licenses?

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q And do they have written reports on them?

25 A No, sir; there are no written reports on these.

26 Q Is it the officer on the beat that makes that or some  
27 special detail?

28 A Well, the only report -- what do you mean, the person-  
29 al inspection?

30 Q Yes.

1 A Well, the officer on the beat is the one that looks  
2 around the card rooms, pool rooms, it is his duty  
3 to go in and see that there is no violations of the  
4 license code.

5 Q There has never been any complaint on his part, or  
6 information from him or any other member of the force,  
7 in regard to whether or not gambling goes on there?

8 A No, sir.

9 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: They have no difficulty in  
10 getting into those places, do they?

11 A In the card rooms?

12 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: Yes.

13 A Oh, no. Card rooms are public places.

14 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Well, there is another place  
15 on Third Avenue that complaints have been made to me  
16 about. It is right next to the Embassy Theatre,  
17 called the Turf Club. And has your department re-  
18 ceived any complaints as to whether or not gambling  
19 has been going on there?

20 A I have received no letters about -- or complaints of  
21 any kind about that.

22 Q Have any of your officers turned in any reports in  
23 regard to it, or made any arrests there, as far as  
24 you know?

25 A I don't think so.

26 Q But you think they regularly inspect the place?

27 A What kind of a place is it?

28 Q It is a lunch room and licensed card room.

29 A Yes, sir. If it is a licensed card room, there are  
30 regular inspections of it.

1 Q Now, Chief, in places where the county or the state  
2 makes an arrest or a raid, just as the recent raid  
3 here up at the Black and Tan, is any special check-  
4 up made by the police department afterwards to see  
5 what the conduct of the place is after the county or  
6 the state have made an arrest or a raid?

7 A Well, there is no special check-up, except the ser-  
8 geant in the district and the officers on the beat--

9 Q Well, now, for instance, this Black and Tan place,  
10 I understand, was raided here a few days ago. Would  
11 it be the proper practice, or the practice, that the  
12 man on that beat would inspect that afterwards to see  
13 whether or not it was being properly conducted?

14 A Well, he might not be able to get in there.

15 Q Well, now, suppose he wasn't able to get in, but it  
16 was obviously operating what would be done about it  
17 then?

18 A We have these places that are obviously operating,  
19 and most of them have a license of some kind. They  
20 have a club license, they are organized into a club.

21 Q Well, aren't your officers entitled to get into any-  
22 where?

23 A Oh, yes.

24 Q Wherever they apply, if it is operated openly?

25 A They are entitled to get in.

26 Q Well, now, if a man on a beat goes into any place,  
27 and if there is an electric sign lighted, and it is  
28 obviously open, and the door is barred, he wouldn't  
29 stop and just go away, would he? Wouldn't he do  
30 something about it, either turn in a report and have

1 a proper raid made on the place, or take some other  
2 action? Or would he just go on and disregard it?

3 A No, no, he wouldn't go on and disregard it. He would  
4 make a report to his sergeant. His sergeant would  
5 talk to the sergeant in the special detail about it,  
6 and the plans would be made in that way for the pro-  
7 per procedure in the case.

8 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: He wouldn't try to get in  
9 himself as an officer on the beat?

10 A Well, he might get in there, but if there is  
11 nothing going on, no violation of the law when he  
12 gets in there, it would be of no value to go in.

13 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: But it is part of the offi-  
14 cer's duty on the beat to know what is going on on  
15 his beat?

16 A He should know what is going on on his beat.

17 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: And make investigations?

18 A Yes, sir.

19 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Of course, if it is a private  
20 residence -- we understand that they couldn't just  
21 break in anywhere without a search warrant, but a  
22 place that is holding itself open to the public, it  
23 seems to me that an officer would be entitled to go  
24 right in, and if the door was barred, it would seem  
25 pretty good evidence that there is something going on.

26 A Well, that is usually pretty good evidence that  
27 something is going on, that there is something wrong  
28 in the place.

29 COUNCILMAN LANGLEY: What would you do, Chief, with  
30 a man who failed in his duty on one of the beats, if

1 you found that he failed in his duty?

2 A Well, I couldn't answer that question. He  
3 might be disciplined by being moved, he might by giv-  
4 ing time off, he might be dismissed from the service.

5  
6 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

7 Q Let me give you a more specific example. Now, you  
8 pointed out here in your remarks that in your opinion  
9 the town is not wide open, there is no flagrant gamb-  
10 ling and vice conditions going on, and you have report-  
11 ed twenty-seven persons have been arrested in places  
12 where gambling has been going on, since the first of  
13 the year.

14 Now, I have a report that at 310 Washington last  
15 Saturday night, that 39 persons went into 310 Washing-  
16 ton in five minutes. Now, you have arrested twenty-  
17 seven in six months. Now, would you think that the  
18 officer on duty there would be negligent in his duty  
19 in not having observed thirty-nine persons going in  
20 there in five minutes? And that seemed to be the  
21 situation all evening long. And if he was negligent--

22 A (Interposing) Thirty-nine persons in five minutes?

23 Q Thirty-nine persons in five minutes. Now, that is a  
24 report I have. Now, would you think that that man was  
25 negligent, and possibly some action should be taken  
26 in regards to that officer on the beat?

27 A I would want to hear from the officer on the beat  
28 first. I would be slow to believe thirty-nine people  
29 went into a place in five minutes and it went on all  
30 night long, because that would be too many people.

1 Q Possibly that amount of travel did not exist all night,  
2 but in these five minutes that report was made by the  
3 individual that happened to be there at that place.  
4

5 BY CHAIRMAN HAWLEY:

6 Q Well, to develop that question a little more, suppose  
7 it is shown that certain places have been operating  
8 openly and flagrantly, and that officers regularly on  
9 this beat were patrolling these various streets, and  
10 yet have sent in no reports as to the conditions there,  
11 or have done nothing about it, or made no personal  
12 inspections as far as their records show, would you  
13 say that they were efficiently performing their work?

14 A No, sir; if they hadn't made reports, I would say they  
15 weren't efficiently performing their work.

16 Q Well, suppose they had made reports, but the reports  
17 showed that conditions were all right, and no wrong-  
18 ful condition was going on, would you say they were  
19 efficiently performing their work?

20 A I wouldn't say they were efficiently performing their  
21 work if their reports were untrue.

22 Q Well, suppose it can be shown, or it is shown, that  
23 any of these places are so open that an ordinary per-  
24 son in going down there, a person of the general pub-  
25 lic, has no difficulty in getting in and seeing law  
26 violations, would you say that there was enough pro-  
27 bability that that police officer who was patrolling  
28 that very street at that very time, was receiving  
29 graft money to protect that place?

30 A No, sir; I wouldn't believe that.

1 Q What explanation do you think can be made of a situa-  
2 tion of that sort outside of that possibility, that  
3 probability?

4 A I would say this much, that in this city at the present  
5 time, and in the past, that there is not the gambling  
6 being carried on that there has been in former years.  
7 And I would deny that there is any wide open gambling  
8 here. If there is wide open gambling here, anybody,  
9 policemen or anybody else can go into it.

10 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Now, let us get that straight,  
11 you mean right now, or over the last month?

12 A When I say right now, we will talk from January  
13 first. I don't know, I doubt if such a thing was go-  
14 ing on. But they are not going on right now, I can  
15 assure you that.

16 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Well, they wouldn't be go-  
17 ing on if they raided these places, if they closed  
18 these places up.

19 A But I say this about the situation: If these  
20 places were so bad that people were being defrauded  
21 out of their money, and being dragged into these places,  
22 I would hear something about that. There have been no  
23 complaints made to me where a man had been robbed or  
24 cheated that hasn't been thoroughly investigated.

25 Now, if a man goes down here looking for a gambling  
26 game, he will usually find one. It might be if any  
27 of us took a notion that we wanted to do a little gamb-  
28 ling, we might be able to find it. And in a city of  
29 this size, we will always have some gambling.

30 Now, so long as there is nothing so disorderly

1 about it, and in the absence of complaints coming to  
2 my office about these things, I would take it that  
3 these things are grossly exaggerated. Now, I may be  
4 wrong about that.

5 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Well, let us assume that you are  
6 wrong, for the sake of the argument, and that certain  
7 places are running openly and flagrantly in violation  
8 of the law, and that some of the police officers or  
9 members of the vice squad are supposed to cover that  
10 particular district on that particular occasion. Now,  
11 you have already stated that you do not think they  
12 would be efficiently performing their work if they  
13 had not done something about it, make a report, or  
14 investigate, or something. Now, what I want to know  
15 is, in that same case where the general public is  
16 finding no difficulty in getting in, if such a case  
17 exists, would you say that there was a strong proba-  
18 bility that that officer must be receiving money to  
19 protect that place?

20 A No, sir; I wouldn't say that.

21 Q What I would like to know is, what other explanation  
22 there could be for that, if he doesn't do something  
23 about it, report it, or make an arrest?

24 A Well, there might be this about it, the officer might  
25 feel that it isn't such a serious offense even though  
26 it were being done, even though a man went and bought  
27 a lottery ticket, or whatever he did. It might be a  
28 whole lot more important to take men from what we  
29 commonly call drunk-rollers. The officers down there  
30 have made many arrests and many criminal charges. It

1 is just the viewpoint of the officer as to whether or  
2 not one thing is more important than another thing.

3 Q (By Chairman Hamley) So a place that is operating so  
4 openly that the public goes in there, and so obvious-  
5 ly a gambling place that the officer, if he has a  
6 normal intelligence, must know what it is, would you  
7 say that you instruct him to use his discretion as  
8 to whether or not to investigate that place, or not?

9 A No, sir.

10 Q Would it be his duty to investigate?

11 A It would be his duty to investigate that place.

12 Q And if he failed to do that, would you say he was in-  
13 efficient?

14 A If he failed to make reports about places like that,  
15 I would say he was inefficient; yes, sir.

16 Q But you say there would be no possibility or proba-  
17 bility of his receiving money if he failed to make  
18 investigation in such a flagrant case?

19 A No, sir.

20 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: In other words, Chief, you  
21 feel in the police department in the city of Seattle  
22 there isn't an officer that would take any money to  
23 avoid making an arrest or enforcing the law?

24 A Oh, no, I wouldn't say that. There may be  
25 some, there might be some.

26 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: There might be some?

27 A In an organization of this many men, it would  
28 be foolish for me to say that there wouldn't be one  
29 that would do that.

30 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Well, would you have any

1 suspicion as Chief of Police if it can be shown that  
2 places are -- just for the sake of argument -- are  
3 wide open, and that people are pouring in, and that  
4 they have neon signs lighting the place, wouldn't  
5 there be a suspicion in your mind that there is a  
6 possibility of graft connected with the place?

7 A There would be no suspicion in my mind with  
8 the men I have down there in these districts. Until  
9 I am shown something, I am going to be hard to convince.  
10 With the caliber and the standing of the men in the  
11 community in which they live I would be slow to believe  
12 that, even if it were shown that these places had neon  
13 signs, and the public going in and out at the rate of  
14 thirty-nine every five minutes, I would be slow to be-  
15 lieve that.

16 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Well, if it wasn't the patrol-  
17 man on the beat, there might be someone higher up that  
18 would be giving protection higher up, is that a possi-  
19 bility?

20 A No, sir.

21 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: You wouldn't think that would  
22 be the case?

23 A No, sir.

24  
25 BY CHAIRMAN HANLEY:

26 Q Wouldn't you think that would be strong circumstantial  
27 evidence, even if it wasn't direct evidence?

28 A Well, it is a question of who was considering the evi-  
29 dence whether it would be circumstantial evidence. If  
30 we had a jury of twelve of the Council of Churches,

1 they would all be convicted, no doubt about it.

2 Q But if they were all policemen, they would all be ac-  
3 quitted?

4 A Yes, sir. If they were policemen, they would all be  
5 acquitted, and if they were half and half, there  
6 would be a hung jury.

7 (Laughter)

8 THE WITNESS: I might say this much. Now, I don't  
9 know whether this is right and proper for me to say,  
10 but I think a police officer, if we could find some  
11 specific case where he was taking money, let us go  
12 ahead and find that case, and we will get rid of him.  
13 but let us don't brand all of these policemen with  
14 the same brand. And they have their wives, and they  
15 have their children that are going to school here.  
16 It is pretty tough on those school children. And  
17 those things don't do the policemen a lot of good.  
18 They don't tend to do the families any good. They  
19 don't tend to build up the morale of the department  
20 any.

21 COUNCILMAN LANGLE: We want it thoroughly under-  
22 stood, Chief, that in these inferences we only want  
23 to refer to these police officers that are allowing  
24 open, flagrant, violations of the law. If there are  
25 any such police officers in this community, they are  
26 the ones we are talking about, not police officers  
27 who are discharging their duty.

28 A Yes, sir. Now, in connection with that, in  
29 allowing and permitting, we have in out statutes and  
30 ordinances, both state and city, a section stating

1 the purpose of the enactment of the law. That pur-  
2 pose is usually for the peace, safety, health of the  
3 community. It goes further and says all of those pro-  
4 visions shall be liberally construed.

5 CHAIRMAN HAMELEY: What is this you are referring  
6 to?

7 A I am referring to a section in this city's  
8 ordinances and in the state laws, the purposes that the  
9 laws are enacted for. And they are enacted for these  
10 purposes, and the provisions should be liberally con-  
11 strued.

12 Now, we take all law, all ordinances, we have men  
13 such as the Clean City League, the Council of Churches,  
14 who want this law in particular enforced strictly to  
15 the letter against gambling, vice, and liquor. Now,  
16 we have taken the position here in this city on liquor  
17 and Sunday liquor, that we don't want any Sunday liquor.  
18 Now, the liquor dispensers would place a more liberal  
19 construction on that law. They would want to say,  
20 "Well, it is a 'Blue Law', overlook it." But we haven't  
21 done that. You know the arguments they put up to you  
22 in here.

23 Now, we might have what we call the man-about-town  
24 fellow that goes out for sight-seeing. He might place  
25 a construction on that law that he wasn't doing any-  
26 body any harm if he wanted to bet his fifty cents or  
27 his twenty-five cents or his dollar. It has been  
28 legalized out here in our race tracks.

29 All of this I am just merely citing that there is  
30 differences of opinion among the public. It naturally

1 follows there would be differences of opinion among  
2 police officers. Some police officers might think  
3 that that was a terrible thing, other police officers  
4 might think that that was not so bad.

5 We have men that are very enthusiastic over en-  
6 forcement of traffic laws, and they want that done  
7 above all other things, and they are demanding that  
8 we put more men in the traffic department. And there  
9 is just an ever-increasing demand here for police.  
10 Your honorable body here has recently given us some-  
11 thing else to worry about and take care of, and you  
12 probably will again before another month give us some  
13 more.

14 We want to give the great majority of the people  
15 here an administration that is responsible. We don't  
16 want to be fanatical and hysterical. And we also -- I  
17 personally don't want the joints of the kind that  
18 have been described to me here to run. I don't think  
19 that establishments of that magnitude, if they are of  
20 that magnitude, have any place in the city.

21 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: What joints do you think, or  
22 how small should it be before the officers should have  
23 some discretion in permitting it to run?

24 A How small should it be?

25 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Well, I gather from your remarks  
26 that if it is a small joint, or doesn't open too much  
27 to the public, why, the officer is given some latitude  
28 as to whether or not he is going to enforce the law?

29 A No, I am just talking about my own opinion  
30 here.

1 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Yes, but it seems to me that  
2 if that is your opinion, that that is not very healthy  
3 as far as the men under you are concerned. If you  
4 take the attitude, well, now, here is a fellow who  
5 is a sort of a rounder, he likes to get around even-  
6 ings so we will leave a few places open for him; here  
7 is a fellow who gambles occasionally, so we will leave  
8 a few Chinese places open for him; here is a fellow  
9 who needs liquor occasionally, we will leave a few  
10 places for him; where is your police, where is the  
11 backbone, the protection of your community? If you  
12 say we don't need to pay attention to that or to this,  
13 it is a matter of discretion.

14 A Well, when I listen to fellows that come into  
15 my office, committees, men coming into my office and  
16 criticizing me severely for things that have been done  
17 here, closing the places up, they can't pay their  
18 taxes, they are pillars of the city, and they are  
19 pillars of the church, and they plead for a chance.

20 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: You mean property owners that  
21 come in and plead?

22 A Property owners, yes.

23 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: Who are those, Chief?

24 A Well, I would like to bring some of those in  
25 here.

26 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: We would like to have you.

27 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: If it wouldn't be violating con-  
28 fidence, we would like to have any list you can fur-  
29 nish.

30 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: We are not bashful about whom

1 this might fit if the shoe fits.

2 A I understand, but we are confronted with a situation,  
3 a tax problem, and the payment of taxes. We have pro-  
4 perty here that could be abated. We have lots of pro-  
5 perty that could be abated. In many of the buildings  
6 there have been plenty of arrests made, but when we  
7 start abatement proceedings -- I have always been  
8 opposed to abatement proceedings, I may be too liberal,  
9 I don't know, but I have always been opposed to abate-  
10 ment proceedings. But if we are going to do that as  
11 a final rule, that can be done.

12  
13 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

14 Q Don't you think with your attitude, a rather lenient  
15 attitude, that that tends to increase the crime con-  
16 ditions in the city? Don't you think that that word  
17 gets around and the criminal element in other places  
18 come to the conclusion, "Well maybe this is a kind of  
19 an easy going town, we will just move in here," and  
20 the prostitutes come in from all over the country?

21 A Our arrests in criminal cases, real criminal cases,  
22 are not to be laughed off like that. And so far as  
23 the prostitutes are concerned, we are not ashamed of  
24 any record of arrests we have made of prostitutes.

25 Q (By Councilman Lockwood) Yes, but what I am trying to  
26 get at is: I think these conditions are found more  
27 for instance, where we have a gambling joint down  
28 here. I think that a gambling joint, a big gambling  
29 joint such as has been described as being reported to  
30 us, is just a breeding place for crime. People pro-

1 bably who go out gambling are people who probably would  
2 break into our homes.

3 A Would you make that statement here to me?

4 Q I think I would. I think that a gambling den is a  
5 vice den. It is a place that a lot of people come to  
6 gamble to, and break into homes. Not all of them, of  
7 course.

8 A Those 39 people that go in every five minutes, are  
9 they all that class of people?

10 Q Some of them undoubtedly. That would be my conclusion.

11 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: That would be a good way to  
12 make them that way if they continued very long.

13 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: I think that is the history  
14 of gambling. A fellow that gambling gets ahold of  
15 him once, he is probably going to a lot of extremes.

16 A Oh, that gambling thing got ahold of me once too, but  
17 when I saw it was a losing proposition, in my younger  
18 days, I quit it.

19 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Maybe everyone wouldn't have  
20 that will power. What I am trying to get at is, a  
21 gambling den is just a breeding place for crime. If  
22 you close those places, you won't need so many police-  
23 men to protect my home and your home. That is my  
24 conclusion. But I think you would find that is also  
25 the conclusion of people who have studied the crime  
26 problem.

27 A It has been concluded that gambling does breed crime.  
28 No question about that. Every fair minded person, I  
29 believe, would concede that, that gambling breeds  
30 crime. But, nevertheless, I can't myself believe that

1 these things are being carried on in such magnitude.  
2 You promised to show me that they are being carried --

3 CHAIRMAN HANLEY: I don't think that we promised  
4 to show you --

5 A (Continuing) -- along the lines that they are,  
6 that way.

7 CHAIRMAN HANLEY: Whether they will be shown to  
8 be that, that remains for the part that remains.

9 A Yes.

10  
11 BY COUNCILMAN LANGLEY:

12 Q Chief, you made the statement that you interpret that  
13 the laws of the city and the state should be liberally  
14 construed.

15 A Yes.

16 Q Well, do you make it a practice of trying to construe  
17 the laws as chief of police?

18 A Well, we must construe the law. We have got to place  
19 a construction on it some way.

20 Q Well, that is a function of the courts?

21 A Yes.

22 Q You are to make the arrest when you believe a man is  
23 violating the spirit or the essence of the law, and  
24 let the courts construe it?

25 A Yes, sir.

26 Q And you don't have to be concerned about the tax pro-  
27 blem?

28 A No.

29 Q That is for the legislature and for the council to  
30 deal with.

1 A. I am just a little bit concerned about it. Excuse me  
2 for mentioning it. It possibly has no place in this,  
3 as to the liberal construction. We will probably get  
4 into this later. I don't know how long I am going to  
5 be here, but you seem to just be getting a little  
6 start here. I will probably tell you some of the  
7 difficulties in enforcing the law, and some of the  
8 things that are necessary to prove in court.

9 Now, a liberal construction of the ordinances:  
10 If they are liberally construed by the courts, there  
11 would naturally be some liberality in the officers.  
12 We know just about what it takes to secure convictions  
13 in court. We have tried many different things, and  
14 we have presented evidence that we thought was very  
15 good, with no question but what we would get convictions.  
16 We are not criticizing the court because the  
17 court doesn't always give us convictions, but we want  
18 you to realize this much, that evidence is the thing  
19 that counts in court. Anybody can say that this is  
20 a gambling joint, this is a speak-easy, but when we  
21 get into court, the judge wants evidence to support  
22 that charge.

23 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Well, we realize that, of  
24 course. There is the parole problem. All of those  
25 things that you have to face.

26 A We are not, as I said before, trying any fanatical  
27 enforcement of the law here. If those things  
28 are going on as you say they are, to that extent, that  
29 is something that should <sup>not</sup> be going on at all. It is  
30 entirely too large, I think that that count is pretty

1 big.

2 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Just what do you mean by "it is  
3 entirely too large"? Do you mean that if it was go-  
4 ing on to a less degree, so that there wasn't quite  
5 so much public clamor about it, there wouldn't be any --

6 A Naturally, if there is not so much public cla-  
7 mor about it, it wouldn't be so big. Now, I say this  
8 much, what I mean by "so large" is 39 men in five  
9 minutes.

10 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Well, suppose there were five  
11 going in there in five minutes, would you say the  
12 case is any different?

13 A Well, five in five minutes is too many. Now,  
14 I say this much in reference to Chinese gambling and  
15 Chinese lotteries. There are many of these Chinese  
16 merchants, if they furtively sell a lottery ticket,  
17 there might not be such a great crime committed there.  
18 There would be a crime committed. But if they went  
19 in and out, in and out, this door, that wouldn't be  
20 furtively selling it. I would say five men a minute  
21 that is sixty an hour, that is too many. We don't want  
22 those --  
23

24 BY COUNCILMAN LANGLEY:

25 Q Chief, have you had any reports that traffic officers  
26 have been accepting money or merchandise in lieu of  
27 issuing tags?

28 A The only reports I have had of that kind is from a  
29 competitive merchant that has been tagged. Now, we  
30 hear these things from time to time. There has never

1       been anything that I have been given to substantiate  
2       things of that kind. We have tried to make the mer-  
3       chants realize that it is to their advantage to leave  
4       their own cars off the streets so that when you want  
5       to go up and buy a new hat, you can stop at the curb  
6       in front of the store and buy it. That is our worst  
7       problem with the merchant, in trying to get the mer-  
8       chant and his employees to put their cars in garages.

9       Q   Chief, have you heard any complaints about there be-  
10       ing certain pawn shops that the detectives and the  
11       police officers do not investigate?

12      A   No, sir.

13      Q   (By Councilman Langlie) is it true that occasionally  
14       where a man who has had something stolen from him  
15       goes to a pawn shop to reclaim it, and can positively  
16       identify the article, that in many instances the po-  
17       lice department has required him to pay from ten to  
18       fifteen dollars, depending on the value of the article,  
19       in order to be able to get it from the pawn broker  
20       who has taken a stolen piece of goods?

21      A   You are asking the question: "Have police officers  
22       told him that he has to do that?"

23      Q   Yes, has that been necessary in order to get the co-  
24       operation of the police in obtaining the article?

25      A   Well, I don't know. I think I can answer your ques-  
26       tion better by an explanation. It is necessary to  
27       secure a writ of replevin to seize stolen property.  
28       And the pawn shop man takes this attitude, that he  
29       has loaned money on this, or bought the article in  
30       good faith, and that he should be reimbursed for the

1 amount that he has paid.

2 Now, even though the man positively identifies  
3 the article as belonging to him, there is nothing un-  
4 der the law that the policeman can take that away from  
5 him. He has to go into court with this writ, and  
6 going into court it takes his time, it takes some  
7 money to do this, the proceedings, and by the time he  
8 has gone through with the writ, it has cost him more  
9 than if he had paid the pawn shop man. Now, those  
10 things are explained to the man.

11 I had a man here a short while ago with a shot  
12 gun. I think there was eleven dollars on it, and he  
13 complained about the advice given him. Now, we have  
14 a problem here that a former mayor said would be dis-  
15 continued and a stop put to it. But we have no right  
16 under the law to make a pawn shop man give the article  
17 back even if it is identified.

18 Q (By Councilman Langlie) Don't the police have a right  
19 when they find stolen goods to seize it?

20 A We can seize stolen goods, yes. But this man says,  
21 "This is mine, and I bought this." Now, we can't go  
22 to work and take it away from him.

23 Q Even though it was positively identified as stolen  
24 goods that has been reported to you when it was stolen,  
25 and certain identifying marks given to you, so that  
26 you know when you find it in a pawn shop that that is  
27 the article that was reported stolen?

28 A Yes.

29 Q You can't go and take that away from the pawn shop?

30 A I don't believe we can legally do that. That has been

1        tried here. I would like to furnish you some legal  
2        opinion on that, though, if you would like that.

3        Q    Well, then it is true that a man in regaining stolen  
4        property in many instances has to pay the pawn broker  
5        a certain price for that article?

6        A    Whatever he has loaned on that. I had a watch stolen  
7        from me, and I paid two dollars and a half, I think,  
8        for it three years later when the watch was pawned.

9        COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Mr. Chairman, it is pretty  
10       near noon. We won't be able to do much more anyway  
11       today. I think we should adjourn until tomorrow  
12       morning at ten o'clock.

13  
14       (Discussion)

15       (Upon motion duly made and carried,  
16       an adjournment was taken until 2  
17       o'clock, P. M., Thursday, July 11,  
18       1935.)  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30

Thursday, July 11, 1935

2 O'clock P. M.

PRESENT: COUNCILMEN

Frederick C. Hamley  
David E. Lockwood  
Arthur B. Langlie  
Mrs. F. F. Powell  
Frank J. Laube

POLICE CHIEF KIRTLEY: I will have just a little comment to make after you read that.

CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: The committee will please come to order. How would the committee like to have this material handled that the Chief has brought in? Have it read by the Chief or by myself, or just put it in the record?

(Discussion)

COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: I move, Mr. Chairman, that these be made a part of the record. And we need not necessarily cover them at this time unless there is some particular --

CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Well, there are some parts that we may want to go into.

CHIEF KIRTLEY: Sergeant Chaffee has the reports now of all complaints received and reports of all raids conducted by him, and a report as per your request for the past eighteen months -- five months -- from January first, 1934.

CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Yes.

CHIEF KIRTLEY: Those reports are not available but the statistics cover them.

1 CHIEF OF POLICE W. B. KIRTLEY, on the Stand.

2 DIRECT EXAMINATION

3 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

4 Q Now, there was one report that you had here yesterday  
5 in regard to prowler cars. I don't remember whether we  
6 kept it or whether you took it back and you were to have  
7 the license numbers on them.

8 A Well, we have the licenses numbers. I think I took that  
9 back. The only thing you asked for that you haven't is  
10 the outline of the beats of the particular officers.  
11 Now, here is W. R. Mann, 43 and 42. This is the box  
12 number. This is another box number. The boxes, First  
13 and Virginia and First and Pike. But it will take us  
14 possibly to this time tomorrow to get the outline of  
15 those beats.

16 Q You are having that done?

17 A Yes, sir; we are having that done. There are many of  
18 those beats, of course, that are not covered now by  
19 patrolmen. But we will just outline the beats that have  
20 been covered since the first of January. I think that  
21 will be sufficient. We may have in some of those, out-  
22 lines of others.

23 Q Now, I notice on this report here in regard to prowler  
24 cars, you have district No. 1, prowler car license 606-  
25 017, and district 2, number 606-012, and District 3,  
26 number 606-047.

27 A That was the first patrol. Now, you look over on the  
28 next page, and you will find the second and the third  
29 patrol. We doctored that up a little for you by an  
30 explanation on the bottom. And that is the same one  
you had yesterday.

1 Q By the "C", do you have the license numbers of the cars  
2 on those?

3 A Yes, here they are.

4 Q Oh, I see.

5 A This will probably be your handiest reference here.

6 Q Well, now, do these license numbers cover all of the  
7 prowler cars that are operating out of the central  
8 headquarters?

9 A Yes, sir. All of the prowler cars that are operating  
10 out of central headquarters with the exception of one  
11 that is used occasionally when one breaks down, or  
12 something like that.

13 Q You don't remember the license number of that car?

14 A No, I don't. If we wanted to add that on there --  
15 but that is rarely used, that is, I believe it is.

16 Q Your records here would not show the license numbers  
17 of prowler cars operating out of precinct stations?

18 A No, sir. We could give you those if you want them.  
19 Now, here, let's see this copy of yours on this prowler  
20 car business.

21 Q There is one, there is the other one.

22 A District No. 1. Here is that second. We had another  
23 one. That is number 17. I will trade you this one.  
24 You have the license numbers complete.

25 Q I see.

26 A You have all of them.

27 Q All right.

28 A You have the same as we have here, except in addition  
29 you have the license number.

30 Q You could get the license numbers of all of the prowler

cars operating from all of the stations for us, couldn't you?

A Yes.

Q If you will do that.

A I can give you that extra one that is used when one is disabled.

Q Now, what are the hours of the first patrol; 4 A. M. to 12 Noon, is that right?

A Yes, sir.

Q And that patrol is divided into four squads, first, second, third and emergency?

A The emergency men work out of headquarters direct. For instance, if we have a call from a hotel or apartment house any place that there is trouble, if it is near, we send the emergency cars from headquarters, and if it is out, we send a prowler car.

Q Now, you stated yesterday that these districts are divided into seven districts, I believe?

A Yes, sir. You have the first patrol sheet there.

Q Yes.

A Now turn over to the next one.

Q The second?

A This is the second, and then this is the third.

Q Yes.

A For convenience, you notice here they are the same as the third patrol. So if you will look, you will see the box numbers of the third patrol.

Q Oh, yes.

A We didn't put them on this one, the box numbers, being short of time here too. But the box numbers on the

1 second and third patrol are the same except there is  
2 more on the third patrol than there is on the second.

3 Q Now, just take the first patrol, for instance, how is  
4 that divided up into the seven districts?

5 A No, the first patrol is divided into three, because  
6 there is not so much work on the morning shift.

7 Q I see. Well, then the second patrol, is that divided  
8 into seven districts?

9 A Yes, sir. There is the third, and if you will go over  
10 to the next page, 4, 5, 6, 7.

11 Q Oh, I see. Now, which district in the third patrol  
12 covers the general district south of Yesler Way?

13 A The first squad, what is known as the first squad. In  
14 reading this, you can call that district.

15 Q I see. And Sergeant R. F. Newton, then, is in charge of  
16 the first squad?

17 A Yes, sir.

18 Q On the third patrol?

19 A Yes, sir.

20 Q Operating between 8 P. M. and 4 A. M.?

21 A Yes, sir.

22 Q And that covers the district --

23 A South of Yesler Way, roughly speaking, to Spokane Street  
24 on the waterfront, to Ninth Avenue, and continuing on  
25 Airport Way.

26 Q Now, in the second patrol, that district?

27 A Is covered by Sergeant Griffin.

28 Q Sergeant E. C. Griffin. And on the first patrol?

29 A Mornings, that district is covered by Sergeant H. W. Kem-  
30 per.

1 Q Now, taking the downtown business area, which district  
2 would that be, which squad?  
3 A That would be the second.  
4 Q And roughly speaking, what district?  
5 A Yesler Way to Pike Street, and waterfront to Fourth  
6 Avenue.  
7 Q Now, on the first patrol it would be Sergeant G. W.  
8 Wilson?  
9 A Yes, sir.  
10 Q And the second patrol, it would Sergeant W. A. Peek?  
11 A Yes, sir.  
12 Q And the third patrol, Sergeant H. D. Kimsey?  
13 A Yes, sir.  
14 Q Now taking the district -- just a moment. How far east  
15 did you say that district extends?  
16 A The second district extends east to Fourth Avenue.  
17 Q To Fourth Avenue?  
18 A Yes, sir.  
19 Q Well, what district lies right to the east of that?  
20 A The sixth.  
21 Q The sixth. And what are roughly the boundaries of that  
22 district?  
23 A From the -- we might say -- in computing all of these  
24 boundaries, if we would say this is the north boundary  
25 of Yesler Way, Yesler Way is the north boundary of this  
26 south district.  
27 Q Yes.  
28 A The south district would take the south of Yesler Way,  
29 and the second district would take the north of it. You  
30 see, we have got to divide in the middle of the street.

1 Some districts are divided between blocks. This par-  
2 ticular one is the alley between Fourth and Fifth  
3 Avenue.

4 Q You mean the second and the sixth districts?

5 A Yes, sir.

6 Q Are divided by the alley between --

7 A Yes, sir.

8 Q Between Third and Fourth Avenue?

9 A Yes, sir.

10 Q And then --

11 A Then to Lake Washington.

12 Q And what sergeant would be in charge of that on the first  
13 patrol?

14 A On the first patrol, the sergeant, the second squad  
15 sergeant would be in charge of that.

16 Q That would be G. W. Wilson?

17 A Yes, sir.

18 Q And on the second patrol, it would be sergeant --

19 A It would be the sergeant on the seventh squad.

20 Q Sergeant W. H. Steen?

21 A Yes, sir.

22 Q Steen. And on the third patrol it would be --

23 A J. E. Prince.

24 Q Sergeant J. E. Prince. Now, take the district just  
25 north of Pike street, what squad would that be?

26 A That is the third.

27 Q And what, roughly, are the boundaries of that?

28 A Well, maybe I had better refresh my memory here just a  
29 little bit on that. We will start, the west boundary  
30 is of course Elliott Bay, and the south boundary

1 is half way between Pike and Pine, from the waterfront  
2 to Eighth Avenue, and then on Eighth to Virginia and  
3 Terry, and north to Denny Way. Roughly speaking, it  
4 would be from the waterfront, Pike Street, and the water-  
5 front to Eighth Avenue to Denny Way.

6 Q What district did you say that is?

7 A The third.

8 Q And then in the first patrol, it would be Sergeant C. D.---

9 A Pollrich.

10 Q Sergeant C. D. Pollrich. And in the second patrol, it  
11 would be Sergeant F. C. Fuqua?

12 A Yes, sir; F. C. Fuqua.

13 Q And in the third patrol, it would be Sergeant L. H. Gra-  
14 ham?

15 A Yes, sir.

16 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Now, you say about the record of  
17 raids and so on, who did you say?

18 A Sergeant Chaffee.

19 Q Sergeant Chaffee has that. And then, this second item  
20 we asked for, is a list of specific complaints?

21 A Sergeant Chaffee has those.

22 Q He has those also?

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q Now, I neglected in this letter to ask you for one  
25 other piece of information which we spoke of here yes-  
26 terday, and that was in regard to a remark you made  
27 that a number of large property owners and church people  
28 had asked you not to abate certain places because of  
29 the necessity of keeping them open so that they could  
30 get enough revenue to pay their taxes, and so on.

1 And I explained that we would be very interested in  
2 having the names of those persons. I wonder if you  
3 would --

4 A Well, I don't know whether I had that exactly in that  
5 language or not. What I have reference to is this.  
6 Property that is --

7 A PERSON: Is the chairman agreeable to having the  
8 testimony given in a little louder voice?

9 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Well, a little louder, if you  
10 can.

11 THE WITNESS: The place where property owners had  
12 appealed to the Chief of Police for his -- and com-  
13 plained about the strict enforcement of the law, and  
14 about the property being vacated on account of police  
15 activities, it was something like that -- now, Mr.  
16 Lockwood, I believe, said he would be glad -- one of  
17 you did, I believe it was Mr. Lockwood did -- to have  
18 the names of those men. Now, I couldn't do that un-  
19 less those men gave me permission to do that. They  
20 came in rather shame-facedly asking such things.  
21 However, their requests were not granted.

22 Q (By Chairman Hamley) and you wouldn't feel willing,  
23 then, to give us the names of any of those men?

24 A I wouldn't without their permission.

25 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Well, I don't know for sure  
26 if we want to go into that later. We may have a power  
27 to make that request from this committee. Will you  
28 speak just a little louder, please, some of these  
29 people will be witnesses a little later, and they  
30 would like to --

1 THE WITNESS: Yes.

2 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Now, Mr. Reporter, these three  
3 sheets, first, second, and third patrol, will be the  
4 next numbered exhibits.

5 (Sheets marked Exhibits Nos. 4, 5, and 6.)

6 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: And the sheet dated July 10,  
7 1935, and giving certain prowler car districts will  
8 be the next Exhibit.

9 (Paper marked Exhibit No. 7.)

10 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: And another sheet dated July  
11 11th, 1935, and giving the boundaries of certain prow-  
12 ler car districts, and the boundaries of certain ser-  
13 geants' jurisdictions, will be Exhibit 8.

14 (Paper marked Exhibit No. 8)

15 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Now, I notice, Chief, that on  
16 one of those sheets there is the name of -- was it  
17 Sergeant Peek?

18 A Yes, sir; Sergeant Peek.

19 Q Is that the police officer that is assigned to the  
20 Prosecuting Attorney's office?

21 A No, sir; his brother.

22 Q What is the name of the one who is assigned to the  
23 Prosecuting Attorney's office?

24 A T. G. Peek.

25 Q What are the duties of T. G. Peek?

26 A T. G. Peek--well, I would assume that his duties are  
27 to make investigations of the complaints to the Prose-  
28 cuting Attorney.

29 Q Well, you mean he has no specific instructions from  
30 you, or you are not aware of just exactly what his

1 duties are?

2 A I mean that he has been assigned at the request of  
3 the prosecutor for certain investigations that we  
4 might want to conduct.

5 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: We can't hear you, Chief.

6 THE WITNESS: He has been assigned to the office  
7 to make investigations such as the prosecutor would  
8 want him to conduct. I have no -- he makes no re-  
9 port at any time of those investigations that he has  
10 conducted.

11 Q How long has he been assigned there?

12 A Well, I don't know. He has been assigned there some-  
13 time in January. I am not sure of the date. Some-  
14 time during the month of January, I believe.

15 Q Of this year?

16 A Yes, sir.

17 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Has that been a practice  
18 of the police department in the past to keep some-  
19 one assigned to the prosecutor's office, do you know?

20 A I don't know whether it has.

21 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: It is a new move as far as  
22 you know?

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Chief, about how many detectives  
25 do you have at present?

26 A Well, I don't know. I think it is thirty-six. You  
27 mean regular detectives, or assigned to the depart-  
28 ment?

29 Q First, regular detectives, thirty-six?

30 A I think so.

1 Q And about how many others assigned to the department?  
2 A Well, I would -- approximately forty. That would be  
3 seventy-six. That might be two or three too many, or  
4 it might be two or three less.  
5 Q Yes, I understand that.  
6 A I couldn't tell you exactly.  
7 Q Well, of these seventy to eighty detectives, you say  
8 that none of them are assigned to any of this work  
9 of investigating or making reports in regard to vice  
10 or gambling conditions or liquor violations?  
11 A No, sir.  
12 Q Has that always been the practice of the department  
13 so long as you have been here to not assign these  
14 detectives to such work?  
15 A Yes, sir. It never to my knowledge has been done.  
16 The department has been reorganized to some extent in  
17 the past. Well, since Mr. May was chief of detectives.  
18 There was quite a reorganization of the department,  
19 and it has been carried on the same way. But they  
20 have never been assigned to duties, however, before  
21 that reorganization under former Chief Tenant.  
22 Q Now, have any of them, although not assigned to such  
23 work, ever been utilized to investigate in specific  
24 cases such type of conduct or vice conditions?  
25 A Such vice conditions, no, sir.  
26 Q Now, going back, then, again to the vice squad, about  
27 how long has it been composed of the present members,  
28 that is, have the present members been on the vice  
29 squad?  
30 A The present members have been on the vice squad, yes,

1       sir, all of the time.

2       Q   For about how long?

3       A   Are we still talking from January first or --

4       Q   Well, no, on that question, as far back as you know.

5       A   When the vice squad was formed under Chief Howard at  
6       the beginning of the present administration, I be-  
7       lieve June 4th, 1934.

8       Q   And these sergeants that are in charge of these squads,  
9       have they been assigned there in recent times, or  
10      have they been there for quite a while?

11      A   They have all, practically all, been there since Janu-  
12      ary first.

13      Q   Well, to your knowledge, were they there before that  
14      time?

15      A   No, they were not. It necessitated quite a little  
16      change when our former Chief of Police Comstock was  
17      sent to Georgetown station on January 1st, or about,  
18      I was made Inspector of Police, that necessitated a  
19      change there.

20      Q   Well, it is the usual practice, isn't it, when a new  
21      chief comes in, there are reassignments of most squads  
22      of those types, that is, new sergeants, they are shift-  
23      ed, aren't they?

24      A   Well, sometimes it is and sometimes it isn't. They  
25      are not all shifted.

26      Q   When you came in, you made shifts in most of these  
27      squads, am I to understand that?

28      A   Well, just making one would necessitate making others.  
29      For instance, when I came in, Sergeant Griffin -- I  
30      had the first squad before I was appointed Inspector

1 of Police, and Sergeant Griffin took my place. Ser-  
2 geant Griffin, I forget what squad he had, now. But  
3 he was assigned to the first squad in my place. When  
4 Inspector Danz was made Inspector, he had the third  
5 squad and it made different assignments there. We  
6 had to shift the sergeants around, they were shifted  
7 sometime.

8 Of course, these changes are made all with the  
9 idea in the Chief's mind, I presume in former Chiefs',  
10 but I will say to my own mind, for a betterment of  
11 the service.

12 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Well, Chief, the personnel  
13 that you mentioned yesterday, Sergeant Chaffee, Hull,  
14 and Jordan, they were in the vice squad under Chief  
15 Comstock and under Chief Howard?

16 A Yes, sir.

17 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: In other words they have  
18 held straight through since the new administration?

19 A Straight through, yes, sir.

20 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Have the members of the committee  
21 any other questions, or the members of the council?

22 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: I just want to ask the Chief:  
23 The closing hour for dancing is at 12:30, is it not?

24 A Yes, sir.

25 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: And it is part of the duties  
26 of your department to enforce that law?

27 A Yes, sir.

28 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: Are you aware of any dance  
29 halls that are operating openly and publicly after  
30 that hour at the present time?

1 A No, sir. I believe the hour is a little  
2 different on cafe dances.

3 COUNCILMAN LANGLE: It is different?

4 A I think it is. It seems to me like there is  
5 a 1:30 closing time there on cafe dances.  
6

7 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

8 Q We have reports to the effect, Chief, that up until  
9 the time the Long Acres track opened here recently,  
10 that there were some thirty or forty places scattered  
11 around town in which they were handling book-making,  
12 betting going on on horse races throughout the coun-  
13 try. Did you have any knowledge of that? Did your  
14 vice squad make any reports regarding that situation?

15 A No, sir; I don't believe they have.

16 Q Do you know whether it has happened, have you any  
17 knowledge of a case where superior officers have told  
18 patrolmen or sergeants, men under them, to ignore  
19 certain places and just simply to walk on past them  
20 on their beats and in going about their duty?

21 A No, I have no knowledge of that; no, sir.  
22

23 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY

24 Q Do you have, prior to the calling of this investiga-  
25 tion, any knowledge that any gambling house, house  
26 of prostitution, or speak-easy, was running?

27 A Well, now --

28 Q As to a specific case?

29 A No, sir.

30 Q None whatever?

1 A None whatever.

2 Q Did you have some explanation that you wanted to make?

3 A No, sir. You made it for me, you said "specific."

4 Q Oh, I see. Any further questions?

5  
6 BY COUNCILMAN LANGLIE:

7 Q The same thing holds true, doesn't it, Chief; you  
8 said the other day that any officer that would over-  
9 look these things when they are being operated openly  
10 and flagrantly in his territory, you would consider  
11 that he was dilatory in his duty and should be subject  
12 to discipline?

13 A Yes, sir.

14 Q That applies to violating --

15 A (Interposing) Providing he has made, of course, no  
16 attempt to curb or arrest or report these places.

17 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: You were not prepared to say  
18 yesterday just what sort of discipline that would be  
19 in the event conditions were such as we pointed out  
20 that had been reported to us?

21 A Yes, sir.

22 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Have you considered that  
23 further?

24 A I believe I did say yesterday, you will find  
25 when these reports are made up, that discipline con-  
26 sists of a reassignment of an officer, time suspended  
27 without pay, or dismissal. Of course, in cases of  
28 dismissal, then the Prosecuting Attorney, I would  
29 think, if the thing was serious, would be consulted  
30 with a view of prosecution.

1 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

2 Q You have the power, have you not, Chief, to dismiss  
3 a police officer from the department for inefficiency  
4 without any showing or proof of dishonesty or corrup-  
5 tion of any sort, have you not?

6 A Yes, sir.

7 Q Have you ever during your administration recommended  
8 or made a dismissal of any police officer on that  
9 basis?

10 A No, sir.

11 Q Or any other basis?

12 A No, sir. There have been some that have been suspend-  
13 ed for violation of department rules, but none have  
14 been dismissed.

15 Q Have you suspended any for inefficiency in failing to  
16 report such places as these complaints are made on?

17 A No, sir.

18 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: No more questions as far as  
19 I am concerned.

20 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Have you any other statements  
21 you would like to make? I think the committee is  
22 through.

23 THE WITNESS: No, sir.

24 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: I think that will be all. I  
25 think you may be excused.

26 THE WITNESS: There is one thing I would like to  
27 say at this time, and request a transcript of this  
28 testimony. Is that possible?

29 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Well, the committee hasn't yet  
30 authorized the preparing of the transcript, but if we

1 do, why, we will see that you get a copy. We undoubt-  
2 edly will have a transcript of a part of it anyway.

3 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

4 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: But it is just a question of be-  
5 ing able to get the money for it.

6 THE WITNESS: I don't know how long this thing  
7 would go. I would be very much interested, in that  
8 I was not assured that -- in fairness to all of the  
9 officers concerned as well as myself, I would want to  
10 put a stenographer in here and take this testimony  
11 myself.

12 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: You can rest assured that our  
13 stenographer, a reporter hired by the Council will  
14 be at your service for any such transcript, and if  
15 we have one drawn up, which is very likely, we will  
16 see that you get a copy.

17 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

18  
19 (Witness Excused)  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30

1 SERGEANT ARTHUR L. CHAFFEE,  
2 being first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

3 DIRECT EXAMINATION  
4

5 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

6 Q Will you state your full name, Sergeant?

7 A Arthur L. Chaffee.

8 Q How long have you been a member of the vice squad,  
9 Sergeant?

10 A Since the fourth of June, 1934.

11 Q Before that time, where were you, what were your duties,  
12 or where were you assigned?

13 A I was working the south end prowler car, that is,  
14 No. 1 district, first squad district.

15 Q That is out of headquarters?

16 A Out of headquarters.

17 Q Had you any time previous to June 4, 1934, been a  
18 member of the vice squad?

19 A No, sir.

20 Q Now, sergeant --

21 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD (Interposing) Might I ask  
22 how long you have been a member of the department?

23 A Nine years.

24 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: How much of that time have  
25 you been connected with the downtown precinct, would  
26 you say, approximately?

27 A All but about four months.

28 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: All but about four months  
29 you have been downtown?

30 A Yes sir.

1 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Now, just in your own words,  
2 Sergeant, and for the information of the committee,  
3 just explain what the functions of your squad are,  
4 and what your duties are during the day, and just  
5 what your routine is, if you will.

6 A Well, my duties in charge of the special detail are  
7 manifold. It has been erroneously called the vice  
8 squad, the morals squad, the dry squad, and other  
9 names. We work directly out of the Chief's office,  
10 under the Chief's orders, making investigations  
11 for the Chief on any matter that he wishes to obtain  
12 information. That might include strikes, and we have  
13 worked on all of them. Under-cover information on  
14 strikes, Communism. We devoted practically all  
15 our time for three weeks on the Weyerhauser kidnap-  
16 ping. And then the vice. Beyond that, we have no  
17 routine.

18 We have averaged, been averaging fourteen to sixteen  
19 hours a day down there. We go to work at 12:30.  
20 We are constantly in court practically every court  
21 day until police court recesses, and then we go  
22 on with our investigations and arrests.

23 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: From 12:30; just in the  
24 afternoon?

25 A From noon 'til 2, 3, 4 o'clock in the morning;  
26 sometimes later than that.

27 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Well, do your duties, Sergeant,  
28 cover the investigation of the gambling conditions  
29 in the city?

30 A Yes, sir.

1 Q And houses of prostitution?

2 A Yes, sir.

3 Q And disorderly women?

4 A Yes, sir.

5 Q And speak-easies?

6 A Yes, sir.

7 Q Now, you have some records here, I understand, as to  
8 the raids or other activities, your squad has made  
9 in regard to these things I have spoken of. I wonder  
10 if you will give them to the committee at this time?

11 A Well, I might say that my records regarding raids --  
12 I suppose you mean by that where we go into a place?

13 Q I wonder if you could speak a little louder?

14 A Where we enter a place and we attempt to make a raid,  
15 I will say that my record is not complete. If no  
16 arrests were made, I made no attempt to make a record  
17 of any attempts to make an arrest where we didn't  
18 make an arrest. It was just a part of our day's  
19 work, and if we didn't complete and make an arrest,  
20 we just forgot about it. I have kept a record of  
21 all of the arrests that I have made. And there are  
22 numerous times when we tried to get into a place,  
23 when we got in and found nobody there, that I made  
24 no record of.

25 Q (By Chairman Hamley) About how many hours would you  
26 say that you or members of your squad are on the  
27 streets investigating such conditions?

28 A Oh, we average easily eight hours a day.

29 Q And you cover the whole city?

30 A Cover the whole city. We have made arrests in

1 Ballard, South Seattle, Columbia.

2 Q I don't believe you speak loud enough for everyone to  
3 hear. Sit around a little, or speak louder. Now, taking  
4 up first gambling conditions, could you explain to the  
5 committee just how your squad proceeds to investigate,  
6 not necessarily a specific case, but to find out what  
7 conditions are generally, whether or not there are any  
8 places running.

9 A Well, if such a time comes that I have no complaints,  
10 no business that we are constantly working on, that is,  
11 if we are caught up, you might say, why, we patrol the  
12 street, walk around. We go here, there, wherever the  
13 notion takes us, and try to find out something. We talk  
14 with people. We are really under-cover agents. You  
15 might say. We try to talk with people that don't know  
16 us. We try to get some information. If we get some  
17 information, we try to improve on that information till  
18 we think we have evidence enough to go into the place.  
19 If we have evidence enough to go into the place, we go  
20 in and make an arrest.

21 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Do you ignore just anonymous  
22 information, anonymous letters, do you ignore them al-  
23 together?

24 A No, I don't ignore them. I read them, read them  
25 carefully, hoping it might give me some lead, some hint  
26 would help me.

27 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Well, do you open them up?

28 A Well, if I opened them all up, I would never get through.  
29 Telephone calls, we get dozens of them a day. People  
30 call up to the office with complaints.

COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: I thought the Chief made the

1 statement yesterday that they didn't get very many  
2 complaints on these conditions?

3 A Well, you are just talking of gambling now?

4 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Well, I had been referring to  
5 gambling.

6 A Well, concerning gambling, I will say that we have  
7 had very few complaints, very few. What call we have  
8 had, we have followed up to the limit. What few com-  
9 plaints we get are generally personal calls to the of-  
10 fice from some fellow that has lost some money.

11 Q What do you do in a case like that, Sergeant?

12 A They never complain when they win money.

13 Q What do you do in a case where they complain where they  
14 have lost money?

15 A My usual procedure is to try to get this man, give him  
16 some marked money. And by the way, this marked money  
17 comes out of my pay-check. And I give him this marked  
18 money to go down and play this gambling game, to use  
19 it in evidence, and appear on the witness stand as a  
20 witness.

21 Q It wouldn't be necessary to give them marked money.  
22 They could be charged with possession of gambling de-  
23 vices?

24 A A lottery ticket is merely a piece of paper. The  
25 Supreme Court of the State of Washington has held that  
26 it is not a gambling device, any more than a deck of  
27 cards in a dock room.

28 Q How about a dice table chalked off, and a black-jack  
29 table marked off?

30 A We have had no trouble with that. We have had trouble

1 getting into the place.

2 Q You have had trouble getting in?

3 A Oh, absolutely.

4 Q What do you mean? What kind of trouble?

5 A If the doors are locked. My squad and myself are fair-  
6 ly well known around town. It would be the same way  
7 if you brought a new squad here from any other part  
8 of the country, they would be known ten minutes after  
9 they were here.

10 Q Do you think that the members of your squad are bet-  
11 ter known because of the fact that you have been cover-  
12 ing that district and watching for things more than  
13 the ordinary detective on the detective division?

14 A Why, possibly we are. But if any detective in the  
15 detective division was assigned to the same job, he  
16 would be well known immediately.

17 Q Well, suppose he was assigned to a job for one week  
18 or one day, do you think that he would have the diffi-  
19 culty in getting in there that you have?

20 A Well, most of these detectives are known about town.  
21 They are down around town making investigations on  
22 criminal cases all the time. They might be able to  
23 slip in. I got away with it for a while.

24 Q How about the other members of the police force? For  
25 instance, men who have been working for quite a while  
26 out of the precinct station, suppose they were brought  
27 in and put in plain clothes, would they have the diffi-  
28 culty in getting in that your squad has?

29 A They would get in one place possibly, and then they  
30 would be known.

1 Q Now, following up this question of complaints, suppose  
2 your squad received a complaint from someone over the  
3 telephone, or an unsigned letter, that a large gambling  
4 place is operating, say, in the lower end of town, not  
5 signed, but the complaint is in such words that apparent-  
6 ly the writer believes it is a large place. Just what  
7 would be your procedure?

8 A Well, I would go down there, try to get into the place.

9 Q You do that in all cases of that type?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q And have you during the last few months received any  
12 such complaints, either signed or unsigned?

13 A A few.

14 Q Over the phone, as to large places?

15 A A few, yes.

16 Q And you have investigated everyone?

17 A Yes, sir.

18 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: You were to have a list.  
19 Have you such a list at this time?

20 A Of complaints?

21 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Complaints that you received.

22 A Oh, no, I just have the letters. I took them  
23 out of my file.

24 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: May I inspect those?

25 Q (By Chairman Hamley) These are the letters?

26 A Yes, these are the letters.

27 Q This constitutes all of the letters as to complaints?

28 A Yes, sir; all that I saved.

29 Q And this covers not only gambling, but houses of pros-  
30 titution?

1 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Let me ask you, you say all  
2 letters that you saved. Do you mean you haven't saved  
3 all of them?

4 A Well, some of them aren't fit to be saved. I  
5 wouldn't bring them over here as evidence, some of the  
6 letters I get over there.

7 Q (By Chairman Hamley) What do you mean by "not fit?"

8 A Well, the language and the contents of the letters.  
9 You wouldn't care to read them. When I get a letter  
10 of that nature, I wind it up and throw it in the waste  
11 basket, I am not interested.

12 Q Well, this is all the letters that you saved.

13 A Yes, sir. Anonymous letters that I know are written  
14 by cranks, and repetition letters that are not signed,  
15 we have some -- a fellow can tell by the handwriting  
16 that comes in them every time -- and we have made in-  
17 vestigations and found them to be without foundation.  
18 I throw the letters away.

19 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Now, have you or members of your  
20 squad investigated any of these complaints of large  
21 gambling places, where you have not made arrests? Can  
22 you from your recollections tell me of some of those  
23 places within the last few weeks?

24 A Oh, yes, we have, we have investigated. We investigated  
25 one place three times to my knowledge. Once we made  
26 an arrest.

27 Q Could you give me the address?

28 A Yes, sir. 118-3rd Avenue South.

29 Q What was that supposed to be, a gambling place?

30 A Supposed to be a gambling place.

1 Q Is that commonly known as the Fairhaven?

2 A I believe so, yes.

3 Q And what condition did you find there?

4 A Well, I got in the place on the second attempt. Ap-  
5 parently the man that was supposed to keep the door  
6 locked, or the look-out, whatever it was, didn't know  
7 me.

8 A PERSON: Mr. Chairman, if this is a public hear-  
9 ing, are we not entitled to hear what the witness says?

10 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: I think so.

11 A PERSON: If it is not a public hearing, there is  
12 no use wasting our time sitting here.

13 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Can you talk a little louder?

14 THE WITNESS: I am afraid not. I am sorry I am not  
15 an orator. I am doing my best.

16 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Well, talk as loudly as you can.

17 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Now, what condition did you find  
18 here at 118?

19 A I got in there, and there was quite a number of people  
20 in there. And I necessarily had to go in alone, and  
21 left a man that went with me, oh, possibly a block away  
22 from the place. If we went down there in a body, you  
23 know what that would mean, we wouldn't get in. I ran  
24 into three Chinese, they seemed to be operating the  
25 place. And I waited for the other members of the squad  
26 to come in. In the meantime, the rest of the people  
27 went out.

28 COUNCILMAN LAUBE: If you would speak to the whole  
29 committee instead of addressing the chairman, we could  
30 hear. You are just mumbling. You have a good voice,

1 speak up.

2 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Now, about when was this?

3 A I don't recall. I can find out in the record here.

4 Q You have the record?

5 A Yes, sir.

6 Q I wish you would find the record of that date.

7 A May 13th.

8 Q May 13th?

9 A 6:05 P. M.

10 Q And you arrested three Chinese?

11 A Yes, sir.

12 Q And what investigation has your squad or yourself made  
13 of that place since then?

14 A We have been down there twice since then, I believe,  
15 and been unable to get in.

16 Q Well, was it open or not?

17 A No, it wasn't open.

18 Q I mean was anyone inside, was it operating?

19 A We were told it was operating. That is the reason we  
20 went down.

21 Q Well, when you were there and were unable to get in,  
22 could you not tell whether or not it was operating?

23 A No, sir; no, sir.

24 Q There were no lights, no signs or lights?

25 A Not that I could see.

26 Q No lights that you could see through shades, or any-  
27 thing of that sort?

28 A No, sir.

29 Q So far as you were concerned, it looked to you as  
30 though the place was closed and no one inside?

1 A Yes, sir.

2 Q And then it is your belief that since that time the  
3 place has not been open?

4 A Well, I wouldn't say that, no. I have had no concrete  
5 evidence that it has been open. I have got to make  
6 these raids on evidence. I have got to furnish the  
7 police court, when I take a man in there under arrest,  
8 I have got to furnish evidence that he has been violat-  
9 ing the law.

10 Q Well, now, yesterday, Sergeant, we referred to some  
11 specific places. One of them was 310 Washington Street.  
12 Have you or members of your squad received any complaints  
13 as to that place?

14 A Yes, we received one complaint.

15 Q One complaint?

16 A Yes, sir.

17 A PERSON: Mr. Chairman, if you would trade places  
18 with him, he would probably face this way, and we  
19 could hear him.

20 A PERSON: I have heard this witness testify in  
21 court. He could testify loud enough to fill this whole  
22 room.

23 THE WITNESS: Maybe Mr. Carrigan would get a writ  
24 of mandamus compelling me to speak louder. Maybe that  
25 would help.

26 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: I think we are entitled to have  
27 the witness speak loud enough so the members of the  
28 committee and the public could hear him.

29 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: Sit Mr. Chaffee here, and you  
30 sit over there, Fred.

CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: I think that is a good idea.

1 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

2 Q Now, we are discussing 310 Washington Street. You re-  
3 ceived one complaint as to that place, you say?

4 A Yes, sir.

5 Q About when was that?

6 A Oh, I believe it was in the month of June.

7 Q Of this year?

8 A Yes, sir.

9 Q And what did you do in regard to that?

10 A We went down there and attempted to go into the place.  
11 We were informed it was wide open, the doors were open  
12 wide down there.

13 Q What did you find?

14 A We found the door locked.

15 Q Were all the lights out?

16 A I could see no lights. I wouldn't say they were out.  
17 I could see none.

18 Q Did you look at the windows on the outside?

19 A Yes, sir.

20 Q And you couldn't tell that any lights were on?

21 A No, sir.

22 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: What time of day was that?

23 A It was in the afternoon.

24 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Were there any cars, or very many  
25 cars parked outside?

26 A Well, there are cars parked down there all the time.  
27 The Frye Hotel is there. There are cars parked all over  
28 town just about as thickly as they could be parked.

29 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: You didn't by any chance no-  
30 tify them of your coming, did you?

1 A Absolutely no.

2 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Have you been there since then?

3 A Many times.

4 Q And never found anything going on there?

5 A I have never been able to get in the place.

6 Q In the many times you have been there since then, have

7 you ever seen it lit up?

8 A Well, my recollection of the place is that the windows

9 are painted.

10 Q How are they painted?

11 A Or scaled, or something, because I have never seen any

12 lights shining through the windows.

13 Q Have you ever passed by there when the corridor leading

14 up to it was lit up?

15 A Well, I don't recall just which corridor leads

16 up to it.

17 Q Well, 310.

18 A 310, I seen a light in there; yes, sir.

19 Q Well, when you saw a light in there, did you go in there

20 to investigate?

21 A Yes, sir.

22 Q And found the door locked?

23 A Found a lunch room in there, and that's all, as far as

24 I could get.

25 Q And when you find a condition of that sort, Sergeant,

26 what is your procedure, don't you do something about it?

27 Don't you try to bring some help there and break down

28 the door, or get out a search warrant, or do something

29 about it?

30 A I have broken down some doors; yes, sir.

1 Q Well, have you ever attempted to do that there?  
2 A No, sir. When I can get a member of my squad in there  
3 gambling, or a gambler in there gambling, and I knew  
4 he was in there, and I had the evidence, I have gone  
5 through the place with a sledge hammer.

6 COUNCILMAN LANGLEY: Have you ever tried to disguise,  
7 Sergeant?

8 A No, sir.

9 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Then, to your knowledge, that place  
10 hasn't been operating as a gambling place?

11 A Not to my knowledge.

12 Q Well, we mentioned another place here yesterday, 656 1/2  
13 King Street, commonly known as the Atlas. Do you know  
14 anything about that, whether it has been operating as  
15 a gambling place or not?

16 A Not to my knowledge.

17 Q Have you received any complaints in regard to it?

18 A No, sir.

19 Q Have you ever been in there to investigate it?

20 A Not recently.

21 Q When were you in there?

22 A Oh, I haven't been in there since early last summer.

23 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Let me ask you this question.  
24 Do you mean to say that you haven't received one com-  
25 plaint from 656 1/2 King? Now, you are under oath.  
26 656 1/2 King Street.

27 A Now, what do you mean by a complaint?

28 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: That it is in operation, that  
29 there is gambling going on.

30 A No, sir; I haven't received any complaint.

1 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Have you received any information  
2 in regard to the place, whether you have construed it  
3 as such or otherwise?

4 A I have heard people talking about it; yes, sir.

5 Q Who?

6 A Oh, people about town.

7 Q Police officers?

8 A No, general public, people I would meet.

9 Q What did they say about it?

10 A That there was gambling down there.

11 Q Well, when you heard that, as well as common knowledge  
12 about town, did you go down and investigate it?

13 A I assume that it is true.

14 Q You assume that it is true?

15 A Yes, sir.

16 Q But you say you haven't investigated the place since  
17 early last summer?

18 A You asked me if I had been in the place. I hadn't been  
19 in the place since last summer.

20 Q Have you investigated it?

21 A Yes, sir; I have been down there frequently and tried to  
22 get in the place.

23 Q And the door was locked?

24 A Yes, sir.

25 Q And no lights were on?

26 A Well, that place is in a hotel, and I don't know whether  
27 the lights would shine out through the windows.

28 Q Did you really believe that place was closed and no one  
29 was inside?

30 A No, I wouldn't say that I believed that.

1 Q Well, in a case where you go up to a place of that sort  
2 and find the door locked, and there is every reason to  
3 believe that it was simply locked because they saw you  
4 coming -- you say they recognize you and the members  
5 of your squad?

6 A Yes, sir.

7 Q Then, you say, you don't make any effort to get in there  
8 unless you happen to have an informant inside?

9 A I have no authority to break down doors.

10 Q You could get a search warrant, could you not?

11 A Yes, I believe I could.

12 Q Have you ever done that in such cases?

13 A No, sir.

14 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: You have never gotten a  
15 search warrant?

16 A Not for gambling establishments.

17 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Your jurisdiction covers uptown  
18 also, does it?

19 A It covers the entire city.

20 Q And do members of your squad, or yourself very often  
21 frequent licensed card rooms to see that they are con-  
22 ducted properly?

23 A Personally, I don't frequent card rooms. I don't be-  
24 lieve any of my squad do.

25 Q Have you received any complaints that any gambling was  
26 going on uptown in card rooms?

27 A Only on slot machines.

28 Q No gambling at cards or other types of gambling, other  
29 than slot machines?

30 A I have received complaints that some of the card rooms

1 up-town had money on the tables. I went up to invest-  
2 gate that. In practically all the card rooms we found  
3 money on the tables. These card rooms are licensed,  
4 and they pay for the privilege of playing, and get  
5 their change and leave it laying there in front of them  
6 on the table.

7 Q You mean they leave their change there, but they are not  
8 using the money to play with?

9 A No, sir; they are not using the money, no, sir, only to  
10 pay when the game is over.

11 Q In making that check-up, did you cover, say, Green's  
12 Cigar store at 3rd and Union?

13 A Yes, sir; yes, sir.

14 Q And what did you find there?

15 A Found the same condition.

16 Q You think you covered the whole store? I mean by that,  
17 there were no back rooms that you didn't get into?

18 A Well, there is no back rooms to my knowledge.

19 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: In looking over these letters,  
20 Sergeant, I was struck with one fact, that not one of  
21 these letters, as near as I could determine in going  
22 through them rather hastily, contain any address that  
23 we have brought out here. You are sure that these let-  
24 ters haven't been gone through at all, and that these  
25 are all the letters you received?

26 A Officer Hull was with me, and we just took the  
27 letters out of the file the way they were.

28 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: I didn't hear that.

29 A We just took the letters out of the file, and  
30 brought them the way they were. They were filed in al-

1 alphabetical order.

2 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: How about that, did you put  
3 in all the letters in the file?

4 A All the file, we cleaned it all up.

5 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: This seems strange to me. I  
6 have a file of letters also. If I would bring in the  
7 file of letters I have and compare them with these, you  
8 would find that all of those places we have mentioned,  
9 we have many times.

10 A You understand that I am just considered small-  
11 fry in the police department, and I didn't get all the  
12 complaints. I didn't receive the complaints you got.  
13 I never received complaints from the Seattle Council of  
14 Churches, I never received letters from the Clean City  
15 League, of any description.

16 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: No, but I mean anonymous  
17 letters of any description.

18 A Possibly there were anonymous letters that I  
19 received, that had no addresses on them.

20 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: It just occurred to me as  
21 strange that none of those addresses were there. Did  
22 you recognize any there?

23 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: Just one. That has a list  
24 of places. Little Harlem, 110-7th Avenue South. What  
25 is this notation here, Sergeant, is that yours?

26 A Oh, yes, that was a report I took out of the  
27 file that I made, I believe it was, for the former Chief  
28 of Police. He asked me to obtain information as to  
29 whether or not they had a dance license, and whether or  
30 not they were dancing there.

1 BY COUNCILMAN LANGLIE:  
2 Q And what did you do about it?  
3 A I did nothing about it.  
4 Q It says, "Closed about" -- what is that notation?  
5 A Closed at 12.  
6 Q Closed at 12?  
7 A Yes.  
8 Q What do you mean by that?  
9 A That is the hour the place closed up.  
10 Q Oh, I see.  
11 A And he asked me to give him information as to whether  
12 the place was working after hours or not.  
13 Q Then you have 1427 1/2 - 5th Avenue, and the notation  
14 is: "Could not gain admission." And also the address  
15 1520-5th Avenue, the same notation. Your biggest diffi-  
16 culty in all this law enforcement is that you can't get  
17 in, is it?  
18 A No, that is the least of my difficulties.  
19 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: I can't hear.  
20 THE WITNESS: I believe that is the least of my  
21 difficulties.  
22 Q (By Councilman Langlie) Well, just what is the trouble,  
23 then, officer? I understood from your testimony here  
24 that your big difficulty was getting into these places  
25 when they are operating?  
26 A No, it is getting the evidence to convict the operators.  
27 Q After you get in?  
28 A Yes, sir. You understand -- you are speaking of those  
29 speakeasies, there, for instance, and you are speaking  
30 of getting warrants. According to the state liquor law,

1 in order to get a search warrant for liquor, illegal  
2 liquor, I must furnish a Justice of the Peace a sworn  
3 affidavit of my knowledge that liquor is being sold  
4 there. It is my experience that the information that  
5 the Justice of Peace will accept in that affidavit be-  
6 fore he will issue the warrant is that I have purchased  
7 liquor there, or an agent has purchased liquor there.  
8 I have got to go out and make a buy to get that warrant.  
9 What am I going to make the buys with? That is my  
10 greatest difficulty.

11  
12 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

13 Q Just let me ask you a question there. You made the  
14 statement that when you sent someone with marked money,  
15 that you use money out of your pay-check?

16 A Yes.

17 Q What is the three thousand dollars investigation money  
18 given to the Chief used for, have you any idea?

19 A I am sure you can get that information from the Chief.  
20 I have never received any of that money.

21 Q You have never received any of that money?

22 A No, sir.

23 Q And you are head of the vice squad.

24 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: And working out of his office?

25 A Yes, sir.

26 Q (By Councilman Lockwood) And under his orders?

27 A Yes, sir.

28 Q And it is your duty to make investigations of those  
29 things?

30 A Yes, sir.

1 Q And you have never had any of that three thousand dol-  
2 lars?

3 A Chief Comstock last Fall gave me a little money that I  
4 had already spent, and I gave him a bill for it.

5 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: What was that last?

6 A He gave me a little money that I had spent out  
7 of my own pocket, and I gave him an itemized statement  
8 of the expenditure, and that is all the money I received.

9 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: You realize that there is a  
10 three thousand dollar fund there? I suppose you have  
11 knowledge of that?

12 A Yes, sir.

13  
14 BY COUNCILMAN LANGLIE:

15 Q Now, Sergeant Chaffee, I understand you to say now that  
16 you don't have any difficulty getting into these places,  
17 that is the least of your trouble?

18 A I would get into those places if I had the evidence to  
19 step into them.

20 Q Let us follow you a step at a time. You say you don't  
21 have difficulty in getting into these places. Is that  
22 true or not?

23 A Certainly I have difficulty, but I wouldn't have any if  
24 I had evidence, I would use a sledge hammer.

25 Q What do you want? We want to understand. The chief  
26 problem is to get the evidence?

27 A Yes, sir.

28 Q And then you won't have any difficulty in getting in?

29 A Well, if you would call swinging a sixteen pound sledge  
30 hammer through a six inch door no difficulty, you

1 wouldn't have any difficulty.

2 Q But you would make an entrance?

3 A Yes, sir; I would do that.

4 Q Now, as sergeant of the squad that is delegated to take  
5 care of that particular phase of law enforcement, what  
6 plans do you make to do that, or do you think it is a  
7 hopeless task?

8 A Well, I wouldn't say that this law enforcement is a  
9 hopeless task. Sometimes <sup>I</sup> feel like throwing up my hands  
10 and calling it hopeless.

11 Q Well, now, how have you gone about getting evidence on  
12 some of those places that you would like to close up,  
13 what has been your routine on some of your assignments?

14 A I have tried to get members of the squad to go into  
15 these places.

16 Q Have you succeeded in any instances?

17 A In some instances; yes, sir.

18 Q In what place?

19 A Oh, I don't recall.

20 Q What?

21 A I don't recall what places. Officer Hull has gone into  
22 places, put on old clothes as a logger and gone into  
23 places for me.

24 Q He wasn't recognized on those trips?

25 A No.

26 Q (By Councilman Langlie) And do you know any of those  
27 particular places, can you name them for us?

28 A Not with any certainty; no, sir.

29 Q Has he tried to get into such places as the Cavalcade,  
30 Sahara ?

1 A Yes, we have been in both of the places.

2 Q Succeeded in getting any evidence?

3 A Yes, and made arrests.

4 Q When?

5 A I don't recall.

6 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: I didn't hear you, Sergeant.

7 THE WITNESS: I don't recall. There are about fif-  
8 teen hundred arrests there in the last year, and it  
9 would be difficult for me to recall each and every one  
10 of those arrests, and the time and the place.

11 Q (By Councilman Langlie) Whom did you arrest when you made  
12 those entries?

13 A The apparent proprietor, the bartender, the man in  
14 charge or any employee that we saw around there, was  
15 apparently employed at the place. In cases of speak-  
16 easies such as you suggest, if one of the officers got  
17 in there and was able to buy a drink, we arrested the  
18 man that sold him the drink.

19 Q And that was the end of the law enforcement in that par-  
20 ticular place, was it? Did you go any further with it  
21 to find out who had the lease of the premises, or who  
22 the owner was?

23 A No, I don't believe I could possibly get that, all that  
24 detail work.

25 Q You couldn't get all that detail work done, so you just  
26 arrest the one that sells the drink, and take him down  
27 and have him tried, is that it?

28 A Yes, sir.

29 Q And then go on to the next place that you get a report  
30 on?

1 A Yes, sir.

2 Q Or that you feel should be investigated. Do you know  
3 whether or not the Cavalcade and the Sahara have been  
4 running continuously during the last six months?

5 A No, sir; I wouldn't be able to know that.

6 Q You wouldn't be able to know. Would you say that it  
7 has or it hasn't?

8 A I wouldn't say either way.

9 Q Do you have any ideas how the law enforcement could be  
10 tightened up on this thing, any plans at all how you  
11 might abate these places or stop this vice?

12 A Well, I had some ideas when I first went on the squad in  
13 connection with the Chinamen, for instance, down there,  
14 and they didn't work.

15 Q What was that?

16 A Well, when I would go down there, I was one of the  
17 seventh wonders to the Chinese, as soon as I was placed  
18 on the squad, and the Chinese took the trouble to all have  
19 a look at me, see who I was and who the members of the  
20 squad were. So I had a brilliant idea that I would ar-  
21 rest a lot of these look-outs, that would iron the sit-  
22 uation out, they wouldn't have their warning. I did  
23 that. I arrested them under disorderly person charges,  
24 tried it under disorderly conduct charges, didn't get  
25 anywhere. I could show no overt act of law violation.  
26 They all came into court and showed they had means of  
27 living, they weren't vagrants.

28 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Of course, it would be rather  
29 difficult to just pick somebody off the street and take  
30 them in, and arrest them without any evidence. I imagine

1 that would be difficult.

2 A It would.

3 Q (By Councilman Langlie) Well, did you have any other  
4 ideas concerning the enforcement of the law in regard  
5 to these places?

6 A Yes. And prostitution. I have gone into places, been  
7 solicited into places. I know of one place in particu-  
8 lar. I went as far as to go clear into the room, and  
9 when the lady asked me for the money, I pulled out my  
10 badge. And I was informed there was no direct evidence  
11 of prostitution. I told the court at that time he  
12 would never get any from me.

13 Q What do you believe, there are some houses of prostitu-  
14 tion operating now in Seattle?

15 A It's been operating since time began.

16 Q Well, I am asking you about now in Seattle, and if so,  
17 about how many would you say?

18 A Oh, I would have no way of even estimating how many  
19 people are practicing prostitution.

20 Q I mean houses of prostitution where the whole place is  
21 devoted to it.

22 A Oh, I have my suppositions, but I can't say that I know,  
23 because if I knew, I would have evidence enough to  
24 convict.

25 Q Well, aren't there certain characteristics that you can  
26 positively identify a house of prostitution by -- by  
27 looking at it from across the street?

28 A No, sir; I can't.

29 Q Are you aware that many of them have neon signs in front  
30 of them?

1 A No, sir; I am not.

2 Q That they have lights in the windows?

3 A I have lights in the windows in my home.

4 Q Red lights?

5 A Yes, sir. One of them has a rose shade on it, I believe.

6 Q I notice in going through these letters that at the  
7 bottom of a lot of them you have just got marked the  
8 word "bunk." What is the significance of that?

9 A Well, if you will understand, those are letters that  
10 are kept for my official record, they are kept entirely  
11 for my own information. Maybe that's the most abbrevi-  
12 ated form of statement I can put on there, and it is  
13 self-explanatory to me, I know that that letter is the  
14 bunk.

15 Q (By Councilman Lockwood) I rather hastily went through  
16 this list of places that you raided, and I didn't no-  
17 tice -- in reading the newspapers, I have noticed, for  
18 example, the Black and Tan has been raided on several  
19 occasions the last few months.

20 A Yes, sir.

21 Q I didn't notice that. Of course I glanced through that  
22 rather hastily.

23 A I can find it for you any time.

24 Q The same is true of 310 Washington?

25 A Yes, sir.

26 Q And 656-1/2 King?

27 A No, I don't believe I ever made an arrest at the King  
28 Street address.

29 COUNCILMAN LANGLEY: I gather, Sergeant, from what  
30 you have said here that it is pretty much of a hopeless

1 task to try to abate this vice situation here in Seattle?

2 A No, I wouldn't say it is a hopeless task. I am  
3 rather proud of my record since I have been on the vice  
4 squad, of those arrests. I think that the town is better  
5 than it was when I went on it. I am holding no brief  
6 for my record on the vice squad, I am proud of it.

7 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Well, now, if it could be  
8 shown to you a little later on that there were a number  
9 of Chinese gambling places operating, a number of speak-  
10 easies operating, many houses of prostitution operating,  
11 would you still be proud of your record?

12 A Well, undoubtedly there are some operating.

13 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Well, quite a number of them,  
14 quite wide open?

15 A Quite wide open?

16 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: It has been charged that that  
17 is the case.

18 A I know it has been charged.

19 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: You still don't think that  
20 is the case?

21 A What is the case?

22 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: That conditions are as have  
23 been charged in some of these reports that we have here.

24 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: I didn't hear.

25 A Well, no, I believe these reports are somewhat  
26 exaggerated.

27 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: What do you mean by "somewhat"?  
28 Do you think they are somewhat true?

29 A Well, if they are exaggerated, there must be an  
30 element of truth at the bottom, and the element of truth

1 is exaggerated.

2 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Well, here the charge is made  
3 that gambling places are running openly and flagrantly  
4 in the lower end of town. What would you mean by  
5 saying that they are exaggerated, that they aren't so  
6 big, or aren't so many?

7 A They aren't so open.

8 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Aren't so open?

9 A Aren't so open, and not so flagrant.  
10

11 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

12 Q You heard me ask the Chief the question regarding these  
13 race track betting places. Did you have any knowledge  
14 that they were in operation up until --

15 A (Interposing) Well, as far as that race track booking  
16 proposition is concerned, I must plead ignorance on  
17 that. I wouldn't know how to place a bet, or I wouldn't  
18 know a book if I saw one. I have never been interested,  
19 never found out a thing about it, I have never found  
20 out where one was operating.  
21

22 BY COUNCILMAN LANGLIE:

23 Q You are only interested, then, in the forms of vice  
24 that you are able to participate in yourself, is that  
25 it, you can get the evidence?

26 A Listen, please, Mr. Langlie, there are possibly seven  
27 hundred prostitutes out there, and you are certainly not  
28 interested in participating in that form of vice.

29 Q Well, how did you get the evidence on those, how were  
30 you able to get convictions in those instances?

1 A Well, a great many of them are soliciting on the street,  
2 a great many of them.

3 Q All of them?

4 A No, not all of them.

5 Q Well, how did you get the evidence on the others?

6 A We have gone into the places.

7 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

8 Q I thought you just told us the Court wouldn't allow  
9 anything as evidence, simply walking in the room with  
10 one of these girls, for example?

11 A We have the advantage of arresting a known prostitute.

12 Q I didn't hear you.

13 A We have the advantage of arresting a known prostitute.  
14 We have the records on all of them. And most of the old-  
15 timers that we get ahold of, if they are known prosti-  
16 tutes, we charge them with disorderly person.

17 Q Then it is like this; if you would go into some place  
18 and find one known prostitute, that that would tend to  
19 convict the whole house?

20 A Yes, sir.

21  
22 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

23 Q Does your squad make a pretty systematic check-up of  
24 such places? For instance, suppose a place has all the  
25 appearances of a house of prostitution, do you go in  
26 and see if you find any known prostitute?

27 A Systematic? I am afraid I don't understand.

28 A Do you make any effort to cover these districts where  
29 the houses of prostitution are said to be?

30 A I haven't had the time to do that yet.

1 Q Well, are the men on the beats supposed to do that?

2 A Well, I did when I was working the beat.

3 Q And it is your belief that the men now on the beat are  
4 supposed to cover the districts that they are assigned  
5 to, for such purposes?

6 A Yes, sir.

7 Q And would you say that it was their duty when they see a  
8 house in an under-built district of town, or a house  
9 that has the appearance of being a house of prostitution,  
10 that it would be the duty of that officer to go in and  
11 investigate and see if there were any known prostitutes  
12 in it?

13 A Well, I wouldn't be able to answer that.

14 Q Well, you were on the beat once, weren't you?

15 A Yes, sir.

16 Q Well, was it your duty when you were on the beat to do  
17 that?

18 A I didn't go into houses, no, sir, unless I had some kind  
19 of evidence that would warrant me going in them.

20  
21 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

22 Q Have you ever been told by any of your superiors while  
23 a patrolman, or while on the vice squad, to ignore cer-  
24 tain places?

25 A Absolutely not.

26 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: I didn't understand.

27 A Absolutely no.

28 Q Well, was it generally understood that there were certain  
29 places that you weren't supposed to bother?

30 A Absolutely no. The Chief of Police or any of my super-  
iors have never placed any limitations on my activities.

1 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: I have no further questions.

2 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

3 Q Who is Mr. Romain, do you know him?

4 A Mr. Romain, yes, sir, I know him.

5 Q What is his first name, do you know?

6 A "M", I believe his initials are.

7 Q "M"?

8 A Yes, sir.

9 Q Do you know what --

10 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: (Interposing) Do you know  
11 the full name?

12 A No, I do not.

13 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Do you know what his occupation is?

14 A No. I know up until the end of prohibition, I believe  
15 he was a bootlegger.

16 Q Well, have you had recent acquaintance with him?

17 A Oh, I meet him, yes, I see him around.

18 Q Where do you usually see him?

19 A I meet him in the south end. Meet him all over town.  
20 He is around quite a bit.

21 Q Have you any idea what his occupation is now?

22 A No, I haven't.

23 Q Haven't heard anyone say?

24 A No, I haven't. I don't believe he is working now.

25 Q Did you ever hear of anyone by the name of "Jimmy the  
26 Jap"?

27 A No, I don't believe I have.

28 Q Ever hear of anyone by the name of "Alex the Wap"?

29 A No, I don't know him.

30 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Have the members of the committee

1 any further questions?

2  
3 BY COUNCILMAN LANGLEIE:

4 Q These arrests that you made, there were over five hun-  
5 dred of them, you say, disorderly persons?

6 A Women?

7 Q Yes. What do you do in those instances when you make  
8 those arrests, just deliver the --

9 A Why, the majority of them, practically all of them, are  
10 referred to the Health Department.

11 Q You pick them up and you take them down to the jail with  
12 you?

13 A Yes, sir.

14 Q And book them.

15 A Book them.

16 Q And then?

17 A With a notation that they are referred to the Health  
18 Department.

19 Q Refer them to the Health Department. Are they released  
20 then?

21 A No. The procedure is, on account of lack of room down  
22 there and facilities to handle them, they take the "GC"  
23 slide the next morning. They are able to get a line on  
24 that in a few hours. If that shows all right, then they  
25 are allowed freedom or one hundred dollars bail pending  
26 the return on their blood test, which takes three to  
27 four days. If their blood test shows positive, the  
28 bond, bail bond man, or whoever put up their bail, is  
29 notified, and he returns them to custody. Lack of fin-  
30 ances and one thing and another has eliminated the

1 quarantine of those down there. Some cases they have  
2 held until they were cured. What they try to do now is  
3 to get some reputable physician to guarantee to treat  
4 these women until they are cured. At the time they get  
5 what is called a "white" slip, that is a negative test,  
6 they are brought back into court and tried as disorderly  
7 person.

8 Q And what disposition is ordinarily made of their case  
9 then?

10 A Why, frequently, if they are old-timers, we give them  
11 what is called a "floater" out of town, a suspended  
12 sentence to leave town.

13 Q And if they are not old-timers?

14 A They are released.

15 Q They are released?

16 A Especially if they have spent their curative time in  
17 jail.

18 Q So the only punishment is medical care and the putting  
19 up of bail?

20 A Yes, sir.

21 Q Which is returned to them?

22 A We have a great problem of that kind right now. We have  
23 been working for two or three months in connection with  
24 the arrival of the fleet.

25 Q How are you able to segregate -- you arrest those that  
26 are apparently diseased, and the others are not arrested?

27 A Oh, we arrest all of them.

28 Q All that you arrest are referred to the Health Depart-  
29 ment?

30 A Yes, sir.

1 Q And in what percentage of the cases do you find them  
2 diseased?

3 A Oh, I imagine the percentage runs about sixty.

4 Q About sixty per cent?

5 A It has been brought up quite a bit through reports from  
6 the naval headquarters. Of course, they wouldn't re-  
7 port a prostitute that wasn't dangerous to the navy. If  
8 a man appears sick over there, why, they hold an examin-  
9 ation, a kind of third-degree of this man to try to find  
10 out who this woman is, and where he contracted the dis-  
11 ease. Those reports are sent over to us. They are  
12 mostly in the form of "Myrtle picked up on Second Avenue,"  
13 or "Maisie picked up on Fourth Avenue." That is quite  
14 a proposition, to find Myrtle and Maisie, but we have  
15 averaged about eighty per cent arrests on complaints.  
16 But now that the fleet is in, they are coming in by the  
17 dozens on every bus.

18  
19 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

20 Q Who is the actual head of the vice squad; are you the  
21 head?

22 A Yes, sir.

23 Q What are the men under you, are they both patrolmen?

24 A Patrolmen; yes, sir.

25 Q You give the orders, and they do what --

26 A Yes, sir.

27  
28 BY COUNCILMAN LANGLEIE:

29 Q These arrests you speak of, they don't in any way tend  
30 to mitigate the practice in this city, they merely serve

1 as a sort of medical aid to the profession, don't they?  
2 A Yes, sir; I guess that is what you would call it. But  
3 it is about the limit of my capacities to go out and  
4 arrest them. It is up to the Court from then on.

5 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Sergeant, when you make an arrest  
6 in a house on this charge that they are known prostit-  
7 utes, or some other evidence, do you also arrest the  
8 proprietor, or the person in charge?

9 A Well, if there is such a person, yes, sir.

10 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: That is usually the case, is it  
11 not?

12 A That is pretty hard to tell. Most of the houses  
13 I have been in, there wouldn't be over two girls and  
14 they are both more or less in a state of undress, they  
15 are both working. One of them probably owns the place,  
16 but none of them will admit it.

17  
18 BY COUNCILMAN LANGLEIE:

19 Q Well, Sergeant, in most of these places, don't they have  
20 a barred door and a sort of peek-hole there?

21 A What places?

22 Q These houses of prostitution.

23 A No, no, they don't go in for the barred doors.

24 Q They don't?

25 A No, sir.

26 Q Well, if the places are known, or any check was made,  
27 and it was determined what places were being operated  
28 in that way, the patrolman on the beat wouldn't have  
29 any difficulty in spoiling their business for a while  
30 would he?

1 A Oh, if he stood right in front of a place that was, say,  
2 for example, it was a house of prostitution, if he spent  
3 all of his time standing in front of it, naturally, they  
4 wouldn't get any business.

5 Q Well, if you bashed down the door once in a while?

6 A Bashing down doors is a dangerous proposition. I am not  
7 financially able to stand any law suits of bashing down  
8 doors. You got to know what you are doing when you go  
9 around tearing down doors.

10 Q Well, you are an officer to enforce the law. If you are  
11 not willing to take the responsibility, Sergeant, you  
12 should take a beat.

13 A Responsibility of what?

14 Q Enforcing the law.

15 A Being a defendant in a civil suit -- I have got four or  
16 five of them pending now.

17 Q That is part of your responsibility.

18 A Take, for instance, we go up here and work Pike and  
19 Union Streets for street walkers. Imagine if your daugh-  
20 ter came down the street and happened to meet two or  
21 three people she knew, two or three men she knew, and  
22 started to talk to them. We assume she is walking the  
23 street. We put her in jail and put the blood test on  
24 her. What would happen to us? We have got to be sure;  
25 there is no getting around. That would be a beautiful  
26 proposition if we would take an innocent girl down there.

27 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: I think you are trying to make  
28 it too difficult, Sergeant.

29 A Well, I might suggest you come out and try it  
30 some night.

1 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Possibly I have done that.

2 A I would welcome any help.

3  
4 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

5 Q Sergeant, I notice in the 1934 police report that there  
6 were five arrests for conducting a disorderly house. Of  
7 those five arrests, three were released and two were  
8 fined. What were those, the proprietors or something of  
9 that sort?

10 A Conducting?

11 Q Well, it doesn't have the word "conducting". I assumed  
12 that. Disorderly house, that is the way it is worded  
13 here.

14 A I don't know what that change would be. We can place a  
15 charge against a woman of operating a disorderly house.

16 Q Well, this record apparently indicates that there were  
17 five such arrests made last year.

18 A There is a state jointist charge. That is the most  
19 serious charge we can make against these people.

20 Q I can't find any other classification here that can prop-  
21 erly cover that except the one down here, "Taking earn-  
22 ings of prostitute," and in that classification there  
23 was one arrest made last year, and that arrest was re-  
24 leased.

25 A Well, "Taking earnings of prostitute," of course, he is  
26 a procurer.

27 Q Yes. Well, do you know how many arrests have been made  
28 for conducting a disorderly house this year?

29 A No, I do not. It is shown, it is on that list that you  
30 have there, I believe, if there has been any made.

1 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Mr. Reporter, could I have one of  
2 the exhibits that was introduced yesterday?

3 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: I have a copy of that. There  
4 is nothing on that, at least the one I have here.

5 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Yes, here is one classification,  
6 disorderly house. The period from June 1st, 1933 to  
7 June 1, 1934, no arrests. The period from June 1st,  
8 1934 to June 1, 1935, 5 arrests. That would be an arrest  
9 of a proprietor of such a house as that, would it?

10 A That would be a proprietor.

11 Q Well, then, here is another one down here, running dis-  
12 orderly house. No arrests, during that period, in 1934,  
13 and five in 1935. You think that that is a pretty good  
14 record for the vice squad, or for the whole police de-  
15 partment, five arrests for conducting a disorderly house  
16 during the year's period?

17 A Well, conducting a disorderly house, that matter of evi-  
18 dence crops up again.

19 Q Well, it doesn't in regard to making an arrest, does it?

20 A It does in regard to charging the person after you make  
21 the arrest.

22 Q But this isn't a record of charges, this is a record of  
23 arrests?

24 A Well, that is what they are charged with, is running a  
25 disorderly house. It takes different evidence to con-  
26 vict a person of running a disorderly house than it does  
27 of being a disorderly person.

28 Q Well, if you go into a house of prostitution and find a  
29 person that is apparently in charge there, and you go  
30 into a room, and this person calls in the girls, would

1 you say that she was in charge?

2 A I would say that she was in charge, but the Judge wouldn't  
3 believe it. That "apparently" business doesn't go in  
4 the court, I have found that out.

5 Q Well, now, suppose one of these girls called in was a  
6 known prostitute, wouldn't you also make an arrest of the  
7 person that called them in?

8 A Yes.

9 Q What would you call them?

10 A A disorderly person, the same as a prostitute.

11 Q Even though the person that called them in was consider-  
12 ably older, forty or fifty years old?

13 A Oh, in that case, if I ran into such a case, I wouldn't  
14 charge her with "disorderly person," no.

15 Q What would you charge her with?

16 A I would charge her with running the place.

17 Q And do you think that five or six arrests during a year's  
18 period is a good record for the police department?

19 A I would; yes, sir.

20 COUNCILMAN LANGLEIE: Now, Sergeant, do you feel that  
21 as far as the city of Seattle is concerned, you are sat-  
22 isfied with the enforcement that you have given us with  
23 regard to law violation and gambling and prostitution and  
24 speakeasies?

25 A Yes, sir.

26 COUNCILMAN LANGLEIE: And you think that it is as good  
27 right now as you are able to make it, and will be able to  
28 make it for the next six months?

29 A I wouldn't go into the future. It is as good  
30 right now as I can make it.

1 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: You mean by "right now", not  
2 at the moment, but over the last month?

3 A Over the last month, or over the last six months  
4 or last year. I will continue to try the same as I have  
5 been doing. I can't put in any more hours than I have  
6 been putting in, but I will give by entire effort to the  
7 job.

8  
9 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

10 Q There is one more final question I would like to ask,  
11 that is in connection with so-called protection. Do  
12 you have any knowledge of the protection money being  
13 paid to police officers, patrolmen, or anyone, for pro-  
14 tection?

15 A No, sir.

16 Q You have no knowledge of that?

17 A No, sir.

18  
19 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

20 Q Have you been down the lower end of town during the last  
21 night or two at all?

22 A Yes, I was down there last night.

23 Q Did you notice how quiet it was? Did you notice any  
24 difference between the condition there then and a week  
25 ago? Did you notice that there were hardly any cars  
26 parked around there, very few places lighted up?

27 A No, I didn't.

28 Q You didn't notice anything about that?

29 A No, sir.

30 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: I have no further questions. Have

1 any other members of the Council questions?

2 (WITNESS EXCUSED)

3  
4  
5  
6  
7 OFFICER BRADFORD M. HULL,

8 having been first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

9 DIRECT EXAMINATION

10  
11 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

12 Q Will you state your full name, please?

13 A Bradford M. Hull.

14 Q And what is your assignment with the police department?

15 A Patrolman.

16 Q And to what duties are you assigned?

17 A To the dry squad and morals squad.

18 Q How long have you been assigned to that squad?

19 A June the 4th, a year ago.

20 Q The same time Sergeant Chaffee went on?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Is that also the same time that Officer Jordan went on?

23 A Yes.

24 Q The whole squad at that time was changed then, I mean?

25 A Well, we haven't as many on the squad as we did when we  
26 first started.

27 Q Well, have there been any reductions in the last three  
28 or four months?

29 A Yes.

30 Q Who?

1 A There was Officer Bakenhus and Officer Murphy been taken  
2 off.

3 Q When were they taken off?

4 A Oh, some time in January, I think.

5 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: What were those names?

6 A Officer Murphy and Officer Bakenhus.

7 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: How do you spell that?

8 A B-a-k-e-n-h-u-s.

9 Q (By Chairman Hamley) And what are the initials of Of-  
10 ficer Murphy?

11 A M. J., I believe.

12 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: And Bakenhus, what are his  
13 initials?

14 A H. D.

15 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Do you know where they are assigned  
16 now?

17 A Well, I think that Murphy is on 15, I am not sure, box  
18 15.

19 Q Is that out of headquarters?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And how about the other one?

22 A 18 or 118, I don't know which it is, one or the other,  
23 down there.

24 Q (By Chairman Hamley) That would be headquarters?

25 A Yes.

26 Q What district does that cover?

27 A Well, I couldn't tell you just exactly what the boundary  
28 is.

29 Q Well, not exactly, but roughly, is it the business dis-  
30 trict, or residential district, or what?

1 A No, it is down the lower end somewhere. I don't know  
2 just exactly where it is, the boundaries.

3 Q Both of them?

4 A Yes.

5 Q When they were put on, the men that were there of course  
6 would be moved somewhere else, that was the way it would  
7 be, was it?

8 A It would necessarily be.

9 Q Now, Officer, do all members of this vice squad start  
10 out the same time each day, that is, their hours are the  
11 same?

12 A About the same.

13 Q And you have no definite and set routine, you just take  
14 up whatever is most important for that day?

15 A Whatever the sergeant has on for the day.

16 Q And during the last two months, have you been spending  
17 very much of your time on gambling and vice conditions?

18 A Yes, continuously, ever since I have been on the squad.

19 Q About what per centage of your time would you say, of  
20 your time, is spent on gambling?

21 A Well, we are in court almost every day.

22 Q You are?

23 A Almost every day.

24 Q Well, how much of your day would you say is spent in  
25 actually investigating gambling and vice conditions?

26 A Oh, about eight hours.

27 Q Each day?

28 A About eight hours.

29 Q And each day you attempt to cover all of the city, down-  
30 town as well as --

1 A All over the city.

2 Q And you are well familiar with the district south of the  
3 Washington Street line, the Maynard district?

4 A Fairly well, yes.

5 Q And have you investigated the places that there are  
6 charges where there is open and flagrant gambling going  
7 on, for instance, 310 Washington Street?

8 A We have been down there several times, but haven't been  
9 able to get in.

10 Q Do all of you go down at the same time?

11 A Well, yes, but sometimes one ahead of the other.

12 Q But there wouldn't be any large places where one of you  
13 would --

14 A Try, yes.

15 Q And have you made any investigations down there that the  
16 other two did not participate in?

17 A Well, they were in a car about a block or so away. I  
18 tried to get into those places. I have even put on over-  
19 alls and high-top boots.

20 Q Have you been able to get into any of those places?

21 A No, I haven't.

22 Q Do you know the locations?

23 A No, I don't know the locations, except the one you men-  
24 tioned on King Street.

25 Q Do you know about that?

26 A I know we have had complaints. The complaints have been  
27 investigated at several times.

28 Q Have you found -- I think the Sergeant said there was a  
29 lunch counter down there?

30 A Which place?

- 1 Q 310 Washington.
- 2 A I don't know whether there is a lunch counter or not.
- 3 I didn't try to get in that place, only right up to the
- 4 door. I never went inside.
- 5 Q About how long ago was that?
- 6 A Well, let's see -- about the middle of last June.
- 7 Q The middle of this last June?
- 8 A Yes, this June.
- 9 Q On the whole, do you think that gambling and vice condi-
- 10 tions are fairly well controlled in the city?
- 11 A Well, I would say there were less now than ever since
- 12 I have been on the police department.
- 13 Q Would you say they are controlled and kept down as much
- 14 as it is possible to do so with your present force?
- 15 A Absolutely.
- 16 Q And you do not at this time have knowledge, or say you
- 17 did not have knowledge a week ago, of any gambling or
- 18 vice or houses of prostitution or speakeasies operating?
- 19 A Oh, I couldn't say. There are bound to be a few all over
- 20 town somewhere.
- 21 Q I mean any specific cases to your knowledge?
- 22 A No.
- 23 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Have the members of the committee
- 24 any questions?
- 25
- 26 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:
- 27 Q How long have you been on the force, Mr. Hull?
- 28 A Fifteen years.
- 29 Q Fifteen years. Have you had any vacations over any
- 30 extensive period in the last couple of years?

1 A No, I had fifteen days last year, went deer hunting.  
2 I have had very little off since then.  
3 Q Do you happen to be a personal friend of Mayor Smith?  
4 A I have known the mayor for fifteen years. We have had  
5 dealings, fishing and hunting together ever since he has  
6 been City Attorney over there.  
7 Q Did you work during the campaign at all for him?  
8 A Did I work with him?  
9 Q Did you work for him during his campaign?  
10 A I didn't work for him. I asked my friends to work  
11 for him, yes.  
12 Q Did you take any time off during the campaign, just  
13 preceding the campaign, to work for him?  
14 A Preceding -- no not preceding the campaign.  
15 Q During the campaign?  
16 A No, not during. I was off a few days, but I wasn't  
17 working.  
18 Q How long a period were you off then?  
19 A Oh, four or five days, I think, something like that.  
20 Q The reports have come to me from a number of sources  
21 that you were actually in charge of the vice squad.  
22 Is that the case?  
23 A No, sir; it is not.  
24 Q That your word is really what goes on that?  
25 A No sir; it is not.

26 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: It isn't the case.

27 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Do any other members of the  
28 committee have questions?  
29  
30

1 BY COUNCILMAN LANGLEY:

2 Q Do you share the feeling of Sergeant Chaffee that it is  
3 almost impossible to get evidence to convict the prosti-  
4 tution and the speak-easy operators?

5 A Well, in the majority of cases we have got to get the  
6 evidence before we can convict them in court, and we  
7 haven't lost many cases in court on those speakeasies.  
8 We have had convictions on -- I forget just how many  
9 there were.

10 Q Well, is that ever difficult to get?

11 A Yes, it is.

12 Q And the same is true --

13 A (Interposing) Under the state law, to convict a speak-  
14 easy, we have to -- where they use a state liquor store  
15 liquor, we have to make a buy on that liquor.

16 A And what about the gambling houses, it is hard to get in  
17 there?

18 A It is almost impossible to get into some places.

19 Q And is it easy to get into others?

20 A No.

21 Q It is hard to get into all of them?

22 A Yes, it is.

23 COUNCILMAN LANGLEY: That is all.

24 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Any further questions?

25  
26 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

27 Q How do you account for the fact that the state seems to  
28 have very little difficulty in getting into these speak-  
29 easies?

30 A Well, they have, I presume, more financial assistance to

1 go in to buy these, to make buys.

2 Q Well, it only costs fifty cents a drink, or something  
3 like that, doesn't it?

4 A Well, I don't know, I never bought one.

5 Q Oh, you never did? And in all the time you have been  
6 on the vice squad you have never purchased any liquor  
7 in the speakeasies as a matter of evidence?

8 A Well, I never purchased, I always gave them a marked  
9 dollar, and as quick as I got the change back, I always  
10 grabbed the liquor and put them under arrest.

11 Q I see.

12 A Where there is moonshine involved, we generally charge  
13 them with unstamped liquor. It is very easy to convict.

14 Q Well, is that usually the case, that you find these speak-  
15 easies are usually moonshine rather than stamped liquor?

16 A No, it isn't.

17 Q It generally is stamped liquor?

18 A Well, they might be using stamped liquor bottles. I  
19 don't know. That is something we can't prove.

20 Q Yes, I know. Are you acquainted with Mr. Romain?

21 A Oh, I have met him, yes.

22 Q Do you know his first name?

23 A No, I don't.

24 Q Do you know his business?

25 A No, I don't.

26 Q Do you know whether he is working at present or not?

27 A No, I couldn't say.

28 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: That is all the questions  
29 I have, Mr. Chairman.

30 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Any further questions? If not,  
you may be excused at this time.

(WITNESS EXCUSED)

1 DR. WALTER G. HILTNER,

2 having been first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

3 DIRECT EXAMINATION

4  
5 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

6 Q Will you state your full name, please?

7 A Walter G. Hiltner.

8 Q And your occupation?

9 A Physician and surgeon.

10 Q And where is your residence?

11 A 4215 E. 33rd.

12 Q Now, Doctor, this committee is interested in finding out  
13 any information which you may have as to actual vice,  
14 gambling or liquor violations in the city of Seattle.  
15 In receiving this testimony, we are only interested in  
16 any personal information you will have yourself, and  
17 not anything that has come to you by way of hearsay or  
18 from other sources. So that if you have any personal  
19 knowledge of your own, we would like to have you state  
20 that in your own words at this time.

21 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: May I ask: Do you represent  
22 any group, Hr. Hiltner?

23 A I am chairman of the Morals committee of the  
24 Council of Churches in Seattle.

25 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Now, if you will just state in your  
26 own words any personal knowledge you may have as to these  
27 conditions.

28 A Well, I have been down upon the streets many times in the  
29 years that I have lived in Seattle, and especially the  
30 last year I have personally been solicited by girls from

1 the street many times. On June 22nd, I think that was  
2 the date, or possibly the week before, Saturday night,  
3 I went down with a party of six, three men and three  
4 women.

5 Q What were their names, if you remember?

6 A Shall I give the names?

7 Q Certainly.

8 A Mrs. Frances Powell was my accompanist most of the time.

9 Q Who were the others?

10 A Mrs. Jones, president of the Parent-Teacher Associations,  
11 and her husband.

12 Q Any others?

13 A Mr. and Mrs. -- I don't recall her name, I know them well  
14 enough -- it is a matter of record, I think. I would  
15 be glad to give it if I could think of it.

16 Q Well, if it comes to you, supply us that information.  
17 Would you state, then, just what you saw, or what ex-  
18 perience you had?

19 A We went down about eleven o'clock. We went to 310  
20 Washington Street, up the stairs. The door was wide  
21 open. There is a little window that somebody looked  
22 through, but they stopped nobody. You walked in as  
23 freely and easily as you please.

24 Out in the room, when we went in, about half past  
25 eleven, there was as many as three hundred or more in  
26 the room, at least that many, I should say, as many as  
27 fifteen tables of various kinds of gambling going on,  
28 with various Chinese, many of which I know, in the city,  
29 standing back of these tables with the money in their  
30 little machine that they take care of their money in.

1 Literally hundreds of dollars on the tables. There were  
2 crap games going on, throwing the dice across the green  
3 tables, freely open.

4 Q What class of people were they that were playing?

5 A Well, I should say they were a little below an average  
6 count of the citizens of Seattle. Some of them, a few,  
7 were well dressed people, and a few, the better citizens,  
8 possibly.

9 Q Were there any women there?

10 A Many women, I should say about one third women.

11 Q Did you notice whether or not there were any lottery  
12 tickets sold there?

13 A Lottery tickets were not only sold, they were on the  
14 tables. Every one could pick them up. And there were  
15 hundreds and hundreds of them on the floor, they were  
16 trampled upon. The cages were operating in that place.  
17 Men and women went up to the counter, where they were  
18 operating just like a bank, Dexter Horton or any other  
19 bank.

20 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Do you think it would have  
21 been difficult for a detective to walk in that place?

22 A I don't see how it would be difficult for any-  
23 body, in uniform or non-uniform, there was nobody to  
24 stop them at those doors.

25 Q Were they coming in there --

26 A (Interposing) Back and forth, people went. We were in  
27 there quite a while, people coming in constantly.

28 Q What would you say was the size of that room, comparing  
29 it to the size of this room?

30 A I should say a room twice this size.

Q Could you estimate how many gambling tables there were going on there?

A I would say there were ten of these dice games, possibly eight on ten of these gambling games, with Chinese standing back of them, playing the same games.

Q Were there any women playing?

A Yes, women were playing equally with the men.

COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Did you notice any minors in the place?

A No, there were very few minors. I should say most of the people were over eighteen or twenty years old. They were mostly older people.

You asked about the conditions and status of those people. I didn't finish that, Mr. Chairman. I said most of them were poorly clothed. I should say most of them were poor people trying to snap out of the depression by making some money gambling. It has been my experience that gambling, as I have known it through the years --

Q (Interposing) How long were you there?

A I should say about three quarters of an hour.

Q What was your purpose in going there?

A To see what was going on in the city of Seattle. It has been reported to me many times by many people. I thought I would see for myself. I had many people see it and report to me, but I thought I would do it myself.

Q Have you any other information with regard to any other places?

A I went into the place called, I believe, Sky-Hi.

Q Do you know where that is?

1 A I have notes on it. I could look it up.  
2 Q Certainly.  
3 A Sky-Hi is 711-7th Avenue.  
4 Q 7th Avenue South, you mean?  
5 A Yes, in the basement. There is no difficulty at all in  
6 going in there. And we walked in freely and easily.  
7 Going into the door on the left, was a room possibly this  
8 size, about this size. The same games were going on.  
9 Lottery was going on the same way. It was also crowded  
10 with people. You go through the door from there, and  
11 in a sort of a side room, they were serving drinks of  
12 various kinds. There were a number of girls in the  
13 place sitting around in various compromising positions  
14 that anyone who was deaf and dumb could know they were  
15 prostitutes or near prostitutes, and you freely talked  
16 to them as you pleased.  
17 Q (By Chairman Hamley) About how many people were in there?  
18 A I would estimate 125 to 150.  
19 Q What were the class of people?  
20 A Less promising than the Washington Street, it was a  
21 poorer and dirtier and filthier place.  
22 Q Any women?  
23 A Yes, women were present in the place.  
24 Q Any young people?  
25 A More younger people than in the other place.  
26 Q Were there any lottery tickets being sold there?  
27 A Yes, lottery tickets were sold there, too.  
28 Q Were these other people with you there?  
29 A Yes, we all fixed it to go back and forth two or three  
30 at a time. We had no difficulty at all in getting in,

1 it was wide open.

2 Q How long were you there?

3 A We were there about a half an hour.

4 Q Have you any other information you can give the committee  
5 as to any other places?

6 A We were in the so-called Atlas place.

7 Q About where is that located?

8 A 656, I think that is.

9 Q What street?

10 A 656-1/2 King Street.

11 Q What kind of a place is that?

12 A Well, the Atlas is very much like the one on Washington  
13 Street, very much the same size. It is known as a hotel,  
14 but if you go up to the hotel, they tell you it is no  
15 entrance to the hotel, that is not the entrance to the  
16 hotel. But the door is wide open, and the gambling is  
17 going on freely when you enter.

18 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Is that upstairs or down?

19 A That is upstairs.

20 Q (By Chairman Hamley) About how many people would you say  
21 there were there?

22 A I should say there were 250 people in the Atlas place,  
23 milling about, general gambling going on as freely as  
24 you please.

25 Q How many gambling games were going on?

26 A I should say 20 gambling games were going on, or more.

27 Q Were lottery tickets sold?

28 A Lottery tickets were sold freely.

29 Q About what size was this place?

30 A About the same as the Washington place, the same as the

1 Sky-Hi.

2 Q Were there any women?

3 A Many women were in the place.

4 Q Any minors?

5 A No, I think there were a few minors going and coming.

6 Q Was this place operated by Chinese?

7 A They are all operated by Chinese.

8 Q Were people coming in and going out as you came and left?

9 A There was no stopping, going and coming all the time.

10 Q How long were you there?

11 A I should say about three-quarters of an hour.

12 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: If you had been a police officer,  
13 would you have been suspicious as you saw these crowds  
14 going in and out?

15 A I don't see how any human being, deaf, dumb and  
16 blind, could help knowing what was going on, police  
17 officer or no police officer. You could see the money  
18 changing hands, you could see the Chinese raking it in.  
19 There could be no question about gambling. You could  
20 see the men going about and picking bills and dollars out  
21 of boxes. When the cases got too full of money, he went  
22 around with a little sack, pulling in the money, hauling  
23 it off.

24 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Have you any other information as  
25 to any other places?

26 A We didn't go into any other places that night.

27 Q Have you any other information as to any other places  
28 any other night?

29 A Well, I have information from various people, they have  
30 given me information, and I haven't gone into them.

1 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Have the members of the committee  
2 any other questions? I think, then, you may be excused  
3 at this time, Doctor, and thank you.

4 THE WITNESS: May I make a statement, Mr. Chairman?

5 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Surely.

6 THE WITNESS: I heard the Chief of Police say the  
7 other day when he was here -- I am speaking on behalf  
8 of the Council of Churches of the City of Seattle --  
9 I heard the Chief of Police say that, in regard to Blue  
10 Laws of the City of Seattle, that there were some narrow-  
11 minded people that were opposed to the enforcement of  
12 the laws in <sup>this</sup> city -- something like that. It is in your  
13 records, I have no doubt -- that there is some so-called  
14 Christian people, even pillars of the church, that came  
15 down to his office to protest about any closure of these  
16 things. And I wish, on behalf of the Council of Churches,  
17 to request the Chief of Police to state who these people  
18 are; that we don't wish to have any wolves in sheep's  
19 clothing in the churches, especially the committee that  
20 are running things. We know perfectly well that there  
21 are people in the church who don't shoot straight. And  
22 we wish to definitely request the Chief of Police to  
23 give the names of any members of the churches, especially  
24 pillars of the church, to say who they are that have  
25 gone down and asked him to give any white-wash or freedom.

26 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Thank you Doctor, We have al-  
27 ready asked the Chief to give us that information, and  
28 he has refused to do so, but we have it under advise-  
29 ment to ask him again.  
30

1 BY COUNCILMAN LANGLEY:

2 Q Doctor, have you from time to time spoken to the Chief  
3 and other of the officials, advising him of these places?  
4 A Frequently. And I have been down to the Mayor's office  
5 a number of times, giving him the names and the places  
6 and what was going on, what was reported to go on. He  
7 has called in Chief Comstock, and we gave him the  
8 names of the places and the men who were running and  
9 operating the places.

10 We had definite statements on the part of the Mayor  
11 that they would be closed, or would be looked into. We  
12 even went so far, being narrow-minded people, to ask  
13 the Mayor to write the thing out so we would have a  
14 statement, a written statement, that that was the order.  
15 So we definitely wrote out a statement for Chief Comstock.

16 The next Monday following that at one o'clock, the  
17 lid went on in the City of Seattle. And for about three  
18 weeks we had, as some of the officers just said here  
19 today, a fairly satisfactory condition as far as gam-  
20 bling and prostitution and other vice is concerned.

21 After that, the Chief of Police, as is known, as is  
22 history, was changed, and Mr. Kirtley was appointed  
23 Inspector, and then Chief. And I have talked quite at  
24 length to Mr. Kirtley in regard to vice conditions in  
25 the city, giving the names of places and people running  
26 these places, how openly they were running. And that  
27 is definitely known, checked up by my associates.  
28 Nothing has been done about them whatsoever.

29 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: I think that will be all, Doctor,  
30 at this time. Thank you.

(WITNESS EXCUSED)

JULIUS L. BALDWIN,

having been first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

Q Will you state your name, please?

A Julius L. Baldwin.

Q And your occupation?

A Attorney-at-law.

Q And what is your residence.

A 121-11th Avenue North.

Q Are you connected with any particular organization, Mr. Baldwin?

A I am President of the Clean City League.

Q Now, you heard me state to Dr. Hiltner that the Committee was interested in any information that we could receive as to vice and gambling conditions, providing they were within the personal knowledge of the person testifying. If you have any such information within your own personal knowledge, we would be glad to have it at this time.

A Well, I also went a week ago Saturday night to the lower end of town, and visited at 310 Washington Street, which is upstairs, and there was a saloon or lunch counter, as they call it. And there was a large room, practically full of people standing up, with numerous gambling devices, and money changing hands very fast. There was a cage there like a teller's cage, where they were dispensing lottery tickets. There were three or four dice games going on. There were chuck-a-luck, and card games

1 etc.

2 Q Was there any one with you, gone in with you?

3 A Yes, Councilman Lockwood was with me.

4 Q About how many people would you say were there?

5 A Well, there were somewhere, I should think, between  
6 two and three hundred.

7 Q You say there were lottery tickets being sold there?

8 A Yes.

9 Q About how long were you there?

10 A Oh, I guess we were there about twenty minutes, or a  
11 half an hour. The games were being operated by Chinese,  
12 young Chinese, most of them.

13 Q Do you have any information as to any other places?

14 A Yes, the same evening we went to this place at 511-1/2  
15 7th Avenue South, downstairs.

16 Q Did you have any trouble getting in?

17 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: What was the name of that place?

18 A I believe that is called the Sky-Hi. No, we  
19 had no difficulty whatever in getting in. There was  
20 nobody to stop us. People were coming and going all  
21 the time. And that also was fairly well filled, not  
22 quite as full as the other, not as large a place, not  
23 as many people gambling, but there they had the same  
24 paraphernalia and the same games going as in the other  
25 place. There were some young people there. I wouldn't  
26 say that any of them were under 20 or 21 years of age  
27 for sure, although they probably were. There were men  
28 and women of all apparent stages of wealth or prosperity.

29 Q About how long were you there?

30 A Oh, I guess ten minutes, perhaps, or so.

Q Were there other people going in and out?

A Oh, yes.

Q Have you any information as to any other places?

A Yes. We went the same evening to this Atlas Hotel place, -- I think the number is 650-1/2 King, or 658 King, whichever it is. And there we went upstairs, went into this place, and I suppose there were at least 150 people there. Many of them, of course, gambling, others walking around. They had the same lay-out there as they had at the other places, all those different kinds of games, and many people operating. And all of these places were operated by Chinese.

Q Any women there?

A Men and women, yes.

Q Any minors?

A I wouldn't say that there were any minors, possibly no.

Q About how long were you there?

A Oh, I suppose we were there perhaps 20 minutes.

Q About what time of night was this?

A Well, we started about twelve o'clock, I guess, and we were around until half past one, maybe one or half past.

Q Have you any information as to any other places?

A No, not personally. I might say that outside that, on King Street there, we saw two officers, I saw two police officers standing together.

Q About how far away from the place that you had come out of?

A Oh, I suppose about three or four doors, maybe.

Q That is from 656-1/2 King Street?

A Yes. We also walked through Seventh Avenue South. We

1 were down there. We went down from Weller Street to  
2 Dearborn and back, and we were solicited, I suppose,  
3 in 6 or 8 different places, walking down there and back,  
4 for prostitution.

5 Q Well, when you say solicited, you mean from the streets  
6 or from the houses?

7 A From the houses, calling and tapping, etc.

8 Q Have you any other information of this nature for the  
9 committee?

10 A I think that is all the personal investigation I made.

11  
12 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

13 Q Did you ever contact any of the officials in connection  
14 with the administration, the law enforcement officials,  
15 with regard to conditions that have come to your atten-  
16 tion as President of the Clean City League, and if so,  
17 what were the results?

18 A Yes, numerous times I have had conferences with the  
19 Mayor, Mayor Smith. When he first went into office,  
20 a group of the Council of Churches and others went down  
21 and called on him at his office, and he promised then  
22 to carry out the campaign promises which he had made,  
23 that he would make this an absolutely clean city, and  
24 very different from what it had been under the previous  
25 administration.

26 Later on, a group of us went and called on him, and  
27 complained about conditions being pretty wide open. And  
28 I have forgotten now whether it was at that time, as he  
29 did at numerous times, he rather denied that we knew  
30 anything about it. He said that conditions were not so,

1 that places that we mentioned to him were not open, not  
2 running, nothing going on.

3 At one time he called Chief Comstock in at the hear-  
4 ing and at the conference, and gave him verbal instruc-  
5 tions that the prostitution -- that solicitation for  
6 prostitution, tapping and calling from houses, etc.,  
7 must be absolutely stopped, and that there should be no  
8 open gambling. And I believe at that time, or another  
9 time, he wrote the Chief to that effect an order. And  
10 as Dr. Hiltner said, for a considerable time after that,  
11 the most of the places, the gambling places that we had  
12 called his attention to, were closed, at least were very  
13 difficult to get in, if not closed, and there seemed to  
14 be a cessation of solicitation by women.

15 But there were two places that we were told were  
16 running open gambling for Orientals, or Filipinos,  
17 and that those places had never been closed, have never  
18 been molested.

19 Then when Mr. Comstock was discharged as Chief, we  
20 went to the Mayor again, and begged him as we had before  
21 to appoint someone as Chief of Police who would be com-  
22 petent and honest, and not a member of the Seattle po-  
23 lice force. He had said before, that if his first ap-  
24 pointment did not prove satisfactory, that he would do  
25 that. And we told him about conditions as they existed  
26 then, when he was himself purporting to act as Chief of  
27 Police. He denied that they existed, said that he was  
28 quite surprised to hear what we had to say. And he said,  
29 "Well, give me a few days, and you will find things  
30 satisfactory." And then, before we could get to talk

1 with him again, he appointed Mr. Kirtley as Chief, with  
2 a glowing encomium that conditions were so wonderfully  
3 satisfactory that he was going to appoint him as Chief,  
4 although he hadn't intended to do so.

5 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: I have no more questions, Mr.  
6 Chairman.

7 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: All right. You may be excused,  
8 then, Mr. Baldwin. Thank you.

9 (WITNESS EXCUSED)

10  
11  
12  
13

14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19

20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27

28  
29  
30

1 MILDRED T. POWELL,

2 having been first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

3 DIRECT EXAMINATION

4  
5 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

6 Q Will you state your name, please?

7 A Mildred T. Powell.

8 Q And your occupation?

9 A Councilman of the City of Seattle.

10 Q Now, Mrs. Powell, would you just state in your own words  
11 any personal information you may have as to vice or  
12 gambling conditions or liquor violations in the City of  
13 Seattle?

14 A So many people had come to me and complained about con-  
15 ditions in the City of Seattle, saying that they were  
16 worse than Yokahama, or any other city, Shanghai, or  
17 any other city that they had ever been in in the world,  
18 that I decided not to take it any more for hearsay, but  
19 to see if I could see a little of it myself.

20 And as Dr. Hiltner told you, I went one night with  
21 a party, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jones, Dr. Hiltner, and Mr.  
22 and Mrs. Donald D. Stewart, he is the executive head of  
23 the printing industry in Seattle. And as Dr. Hiltner  
24 said, we visited 310 Washington Street, where a large  
25 number of men and women, mostly men, I should say from  
26 250 to 300, were engaged in the lottery, black jack,  
27 chuck-a-luck and crap games.

28 From there we went to 656-1/2 King Street, where  
29 there were a smaller number of people, but where the  
30 same games were in progress. Then we visited the Sky-Hi.

1 Next one place that I believe was over the Shanghai  
2 restaurant, and the smallest number of people, I don't  
3 believe over 75, were in that place, but they were play-  
4 ing the same games.

5 Q Might I ask if you had any difficulty in getting into  
6 this place?

7 A Absoluty no difficulty. People were coming and going  
8 all the time. First we thought we had to separate and  
9 go in by twos, so we wouldn't be conspicuous, but be-  
10 fore long we found we could travel around in a group  
11 of six with no trouble at all, it would make no differ-  
12 ence. So then, at the Shanghai restaurant, there was  
13 one man there, we walked in like we had been there be-  
14 fore and we knew where we were going, and he didn't stop  
15 us or say anything to us.

16 Q About what time of night was this?

17 A Well, I imagine we started about eleven-thirty, and as  
18 I remember, we got home about two o'clock that morning.

19 Q Do you have any other information as to any other places?

20 A Mr. Stewart and I came out first, out of the Sky-Hi,  
21 and we went down the street on the other side about a  
22 block where we left the car in front of a house which  
23 was told us was a house of prostitution, and there were  
24 several others along there. There was a light above the  
25 window, and a sign on it, "Dainty Rooms." And as we  
26 stood near the car, men passed up the street, and there  
27 was tapping on the window.

28 Once three young men came up the street, one with a  
29 uniform on of the National Guard, and the window was  
30 thrown up and a woman's voice called out to come on in,

1 said they had three nice girls. They stayed there a  
2 while, while she interviewed them. Then they walked  
3 down the street. I think they saw us standing there  
4 watching them.

5 Then there was one time -- I think that was Saturday,  
6 June 29th -- a few days before that I had been down with  
7 Mr. Lockwood, and we were in 310 Washington, where I  
8 found the same conditions, only, I believe there was a  
9 lot larger crowd on Saturday, the twenty-ninth, than in  
10 the middle of the week.

11 Q About what time were you there on Saturday at 310, on  
12 the first occasion?

13 A I imagine it was around eleven thirty.

14 Q You mean at night?

15 A Yes. The next night we went was on the night of July  
16 3rd, the morning of July 4th. At that time, Mr. and  
17 Mrs. J. H. Garrett, Mrs. D. N. King, and Mr. S. A.  
18 Burnsed were with us. There were five of us. We went  
19 in 421-1/2 Pike Street, called the Sahara Club. We were  
20 admitted without any card of introduction, and were di-  
21 rected to the bar room, where there were half a dozen  
22 men drinking. The men in the party ordered some al-  
23 coholic drinks, I think they called them gin-rickey,  
24 if I am not mistaken. There were other people present  
25 who were served alcoholic drinks. There wasn't any  
26 liquor in sight, it was kept down underneath the counter,  
27 and produced as it was called for.

28 In the next room there was a black jack game going  
29 on. It wasn't very popular while we were there. One  
30 person entered at first, then four or five in the last

1 twenty minutes we were there. There were very few people  
2 in the place.

3 Q Did you see any money on the black jack table?

4 A Oh, yes, I saw money on the black jack table. I didn't  
5 count it. At 310 Washington Street, I noted several  
6 tables, there seemed to be about one hundred dollars  
7 on each table. When they had more, they always took  
8 that in behind the cage. They kept about one hundred  
9 dollars on the table each time, as I noticed.

10 Q When you went in the Sahara, did you just open and go  
11 in the door, or did someone admit you?

12 A No, we just rapped on the door, and someone let us in.

13 Q Did they just open the door?

14 A Yes, they didn't seem to hesitate at all about letting  
15 us in. We visited two whist clubs, but we didn't see  
16 any money there. Beer was being sold at the Triangle  
17 Whist Club, at Westlake and Pine, upstairs. The men  
18 in the party said there was every appearance of gambling,  
19 and people looked like they were gambling, but we didn't  
20 see any money, there wasn't any chips.

21 Q About what time of day was that?

22 A That must have been about -- that was on July 3rd, --  
23 I think that must have been about twelve o'clock, a little  
24 before twelve.

25 From there we went to 310 Washington Street. I  
26 didn't go in. I had been there twice so recently, so I  
27 thought I might be recognized or noticed. So three of  
28 the party went in there. There was a very large number  
29 of people that night. People were coming and going all  
30 the time as I sat outside in the car watching for them.

1 And we went to 656-1/2 King Street, and I remember  
2 some of the others going in there also.

3 From there we went to the Black and Tan Cabaret. We  
4 had been there on that other night, June 29th, and at  
5 that time we were told it had just been raided, that if  
6 we would come back in just a little while it would be  
7 opened up again. But we didn't go back. We went to the  
8 Black and Tan on the morning of July 4th, between one-  
9 thirty -- I think we left there a little before three in  
10 the morning. And we saw liquor. Beer was purchased by  
11 the men in the party. And we saw liquor being very  
12 freely served, not only at the bar, but also on tables  
13 on the dance floor. They danced in the rear rooms till  
14 about two o'clock in the morning, then they opened up  
15 the large front room. They moved in there. They had  
16 entertainment, and they had intoxicated people, some of  
17 whom they put out.

18 Q Did you see any gambling in there?

19 A No, I didn't.

20 Q Did you have any difficulty getting in there?

21 A No difficulty at all.

22 Q Isn't a doorman there?

23 A Yes, there is a doorman at the side, and one at the  
24 bottom of the stairs.

25 Q What kind of a door is it, is it a light ordinary door,  
26 or is it a heavy door?

27 A I don't believe I noticed.

28 Q And have you any other information?

29 A No.

30 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Have any members of the committee,

1 or other councilmen, any questions?

2  
3 BY COUNCILMAN LANGLEIE:

4 Q In these places, did you notice any young people?

5 A No, I didn't notice anybody that I would say surely was  
6 a minor in any of the places. There were some that  
7 might be or might not be. I didn't notice anybody I  
8 could be sure of.

9 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: I think that will be all, then.  
10 Thank you, Mrs. Powell.

11 (WITNESS EXCUSED)  
12  
13  
14

15 COUNCILMAN DAVID E. LOCKWOOD,  
16 having been first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

17 DIRECT EXAMINATION  
18

19 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

20 Q Will you state your name, please?

21 A David E. Lockwood.

22 Q And your occupation?

23 A Councilman.

24 Q All right, Mr. Lockwood, will you tell us any personal  
25 information you have as to vice, gambling or liquor  
26 conditions in the City of Seattle?

27 A I might say, Mr. Chairman, first, I started out on these  
28 trips around town inspired by much the same reason as  
29 Mrs. Powell. I received a whole file full of letters  
30 pointing out that the conditions were as they were with

1 respect to vice, gambling and liquor. And I had so many  
2 people calling me up and coming into my office, and they  
3 felt that we should do something about it, since the  
4 group which I represented had come out on a clean pro-  
5 gram, that I thought it was up to me to go out and see  
6 first-hand just what the situation was.

7 And the first time I went out was shortly after the  
8 Seattle Council of Churches sent in a resolution dir-  
9 ected to the Mayor, which was turned over to Chief Kir-  
10 tley, and according to press releases, the Chief denied  
11 definitely that conditions were wide open as charged.  
12 So I thought the only way I could find out for sure was  
13 to go out and see, myself.

14 So the first time that I went any place, I dropped  
15 down here at this 310 Washington one noon. And I didn't  
16 make any particular record of that. Mr. Hamley and I  
17 and another gentlemen dropped in there together. And we  
18 found there at noon, on a Saturday noon, I should say it  
19 was around twelve-thirty, one o'clock, some 250 people.  
20 It was the first time I had ever been in one of those  
21 places, and I was really quite surprised to see just ex-  
22 actly what was going on so near the police department,  
23 and so near the County-City building. In fact, you  
24 could stand and throw a rock in the police department,  
25 I think it was that close.

26 So I became suspicious about that time that maybe  
27 our police department wasn't too efficient. So I start-  
28 ed out to investigate.

29 The first night, Fred Hamley and our two wives, com-  
30 ing home from a trip out to Lake Lucerne, stopped about

1 one-thirty in the morning at the Black and Tan. We left  
2 our wives in the car, and Mr. Hamley and I went down to  
3 this Black and Tan. There was a uniformed doorman at  
4 the door. There was a bright neon sign over the Black  
5 and Tan. And we walked down to the bottom of the stairs.  
6 The door at the bottom of the stairs was closed, but we  
7 were admitted without any trouble as soon as we reached  
8 the door.

9 We were directed to a back room, and we found sev-  
10 eral gambling games in progress there. I didn't know  
11 the names of them at that time, but since I learned,  
12 after going back there several more times, that there  
13 was a chuck-a-luck, a black-jack and dice game in pro-  
14 gress. There was also a bar at which hard liquor was  
15 being served. There were two slot machines. There was  
16 dancing going on. And I think that covers about all  
17 that I noticed inside. There was a three or four piece  
18 orchestra, with dancing.

19 When we went out, we noticed one officer standing  
20 just across the street from the place. And as we drove  
21 down the street, we noticed two officers coming up the  
22 hill, three within about a block or a block and a half.

23 We went from there over to the Town Pump, which is  
24 located at Twelfth Avenue South, between the Black and  
25 Tan and Madison Street. We went in there about 1:50.  
26 That was Sunday morning, May the twelfth. And we have  
27 been back there several times since, but that place has  
28 apparently been closed down. So I won't go into details  
29 about that.

30 Then on June the first, at twelve-thirty noon, I

1 also was in at 310 Washington Street. We found exactly  
2 the same conditions pertaining there.

3 Then that night, about ten o'clock, we tried to get  
4 into the Club Sahara, but we were not admitted there.

5 Then Sunday morning, June the twenty-third, between  
6 twelve o'clock midnight and three A. M., I was with Mr.  
7 Langlie. At that time we passed a place at the north-  
8 east corner of Pine and Terry, 1600 Terry Street. The  
9 reason I suggested to Mr. Langlie that we walk past it  
10 was that one evening, in coming out of the Paramount  
11 Theater, my wife and I noticed a young man being soli-  
12 cited by a woman in the place that had a bath and  
13 massage sign in the window. So we walked past to see if  
14 that condition still pertained there. It was several  
15 months after I noticed it. And sure enough, when I  
16 walked past it, the women parted the curtain and tapped  
17 on the window.

18 Then we drove from there down to Washington Street,  
19 it was just a block from the police station, and walked  
20 up the hill, and we were solicited from a number of  
21 places. They were so bold up on the hill, that they  
22 almost came out and dragged us in in several places.  
23 The same condition was found to be true in several parts  
24 of town, especially Seventh Avenue South.

25 We went to 310 Washington Street again to see if all  
26 was well there. And we found out that they were still  
27 operating without any difficulty, that black-jack and  
28 dice games and chuck-a-luck were still going on with the  
29 lottery, as has been described by Mr. Baldwin and Dr.  
30 Hiltner. We noticed at that particular time quite a few

1 young people. They looked to be between the ages of  
2 about eighteen to twenty in that particular place.

3 Then we went to 656-1/2 King Street, the Atlas,  
4 found the conditions there the same as before.

5 We went down in a place 416 Maynard. The window  
6 would indicate that it was a cigar store, but we found  
7 when we got downstairs, after going down winding stairs  
8 -- we followed three women in there who seemed to know  
9 where they were going, we weren't just sure, we followed  
10 them, and we found that this was a speakeasy, and they  
11 were having entertainment. It was operated by colored  
12 people. There wasn't a very large crowd down there. I  
13 would say there were probably twenty five or thirty  
14 people at the most.

15 We dropped into the Sky-Hi and found -- that is  
16 511-1/2 7th Avenue -- and found the conditions to be the  
17 same as before, they had open gambling.

18 We went in the Black and Tan, and found that conditions  
19 there were the same as I described before.

20 Then on June the 25th, that was the night that Mrs.  
21 Powell mentioned, we stopped into 310 Washington. And  
22 we went to several other places. But we decided, being  
23 together, we better not go in, because there was a  
24 possibility we might be recognized. We were still new  
25 to the situation, and we didn't understand that apparent-  
26 ly they didn't pay any attention to us, as we found out  
27 later. We had very little difficulty.

28 Then on Thursday, June the 27th, Mr. Hamley, Mr.  
29 Weslie Rennie, the secretary of the Y. M. C. A., Mr.  
30 R. H. Vivian and Mr. Walter Williams, five of us, went

1 into 310 Washington, 656-1/2 King, 511-1/2 Seventh South,  
2 that is the Sky-Hi, we went to 507 Maynard, that is the  
3 Shanghai, went into Twelfth and Jackson, the Black and  
4 Tan, and that is about all of the time we had that evening  
5 to cover places.

6 Then on Sunday, June the 30th, between twelve mid-  
7 night and three A. M., Mr. Marcus Rohlf, Mr. Julius  
8 Baldwin, myself and Mr. Hamley, covered a number of  
9 these places again, 310 Washington, Black and Tan.

10 That evening we tried to get in a place at 1425-1/2  
11 6th Avenue. That also has an entrance from 521 Pike  
12 Street. We were not successful in getting in there that  
13 particular evening, although we had better success later  
14 on.

15 We went into 1408-6th Avenue, which looks to be a  
16 cigar store from the outside, but which we found on go-  
17 ing through without any trouble was a club. It is ap-  
18 parently the Embassy Club, although it didn't have any  
19 name on. It has been raided a number of times, we  
20 noticed from reports from the liquor group.

21 Then we went up to 908-1/2 Virginia, and we saw all  
22 the evidence there of a place that was a speakeasy, al-  
23 though we didn't try to get in at that particular time.  
24 We saw some eight or ten cars parked outside. In fact,  
25 in one car, at about three-thirty in the morning, there  
26 was a little boy, I would say about four or five years  
27 old, in the back seat of the car, and as we passed by,  
28 he said hello to us. Apparently, his parents were in-  
29 side in the speakeasy. That is the only place they could  
30 be, because there was a storage garage and several other

1 places around there, there was nothing else you could  
2 assume.

3 Then on July 4th, between twelve midnight and three  
4 A. M., there was a party of nine of us went out together.  
5 At first we were a little bashful about going in that  
6 kind of a group, but we found it didn't make much differ-  
7 ence. So nine of us went in all together.

8 That evening we went into 310 Washington, the Sky-Hi.  
9 We went upstairs in the Little Harlem Club. They served  
10 liquor there, anything from wine on up that was desired.  
11 Some had wine, some had, I think they were called gin-  
12 fizzes, and several other things.

13 Then we went from there to 1408-6th Avenue. There  
14 was a speakeasy there that I have already mentioned.  
15 We went in there. That was quite a well decked out  
16 place, very swanky furniture, rather well dressed people.  
17 They were serving liquor there at a long bar. We went  
18 in the back room and found one of the biggest gambling  
19 places that we contacted to date, where they were carry-  
20 ing on a wide open black-jack game, with piles of bills  
21 and silver on the table.

22 We went upstairs. I didn't go into this particular  
23 place, because I hadn't been able to get in before,  
24 1425-1/2 6th Avenue. All the other men with the excep-  
25 tion of me, there were four of them, they went up there  
26 without trouble. There was a big crap game, with about  
27 twenty players. Mainly silver dollars. Stud poker was  
28 going on. About eight players. And there was a black-  
29 jack board that wasn't being used. I just mentioned that  
30 as it <sup>was</sup> passed on to me. Later on, I went up myself, not

1 that same evening.

2 Then we went up 908-1/2 Virginia. We tried to get  
3 in there, but weren't successful in getting in. The  
4 place was wide open. We could hear the music. But we  
5 couldn't present a membership card, so they wouldn't  
6 let us in.

7 Then July 6th, from ten P. M. till one A. M., Mr.  
8 Hamley, myself, Mr. Marcus Rohlf's and Mr. Robert Beach  
9 went out together. I will let Mr. Beach and Mr. Rohlf's  
10 speak for themselves on what they covered, that part of  
11 the territory where Mr. Hamley and I didn't go with them,  
12 because we thought we might be recognized. But we did  
13 go into 1420-1/2-4th Avenue, a place called Saratoga,  
14 that had been reported to us. We went downstairs. We  
15 turned to the left, went across the room to the north-  
16 west corner. A man was sitting on a stool. We went on  
17 past him into the gambling room. We found there a dice  
18 game in full operation, all the way from about fifty  
19 cents to two dollars. There were black-jack and chuck-  
20 a-luck games going on in that place, although the games  
21 weren't quite as popular as the dice games.

22 Then we went up this place at 1425-1/2-6th Avenue,  
23 where Mr. Hamley and I had trouble before. Six of us  
24 went in that building and didn't have any trouble at all.  
25 That has an entrance at 521 Pike. There was a dice table,  
26 with quite a number of men gathered around it. Two men  
27 were running the game, and the bets there were quite  
28 large. One of the men said that no bets less than a  
29 dollar would be allowed. We saw ten and twenty dollar  
30 bills there in evidence. There was also a black-jack

1 and chuck-a-luck game going on.

2 We tried to get in 1520-5th Avenue, Cavalcade, but  
3 we did not have a card, so we weren't able to get in  
4 there.

5 Then on Monday night, July 8th, it was that evening  
6 that we introduced the resolution, so we expected condi-  
7 tions to be closed down. But we found out on going around  
8 that they were just as wide open as they had been before.

9 Then two of the men went into 507 Maynard, Shanghai.  
10 As they came upstairs, they were both given Van Dyke  
11 cigars, and as they went down this place they were of-  
12 fered the services of a takicab to take them home. And  
13 we found that condition to be quite prevalent in certain  
14 of these Chinese places. By taking a certain taxicab,  
15 you would be taken to those places, and then you would  
16 be taken home. Some of them served cigars, some candy.

17 The next Tuesday, July 9th, we made the rounds that  
18 night, and as far as gambling places were concerned they  
19 were all closed up.

20 At 310 Washington, there was a look-out. He rushed  
21 into the street when we stopped. We noticed there were  
22 cars stopped there. We asked him if the place was  
23 closed down, and he laughingly said it was closed down  
24 for three or four days. He gave us a card for a place  
25 where we could go out on the Everett Highway.

26 We found, it was quite evident that most of the gam-  
27 bling places and speakeasies we had been in before were  
28 open, but they were not open in the downtown section.

29 That covers it rather hurriedly.

30 (Whereupon an adjournment was taken until  
Friday, July 12th, 1935, at 10 O'clock A. M.)

Friday, July 12, 1935

10 O'clock A. M.

PRESENT: COUNCILMEN

Frederick C. Hamley  
David E. Lockwood  
Arthur B. Langlie  
Mrs. F. F. Powell

CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: You might note that Councilman Langlie is not present, being held in the Board of Equalization meeting for a few minutes. If you will act as temporary chairman, then I will testify.

FREDERICK C. HAMLEY,  
having been first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

COUNCILMAN HAMLEY: Well, as Mr. Lockwood explained yesterday, the first slumming expedition we went on was on May 11th. Late in the evening, Mr. Lockwood and Mrs. Lockwood and Mrs. Hamley and myself were coming back from a picnic at Lake Lucerne, and we stopped, parked the car just off of Dearborn street, on Maynard Avenue. And Mr. Lockwood and I circled around the block to the east. We found that from a great many of the houses and store fronts in that block and from across the street came soliciting either by tapping the windows or opening the windows and calling out.

We were there about fifteen or twenty minutes and then we drove up to Twelfth Avenue and Jackson Street,

1 the Black and Tan cabaret, and parked the car and  
2 watched the crowds going in there for some time. A  
3 man in uniform stood at a little booth just to the  
4 right. Across the street there was a uniformed police-  
5 man talking with four negroes. After watching there  
6 for a few minutes, we turned around and drove downtown  
7 again, and noticed a couple of police officers walking  
8 towards the Black and Tan about a half a block west of  
9 there.

10 We came downtown and investigated the place near  
11 the Frye Hotel. I believe it is called the Fairhaven.  
12 But we were unable to get in there. And so we went  
13 back to the Black and Tan.

14 Mr. Lockwood and I got out of the car and went  
15 into the Black and Tan. The doorman said "Good evening"  
16 to us. And we descended the stairs, and there was a  
17 heavily barred door, and after knocking, a large negro  
18 opened the door. And we stepped in, and he said to go  
19 back into the back room. Immediately in front of us  
20 was a large dance place. It was quite dark and hardly  
21 anyone on it, two or three couples on the other side  
22 were standing around.

23 Mr. Lockwood and I went to the back room, and  
24 there was a negress standing there. And we just walked  
25 past her and into the room. This room, I should say,  
26 was about forty feet square. Right to our left was a  
27 booth covered with numbered squares. And we after-  
28 wards found out that this gambling game was called  
29 chuck-a-luck. This was operated by a Chinaman, and  
30 the usual bets on it were quarters and fifty cent pieces.

1 There were eight or ten people around that booth. And  
2 to our right, there was a table on which black-jack  
3 was being played. There were three slot machines in  
4 the place, and two or three card tables in this room,  
5 at which men were playing, and using poker chips, and  
6 there was some money on the table. There was a bar  
7 on the left where apparently drinks were being mixed,  
8 but we didn't go over very close to that.

9 To the right of this room were two smaller rooms,  
10 one of which seemed to be devoted to card playing.  
11 There were several tables of cards there. We didn't  
12 go into this room. And there was another small room,  
13 off also to the right, in which there was dancing. There  
14 was a three piece orchestra there. This was about two  
15 o'clock in the morning, and there were quite a number  
16 of couples dancing there at that time.

17 After being there a few minutes, we then went out.  
18 And we stopped up at the Town Pump for a few minutes  
19 also, and found practically the same conditions going  
20 on there. We were in there about ten minutes. We did  
21 not go into that place so far, so I didn't notice the  
22 actual gambling so close up as in the Black and Tan,  
23 but we could see that there was. There was hard liquor  
24 being served there. And that was all that we did on  
25 that day.

26 On Saturday, June 1st, Mr. Lockwood and I went  
27 over to the place at 310 Washington Street, about noon.  
28 We went in there up this incline, and through a lunch  
29 room, and into the place, which is considerably larger  
30 than this room. In there, there were a great many

1 gambling games going on, probably 250 people present,  
2 most of them men rather poorly dressed, some women. All  
3 of the gambling devices were operated by Chinese. Over  
4 to the south side of the room there was quite a long  
5 steel cage with about three or four differen booths  
6 in it, behind which there were Chinese women and men  
7 taking in the lottery tickets, and accepting the money,  
8 and marking them up, and handing back the duplicate to  
9 the customer. There were two tables in the room, each  
10 one almost as long as this table, not quite as wide,  
11 in the center of which there were pots of black paint,  
12 with brushes in them, and tall stacks of lottery tick-  
13 ets, and the people standing around there, marking up  
14 the lottery tickets, taking them over to the cages, and  
15 paying the money.

16 The games consisted of black-jack, craps and chuck-  
17 a-luck, about an equal amount of each, I should say.  
18 There was quite a large amount of money on each table.  
19 Over each table there was a sign "\$25 limit". We  
20 stayed there about a half an hour.

21 That evening, Mr. Lockwood and I drove down to  
22 about 7th Avenue and Washington Street, and parked the  
23 car, and walked along both sides of the street, and  
24 from practically every house we were solicited. In  
25 some cases they called clear across the street at us.  
26 And we didn't at this time take down any specific ad-  
27 dresses. We were in this district for probably fifteen,  
28 twenty minutes. That was about all of importance on  
29 that day.

30 Then on Wednesday, June 26th, I was downtown about

1 nine o'clock that evening. And I went into the Turf  
2 Club, right next to the Embassy Theatre, about that  
3 time. I walked back through the store to the back,  
4 clear through to the back part of the building, and  
5 noticed there was a room to the right with a door in it.  
6 And then clear back, there was a room to the left, a  
7 men's lavatory. As I came back, I stepped into this  
8 room to the right. The door was open. There was no  
9 trouble at all going in. In this room, which was prob-  
10 ably eighteen, twenty feet square, there was a gambling  
11 game going on directly ahead of me as I entered the  
12 door, about twenty-five or thirty men around the table,  
13 and I went up to it, and it was dice. There were proba-  
14 bly 150 silver dollars on the table, nothing smaller  
15 than that, and quite a stack of ten dollar bills. A  
16 big fellow with a big white apron around him was stand-  
17 ing back on the other side with a crook-stick, and he  
18 was taking the money each time after the throw of dice.

19 To the left as I entered the room was also a card  
20 table, in the center of which was a large stack of silver.  
21 There were eight or ten men around this. I don't know  
22 what kind of card game it was. I was there about eight  
23 or ten minutes, edging my way up to the card table so I  
24 saw directly what was going on; then I left.

25 On Thursday evening, June 27th, Mr. Lockwood, Mr.  
26 Weslie F. Rennie, Mr. R. H. Vivian, Mr. Walter Williams  
27 and myself started out together. We first went down to  
28 310 Washington Street, and parked the car and arranged  
29 to have Mr. Vivian, Williams, and myself go in first,  
30 and afterwards Rennie and Lockwood. Later on in our

1 slumming experience, we found out it wasn't necessary  
2 to divide up this way, that we could go in any size  
3 group without any trouble.

4 We went in there about eleven o'clock. The place  
5 was running wide open. About 125 people were in there.  
6 Seven or eight gambling games were then in operation,  
7 one black-jack game, two dice games and about four  
8 chuck-a-luck games. A look-out was posted outside the  
9 door, and I noticed that he was looking at us through  
10 a peep-hole in the door when we entered, but we had no  
11 difficulty in walking right in past him. The same class  
12 of people were in here. And the lotteries were running  
13 the same as before. We left there about ten minutes  
14 past eleven, and went to 656½ King Street, which is  
15 upstairs.

16 Mr. Lockwood and Mr. Rennie went in first, and the  
17 rest of us went in shortly afterwards. Here there  
18 were six games in operation, two black-jack, two dice  
19 and two chuck-a-luck. There were about fifty people  
20 present, and quite a number of them women.

21 The route up to this place is rather devious. You  
22 have to go through quite a number of barred doors, that  
23 is, the doors are barred, but they are open, and you  
24 just twist around in through several of them to get in-  
25 side. None of them were closed. It wasn't necessary  
26 to knock at any place, or even push a door open. We  
27 just walked right on through. We were in there about  
28 ten minutes.

29 Then we went to a place called Sky-Hi, 511½-7th  
30 Avenue South. This place is downstairs, and it is also

1 generally entered without even having to open the door.  
2 We found about one hundred people playing gambling  
3 games here. Many in this place were young people, of  
4 high school age, I should say. There were also quite  
5 a few women in here. There were three black jack games,  
6 one chuck-a-luck and one dice game here. There were  
7 lottery drawings being held in this place also, and  
8 lottery tickets being sold.

9 This place, it seemed to me, was quite a fire trap.  
10 All around the walls there were clothes hanging down,  
11 black draperies of some sort, and even up under the  
12 ceiling all around, and I don't know whether there was  
13 a rear entrance or not, but the crowded condition of  
14 the place, and the fact that these draperies were ex-  
15 tending all around the room, made it clear to me that  
16 it was a really dangerous place from a fire hazard  
17 angle. We were there about ten, fifteen minutes. I  
18 picked up some lottery tickets here. I picked some up  
19 at some of the other places too. You might put these  
20 in the record as an exhibit.

21 (Lottery tickets marked Exhibit No. 9-A.)

22 Quite a lot of them have dates on, some June 27th,  
23 and some have a later date, or from later visits, and  
24 on some of them I have marked on the back where I  
25 picked them up. Put them in as the next numbered ex-  
26 hibit, please.

27 We then walked down Maynard Avenue towards Jackson  
28 Street, and we passed through this district where there  
29 were quite a number of houses with the customary red  
30 lights in the windows, and the girls motioning from the

1 windows, or holding up lighted cigarette stubs so we  
2 could see through the dark window and see that there was  
3 someone there.

4 Then we all drove to 12th Avenue and Jackson Street.  
5 And Mr. Lockwood stayed in the car because he had been  
6 in there before and was afraid that he would be recog-  
7 nized. The rest of us, the other four, divided into two  
8 pairs and went in here. I had no trouble getting in.  
9 Things were rather quiet here. One man told us because  
10 it was too early. This was before or just about mid-  
11 night.

12 There was a black-jack game in progress near the  
13 door in the same place I noticed it the other time.  
14 There was a chuck-a-luck table to the left hand side of  
15 the door, and a Chinaman standing behind it, but no one  
16 playing. There were two slot machines. And Mr. Vivian,  
17 for experiment's sake, started playing on one of them,  
18 and I think it was in nickels. So I took a dime over  
19 to the chuck-a-luck table to get it into the nickels  
20 to try the other one, and the Chinaman tried to talk me  
21 into playing chuck-a-luck, but I got the nickels and  
22 played the slot machine and lost it that way.

23 There was a bar back of the room. Then there was  
24 poker in one of the side rooms. There was a piano  
25 going on in one of the other side rooms, and I think  
26 drums, also, and a few people dancing, not many. The  
27 usual uniformed look-out was standing outside in this  
28 little cupboard, out of where he is all the time in the  
29 evening.

30 We then drove up past the Town Pump, and we found

1 that place was closed and a "For Rent" sign on it. We  
2 tried that place several times since, and apparently the  
3 place is closed. That is about all for June 27th.

4 Then on Saturday, June 29th, Mr. Lockwood, Mr. Rohlf's,  
5 Mr. Baldwin and myself started out a little after 11  
6 o'clock. We first stopped at the northeast corner of  
7 Terry and Pine Streets. I don't know what address that  
8 is, but there is a two or three story wooden tenement  
9 house on that corner, the northeast corner. Mr. Rohlf's  
10 and I walked around that corner a couple of times, and  
11 noticed a girl sitting in the window in the corner apart-  
12 ment on the lower floor looking through at us. And when  
13 we would go by, she would put her arm out through the  
14 curtains and motion to us. Just above her head and over  
15 the window was a red massage sign flashing on and off.

16 Mr. Rohlf's and I then walked on down to Ninth Ave-  
17 nue. And there, between Pike and Pine Street, on the  
18 west side of the street, is a place known as the New  
19 Esson, which is just a two story wooden tenement house.  
20 As we approached this, there was a girl standing in  
21 front of the house talking to a man. He turned and went  
22 inside. And then, as we came up, she said, "Why don't  
23 you go in, boys?" Mr. Rohlf's asked if there were any  
24 good girls in there, and she said there certainly were.  
25 He asked her how many, and she said there were three  
26 beautiful girls in there. We walked on past and we  
27 noticed that the girl walked on down to the dance place  
28 that operates at the southwest corner of Ninth and Pine,  
29 where she was talking to the men as they came out or  
30 entered that place. Later on in the evening we cruised

1 around this black several times, and we noticed that  
2 this girl covered the whole sidewalk on the west side  
3 of Ninth Avenue from Pike to Pine, apparently soliciting  
4 men.

5 We then went down to 310 Washington Street again,  
6 and things were going on as usual. There were about  
7 200 people present, many of them roughly dressed. There  
8 were ten gambling games in progress on this night, five  
9 black-jack, three chuck-a-luck, and two dice. They were  
10 all operated by Chinese. The lottery cage was in full  
11 operation. I picked up some more dated lottery tickets,  
12 and they are in that pile (indicating). It was about  
13 midnight when we went in here.

14 We then went to Shanghai, 727 Maynard. This place  
15 is upstairs. Mr. Rohlf's and I went in there shortly  
16 after midnight, and there were about fifty people in  
17 here. This place is fixed up a little better, a little  
18 finer accommodations than most of the other gambling  
19 places. There were eight games in progress, four black-  
20 jack, two chuck-a-luck and two dice. There was also  
21 lottery in progress. We had not difficulty getting in  
22 here.

23 Q (By Councilman Lockwood) Excuse me, you had the wrong  
24 address in that place, 507.

25 COUNCILMAN HAMLEY: The Shanghai is 507.

26 Q 507 Maynard.

27 COUNCILMAN HAMLEY: We went to 656 $\frac{1}{2}$  King Street.  
28 Mr. Rohlf's and I went in here about twenty minutes past  
29 twelve. About 100 people were playing in here. There  
30 were eleven games here in progress, seven black-jack,

1 two chuck-a-luck and two dice. Lottery was also in  
2 progress here.

3 We then went to the Sky-Hi, which was on 7th Avenue  
4 South, just below King Street. And Mr. Rohlf's and I  
5 went in here about twelve-thirty. Mr. Lockwood and Mr.  
6 Baldwin were also covering these places, but they were  
7 operating in a pair by themselves.

8 There were about 125 people in here, many of them  
9 well dressed, and quite a number of them were of high  
10 school age. I had noticed that the other time I was  
11 in this place, that here there seemed to be quite a lot  
12 of younger girls and boys. There was lottery here too.

13 We left here, and Mr. Rohlf's and I went down to the  
14 intersection of Maynard Avenue and Weller and 6th Avenue  
15 South. Excuse me, that is Weller and Maynard. And we  
16 waited at this corner by prearrangement with Mr. Lock-  
17 wood and Mr. Baldwin to finish up their expedition.  
18 While we were waiting here, which was about a half an  
19 hour, a police prowler car drove up, licence No. 606017,  
20 stopped for about five minutes at the intersection,  
21 while someone came up from the street and talked with  
22 the officers. And then it drove on past the Shanghai,  
23 and out of sight.

24 After we all got together, then we went up to the  
25 Black and Tan. It was about 1:15 in the morning then,  
26 and Lockwood and I stayed in the car, because we were  
27 afraid we would be recognized. Mr. Rohlf's and Mr.  
28 Baldwin went on, but they were unable to get in. Mr.  
29 Rohlf's said that they told him the place had been  
30 raided about ten minutes before, so they couldn't get

1 in then, but if they could come in later, they could  
2 get in.

3 Mr. Rohlfis and Mr. Baldwin dropped off at their  
4 respective residences.

5 Then later in the evening, Mr. Lockwood and I covered  
6 one of the places, at 142 $\frac{1}{2}$  6th Avenue. We walked up a  
7 narrow stairway, and a man was peering at us through  
8 a peek-hole in the door. Mr. Lockwood was ahead, and  
9 tried the door, but it wouldn't open. And we stood  
10 around there for a minute or so, and apparently couldn't  
11 get in. So we walked out. We stood on the sidewalk  
12 outside. We could hear money rattling, quite a lot of  
13 it, without any trouble. Standing down at the corner,  
14 probably 75 or 80 feet away, was an officer, with badge  
15 No. 309. This is about all for that day.

16 Then on, it was July 4th, I stepped into the Turf  
17 Club again about eleven o'clock in the evening. I  
18 walked past the door where I had gone in before and had  
19 seen the gambling. There was a look-out sitting on a  
20 stool by the door, and I was afraid he would recognize  
21 me, so I didn't attempt to go in there. But I looked  
22 in as I went by, and I could see a group of people at  
23 the same table as there were before. From the lavatory,  
24 about fifteen feet away, I could hear money ringing in  
25 this room. I looked in again as I went out, there were  
26 about fifteen, twenty people around the crap game and  
27 seventeen people around the card table.

28 There was a police officer standing by the candy  
29 counter. I walked out, and he was sort of facing the  
30 other way. So I stepped up and bought a package of

1 gum, hoping he would turn around and I could see his  
2 number, but I didn't get it. I walked out and came  
3 back about ten minutes later, but he was gone. But I  
4 wasn't able to get his badge number.

5 Then on Saturday, July 6th, Mr. Lockwood, Mr. Rohlf's,  
6 Mr. Beach and myself did some investigating. We met in  
7 front of the Vance Hotel about ten-fifteen P.M. Mr.  
8 Lockwood and I waited there a few minutes while Mr.  
9 Rohlf's and Mr. Beach did some investigating that they  
10 can tell about.

11 We then went to 310 Washington Street. Lockwood  
12 and I didn't go in there, because we knew what was going  
13 on, and Mr. Beach and Mr. Rohlf's went in, and were in  
14 there about ten minutes or so. We had driven up to this  
15 place about eleven o'clock.

16 While Mr. Beach and Mr. Rohlf's were in there, we  
17 decided to see just how busy the place was. So we  
18 counted the number of people that went in between five  
19 minutes past eleven and ten minutes past eleven, and  
20 there were thirty-nine people. Also, there was one  
21 person went by. Of course, during this whole period  
22 there were people coming out at about the same rate.

23 So these two men came back to the car then from 310  
24 Washington, and sat in the car for three or four minutes  
25 writing down notes of what they had seen inside.

26 It was then about a quarter past eleven. Mr. Lock-  
27 wood backed up the car and into the middle of the street,  
28 and we were just about to proceed when a black sedan  
29 pulled up to our right and two men and a woman got out  
30 of the back seat, the woman -- one man and two women,

1 excuse me. One woman had a red dress on. And they  
2 walked up into 310 Washington Street. The car had  
3 stopped directly in front of the entrance. In the front  
4 seat sat two uniformed police officers. This was a city  
5 car with license No. 606054. We were, of course, unable  
6 to obtain the badge numbers of the officers, but all of  
7 us saw the license number. And we drove down to the  
8 intersection of Washington and Second Avenue and turned  
9 around. And just as we started to back up, this car  
10 drove down to 2nd Avenue and turned north on 2nd.

11 Q (By Councilman Lockwood) Might I interrupt at this  
12 point? I think it would be well if we would ask the  
13 Chief to have the two men who were in that car that  
14 night at about eleven-fifteen to appear before the  
15 committee this afternoon.

16 A Yes, I think that would be----

17 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Could you arrange that Chief?

18 CHIEF KIRTLEY: Let's see if I have this right.  
19 July 6th. 310 Washington Street. 11:05 to 11:10 P.M.

20 COUNCILMAN HAMLEY: That is right. There were  
21 two women and one man. One woman was in a red dress.

22 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: They were in the back seat  
23 of this prowler car, and they got out and went in, and  
24 we drove down to the corner and drove back again to be  
25 sure we weren't in error, and they were there again.

26 COUNCILMAN LANGLEY: The city car wasn't stopped  
27 there but only for a minute, just long enough to let  
28 those people out, and then it went on.

29 We then drove on 7th Avenue South, just south of  
30 Weller Street. We parked the car and started looking

1 around there a little. Mr. Rohlf's and I went in one  
2 direction, and Mr. Lockwood and Mr. Beach in the other.  
3 Mr. Rohlf's and I were solicited by two women at the  
4 Lane Rooms, 659 Lane Street. We were solicited by a  
5 girl in a door in a doorway at 717 Seventh Avenue South.  
6 At 612 Seventh Avenue South three girls solicited Mr.  
7 Rohlf's and me from three different windows, one of them  
8 from upstairs.

9 At the Dainty Rooms, 606 Seventh Avenue South, a  
10 girl was tapping the window as we went by. I might say  
11 that as we parked our car there to look around this dis-  
12 trict, two men walked over from the Dainty Rooms, just  
13 coming out of there into their car. And as they passed  
14 us, someone in our car, I believe Mr. Lockwood, asked  
15 them how it was over there, and they said, "Oh, it was  
16 fine," and if we went over there to ask for Bobbie, and  
17 say he had sent us.

18 We then drove to a point near Ninth Avenue South  
19 on Washington Street, which is up on the hill, and  
20 again divided into pairs. It was beginning to rain  
21 then. Mr. Rohlf's and I were solicited by two girls at  
22 124 Ninth Avenue South, which is a large tenement house.  
23 As we got out of the car to look around, one of those  
24 girls from across the street on the south side hollered  
25 clear across the street at us, and Mr. Lockwood and Mr.  
26 Beach went over in that direction.

27 We then drove the car uptown and parked it on Fourth  
28 Avenue between Pike and Union Street. Mr. Beach and Mr.  
29 Rohlf's went down into 1420 1/2 Fourth Avenue, which is  
30 known as the Saratoga, and about a minute or two later

1 Mr. Lockwood and I went down. Here you go down the  
2 stairs into quite a large room. On the right there is  
3 a card room, which I understand is a licensed card room,  
4 and a lunch counter, and then going around to the left,  
5 there is a man sitting on a stool by a door. And you  
6 go there and turn again to your left, which takes you  
7 probably directly under the sidewalk, into a room about  
8 20 X 30. In here there were three gambling games in  
9 operation, a dice game, a chuck-a-luck, and a black-  
10 jack game. The one that was most patronized was the  
11 dice game. There were about fifteen people around here,  
12 three of them women. These games were operated by white  
13 people. We had no trouble getting in this place, of  
14 course. The bets were from twenty-five cents to a  
15 dollar. There was a sign on the wall, "open at 11:30  
16 A.M. and closed 4:00 A.M. or later."

17 After being there about ten, fifteen minutes, we  
18 went up to 521 Pike Street. We again divided into  
19 pairs, but finally decided to all go in together, and  
20 we all walked up the stairs together. We went back  
21 through the corridor into the back end of the building,  
22 where there was a man standing there, and we just turned  
23 to our left and walked into a room, well, probably  
24 fifteen or twenty feet square, where there were three  
25 gambling games going on. The chuck-a-luck game was not  
26 actually in progress. There was a man standing there  
27 by the board, but no one was playing it. The dice game  
28 and the black-jack game were in operation, however.  
29 The dice game had about ten or twelve people around it,  
30 and the bets here were mostly over a dollar, and one man

1 was betting ten dollars. He bet that several times  
2 while we were there; lost it every time too. These  
3 games were also operated by white people. As we left,  
4 a man directed us out the other entrance, which, when  
5 we got outside, we found to be 1425<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Sixth Avenue, the  
6 entrance that Mr. Lockwood and I had attempted to go in  
7 on a previous night. This man told us that if we ever  
8 came to this place after midnight, to always come around  
9 the Sixth Avenue entrance, because the Pike entrance was  
10 always locked up at midnight.

11 We then walked up to the Cavalcade, 1520 Fifth  
12 Avenue, and we got through the outer door, and when we  
13 came to the next door, a man looked at us through a  
14 peek-hole and opened the door and asked us who we were,  
15 if we knew anyone there, and if we had a card. And we  
16 weren't able to satisfy him. So he said he was sorry,  
17 but he couldn't let us in. So we weren't able to get  
18 in here.

19 We drove up past 1707 Terry Avenue a few minutes  
20 later. This is a two-story old wooden building at 1707  
21 Terry. There is a neon sign right over the outside  
22 door. We stopped momentarily across the street in the  
23 car and saw three men coming out of there, young  
24 fellows. When they passed our car, someone in our car  
25 asked them how it was in there, and they said that it  
26 was fair but could be better.

27 On Monday, July 8th, Mr. Lockwood and Mr. Rohlf's,  
28 Mr. Lloyd Johnson and myself met in front of the Vance  
29 Building at nine o'clock, and we went down the lower  
30 end of town and found all the gambling places were

1 running wide open. Mr. Lockwood and I didn't go in any  
2 of them. We stopped out in front, saw they were open,  
3 and people were going in and out. Mr. Rohlf's and Mr.  
4 Johnson went into some of them.

5 We drove around and spotted what we were sure were  
6 some other smaller lottery places on Washington Street  
7 between Third and Second Avenue. We drove up by the  
8 Colony Club on upper Fifth Avenue. Mr. Rohlf's and Mr.  
9 Johnson went over into that, and they can tell what they  
10 saw there.

11 Then on the next night, Tuesday, July 9th, I believe  
12 it was, Mr. Lockwood and I drove around the scene and  
13 again we found that all the big gambling places were  
14 closed up. You could almost hear a pin drop in the  
15 district. And as we stopped in front of 310 Washington  
16 Street, there was a fellow there, and as people came up,  
17 he talked to them and handed them a card. So Mr. Lock-  
18 wood called to him from across the street. He came over  
19 and said the place would be closed up for three or four  
20 days, and handed us a card which had the name of Rubenak's  
21 on it, which is a place ten miles north of the city on  
22 the new Everett highway. It is a rather curious card.  
23 I think it should go into the record as an exhibit.

24 That, Mr. Chairman, concludes my investigation.

25 (Card marked Exhibit No. 10)

26 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: I will yield the chair to  
27 you, and we will call the next witness.  
28  
29  
30

1 ROBERT W. BEACH,

2 having been first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

3 DIRECT EXAMINATION

4  
5 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

6 Q Will you state your full name, please?

7 A Robert W. Beach.

8 Q And your address, your residence?

9 A I better give my business address, 1607 Exchange  
10 Building.

11 Q And what is your occupation, Mr. Beach?

12 A I am assistant in the Patent Attorneys' office of  
13 Reynolds & Reynolds.

14 Q Now, Mr. Beach, this committee is interested in getting  
15 any authentic or personal information that you may have  
16 as to vice, gambling or liquor conditions in the city.  
17 And if you have any such information which you know  
18 of your own personal knowledge, just state it in your  
19 own words at this time?

20 A On Saturday evening, July 6th, I was out with Mr. Rohlf's,  
21 Mr. Lockwood and Mr. Hamley. After Mr. Lockwood and I  
22 went to a show we met Mr. Hamley and Mr. Rohlf's. And  
23 leaving Mr. Lockwood and Mr. Hamley in the car, Mr.  
24 Rohlf's and myself went over to Green's cigar store, which  
25 is on 3rd Avenue across from the Post Office. That  
26 was about ten o'clock P.M.

27 We went back through the store and up a flight of  
28 steps, where there were card tables, and some men play-  
29 ing cards. I don't know what the game was, and I be-  
30 lieve there was money on the table, and I can't say for  
sure. We went back to the lavatory, and when we came out,

1 going towards the front of the store, we turned to our  
2 right and went through a door and into a side room.  
3 The door was open. There was no one at the door. And  
4 in that side room there were two tables around which  
5 there was probably fifteen or twenty, and around the  
6 other about ten or fifteen, I should say about thirty  
7 to thirty-five people in the room. They were both dice  
8 games; at one table they were two dice, at the other  
9 table they were three-dice.

10 We watched them playing there for a few minutes,  
11 and there were many silver dollars on the table, and  
12 five-dollar and ten-dollar bills. I noticed one man  
13 in particular that at one throw of the dice lost a  
14 ten-dollar bill, a five-dollar bill and either four or  
15 five silver dollars.

16 After a few minutes in there we left. And a short  
17 time later, about ten-thirty, we went into the Turf  
18 Club, which is on 3rd Avenue, just North of Union Street,  
19 on the West side.

20 We went right through the store to the back, and on  
21 the right hand side of the hall, there was a man stand-  
22 ing just to the rear of a door. We went in through  
23 that door. And straight ahead of us there was a table  
24 at which dice were being thrown. There were probably  
25 twenty to twenty-five people around that table. In the  
26 opposite corner of the room there was another table,  
27 where there were four or five men sitting around play-  
28 ing cards. On the dice table there were bets of all  
29 the way from one to ten dollars. The procedure seemed  
30 to be that the player would put down an amount of money,

1 and the dealer would put down an equal amount, and then  
2 the dice would be thrown, and the people usually lost  
3 their money as a result.

4 Then we left there and went back to the car where  
5 Mr. Lockwood and Mr. Hamley were. And from there we  
6 went down to 310 Washington Street, which turned out to  
7 be a Chinese gambling establishment. I might say in  
8 these former places, Green's cigar store and the Turf  
9 Club, the people were seemingly of the better class,  
10 they were well-dressed, and there were no women in  
11 either of these places. At 310 Washington Street,  
12 however, the people on the whole seemed to be much more  
13 poorly dressed. And there they had twelve tables set  
14 up of blackjack cards, other card games, and dice games.  
15 There were probably 200 people or more in there at that  
16 time, which was shortly after eleven o'clock.

17 In the middle of the room there were two tables,  
18 upon which were lottery tickets, a number of people  
19 standing around each one and marking the tickets with  
20 black ink. On the box beside the tables there was a  
21 lot of punched lottery tickets. I took a few of these  
22 lottery tickets, which can be introduced as the next  
23 exhibit.

24 (Lottery tickets marked Exhibit  
25 No. 11.)

26 At the side, the West side, I believe you enter the  
27 room on the East, we saw a cage where there were a num-  
28 ber of people passing lottery tickets in and making  
29 arrangements with the people behind the bars there.

30 When we came out, we got back into the car. And as

1 we backed out, as Mr. Hamley has told you, a police  
2 prowler car drove up just ahead of us. It had in the  
3 center of the license plate the word "City", and on  
4 the left-hand side the numbers 606, and on the right-  
5 hand side, reading from left to right, the numbers 054.  
6 And from the rear seat of this car, I believe two women,  
7 perhaps two men, at least one man, got out. We drove  
8 down the corner behind the prowler car, and turned  
9 around and came back. And as we were beside the en-  
10 trance of 310 Washington Street, we saw these people  
11 down at the end of the hall, just turning into the  
12 gambling room. And under the light there we could see  
13 very clearly that one woman had on a bright red dress.

14 From there we drove up to 7th Avenue South. Mr.  
15 Lockwood and I there got out of the car and walked  
16 down one side of the street for two blocks, and back  
17 on the other side of the street, and were solicited by  
18 tapping on the window and by the women calling out from  
19 a number of places, in particular, numbers 606, 612,  
20 717, and 723, Seventh Avenue South. We then got back  
21 into the car and drove up to Washington street, where  
22 we parked the car on the North side. Mr. Lockwood and  
23 myself then got out and walked across the street and  
24 back up to the corner, where there were three houses,  
25 one numbered 919, and one in the middle which was va-  
26 cant, and 925, to the North, or to the East, I should  
27 say. At 925 there were girls who tapped on the window  
28 and called to us, but at 919 there were two girls that  
29 came out on the porch, and the porch was quite well  
30 lighted. I believe one girl had on a yellow silk dress.

1 And we talked to these girls for a minute. And they  
2 said to come on in, that it wouldn't cost anything to  
3 get acquainted. So I said, "Well, how much would it  
4 cost after that?" They said, "Not very much, just a  
5 dollar." And spoke to us in so-called terms of endear-  
6 ment, which didn't seem to mean a great deal.

7 Then we went down to the center of town again, to  
8 the Saratoga, at 1420-4th Avenue. We walked downstairs  
9 there -- 1420 $\frac{1}{2}$  that should be, Fourth Avenue -- we  
10 walked downstairs, Mr. Rohlf and myself, into a room  
11 with a lunch at the right-hand side of the stairs.  
12 There didn't seem to be anyone in the room but the man  
13 behind the lunch counter. And we walked around the  
14 room for a minute, perhaps, when a man came from the  
15 left-hand side of the stairs and spoke to us. And I  
16 don't remember just what he said, but he invited us to  
17 come that way. And we went past the stairs and turned  
18 around to the left, where there was a room in which  
19 there were three tables, one black-jack, I believe, and  
20 one table that was not operating at the time, and the  
21 table which was the center of attraction was a dice  
22 game, around which there were about fifteen people,  
23 three women being present.

24 The bets ran from six to seven dollars on the aver-  
25 age, some being as high as ten, and some being one or  
26 two dollars. I didn't see any bets less than a dollar.  
27 I believe I forgot to mention that at 310 Washington  
28 Street the bets were considerably lower than at these  
29 other places, they ran from five cents up to probably  
30 a dollar.

1 After we left the Saratoga, we went to 521 Pike  
2 Street where we went upstairs along a hall. There was  
3 a man there near the door. There seemed to be doors  
4 opening from both sides of the hall, with rooms in  
5 which men were either seated at tables or standing. We  
6 only went into one room on the left-hand side near the  
7 rear of the hall.

8 In this room there was a black-jack game and a  
9 chuck-a-luck game. There was again one main table around  
10 which there were about fifteen or twenty people gathered.  
11 There were no women in this place. And we watched them  
12 play for a while there. The four of us went in there,  
13 Mr. Lockwood, Mr. Hamley, Mr. Rohlf's and myself.

14 One fellow had an argument with the dealer. He  
15 wanted to play a seventy-five cent bet, and the dealer  
16 insisted upon him playing nothing under a dollar. How-  
17 ever, the player said that he knew what he wanted to do,  
18 and the dealer finally acceded and allowed him to bet  
19 seventy-five cents. He won that time. And the next  
20 time he played a dollar and a half.

21 We went later on in the evening to the New Esson  
22 Rooms at Ninth Avenue between Pike and Pine Street.  
23 That is a two story frame building. It had red lights  
24 in the windows, with a sign on the outside "New Esson  
25 Rooms", glass panels with a red light behind. And  
26 there was a woman standing on the sidewalk there. Mr.  
27 Lockwood and myself walked up past that place, and the  
28 girl said, "There are some nice girls inside. You  
29 should go in." But we didn't.

30 I think that is about all, unless there are any

1 questions.

2 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Thank you, Mr. Beach.

3 (WITNESS EXCUSED)

4  
5  
6  
7  
8 MARCUS ROHLFS,

9 having been first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

10 DIRECT EXAMINATION

11  
12 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

13 Q State your name, please.

14 A Marcus Rohlf's.

15 Q How do you spell that?

16 A R-c-h-l-f-s.

17 Q What is your occupation, Mr. Rohlf's?

18 A I am a lawyer.

19 Q And your address, residence?

20 A My office address is 323 Vance Building. I am there  
21 associated with Mr. Kingston, and practicing law under  
22 the name of Rohlf's & Kingston.

23 Q Mr. Rohlf's, would you tell this committee, not me, this  
24 committee, any personal information you have with regard  
25 to vice, gambling or liquor conditions in this city,  
26 just in your own words?

27 A There are three different occasions which I could tell  
28 about. On Saturday, June 29th, around eleven o'clock,  
29 I met Mr. Hamley, Mr. Lockwood, and Mr. Baldwin. We  
30 proceeded by car near Pine and Terry. There Mr. Hamley

1 and myself got out and walked by the northeast corner  
2 of Terry and Pine, which is an old wooden building, two  
3 stories, I believe, and it has in the corner window a  
4 sign "Massage," I believe something else on the sign,  
5 illuminated by a red light. Mr. Hamley and myself  
6 walked by there twice, and each time that we did we  
7 noticed a woman sitting by that window who pulled the  
8 curtain aside, looked at us and motioned for us to  
9 come in by a sign of the hand. Whether or not she tap-  
10 ped on the window, I do not remember. Mr. Baldwin and  
11 Mr. Lockwood were also out of the car, and I believed  
12 walked by there.

13 After Mr. Hamley and myself had passed that corner,  
14 we walked down to 9th Avenue and turned South on 9th  
15 Avenue toward Pike Street. As we approached a building  
16 which had a neon sign on the front of it with the words  
17 "New Esson" on it, a girl approached us and said, "Why  
18 don't you go inside?" And I said "Why?" I believe  
19 she said, "Well, you will have a good time." And Mr.  
20 Hamley asked, "Well, how many girls are inside?" And  
21 her answer was, "There are three beautiful girls inside?"  
22 She then hurried away down 9th Avenue toward Pine  
23 Street, where some people were coming out of a dance  
24 hall at 9th and Pine.

25 We then went back to the car and met again Mr. Bald-  
26 win and Mr. Lockwood. The four of us then proceeded  
27 down and parked near 310 Washington Street. We broke  
28 into the same pairs. Mr. Hamley and myself, and Mr.  
29 Lockwood and Mr. Baldwin, and by pairs went in 310  
30 Washington Street, walked up the entrance and turned

1 to the left, passed the lunch counter and into the  
2 gambling room.

3 There were there about 200 people. There were ten  
4 or twelve games. At least half of those chuck-a-luck  
5 games. Then there were a couple of crap games, or  
6 two-dice games, and then some black-jack games going.

7 The people in there were both men and women. Some  
8 were well-dressed, but most of them were shabbily  
9 dressed. They were betting amounts ranging from five  
10 to one dollar. I don't remember whether there were  
11 any bets over a dollar or not. There was also apparently  
12 a lottery game going, at least people were marking  
13 tickets, or taking punched dated tickets off the wall,  
14 taking them over to cages, and going over there also  
15 for the returns.

16 We then drove a few blocks in the car and parked  
17 it. And Mr. Hamley and myself went up to the Shanghai  
18 at 507 Maynard. There was a man in front of the  
19 entrance that greeted us and nodded to us as we went  
20 up the steps. There was a door which we opened, and  
21 went into a rather nicely furnished place. There  
22 were about fifty people in there. And there were from  
23 six to eight games in there, I believe eight games.  
24 Half of those were chuck-a-luck games. And then there  
25 were also black-jack and crap games. And also there  
26 was a lottery wicket in one corner. The people in  
27 there were fairly nicely dressed, and they were play-  
28 ing from bets of from five cents up to a few dollars.

29 We went from there to a place upstairs, 656<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> King  
30 Street. We had to open no doors to get in there. The

1 doors were open. By this time it was about a little  
2 after twelve, about a quarter or twenty after twelve.  
3 In this place there were about 100 people. They were  
4 most of them shabbily dressed, not as nicely dressed  
5 as they had been in the previous place, the Shanghai.  
6 There were probably ten or eleven games going, chuck-  
7 a-luck, black-jack and craps, and also a lottery,  
8 there being tables to fill out your tickets, and also  
9 a wicket with cages to hand in your tickets and money  
10 and receive your money back if you won.

11 From there we proceeded to the Sky-Hi, which is  
12 on the--pardon me, do you have that address?

13 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: It is 511<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>--7th Avenue South.  
14 just around the corner.

15 A Yes, we proceeded to the Sky-Hi, which is 511<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>--7th  
16 Avenue South. That is a downstairs place. And there  
17 were more more people there than in the previous estab-  
18 lishment, probably 125 people there. There were more  
19 young people ranging from the ages of, say, 16 to 20  
20 in here than in any of the other places. There were  
21 quite a number of games going there, I don't remember  
22 how many. But there were--I noticed black-jack, chuck-  
23 a-luck, and crap games, and also a lottery.

24 After leaving there, we walked down to the corner  
25 of, I believe, Weller and Maynard, where we stood wait-  
26 ing for Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Lockwood. As we were stand-  
27 ing there, a prowler car drove up from the South,  
28 stopped at the intersection for about five minutes,  
29 and then proceeded in a northerly direction. As it  
30 passed by the Shanghai, one of the men in the group

1 standing in front of the entrance of the Shanghai  
2 apparently waved and called out to one of the men in  
3 the prowler car a word of greeting.

4 A little later we met Mr. Lockwood and Mr. Baldwin.  
5 We then drove up to Jackson near 12th Avenue. Mr.  
6 Baldwin and myself got out of the car, walked over to  
7 the entrance of the Black and Tan. There was a man  
8 standing on the sidewalk level, who greeted us and let  
9 us go downstairs. A couple preceded us downstairs  
10 and went into the establishment. There might have  
11 been two couples, but I at least remember one being  
12 immediately ahead of us. However, they were in, and  
13 the door locked behind them before we got downstairs.  
14 We then knocked on the door, and after waiting a min-  
15 ute or two, probably only a half minute, a man opened  
16 the door and looked at us. And I said to him, "Well,  
17 may we come in?" And he said, "Well, who here knows  
18 you?" And also, "Have you been here before?" I said  
19 that we hadn't been there before. And he asked me if  
20 we had any means of identifying ourselves. And we did  
21 not wish to do so. He then said that the place had  
22 been raided just a few minutes before, and that there-  
23 fore he had to be careful on this particular evening.  
24 So we said that, well, if he didn't want to let us go  
25 in, we would go down to Chinatown and spend our money.  
26 So we went back up the steps. Mr. Lockwood then took  
27 me home.

28 On another occasion, Saturday, July 6th, I met  
29 Mr. Lockwood, Mr. Hamley and Mr. Beach, who testified  
30 just before me, in front of the Wance building at

1 approximately ten o'clock. We left Mr. Hamley and  
2 Mr. Lockwood in the car, and Mr. Beach and myself  
3 walked over to Green's Cigar Store, which is in the  
4 1331--3rd Avenue Building immediately to the North of  
5 the entrance of that building, and which has a Neon  
6 sign out in Front saying, "Green's" and something else  
7 on it.

8 We walked in the entrance. And as you enter you  
9 see a Neon sign saying "Cards" and pointing up a short  
10 flight of stairs. We went up that flight of stairs  
11 into a card room, where men were sitting around a num-  
12 ber of tables playing cards.

13 To your left from there, there is a door which was  
14 wide open on this occasion. And Mr. Beach and myself,  
15 after loitering about the card room, walked through  
16 that door. Going South in that room, there were two  
17 games going. The one in the westerly part of the room  
18 was a two-dice game, I believe a crap game, and the  
19 men at this table were playing with silver dollars and  
20 also paper money. The game in the center of the room  
21 was played with three dice. There was a greater part  
22 of the time approximately one hundred dollars on the  
23 table of that three-dice game, which was in the center  
24 of the room. I noticed one man who on one throw lost  
25 a bet which consisted of at least a ten-dollar bill  
26 and a stack of silver dollars, which were at least  
27 fifteen silver dollars. There were about twenty people  
28 around this three-dice game, and about ten people  
29 around the two-dice game. There was also a small table  
30 in the easterly corner of the room, which wasn't being

1 used, and was shoved over against the corner.

2 The people were apparently fairly well dressed,  
3 and all men. The bets at the--I saw no bets under one  
4 dollar there, and the majority of bets were three to  
5 five dollars. And then there were, of course, the  
6 larger bets up to twenty-five dollars.

7 From there we went to the Turf Club, which is on  
8 Third Avenue between Pike and Union, on the West side  
9 of the street. In the entrance past the lunch counter,  
10 and then as you get about through the complete length  
11 of the building, there is a door opening to your right,  
12 in front of which there was a man stationed, just stand-  
13 ing there. We walked past him and into the room.

14 On our immediate left as we entered, there were  
15 about five men playing cards. There were about forty  
16 or fifty silver coins on that table, quarters and half  
17 dollars. But I did not understand the game that they  
18 were playing, nor did I watch them very closely, for  
19 we proceeded over to the table at which most of the  
20 men were standing around. As I attempted to get into  
21 a place where I could see what was going on, the man  
22 whom I stepped up to next remarked to me, "Well, there  
23 was \$450 passed on that throw." I then got in, I  
24 was worked in to stand behind a certain man, so I  
25 moved to the other side of the table.

26 The bets on that table amounted to a few dollars  
27 up to twenty or twenty-five dollars per bet. There  
28 was apparently a considerable amount of money on the  
29 table, at least over one hundred dollars that I saw  
30 while they were playing, that is, one hundred dollars

1 on the table at one time. And they were playing, I  
2 believe, a game with three dice. At least, the man  
3 in charge, who was a white man--the men had all been  
4 white also in Green's--would give one of the men a  
5 choice of some dice, I believe he would select three  
6 out of them and would throw them, and that determined  
7 the way the game went. There was just that one three-  
8 dice game going, but there were around that table at  
9 least twenty men. And then the card game that I men-  
10 tioned when I first said we came in.

11 From there we joined Mr. Hamley and Mr. Lockwood,  
12 and drove down to 310 Washington Street. We arrived  
13 there, oh, a little before eleven o'clock. Mr. Beach  
14 and myself went in, and Mr. Hamley and Mr. Lockwood  
15 sat outside in the car. The scene there was much the  
16 same as it had been the previous Saturday evening,  
17 although there were probably a few more people in the  
18 place.

19 We stayed there about ten minutes, not more than  
20 that, came out and got in the car with Mr. Hamley and  
21 Mr. Lockwood. We waited a few minutes while Mr. Beach  
22 made some notes which we wrote on the lottery tickets  
23 which we took out of the place; and just as we were  
24 driving out of our parking place, a black sedan drove  
25 up to the front of the entrance of 310 Washington  
26 Street, and there got out of it a woman in a bright  
27 red dress, another woman, and one or two men, I believe  
28 one man. The car had the licence number 606-054, and  
29 it had the word "City" written on it between the mid-  
30 dle of those numbers.

1           We drove past the prowler and saw that there were  
2 two uniformed men sitting in the front seat, one the  
3 driver, and the other sitting with him. We then drove  
4 down to the corner and circled back. The prowler car  
5 pulled out at that time. And we looked up the entrance  
6 way of 310 Washington Street and saw a group, including  
7 the woman in the red dress and apparently the other  
8 people that had gotten out of that car, go into the  
9 gambling room of 310 Washington Street.

10           We then drove down and parked the car, I believe,  
11 on the 7th Avenue South. Anyway, we got out and broke  
12 up into pairs. I went with Mr. Hamley. We passed the  
13 Lane Rooms at 659 Lane Street, where we were called to  
14 by a woman inside. And I don't know whether there was  
15 one at the doorway or not, but at least someone from  
16 inside spoke to us and solicited us. Then, as we were  
17 walking by 717--7th Avenue South, a girl stood in the  
18 doorway and asked us to come in, and solicited us.

19           Then at 612--7th Avenue South, three girls called  
20 at us from windows, two downstairs and one the upstairs  
21 window. And then at the Dainty Rooms, 606--7th Avenue  
22 South, the girls tapped on the windows as we went by.

23           We then drove up and parked near 9th Avenue South  
24 and Washington Street. As we stopped the car, two  
25 girls came out of the entrance of a house on the South  
26 side of the street and called over to us. Mr. Hamley  
27 and myself, however, got out of the car and walked  
28 West. We walked in front of 124--9th Avenue South,  
29 where two girls, just as we passed the house, one  
30 opened the window and the other opened the door and

1 called out to us, asking us to come in and soliciting  
2 us.

3 We then drove to 4th Avenue between Pike and Union  
4 where we parked the car. Mr. Beach and myself got out  
5 of the car first and went downstairs in the place that  
6 has the street number 1420 $\frac{1}{2}$ --4th Avenue. We got down  
7 the stairs. We were in a place having a card room  
8 and lunch counter. However, the lunch counter wasn't  
9 running. There was hardly anyone in the card room.  
10 There was someone at a cigar counter. We stood around  
11 for a minute or two, not knowing where to go. And a  
12 man finally came up to us and said, "Are you looking  
13 for--" and then slurred whatever the last word of the  
14 sentence was. I said, "Yes." So he said, "Well, fol-  
15 low me." So he took us southerly in the room, and then  
16 to a door on our left, where we went into the gambling  
17 room. There were three games going there. The game  
18 that had most of the people around it, about fifteen  
19 people, was a two-dice game. They were betting there  
20 usually silver dollars, sometimes a few dollars, maybe  
21 some of them bet less than a dollar, I do not remember.  
22 There was also a table for black-jack and a table for  
23 chuck-a-luck. One of those games was going and had a  
24 few people playing it. But I do not remember which  
25 one it was. There was a sign on the wall, open at,  
26 sometime around, I believe it said, at eleven-thirty  
27 in the morning, and closed, I believe the number was  
28 4 A.M.

29 While we were there, Mr. Lockwood and Mr. Hamley  
30 came in and joined us, the four of us then left together,

1 and the four of us together proceeded to 521 Pike Street.  
2 We there went up those steps, and walked--however, I  
3 think that Mr. Beach and myself went in first, went up  
4 the steps and walked back, and there by an entrance on  
5 our left, a man was standing and greeted us. And we  
6 turned in that entrance on our left, and there were a  
7 few games going. I stood and watched a two-dice game  
8 for quite a while. The people were betting at least  
9 a dollar a throw. One man was betting ten dollar bills.  
10 There were about fifteen or twenty people around the  
11 crap game. Then there were some other games going,  
12 but I do not now recall their nature, or how many peo-  
13 ple were playing them.

14 When we went out, the man who stood in front of  
15 the entrance of the room that the gambling was going  
16 on in asked us to go down the steps, which were 1425 $\frac{1}{2}$ --  
17 6th Avenue, and requested us, when we wanted to come in  
18 after midnight, to use that entrance. It was just  
19 midnight at that time, and he explained that he had  
20 just closed the front entrance. So we went down that  
21 back entrance, 1425 $\frac{1}{2}$ --6th Avenue.

22 We then proceeded to 1520--5th Avenue, which had a  
23 a Neon sign out "Cavalcade." We went in the front  
24 door and up some steps to a locked door. A man there  
25 opened the peek-hole, looked at us, and then I believe  
26 he opened--yes, he opened the door, and we asked if  
27 we could enter. He asked if we had a card, and we told  
28 him that we did not. We talked to him a while, and he  
29 informed us that we could not enter without a card.  
30 So, we left.

1 We then drove down past the New Esson Rooms, where  
2 Mr. Beach and Mr. Lockwood got out; Mr. Hamley and  
3 myself, however, stayed in the car. They returned,  
4 and while they were out, we saw them talking to a  
5 girl who was standing near the front of the New Esson  
6 Rooms.

7 We then drove by 1707 Terry Avenue, which number  
8 is illuminated by a Neon light. As we drove by, three  
9 fellows came out. And so we stopped the car. They  
10 came over, and someone called out, "How was it?" And  
11 they said something, "All right, but it could be bet-  
12 ter." And then they drove me home.

13 On Monday evening, July 8th, I was met by Mr.  
14 Lockwood and Mr. Hamley, and then we got Mr. Lloyd  
15 Johnson. We drove down to 310 Washington, and looked  
16 to see whether or not it was running, and it was oper-  
17 ating. I do not remember whether or not Mr. Johnson  
18 and myself got out, I know Mr. Hamley and Mr. Lockwood  
19 didn't, and probably no one got out of the car.

20 We then drove down further South. And Mr. Johnson  
21 and myself left Mr. Hamley and Mr. Lockwood in the car,  
22 and we went upstairs at 656 $\frac{1}{2}$  King Street. Again none  
23 of the doors were closed. We could just walk right in.  
24 The place was fairly crowded that evening, a good 125  
25 people being there, and they were betting in amounts  
26 from five cents up to a few dollars. All of the  
27 tables were going, and apparently the lottery was  
28 going.

29 As we stood there, a man passed amongst the people  
30 giving them candy to eat as they played their games.

1 After staying there, about ten minutes, Mr.  
2 Johnson and myself walked down to the Shanghai. There  
3 were two or three men out in front. One of them, a  
4 small Chinese man, handed both Mr. Johnson and myself  
5 a cigar as we turned to go up the steps. There were  
6 about fifty people in this Shanghai this evening, play-  
7 ing the same games as I mentioned before when we were  
8 in.

9 We stayed there about ten minutes, and went out.  
10 And when we reached the bottom of the stairs, A Chi-  
11 nese man asked us if we wanted to ride home. He said  
12 that he would take us home if we wanted. We said that  
13 we had a ride home, and thanked him.

14 We then drove up by the Colony Club, which is on  
15 Fourth Avenue between Virginia and Stewart. Could you  
16 refresh my memory on that?

17 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Fifth Avenue, I believe, isn't it?

18 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: What was that?

19 THE WITNESS: Could you refresh my memory on the  
20 location of the Colony Club?

21 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Colony Club, that is at  
22 1917½--5th Avenue.

23 A (Continuing) At 1917½--5th Avenue. It is on Fifth.  
24 It is right across from the big hotel there, and also  
25 across from another one of the houses that has a big  
26 Neon sign "Rooms" on it, and it has a store entrance.

27 Mr. Johnson and myself went in. We were immediately  
28 preceded by, I think two couples, at least four people,  
29 who went in the store entrance, and then went in the  
30 next door. Mr. Johnson bought a package of cigarettes,

1 and then we asked if we could go in. And the man asked  
2 us if we had a card. We explained that we did not.  
3 He explained that he would give us a card which would  
4 give us entrance if we would give him our names and  
5 some means of identifying those names. We did not  
6 care to do so, and asked if we could get in without so  
7 identifying ourselves. And he explained to us that  
8 we could not get in unless we were identified. And  
9 he was working with a card index at that time, and  
10 indicated that that was his list of people who could  
11 go in. And so we left without getting in the second  
12 door, which is only about ten feet from the immediate  
13 entrance of this door. That is, there is a very short  
14 room which has a cigar counter in it, from which they  
15 do sell cigars and cigarettes, and right next to that  
16 is a door which bars off the rest and chief part of  
17 the store. And from there, they took me home.

18 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Are there any questions any  
19 members of the committee have to ask? If not, I think  
20 that will be all, Mr. Rohlf's, and thank you.

21 (WITNESS EXCUSED)  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30

1 WILLIAM F. DEVIN,

2 having been first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

3 DIRECT EXAMINATION

4  
5 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

6 Q Will you state your full name, please?

7 A William F. Devin.

8 Q How do you spell the last name?

9 A D- e- v- i- n.

10 Q What is your occupation, Mr. Devin?

11 A Attorney.

12 Q And your residence?

13 A My office address is 1102 Alaska building.

14 Q Now, Mr. Devin, would <sup>you</sup> give this committee any per-  
15 sonal information you may have with regard to vice, gam-  
16 bling or liquor conditions in the City of Seattle, just  
17 in your own words?

18 A On July 6th, this year, I met Mr. Langlie. We went  
19 out in a party of five of us. Langlie and a fellow by  
20 the name of Johnson, and Dr. Creer and Floyd Hampson  
21 started out about eleven thirty at night. We went up  
22 First Avenue, 1212 First Avenue, where we saw the sign  
23 "Ray Rooms."

24 Three of us went in there, Johnson, Creer, and I,  
25 and went up the stairs. There was a door that was lock-  
26 ed. We were admitted by a lady. Without asking any  
27 questions, we were shown into a living room, where we  
28 sat down. And they brought in four girls. And they  
29 talked to us for a while, and they asked us if we didn't  
30 want to go into their rooms with them.

1 We told them we did not.

2 The place was pretty well furnished with bridge  
3 lamps and a davenport, etc. As we went out, I noticed  
4 the door was bolted. I started to unbolt it, and one  
5 of the girls unbolted it for me, and we went out.

6 And the same men went up the Ruby Apartments, 2213<sup>1/2</sup>  
7 1st Avenue. And we went upstairs to the second floor.  
8 And in the back of the hall -- it was a rather poorly  
9 furnished apartment house -- in the back of the hall  
10 there was a man standing who looked like a Greek. He  
11 asked what we wanted, and one of the fellows said we  
12 wanted to know if we could get a drink. This fellow  
13 said, "Have you ever been here before?" We said, "Yes."  
14 "Who was running the place then?" the fellow said.  
15 Greer answered, "I have forgotten the name now." The  
16 Greek looked suspicious, and said he couldn't give us  
17 a drink, so we went out.

18 Then we went up the street a ways, or back to  
19 2204<sup>1/2</sup>-1st Avenue. It is a place where there was a red  
20 neon sign with the words "Dixie Inn." It looked rather  
21 suspicious, so we went into it. And as we came in, a  
22 bolted door was opened and we were admitted by a lady,  
23 who told us to go into a small living room which was  
24 rather poorly furnished.

25 They brought out two girls to us, who for a while  
26 tried to induce us to go into their rooms, but we didn't  
27 do that. So we went out again. While we were sitting  
28 there, a man came in, a customer, I guess, and while  
29 we were there they closed the door where we were so  
30 we wouldn't see who it was.

1           Langlie and I went in 1920<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-5th Avenue, a place  
2 right immediately back of the Orpheum Theatre. That  
3 was about 12:30, 12:45, and it had a sign out there  
4 bearing the word "Rooms", a neon sign. We went in the  
5 hall, were admitted by a white women. And there we  
6 also -- they called in two girls and they talked to us  
7 for a while and propositioned us, and we declined and  
8 went out. The girls there were -- one of them particu-  
9 larly was younger than the rest of the girls. She  
10 looked to be about eighteen or nineteen years old.

11           Then about 1:15 Johnson and I went up to the  
12 Triangle Whist Club, which is up at Westlake and Pine.  
13 And we went up the stairway, which wasn't very well  
14 lighted, and got up to the top there and rang a bell.  
15 And a lady came to the door. We tried the door first  
16 and couldn't get in, then a lady came to the door and  
17 let us in. We asked her if they had any games there,  
18 and she said yes, they had low-ball, poker and hearts,  
19 I believe. We asked her if there were any dice games,  
20 she said no. So we went in and walked into another  
21 room. The first room we went into was rather darkened.  
22 The other room was well lit, and had five or six tables.  
23 I would say around one of those tables there were prob-  
24 ably five or six or seven women playing. At some of  
25 the other tables there were men playing. There were  
26 chips on the tables. We didn't go in any further than  
27 to look in and notice that there were games going on.  
28 While we were there, Mr. Langlie came up with another  
29 man, a stranger, and a man came out then into this  
30 little ante-room, a darkened ante-room, and he locked

1 out through the curtains, and said to the woman, "That's  
2 all right, let them in." So she let the other two in.  
3 And we went on then.

4 Then Langlie and I went down to the Sahara Club,  
5 at Fifth and Pike, I believe it is, Fifth and Pine.  
6 We went up the Fifth Avenue entrance, got up to the top,  
7 and the doorkeeper was just letting a couple out, so  
8 we walked right in without any question. And we noticed  
9 in there that there was a bar. They were serving  
10 drinks. In the room there were some tables, at which  
11 they were playing cards, and there was one table where  
12 they had a dice game going, where I saw some money on  
13 the table. It looked like rather small bets, fifty  
14 cents, twenty-five cents, one dollar. There were prob-  
15 ably thirty, forty people in the establishment.

16 Then about two o'clock in the morning, Hampson  
17 and Creer and I went into a house at 1707 Terry. The  
18 numbers in front of the house were lit with a neon sign.  
19 We went in and were met by two girls. And they had a  
20 pretty nice looking living room there, with a radio  
21 going. And we just walked right in. We didn't have  
22 to ask any questions. And they asked us to go up to  
23 their rooms. And we declined. We asked them if we could  
24 get a drink, and they said we could get one right around  
25 the corner. So we left. We told them we might be back.

26 Then, about two-thirty, Creer and I went up to the  
27 Owl Card Room, at 1510<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-3rd Avenue, it is just above -,  
28 the Capitol Theatre. There was a man at the door.  
29 The door was locked. And we entered. We went over  
30 and had something to drink at the counter, just a soft

1 drink, however, and it was after twelve, so they de-  
2 clined to sell us any beer. And we noticed several  
3 tables up there where men were playing card games.  
4 We stopped at one card game, it seemed to be stud  
5 poker. One of the men, the attendant, asked us if we  
6 wanted to play a game of stud poker, that he had enough  
7 for a game, and we declined. After looking around for  
8 a little while, we went out of there.

9 Then Hampson and Langlie and I went into a place  
10 at 1015<sup>1/2</sup> Pike Street, in front of which was a sign,  
11 a neon sign, bearing the words "The Palm". We went  
12 upstairs, were admitted by a woman, a white woman, and  
13 she showed us into another room. And one girl came in  
14 and said that the other girls were busy at the time,  
15 but tried to get us to wait until they would come out.  
16 She asked us to sit down and make ourselves at home  
17 until they came.

18 While we were there, there was another customer  
19 entered, or someone entered the other door, so they  
20 immediately locked the door to the room we were in, and  
21 we waited until that party left, or went into another  
22 room, and then they let us out. I think that door  
23 was likewise locked.

24 Then Hampson and I went into a place called the  
25 Verdune Hotel, at 1924 Westlake. We entered there  
26 through a locked door, in which there was a peek-hole.  
27 And there was a colored lady in a black uniform and a  
28 white apron, if I remember right, looking like a  
29 Mother, who let us in, showed us into a quite well fur-  
30 nished living room. We sat down and she called a

1 couple of girls. And she sat there and talked to us  
2 for a while and propositioned us.

3 And as we were going out of that place, we noticed  
4 two other girls in the hall. One of them was tele-  
5 phoning, and the other was walking around in the hall.  
6 It seemed to be quite a busy place. That had a neon  
7 sign on it too.

8 Then Mr. Langlie and I went over across the street  
9 to a place known as the Butte Rooms. We drove down  
10 the street. We noticed a patrolman reporting in at the  
11 box at the corner. This Butte Rooms is just about  
12 three doors down from the corner. We waited until he  
13 had passed by, then we came back and parked up on the  
14 side street, and Mr. Langlie and I went into the place.  
15 Directly up from the street was a stairway, at the side  
16 of which was a door, a closed door, with a peek-hole,  
17 you could see the door and the peek-hole from the down-  
18 stairs, and the downstairs door was open so anyone going  
19 by could see it.

20 We went in there, were admitted by a colored lady,  
21 got in there, and there were a couple of girls in there,  
22 rather tough looking specimens, and they talked to us  
23 for a while. One of them went out because someone else  
24 had come in in the meantime. They also held us in the  
25 room till the party in the hall left, till the coast  
26 was clear, then they let us out.

27 Then, by that time, it was pretty near 3:30 in  
28 the morning, and we drove up to Fifth and Union. Mr.  
29 Langlie and I went into the Embassy Club at 1408 6th  
30 Avenue. There is a sign, there is a light shining out

1 of the entrance, with the words "Nightingale" on it.  
2 We went up the stairs, a flight of stairs. At the  
3 head of the steps was a door which was locked, and it  
4 had the sign on it "Moved two doors north, Welcome."

5 So we went down, went two doors north, and went  
6 into what looked like a vacant store from the outside.  
7 The first room was vacant, and I think it had some kind  
8 of blinds, that is, half blinds in the windows, if I  
9 am not mistaken. And we went in this first room. And  
10 then they were some people coming out. And there was  
11 a screen, a board screen, up in front of the door lead-  
12 ing to the next room. We went behind that, and there  
13 was a doorkeeper who asked no questions. We went in,  
14 and there was a girl in uniform to take our hats, check  
15 our hats, if we wanted to, and a bar, a well furnished  
16 place, heavy carpets on the floor, and modernistic  
17 furniture, a small bar, however, and a small room, and  
18 several people sitting around, probably eight or ten  
19 people sitting up at the bar, and probably as many sit-  
20 ting around the tables and davenports on the floor.

21 There was entertainment going on, a colored lady  
22 was singing a song. And Mr. Langlie and I ordered  
23 some drinks, which were served up. Mr. Langlie ordered  
24 whiskey and I ordered lemonade. We both got them, I  
25 think I paid sixty cents for the two of them.

26 Then we went out in the back room. There was  
27 another room in the back, which wasn't very well furnish-  
28 ed, but they had a few davenports and chairs scattered  
29 around there. And there were some people sitting in  
30 the chairs, and there was a table where they were play-

1 ing, it looked like a black-jack table. I noticed quite  
2 a little silver money on the table, but the game wasn't  
3 in progress. There was a woman talking to the dealer,  
4 but the game wasn't in progress.

5 And at that place I noticed several young men and  
6 young women, more so than in the other places. And I  
7 also noticed in that room that there were better dressed  
8 people. It seemed to be a rather high class joint.

9 We went out of there. We went where we had our  
10 car parked, about a half a block down the street. As  
11 we were there, there was <sup>a</sup> uniformed patrolman who passed  
12 by and spoke to us. There weren't very many people on  
13 the street at that time in the morning. It was only a  
14 half a block from where the Embassy Club was going.  
15 Then we went home.

16 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Any further questions?

17  
18 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

19 Q Might I ask, these places you went into, with these  
20 neon signs, called "Rooms," was there any indication  
21 at all that a person could get a room there like at a  
22 hotel, or were they just apparently houses of prostitu-  
23 tion?

24 A Yes, that is all they were. It was quite a liberal  
25 education to me. I thought most of these places were  
26 rooms, you could get a room, but you couldn't get a  
27 room there. You go up and it is not a hotel at all.  
28 It is closed down, there is nothing there. They don't  
29 ask any questions, they just show you in the living  
30 room. I don't know what they would do if you asked them

1 for a room.

2 COUNCILMAN LANGLEIE: Mr. Devin, were there any  
3 characteristics about these places that made them easy  
4 to identify?

5 A Well, most of them that we saw had a sort of  
6 neon sign, most of them -- I guess they were all red  
7 signs, and they either said "Rooms" or else like the  
8 "Palm," some of them had "Hotel", like the "Verdune  
9 Hotel". And most of them, or some of them, had lights  
10 in the window.

11 Now, they were mostly upstairs places that we went  
12 into. Most of these places are upstairs. You had to  
13 go up the first story. You could see in, like the Dixie  
14 Inn, you could see the lights in the windows at three  
15 o'clock in the morning, and it looked a little suspicious.  
16 As a matter of fact, it kind of got to be a game, we  
17 thought we could pick them out without knowing what  
18 they were, and we hit it right generally every time.

19  
20 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

21 Q Well, if you were a member of our police department,  
22 do you think you would have any trouble spotting those  
23 kind of places?

24 A Well, I don't think I would have any more trouble if I  
25 was a member of the police department than I have now.  
26 Of course, before I went on this trip I might have had  
27 some trouble spotting them, but I wouldn't now.

28 Q A Policeman, whose duty it is -- and who is on the beat  
29 all the time -- to know these places, he certainly  
30 wouldn't have any difficulty at all?

1 A None at all. At least there are some suspicious cir-  
2 cumstances, like a door upstairs with a peep-hole in  
3 it. I don't know what business people with peep-holes  
4 in their doors have ordinarily

5  
6 (WITNESS EXCUSED)  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30

1 FLOYD FRANKLIN HAMPSON,

2 having been first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

3 DIRECT EXAMINATION

4  
5 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

6 Q Will you state your full name, please?

7 A Floyd Franklin Hampson.

8 Q And what is your occupation, Mr. Hampson?

9 A Well, I own a tire company service station.

10 Q Now, Mr. Hampson, would you give this committee any per-  
11 sonal information you have as to vice, gambling or liquor  
12 conditions in the City of Seattle, in your own words?

13 A Well, on the night of June 6th, Mr. Langlie and Mr.  
14 Devin, Dr. Greer, Mr. Johnson and I went out and walked  
15 around a little bit.

16 We started about eleven-thirty. Mr. Langlie and  
17 myself went up to the Paris Rooms. That is at First and  
18 Pike, it faces Pike, and you go up a stairway. And I  
19 noticed there were two doors that had peep-holes in them,  
20 one on the right and one on the left. We didn't have  
21 to wait, however. A buxom lady met us there and showed  
22 us into a reception room, a living room, in which there  
23 was a davenport and a chair, an overstuffed chair, with  
24 nice lights. And one of the girls was playing solitaire,  
25 the other was sitting on the davenport. The one play-  
26 ing solitaire immediately became interested in us the  
27 same as the other one, and wanted us to go in some rooms,  
28 but we declined. They said they had one other girl but  
29 she was busy. We noticed also there was a neon in the  
30 Paris Rooms at the front of the building, and we could

1 also see from the outside the lights in the window, it  
2 was well lighted.

3 We then went, that was about 11:30, then about 12:05,  
4 a little after twelve, Mr. Langlie and myself went to  
5 the Model Rooms, that is at 2313 $\frac{1}{2}$  First Avenue. We  
6 could also see the lights from the streets, a neon sign,  
7 "Model Rooms."

8 We went up a flight of stairs. It was a well furnished  
9 place. There was a colored matron that met us at the  
10 door. This also had a door that had locks and bolts  
11 and a peep-hole in it. There were three girls came in,  
12 three or four, in evening dresses. And there seemed to  
13 be quite a lot of rooms there, and they wanted us, of  
14 course, to take our pick and go into a room, and we  
15 declined.

16 Then we went to the Hotel Ruth -- Mr. Langlie and  
17 myself. That is at 2325 $\frac{1}{2}$  First Avenue. There was there  
18 also a neon sign in front of the place. A colored matron  
19 met us and there were four girls there. We went into a  
20 nicely furnished living room, with davenports and chairs,  
21 just like the other place, a little better furnished,  
22 however, and four girls met us in evening dresses, wanted  
23 us to go with them, take our pick.

24 We left there, and we went up the Club Sahara, Dr.  
25 Greer and Johnson and myself, that is 421 $\frac{1}{2}$  Pike Street.  
26 It has two entrances, one is on Pike, and then there is  
27 one on Fifth Avenue. And I have been there before. It  
28 has got an entrance with a little peep-hole, and they  
29 let you in this barred door, and then you go into another  
30 one. It has a blind. From the streets, you look up

1 and it looks like Parker's Dentists. And there is a  
2 partition that comes along in front of the windows, like  
3 there would be a partition here (indicating). And then  
4 in the back of this partition is where the drinks are  
5 served and the gambling goes on. But from the outside  
6 it looks like it is vacant and no one is in there.

7 We went in the second room where they served the  
8 drinks, and Dr. Greer and myself ordered drinks. They  
9 charged us a sales tax. We thought that was -- we  
10 ordered a drink of hard liquor, he ordered a Singapore  
11 Sling, but they charged us a sales tax. We thought it  
12 was a little odd.

13 There was another room with an arch in between. In  
14 this room there were different gambling tables. And we  
15 went back there, and I played, gambled a little bit.  
16 And there were quite a few people in, that is, not so  
17 many here, about fifteen or so patrons.

18 Q (By Chairman Hamley) May I ask what kind of a gambling  
19 game it was?

20 A Well, I don't know. It was chuck-a-luck, I guess. I  
21 played it, but I don't know what I was playing. I don't  
22 know what the name of it was.

23 Q Was it dice?

24 A It was dice, three dice. They had two or three gambling  
25 games there, with dealers in back of the games, and  
26 people playing them. But this one with the dice, that's  
27 the one I played, I don't know what it was.

28 We went from there up to Terry and Pine, Dr. Greer  
29 and Mr. Langlie and myself. This Terry and Pine place  
30 is on the northeast corner of Pine Street. It is up a

1 block from the Paramount Theater. And in the lower  
2 right hand apartment, we noticed in the window, we were  
3 looking and we noticed in the window that there was a  
4 large sort of a red lamp inside. And when we came up in  
5 front of the place, right along the corner there, there  
6 was a woman that tapped on the window, called for us to  
7 come in. So we went in, and both women were middle-aged.  
8 And we asked them, "Is this all the women you have?"  
9 They said yes, they had some other girls, but they didn't  
10 like the conditions, so they left for Los Angeles, they  
11 left back for Los Angeles, leaving them, and they were  
12 just working themselves. But we left there. It had a  
13 massage sign, too, in the window. They said they had  
14 some new girls coming, and if we would come back the  
15 next day or so, why, they would be sure and show us a  
16 good time.

17 We then went to 1707 Terry. Dr. Creer, Mr. Johnson  
18 and myself went in there. And the "1707" is in a red  
19 neon sign. And they showed us right in. There were two  
20 girls. And I remarked to them, I said, "my, you must  
21 be busy. The fleet is in." They said, "No, no, we  
22 don't cater to sailors. This is a high-class place."  
23 And they said that there were other girls there, but they  
24 were working. We asked them if we could get a drink.  
25 They said, "you can't here, but you can get one around  
26 the corner." So we said we would be back after we got  
27 a drink.

28 From there we went to the Embassy Club, Dr. Creer  
29 and myself and Mr. Johnson. That's on Sixth and Union,  
30 on the northeast corner on Sixth and Union, there is a

1 Sixth Avenue entrance. And there was the sign,  
2 "Nightingale" on the awning out in front. And we went  
3 up the stairs. There was a card in the window, it said  
4 they had moved two doors north, everybody welcome. So  
5 we went up to two doors north, and we went into a --  
6 it looked like a vacant storeroom. There was a little  
7 screen. We went in back of the screen. Then there was  
8 a locked door with a peep-hole in it, but they just let  
9 us right in.

10 In this place they seemed to have a very fine busi-  
11 ness. I would say there were thirty, twenty-five or  
12 thirty people right around there that were playing, or  
13 they were drinking, they were sitting around. I noticed  
14 one fellow with a "W" sweater on. He had some girl in  
15 his lap. A younger crowd. There were some gambling  
16 tables in the back, it was lit up, but I didn't notice  
17 anyone that was gambling there. It didn't seem as if  
18 they had any money on the table. It was a beautifully  
19 appointed place. It had a fine bar, beautiful rugs and  
20 fine furniture. And it had colored girls that were  
21 entertaining. It had a hat-girl, a check-girl, that  
22 would take your hat when you came in. We bought some  
23 drinks there. They didn't charge us any sales tax,  
24 though.

25 Then at 2:15 A.M., Mr. Devin and myself went to the  
26 Verdune Hotel. That is at 1924 Westlake. That also has  
27 a neon sign in front of it. We went up some stairs. I  
28 noticed when we went up there were two doors that were  
29 open, but they had big heavy bolts on, and they could  
30 lock these two doors. Then there was a third door up

1 at the top of the stairs that was bolted, with a peep-  
2 hole. And a colored matron came up and opened the door  
3 and let us in and showed us into a living room. And two  
4 girls came in. The place seemed to have quite an air  
5 of business about it. Things seemed to be humming. And  
6 these girls tried to get us to go to a room, but we de-  
7 clined, said we would be back later.

8 We then went to the "Palm." That had a neon sign.  
9 It is at 1015 1/2 Pike Street. We went upstairs, and there  
10 was a white woman that met us. She took us in a room  
11 there, and another girl came in. And we talked to them.  
12 And they said the other girls were busy, and they wanted  
13 us to wait a little while. And then we decided we would  
14 go. And as we tried to go out the door, why, a customer  
15 came in, so they wouldn't let us go out right away. They  
16 made us stand and wait until the customer was taken care  
17 of, showed him to another room. We left there.

18 At 2:45 A.M., Mr. Langlie and myself went to the  
19 Metro Card Room, at 211 Union Street. We took an ele-  
20 vator and went upstairs. We tried to buy a glass of  
21 beer, but they wouldn't sell it to us after twelve. There  
22 was three or four tables of gambling.

23 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Which place was this?

24 A At 211 Union Street, the Metro Card Room. They said  
25 there was a twenty-five cent limit. They wanted us to  
26 play, but we wouldn't play.

27 And Tuesday night, Dr. Simpkins, myself and Mr.  
28 Langlie and Robert McLaughlin and Stanley Anderson went  
29 out to look around. We went down to -- Mr. Langlie,  
30 could you refresh my memory -- the number was 210

1 Washington Street, was it?

2 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: 310.

3 A (Continuing) -- to see if they were operating, and they  
4 seemed to be closed. So Dr. Simpkins and myself went  
5 up to the Rose Rooms, 2003 $\frac{1}{2}$  First Avenue. There was a  
6 neon sign out in front. We went up some stairs and the  
7 usual doors to go through, and a lady showed us in. And  
8 a girl received us. There were three girls in evening  
9 dresses in this place. And they seemed, I imagine  
10 perhaps because it was Tuesday night, they seemed to be --  
11 didn't have quite as much business. They wanted to sit  
12 around and talk before they took us into the room. And  
13 we left there.

14 And we went to the Hotel Camp. That is on First  
15 Avenue and Virginia Street, it faces First Avenue, it  
16 is opposite the Terminal Sales Building. We went up-  
17 stairs, and there was a colored matron that met us. She  
18 asked us -- pardon me, I should have said that this was  
19 Stan Anderson, Stanley Anderson and myself that went into  
20 this place. She showed us into a waiting room, where  
21 there was a davenport, two davenports, chairs, a very  
22 nicely furnished place, and had quite a homey atmosphere  
23 about it. She showed us into this waiting room, and we  
24 sat there and we talked for perhaps five minutes, and I  
25 suggested that we go. So we got up and we started out of  
26 this reception room. And the lady in charge met us, I  
27 imagine she was about 38 years old, and quite attractive,  
28 and by that time one of the girls was through, so she  
29 came over. They wore, the girls wore shorts with very  
30 tricky little blouses of some kind, very attractive.

1 And this Stan Anderson knew the matron in charge, knew  
2 the woman that owned the place, he sold her a Cadillac,  
3 a \$5,000 Cadillac the year before. She paid cash for it.  
4 And so they talked. And they talked about business, and  
5 business seemed to be very good with her. And so we told  
6 her we would be back later.

7 We left there and we went up to the Embassy Club.  
8 We had been there a time before. There was drinking,  
9 and there was some gambling going on about the same as  
10 the night before. Mr. Langlie, I was with Mr. Langlie  
11 and Dr. -- wait a minute -- Mr. Langlie and Bob McLaughlin  
12 there. Mr. Langlie met someone that he knew, and he took  
13 him over and introduced him, I imagine the proprietor.  
14 And they carried on a conversation. It seemed to be a  
15 very quiet, a high-class, place compared to some of the  
16 other places we had been to. And this proprietor, Mr.  
17 Langlie said that this proprietor told him they weren't  
18 going to gamble any more, they were going to close that  
19 up. But we left there and went right over to the Sahara  
20 Club. By the time we got there, they let us in, they  
21 were drinking all night, but the gambling tables were  
22 all covered up, turned to the side. It seemed like they  
23 had ceased operations rather promptly. That is about all.

24 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Are there any questions any of the  
25 members of the committee would like to ask?

26 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

27 Q Just the same question I asked Mr. Devin. Did these  
28 rooming places look like they were hotels where you  
29 could actually get a room, or were they just places of  
30 prostitution?

1 A Well, they would be terribly surprised if you asked for  
2 a room, I think. There were no indications of any rooms  
3 to sleep in. You just went in a door, they just let you  
4 in through a bolted door.

5 Q No lobby?

6 A No lobby. In the first place, a person looking for a  
7 room, where you go up to a place with bolted doors, with  
8 peep-holes, you wouldn't feel very safe. I imagine the  
9 average person wouldn't feel very safe.

10  
11 (Whereupon an adjournment was  
12 taken until 2 o'clock P.M.)  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30

1 FRIDAY, JULY 12, 1935  
2 2 o'clock P.M.

3  
4 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: The meeting will come to order.  
5 Is Dr. Creer here?

6  
7 DR. LELAND H. CREER,  
8 having been first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

9 DIRECT EXAMINATION

10  
11 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

12 Q Will you state your full name, Doctor?

13 A Leland H. Creer.

14 Q And what is your occupation?

15 A History Department of the University of Washington,  
16 teaching.

17 Q And your residence?

18 A Seattle.

19 Q Doctor, this committee would be interested in learning  
20 any information that you may have as to vice, gambling  
21 and liquor conditions in Seattle. We are interested  
22 only, of course, in information which you have gained  
23 of your own personal knowledge. If you have such, just  
24 tell it to the committee in your own words.

25 A Well, on the evening of Saturday, July 6th, Mr. Johnson,  
26 Mr. Devin, Mr. Langlie and myself visited several places  
27 in the city, chiefly on First Avenue, some on Second and  
28 Third, and even east of that section, and we found some  
29 very interesting things.

30 We investigated, I was one of the three who

1 investigated the place known as the Ray Rooms, 1212  
2 First Avenue. We were met there by a white woman. She  
3 directed us into a very nicely furnished living room.  
4 And I think there were five, probably four or five women  
5 came out and solicited our favors. There was no question  
6 asked when we entered. Anyone could have gained access.  
7 There seemingly was no particular restriction as to that  
8 particular house.

9 Then Mr. Johnson and myself and Mr. Devin went to  
10 the Ruby Apartments, 2213 $\frac{1}{2}$  First Avenue, a very un-  
11 attractive place, with a long dingy stairway. I asked  
12 the Greek proprietor for a drink. He wanted to know if  
13 I had been there before, and I told him yes. He wanted  
14 to know who was in charge then. I said I forgot the  
15 name. He said, "That being the case, I can't sell you  
16 any " He said, "You look a little, very suspicious."  
17 So we didn't get the drinks, and we went out.

18 Then Mr. Johnson and Mr. Devin and myself went to  
19 a place that is called Dixie Inn, 2204 $\frac{1}{2}$  First Avenue,  
20 on the morning of July 7th, at 12:15 A.M. The door was  
21 bolted from the inside, but was immediately opened by  
22 a white woman about thirty years of age. We were  
23 ushered into a furnished room, not very attractive, and  
24 women came. When we came out, when we left the place,  
25 the door was bolted from the inside, and we had to wait  
26 until the door was unlocked before we came out.

27 Mr. Devin, Mr. Langlie and myself visited the Sahara,  
28 which is a speakeasy, with the entrance on Fifth Avenue.  
29 There was gambling, a black-jack game in the rear, and a  
30 first class bar, they charged thirty-five cents a drink.

1 There were about thirty or forty people in this estab-  
2 lishment.

3 Mr. Hampson, Mr. Devin and myself went to a place on  
4 1707 Terry Avenue, where there was a red neon sign. We  
5 were met by two girls in evening dresses, and were shown  
6 into a living room with overstuffed furniture, a radio  
7 and bridge lamps. And it was at that place that the  
8 blind was raised on the window, and we were invited to  
9 come in, almost practically the same, or almost literally  
10 as though the person had come out to solicit our favors  
11 on the sidewalk.

12 Mr. Devin and I entered the Owl Card Room, 1510<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>  
13 Third Avenue, just above the Capitol Theater, where we  
14 met a man at the door who unlocked the place, admitted  
15 us without any question. We must have seen at least  
16 forty people engaged in gambling. It is a very large  
17 place, with a restaurant. There were all kinds of games  
18 in back. We were solicited, and they wanted to know if  
19 we wouldn't join the poker game. All kinds of gambling  
20 was going on in that particular card room.

21 Then Mr. Langlie and Mr. Devin and myself entered a  
22 place known as the Embassy Club at 1408 Sixth Avenue.  
23 We went up one flight of stairs, where there was a closed  
24 door, on which was a sign "moved two doors north. Wel-  
25 come." We went to that place, entered a vacant room be-  
26 hind the screen, and were ushered into a very beautifully  
27 equipped barroom, with heavy carpeted floors, davenports,  
28 and chairs, a very fine bar. There must have been eight  
29 or ten people at the bar at that time. The most striking  
30 thing about this establishment was the number of young

1 people who were there. In fact, I recognized one or two  
2 of the boys from the University. There were colored  
3 entertainers. There was no difficulty whatsoever, and  
4 they didn't even ask us if we had a card. We were ushered  
5 into the place. And that place was by far the most ex-  
6 tensively patronized place that we, that I investigated  
7 of the lot.

8 Then there was one other place known as the Esson  
9 Rooms, on Ninth Avenue near Pine. Mr. Johnson and I  
10 entered through a locked door. There were three girls  
11 ranging in all ages from 19 to 35, I think the youngest  
12 must have been about 18 years of age. We asked if they  
13 were serving drinks, and they said, "No, but you can get  
14 drinks right around the corner." They told us where we  
15 could get them if we cared to.

16 I think that is about all I have to report.

17 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Is there any question that any  
18 member of the council wishes to ask? You had no diffi-  
19 culty in getting into any of those places, then, except  
20 the one place where you were refused admittance?

21 A Yes, there was no difficulty whatsoever. One place we  
22 did attempt to enter, the Rainer Rooms, and the thing  
23 was padlocked.

24  
25 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

26 Q Do you think that had you come into the Ray Rooms, for  
27 example, or any of those others, asking them to put you  
28 up for a room for the night, that you would have been  
29 provided for a room, like in a regular hotel, or what  
30 did the situation seem to be there?

1 A We would not have had a room like in an ordinary hotel,  
2 it was not that kind of an establishment. No question  
3 about it.

4 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: If there are no other questions,  
5 you may be excused, then, Doctor, and thank you very  
6 much for coming.

7 (WITNESS EXCUSED)  
8  
9  
10  
11

12 CHIEF OF POLICE W. B. KIRTLEY, on the stand.  
13

14 DIRECT EXAMINATION

15 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

16 Q The names of the police officers covering the beats  
17 where this testimony shows gambling has been going on,  
18 and the dates -- now, for instance, what officers or  
19 what officer, had the beat going by 310 Washington  
20 Street?

21 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Now, I wonder, is this going  
22 to be the best way to handle this? Will you be able  
23 to get it readily from that record, or should we furnish  
24 you ours, and you can give us---

25 A I can do it from this. This is from January 1 to July 1.  
26 I notice there are quite a few after July 1st.

27 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: I can give you the names before  
28 July 1, only I thought we have all the officers here --

29 A (Interposing) I can give the ones before July 1.

30 Q (By Chairman Hamley) We can try it then, and see how

1 rapidly it goes. Say, June 29th, what officer covered  
2 the beat in front of 310 Washington Street? The night  
3 patrol, that would be between 8 o'clock at night and  
4 four in the morning, I presume.

5 A That is B. T. Warford.

6 Q Warford?

7 A Yes, sir.

8 Q Now, what officer covered that same beat on that same  
9 day in the morning, or in the afternoon, that would be  
10 from 12 noon to 8 in the evening?

11 A The officer that is regularly on that beat was excused  
12 that night, and A. G. Anderson --

13 Q A. G. Anderson?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q He had been on there from 12 noon until 8 in the evening?

16 A 12 until 8 P.M.; yes, sir.

17 Q Now, taking another address on the same day, June 29th,  
18 656<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Kind Street?

19 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: We might first, on that 310  
20 Washington, could you tell us who the Sergeant and the  
21 Lieutenants and Captain, and one thing and another,  
22 superior officers, are in that case?

23 A Captain J. J. Haag. That is 12 noon till 8 P.M. And  
24 Sergeant E. C. Griffin.

25 Q That would be at the same time of day?

26 A Yes, sir.

27 Q E. C. Griffin. And how about from 8 P.M. to 4 A.M.?

28 A Captain J. W. Smith.

29 Q J. W. Smith?

30 A And Sergeant R. F. Newton.

1 Q Now, this Sergeant would be the officer immediately  
2 over these men on the beat?  
3 A Yes, sir.  
4 Q Now, take this place at 656 $\frac{1}{2}$  King Street, on the same  
5 day, Saturday, June 29th.  
6 A They are all the same patrol. We will start with that  
7 and we won't have to come back to it. The same Captain  
8 and the same Sergeant.  
9 Q That is 12 noon to 8 P.M.?  
10 A No sir; the last ones I gave you are the night patrol,  
11 Smith and Newton, Captain Smith and Newton.  
12 Q I see.  
13 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: The same sergeant and the  
14 same captain?  
15 A Yes sir.  
16 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Cover that district at 310?  
17 A Cover 650 $\frac{1}{2}$  -- 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  King Street. Now, the regular  
18 man on that beat was excused that night. The officer  
19 was G. Bushaw.  
20 Q That was the night patrol?  
21 A Yes sir.  
22 Q And the afternoon patrol?  
23 A You have the captain already and the sergeant, haven't  
24 you?  
25 Q Yes, I have.  
26 A That night, or that afternoon, the captain was off.  
27 Now, I might say on that day both the captain and the  
28 sergeant were off that afternoon.  
29 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: I think what we want here are  
30 the men who are on duty regularly.

1 A Well, they are regularly on duty. You would rather  
2 have the men that are regularly assigned?

3 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Yes.

4 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Yes, at these places.

5 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Perhaps it would be more convenient  
6 to have you prepare a list of that, instead of attempting  
7 to do it this way?

8 A I could give you the list of regular assignments.

9 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

10 Q Let me ask you this question: Now, take for example  
11 Captain Haag, has he been for a period of several  
12 months captain down in that district?

13 A Yes sir; Captain Haag has.

14 Q Now, the sergeants that you mentioned?

15 A Yes sir.

16 Q Have they been regular sergeants down there?

17 A Yes sir.

18 Q And the same would be true of most of the patrolmen,  
19 would it?

20 A Yes sir.

21 Q They are the same on that beat?

22 A Yes sir.

23 Q Now, if we just give the chief the addresses, 310 Washing-  
24 ton, 656 $\frac{1}{2}$  King, 507 Maynard, etc., you could give us a  
25 list of the men that patrol those beats regularly,  
26 couldn't you?

27 A Yes sir.

28 Q Say for the month of June up until the 9th of July?

29 A Yes sir.

30 Q I think that would be most satisfactory.

1 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

2 Q You have taken notes on these addresses, haven't you?  
3 You could just draw up a list of the men on the beats?

4 A I think I have it pretty well, except one address the  
5 Doctor mentioned here, but I think I have it in another  
6 one.

7 Q We want the other ones in the uptown places as well,  
8 Green's Cigar Store, the Turf Club, and all those up-  
9 town places.

10 A The Doctor mentioned one here that -- but I think I can  
11 identify that. I have notes here placed near 9th and  
12 Pine. Is that 1707 Terry?

13 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: 1707 Terry and 1600 Terry.

14 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: And New Esson Rooms was in there,  
15 but he mentioned that separately. Well, I think, then,  
16 we better get that.

17 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: I might just give you a list  
18 as to districts. It may make it a little bit simpler  
19 if you could jot it down. 310 Washington -- to be sure  
20 that we don't miss any of these. 310 Washington, and  
21 then the district around 656½ King, 507 Maynard, and  
22 511½ Seventh Avenue South. I imagine the same men would  
23 cover that area right in there, wouldn't they?

24 A It would be the same men, the same sergeant, and the  
25 officers would be just a little bit different.

26 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Yes. And then the Black and  
27 Tan, Twelfth and Jackson. And Washington Street from  
28 Tenth Avenue, west, clear down the hill. And the 1400  
29 block on Sixth Avenue, that is uptown. And the Thirteen  
30 and Fourteen hundred blocks on Third Avenue. The

1 fourteen hundred block on Fourth Avenue. And First  
2 Avenue from -- let's see, Seneca Street --

3 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: To Virginia.

4 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: From Seneca Street on out to  
5 about the 2900 block. And Virginia Street, 908<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Vir-  
6 ginia. And the 1900 block on Fifth Avenue. The 400  
7 block on Pike Street.

8 A That should be mentioned --

9 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: 421<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Pike.

10 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: 521.

11 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: The Sahara Club is 421 Pike.  
12 Those particular districts. Do you think of any others,  
13 Mr. Hamley?

14 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: No, I think that covers everything.  
15 Does that cover 1707 Terry?

16 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: You mentioned that 1600 block  
17 and 1700 block in Terry. And then I think you have other  
18 addresses there that will fill in any that we may have  
19 missed. But those particular districts, I think, were  
20 the ones where there were the most flagrant violations.

21 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: I think so.

22 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: They cover all the way from  
23 Dearborn Street on the south to Virginia Street on the  
24 north.

25 THE WITNESS: Well, do you want these men here?

26 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Well, of course there isn't any  
27 use to bring them in all at once, I don't suppose.

28  
29 (Discussion as to when witnesses will be brought.)  
30

1 CHIEF KIRTLEY: You want the captain, patrolmen and  
2 sergeants in the district, the regular men?

3 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Yes.  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30

1 DONALD D. STEWART,

2 having been first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

3 DIRECT EXAMINATION  
4

5 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

6 Q Will you state your full name, please?

7 A Donald D. Stewart.

8 Q And your address?

9 A My home address?

10 Q Yes.

11 A 2212 Federal Avenue.

12 Q What is your business?

13 A I am secretary and manager of the printing industry.

14 Q Now, Mr. Stewart, this committee is interested in any  
15 personal information that you may have as to vice,  
16 gambling and liquor conditions in the city. Please just  
17 give us in your own words any such information.

18 A Well, I had a recent opportunity for observation. Two  
19 weeks ago tomorrow night, June 29th, I went with a party  
20 of five other people, including Dr. Hiltner, Mrs.  
21 Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, whom I had never met before  
22 that time, and my wife, on a little slumming expedition.  
23 And we visited four different places, all below, all  
24 south of Yesler Way.

25 The first one we went to was on Washington Street.  
26 As I recall we went upstairs. It was 310, I believe,  
27 310 Washington Street. We went upstairs, passed a  
28 lunch counter, which was being fairly well patronized,  
29 and through into a rather large room. My estimate of  
30 the number of people in the room would be, I estimated

1 at the time somewhere in excess of three hundred people.  
2 Of course, it is very difficult to estimate a crowd  
3 of people milling around or standing in groups here and  
4 there, but I would say that there were in the neighbor-  
5 hood of three hundred people in the room. There were  
6 quite a number of gambling games going on. They were  
7 using money, not chips or any representation of money,  
8 but actual money. Black-jack, chuck-a-luck, some new  
9 form of crap game that I had never seen before and I am  
10 not familiar with was being played, and the Chinese  
11 lotteries were being conducted behind screens, that is,  
12 there were screens which separated the inner compart-  
13 ment from the outer compartment. Business was appar-  
14 ently being transacted through little cash windows.

15 It was interesting to me to observe the character  
16 of people that were in the place. It looked to me  
17 like quite a complete cross-section of our adult popu-  
18 lation. I was impressed with the fact that there seem-  
19 ed to be no young people of school age in there at all,  
20 they all seemed to be adults, and the play was going on  
21 very quietly, there was but little evidence of noise  
22 or hilarity. No one seemed to bother anybody. There  
23 was no trouble to go in, just simply walked in and  
24 walked around to observe everything to our complete  
25 satisfaction, and walked out, and we were not challenged  
26 or questioned in any way.

27 The stakes, from my observation, were not very  
28 high, twenty-five and fifty cents seemed to be about  
29 the average play. Some of the games were playing for  
30 nickels and dimes, but I think the highest money, the

1 highest stakes, that I saw on the table, or on one  
2 of the gaming devices, was fifty cents. There may have  
3 been larger amounts being wagered, but that is as much  
4 as I happened to observe.

5 Then we went from there south of Jackson Street  
6 down into the King Street district. And the first we  
7 went to there was on King Street between Sixth and  
8 Seventh. That place wasn't as large and there weren't  
9 as many people in there. My estimate of the number  
10 of people there would be in the neighborhood of from  
11 175 to 200.

12 Q Do you recall what that address was?

13 A 656 $\frac{1}{2}$ , I think was the number. The number has been men-  
14 tioned, has been mentioned here before, I think that  
15 was the number, but I am having my memory refreshed on  
16 that, I might be in error, but I don't think I am. As  
17 I say, it was a smaller place, but it was being con-  
18 ducted in just about the same way that the others were.  
19 There was no difficulty in going in, you simply walked  
20 in, and without challenge, and no one approached you to  
21 question you, or anything of the kind. And I don't  
22 think I need to go any more into detail, because the  
23 experience was almost exactly the experience in the  
24 previous one on Washington Street.

25 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Was that upstairs or  
26 downstairs?

27 A As I recall, that was upstairs. Then we went  
28 from there to a place that they called the Sky-Hi,  
29 which, if I recall correctly, was downstairs. Its name  
30 was rather contradictory. We went down some stairs,

1 and it was rather different in its decorations, the  
2 mural decorations on the wall were rather interesting.  
3 Someone had spent a considerable amount of effort in  
4 making the place Orientally artistic. And again the  
5 games were going on about as usual, perhaps a little  
6 more evidence of hilarity and merriment there than in  
7 the previous places, and perhaps a little larger pre-  
8 ponderance of the type of women which you wouldn't nor-  
9 mally find up in the better residential districts, at  
10 least on a Sunday morning. And I think we loitered around  
11 there for, oh, perhaps twenty minutes to half an hour,  
12 and then we weren't staying together, we were separating  
13 around, and Mrs. Powell and I came out together and ad-  
14 vance of the rest of the party, walked back where our  
15 automobile was parked, and there we waited for the rest  
16 of the party to come along.

17 While we were there, there was a rather enlighten-  
18 ing bit of observation took place. The car was parked  
19 between Dearborn Street and Weller Street. There was  
20 another intersecting street there that I don't recall  
21 the name of, but it was parked just about midway in  
22 the block south of Weller Street on 7th Avenue, and  
23 there was some rather old residential houses, dwelling  
24 houses there, and there was considerable of window  
25 solicitation going on from the windows and doors of  
26 some of those houses, particularly one right near where  
27 we were parked. While Mrs. Powell and I were waiting  
28 for the others to come along, there were three young  
29 men came up the street, and there was, after a consid-  
30 erable amount of tapping on the window with some hard

1 object, it might have been a coin or most anything  
2 that would make a cracking noise on a window, some  
3 feminine voice came to the door and used some rather  
4 endearing terms, and described with a good deal of per-  
5 suasion the delights to be encountered within if they  
6 would just come in. But they didn't go in. And after  
7 a time the rest of our party came along.

8 And then we went to the next place, which as I  
9 recall was up over the Shanghai Restaurant. Now, wheth-  
10 er it was known as the Shanghai or not, I don't know,  
11 but there was a sign, something to do with Shanghai,  
12 or Shanghai Restaurant, something like that. That was  
13 a little bit different than the other places in that  
14 it wasn't well patronized by comparison with the others.  
15 I don't believe there were over forty or fifty people  
16 in there. The place was much more brilliantly lighted.  
17 The atmosphere was nowhere near as murky or foggy, and  
18 the few patrons that were there seemed perhaps to be of  
19 a little better strata than those we had seen in the  
20 previous place down the block.

21 Gaming was going on there, but in a rather lack-  
22 edaisical way by comparison with the gaming that had  
23 been going on in the other places, possibly due to the  
24 fact that there weren't as many people there. Every-  
25 thing was going on orderly. It was well furnished.  
26 There was a nicely furnished lounge which was the first  
27 thing you saw when you came into the place, which was  
28 the passage way you entered. We didn't stay very long.  
29 Q (By Chairman Hamley) I might ask if you had any diffi-  
30 culty getting into the places?

1 A No, none whatever. We walked in and the six of us were  
2 usually sufficiently close together so that anyone  
3 might know we were in a party, while we weren't bunched  
4 up, Mrs. Stewart and I would go in first, and some of  
5 the others of the party would go behind us. There was  
6 someone always near the entrance watching, but we were  
7 never challenged in any of the four places I mentioned,  
8 never challenged going in or questioned any in going  
9 out, neither were we solicited in any way so far as  
10 entering into the games, or to buy anything. While we  
11 were inside we were left entirely to ourselves to see  
12 and to do as we pleased.

13 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Did you feel while you were in  
14 there that you were being watched?

15 A No, I had no feeling that I was being watched while I  
16 was in there. I did have a feeling that we were fol-  
17 lowed down the street from the place at 310 Washington  
18 Street to where our automobile was. I felt that a man  
19 left the place where we had been and followed us down  
20 the street and watched us until we got into the auto-  
21 mobile and drove away. Now, whether that was imagina-  
22 tion on my part, or whether the man actually was sent  
23 out to watch us to see where we went, I don't know.  
24 But apparently he didn't take any word down to the next  
25 place, because we went into the next place without any  
26 question or challenge of any kind.

27 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: You would say, then, that it  
28 wouldn't take a very clever detective or Sherlock  
29 Holmes to get into any of those places?

30 A That is the very obvious experience that you

1 noticed, the observations I made on that particular  
2 district and of the gambling joints.

3 We did go up to the Black and Tan, which as  
4 you know is located up on 12th and Jackson, but the  
5 State Liquor Control Inspector had beaten us to it,  
6 and we were told by the man outside that the place was  
7 being raided at that time and stuff was being carted  
8 away by the Liquor Control Board and we couldn't go in.  
9 Someone, I don't know who he was, a colored man, sug-  
10 gested that if we came back later, the place might re-  
11 open. But he didn't speak with any degree of finality  
12 or positiveness, and whether or not it was so opened,  
13 I don't know. We only remained up there just a little  
14 while.

15 Now, I might just add this from other observa-  
16 tions that I have made. I very frequently drive the  
17 street between Dearborn Street and Weller Street, on  
18 7th Avenue. Coming from the south end of town, I find  
19 it very convenient to come in on 4th Avenue South and  
20 then cross over on Weller Street and go up to 12th  
21 Avenue which is an arterial which takes me almost all  
22 the way through to my home. And I very frequently fel-  
23 low that route in coming in from the golf club that I  
24 belong to. And almost any time of day, I never drive  
25 there at night, but almost any time of day, in driving  
26 through that district, those two city blocks there. in  
27 just driving along the street, very obvious solicitation  
28 is seen from many, several windows and doors, and in  
29 some instances the door has been turned into a door-  
30 window, which can be opened, and solicitation from those

1 windows or doors to a man driving along in an automo-  
2 bile is a little bit brazen.

3 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Have you any other questions?  
4 If not, I think that will be all.

5  
6 (WITNESS EXCUSED)  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30

1 JAMES H. GARRETT

2 having been first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

3 DIRECT EXAMINATION

4  
5 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

6 Q Will you state your full name, please.

7 A James H. Garrett

8 Q What is your occupation?

9 A I am manager, secretary and treasurer of the Kemp-Booth  
10 Company, Ltd., wholesale woolens.

11 Q And what is your address?

12 A 532--31st Avenue, Seattle.

13 Q Now, Mr. Garret, will you give this committee any  
14 personal information that you may have as to vice,  
15 gambling and liquor conditions in the City of Seattle,  
16 just in your own words?

17 A About the only information I have on that subject was  
18 gained one evening about ten days ago, when Mrs. Powell  
19 called and asked Mrs. Garrett and I to accompany her  
20 on a visit to some places that she had a list of and  
21 suggested should be investigated.

22 I think we started out about eleven o'clock, five  
23 in the party, two men, my wife, Mrs. Powell and another  
24 lady. We first visited a reputed speakeasy at, I think,  
25 1012 $\frac{1}{2}$ --First Avenue, which happens to be right prac-  
26 tically directly behind my place of business. We were  
27 refused admission there. The place is up a narrow  
28 stairway from First Avenue, and the door is closed and  
29 locked, and has a little peek-hole in the door. The  
30 attendant asked if we were members of the club, and we

1 had to admit that we weren't, and admission was refused.

2 I think the next place we visited was what is known  
3 as the Club Sahara, which is located upstairs at 5th  
4 and Pike, the entrance is both on Fifth and Pike, and  
5 which from reputation I have been told has been in  
6 operation for some time. We were admitted there with-  
7 out question, ordered and were--the other gentlemen  
8 and I ordered and were served drinks, the ladies took  
9 in what was going on.

10 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Hard liquor was it?

11 A Hard liquor, yes. There was a gambling table in oper-  
12 ation in an adjoining room, just a small table. I  
13 don't know what game was being played, I am not fam-  
14 ilar with gambling games. However, money was on the  
15 table, and was being passed back and forth. There was  
16 perhaps a half dozen, possibly as many as 8 or 10 in  
17 the place at the time we were there, which was about  
18 a half an hour. No liquor in containers was in sight,  
19 but was available upon request of any of the patrons.

20 After twenty minutes to half an hour spent there,  
21 we, I think, then went--yes--to the Triangle Whist  
22 Club on or near Fifth and Westlake, upstairs. There  
23 were card games in progress there, several tables,  
24 perhaps twenty or twenty-five people playing, but we  
25 saw no evidence of money being passed there.

26 Our next visit was at 310 or 310- $\frac{1}{2}$  Washington  
27 Street, at which three members of the party investi-  
28 gated. I didn't go into that particular place.

29 Then we visited, the place is on King Street, I  
30 believe the number, without being positive, is 656 $\frac{1}{2}$ ,

1 but I am not sure. I made a note at the time, but un-  
2 fortunately I haven't it with me. Here we were told  
3 gambling was in progress, it was up the stairway.  
4 Three of the members of our party went into this place,  
5 the other gentleman, one of the ladies and myself.  
6 There were no look-outs as far as we--there was no one  
7 below except a couple of men, who we thought might  
8 have been look-outs, but we were not challenged.

9 At the head of the stairs, there was a barred  
10 cage, you might call it, with a Chinese behind the  
11 bars, who could see you coming up the stairs, also  
12 as you turned to go into the entrance. The entrance,  
13 the doorway was open, and we went in through a rather  
14 devious passage, being unobstructed, and I think in  
15 that place there were perhaps, oh, I guess around a  
16 hundred people. Games were going on at probably 12  
17 to 15 tables, various different kinds of games. I  
18 can't call them by name because I don't know gambling  
19 games, but money was being passed freely in large and  
20 small amounts. I think some of the games, some of the  
21 tables, they were all operated by Chinese, at some of  
22 the tables the stakes were only ten and twenty-five  
23 cents, at other tables I saw stakes being played as  
24 high as five and ten dollars. There was no evidence  
25 of any observation of me or the members of my party.  
26 I had no feeling of being observed. We were free to  
27 do as we liked, play or not play as we liked. One of  
28 the members of our party would play, and both won and  
29 lost money. I think we spent about twenty minutes  
30 there, and went out without being spoken to or molested

1 in any way. Two policemen were stationed at the corner  
2 just below this place, I imagine it was within fifty  
3 steps.

4 Q (By Chairman Hamley) About what time of day was this,  
5 or night?

6 A That was, at that time it was about, pretty close to  
7 one o'clock in the morning. We then went to the Black  
8 and Tan, and were admitted there without question.  
9 That is downstairs, near 12th and Jackson. The large  
10 front room was unoccupied at the time. There were  
11 dining tables, and a dance floor in the middle, and a  
12 large front boom. But we were conducted to a rear  
13 room which was a smaller room, in which dancing was  
14 going on. We sat down at one of the tables, and were  
15 served beer. I think that was about one-thirty, or  
16 or possibly nearer two o'clock, beer and sandwiches.  
17 We observed a bar in an adjoining room in which drinks  
18 were being freely served. I assume they were alcoholic  
19 drinks, they had all the evidence of it. A little  
20 later on, the front room was opened up for regular cab-  
21 aret entertainment. The place was reasonably orderly,  
22 and I think we spent perhaps, three-quarters of an hour  
23 to an hour there. That was the last place we went. I  
24 think it was two-thirty nearly, about two-thirty when  
25 we left there. I think that is about all that I know  
26 about this particular---

27 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Do you have any questions? I  
28 think that will be all, Mr. Garrett, and thank you very  
29 much for coming down.

30 (WITNESS EXCUSED)

1 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: This gentleman just asked  
2 if he could go on the stand and testify.

3 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Certainly. It is the policy  
4 of this committee to hear testimony of anyone that  
5 wants to be heard.

6  
7  
8  
9  
10 J. H. WHITE,  
11 having been first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

12 DIRECT EXAMINATION

13  
14 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

15 Q What is your name, please?

16 A J. H. White.

17 Q What is your residence, Mr. White?

18 A 105 Columbia Street.

19 Q And what is your business?

20 A I am retired, I am past three score and ten, I have  
21 lived over three quarters of a century.

22 Q I don't know what you have in mind. Just state in  
23 your own words whatever it is you want to say to the  
24 committee.

25 A There is--I came by 158 Washington Street since one  
26 o'clock, and there is running wide open the Chinese  
27 lotteries.

28 Q Since one o'clock today?

29 A Yes.

30 Q One o'clock this afternoon?

1 A Yes, since one. it is running wide open. Anyone at  
2 all can walk in.

3 Q Did you go in?

4 A I certainly did, and I brought back, brought a ticket  
5 I gave to some gentleman here a while ago.

6 Q Have you ever been there before?

7 A Yes. I heard, it was just out of curiosity, I heard  
8 last winter people saying that they were running wide  
9 open. I didn't believe that. I tell you why. I seen  
10 lots of times in the paper, noticed where the police  
11 would have a hard job getting into a Chinese lottery,  
12 they would break down doors, go through different pass-  
13 ages, and all that, so I didn't believe there was any-  
14 thing running wide open.

15 And I guess it must be about sometime in May I  
16 came by there, and it looked like a, it was a grocery  
17 store, that is 158 Washington Street. It is near an  
18 alley and near a restaurant. There is a few cans in  
19 the window, and there is, oh, probably a package of  
20 oat meal or something of that kind. But anyone could  
21 see that it wasn't a grocery store. Well, I went in,  
22 and they were gambling there right along. There was  
23 about, oh, probably twenty, but they were coming and  
24 going all the time.

25 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: That was this afternoon?

26 A Well, that was last May sometime, I think, in  
27 May. Yes, this afternoon it was the same thing.

28 Q (By Chairman Hamley) What kind of people were going  
29 in there, white or Orientals?

30 A They were all white people. I didn't see any Chinamen,

1 only those that were operating, were the only Chinamen  
2 I saw.

3 Q Was that just a lottery, or was there any gambling?

4 A No, just a lottery. And that one at 165 is just ex-  
5 actly the same, only that's supposed to be a restaur-  
6 ant. You can walk right anywhere, no trouble at all  
7 to get in.

8 And, oh, I was going to say, just out of curiosity,  
9 I thought well, now, I will report this anyway. So I  
10 went up to the Mayor's office and reported it. Now,  
11 this must have been the middle of May.

12 Q The Mayor's office?

13 A The Mayor's office.

14 Q May of this year?

15 A Yes, it was around in there. The Mayor wasn't there,  
16 he was out attending meetings, she told me. But she  
17 said, "I will just make a note of it," and she put  
18 it down on a tab. And I think if anyone goes down  
19 there now at either place, they can walk right in and  
20 see what is going on. I didn't see anything else.  
21 Either 165 or 158.

22 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Do you have any further questions?

23 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: No.

24 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Thank you very much, Mr. White,  
25 for your testimony.

26 (WITNESS EXCUSED)

1 JOHN RESCH,

2 having been first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

3 DIRECT EXAMINATION

4  
5 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

6 Q Will you state your full name, please?

7 A John Resch.

8 Q And what is your official connection with the city?

9 A Director of licenses.

10 Q How long have you had that position?

11 A As Director, since 1928 and Inspector since 1911.

12 Q Now, Mr. Resch, for the information of the committee,  
13 would you explain what procedure or routine your division  
14 has in inspecting licensed card rooms, if any?

15 A Card rooms being of a permanent character, before their  
16 license expires, the month before, we usually notify  
17 them of their delinquency. And they come into the  
18 office and make their application and pay the fee.  
19 Otherwise we have no detailed inspections of them, we  
20 have not that.

21 Q Well, now, when they come in to apply for a new license,  
22 do you make any sort of a check-up on the place?

23 A No, the ordinance requires that a report is made by the  
24 police department to the councilmen in every case.

25 Q And has that been done in every case?

26 A That has been done in every case.

27 Q Now then, during the year after the license is issued,  
28 your department doesn't attempt any inspection of the  
29 place?

30 A Well, only in a casual way. Sometimes we have a chance

1 where there has been a change of owners without them  
2 coming in, places where they have sold out, and when we  
3 have information, we do, and then we go to try to verify  
4 the report or information that we may have.

5 Q From your records that you have there, can you verify  
6 when the last license was granted to the card room in  
7 Green's Cigar Store?

8 A Green's? Green's, I haven't got the exact date it was  
9 granted. I have that on the application. But the  
10 license runs from December 1st to December 1st.

11 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Would you have the report  
12 of the police department?

13 A Yes.

14 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Signed that that place  
15 was in order, you keep files of that?

16 A Yes. If Mr. Warren will be permitted to go  
17 down and get file 663, cardroom.

18 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Wait just a moment. We  
19 may have some more. File 663.

20 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Have you received any complaints,  
21 Mr. Resch, as to the conducting of card games at Green's  
22 Cigar Store, that is, as to whether or not gambling was  
23 going on, or anything of that sort?

24 A The complaints would normally not come to us on that.

25 Q Have any come?

26 A No, they have not.

27 Q And you or member of your staff, so far as you know,  
28 have had no knowledge of their own, then, that gambling  
29 has been going on?

30 A Not of our own knowledge, because we do not make

1 inspections of places of that kind as a rule. We have  
2 much other work to do.

3 Q You depend on the police department?

4 A On that end we do.

5 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: You have police power,  
6 Inspector?

7 A We have, yes.

8 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: What is that police power for?

9 A Well, police power, if we have to make any  
10 arrests during the year for violation of the license law,  
11 and in most cases, whether they have or have not a  
12 license, or for other purposes on that violation.

13 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Would gambling in card rooms be a  
14 violation of the license law?

15 A Well, it would be, yes.

16 Q Well, now, taking up the Turf Club right next to the  
17 Embassy Theater, could you tell us about when the license  
18 was granted to that place?

19 A They had recently a change of owner, but we do not know  
20 the name, it isn't in the name of Turf Club.

21 Q It used to be Clancey?

22 A Yes, Mr. Clancey, but the name isn't here. I have it.

23 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Would you make a note of  
24 that? We would like to get the police report on that  
25 too.

26 A Well, it has been granted within the last two  
27 or three months.

28 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Yes, I remember.

29 A But it is in a name under the proprietor's name.  
30 It wouldn't take but a few moments to go through here

1 and check it up.

2 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Just make a note.

3 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Saratoga, 1420<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Fourth Avenue.

4 A Yes, that is in the name of Mr. Newton.

5 Q Have you any information there on that?

6 A That runs from November 13th to November 13th.

7 Q We would like a police report on that.

8 A That is file 653.

9 Q Now, have you or any member of your department received  
10 any complaints as to gambling in any of the licensed  
11 card rooms in the south?

12 A There has been no complaint of any kind referred to us  
13 on that score.

14 Q Is there anything in the license ordinance which regu-  
15 lates the hours in which card rooms can operate?

16 A Yes, there is. The card room can be kept open to 12:45.

17 Q And after that, it would be a violation to be open after  
18 12:45 and to be playing cards?

19 A It would.

20 Q Even though no gambling was going on?

21 A It would still be a violation.

22 Q Even though it was done for pleasure and no chips or  
23 anything?

24 A Well, it is a public card room, which is defined as any  
25 place where card games are played and the public is  
26 admitted. It becomes a public card room, whether chips  
27 are on the table or not.

28 Q Would you get us the name of the Triangle Card Room?

29 A The Triangle, that is a corporation -- no, that is  
30 Greenwald, Greenwell, file 702. That runs from April

25 to April 25. 702.

Q Then the Owl Card Room over the Capitol Theater.

A The Owl, that used to be the S & S. It is the Owl now. Owl Billiards. I don't seem to have it here in place, but it is the Owl Billiards anyway. They run from about -- I just had a list made, and some of these may have gotten out of turn here.

COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Well, you can get us that police report.

A I have the name of it on the typewritten list. I know the place well.

Q (By Chairman Hamley) Do your inspectors ever check up to find out whether or not these card rooms are operating after the hours they are supposed to be closed?

A No, with few exceptions, we have had no men at night, we haven't --

Q And you haven't received any complaint on that ground?

A No, there hasn't been any complaint or correspondence over them.

Q Do you think that a police report on a card room that is applying for a license should contain any information of that kind, showing a violation by remaining open after hours, or gambling, or anything of that sort?

A Well, if they had been doing that, it probably would be a good thing to have it in the report.

COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: How about the Metro Card Room, on Union, between Second --

A 209 Union.

COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Have you had that?

A That is Metro, Gersh, I had that. Metro, that

1 is at 211 Union. From the 11th of December to the 11th  
2 of December.

3 Q (By Chairman Hamley) We would like the police report.

4 A File 662.

5 Q Now, taking up the question on the subject of dance  
6 hall licenses, is it true that there is a restricted --

7 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: (Interposing) I would like to  
8 ask him one more question, excuse me, on card rooms.  
9 There is the Eagle Card Room on 521 Pike?

10 A It is upstairs.

11 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Asking for a license right  
12 now?

13 A There is an application pending.

14  
15 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

16 Q Now, according to the testimony that has come before the  
17 committee, right on the same floor, a little further  
18 down the hall, there is quite a gambling den in that  
19 same building, dice, chuck-a-luck, black-jack, and draw  
20 poker, in a side room. Do you happen to know the name  
21 of the proprietor of this "Eagle"?

22 A Eagle, that is Rothstein, Mike Rothstein.

23 Q Now, I understand this place up there, this gambling  
24 place is called "Jew Mike's"?

25 A I don't know about the place. I think it is Eagles  
26 Cigar is what it is called, the trade name. Of course,  
27 the license is always issued to the proprietor. But  
28 "Jew Mike" is just the name applied to the individual,  
29 as a rule.

30 Q I wonder if that is the same man that they speak of when

1 they speak of this gambling place?

2 A Well, that's -- he is a Jewish gentleman, alright.

3 Q Do you know whether or not that is the name given to  
4 the man that runs the Eagle?

5 A That is the name that he is known by the fraternity of  
6 their own kind, as "Jew Mike".

7 Q Apparently, from that, he may possibly have some  
8 connection with this gambling. That is all I wanted to  
9 know.

10  
11 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

12 Q Now, taking up the question of licensing dance halls,  
13 is it true that there is a restricted district outside  
14 of which it is not legal to operate dance halls or  
15 license them?

16 A There is no restricted district in the law, no. But the  
17 Council passed some motion or resolution, whatever the  
18 nature of the action may have been, expressing the wish,  
19 evidently you might call it that, that there shouldn't  
20 be any license granted east of 8th Avenue or south of  
21 Dearborn or north of Denny Way.

22 Q Do you know whether or not your department has granted  
23 any license to the Black and Tan?

24 A They have not, that is, not this year. There was a  
25 license at the Black and Tan at the time this very  
26 resolution or motion was put through the Council.

27 Q So, if there has been any dancing going on there since  
28 that time at any hour of the day, that would be con-  
29 trary to the license ordinance?

30 A It would be.

1 Q Now, if any dancing was going on at any hour of the day  
2 at 908 1/2 Virginia Street -- have you any --

3 A There isn't any license in that, and never was.

4 Q And that would be a violation?

5 A That would be.

6  
7 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

8 Q Have you granted a dance license to the Cavalcade at  
9 1520 Fifth Avenue?

10 A 1525, that is the old hotel run by a party by the name  
11 of Hussins. There never has been a dance license there.

12 COUNCILMAN LANGLEIE: What time are they supposed  
13 to stop dancing in the city according to the ordinance?

14 A According to the ordinance, the time is set at  
15 12:30.

16 COUNCILMAN LANGLEIE: There is supposed to be no  
17 dancing in the city any place after 12:30?

18 A There is supposed to be no dancing in the city  
19 after 12:30.

20 Q (By Councilman Lockwood) Or Cafe dances?

21 A A cafe dance is the same as a public dance hall. The  
22 time is set at 12:30.

23 Q Have you ever noticed this ad in any of the papers under  
24 the classification "Health Aids"? "Advertisements in  
25 this classification are acceptable only when approved  
26 by the License Bureau of the City of Seattle or County  
27 of King, or from physicians or registered nurses holding  
28 Washington State licenses for the practice of their  
29 professions." Have you ever noticed that notation on  
30 these Ads?

1 A I never did. What is the nature of them?

2 Q Massage.

3 A Oh, massage parlors. I never noticed the notation on  
4 there. As far as we are concerned, we do not accept --  
5 probably, approval is by the actual issuance of a  
6 license, that would be the only approval to that, but  
7 there is no Board of Health, or --

8 Q Do you know whether or not you have issued licenses to  
9 any of those places mentioned there?

10 A Some of them would not need a license from the city.  
11 The law provides where they have a license under the  
12 Sanipractic Law, the Drugless Healers Act of the state,  
13 a number of them have those licenses, and wherever they  
14 have that, there is no license required from the city.  
15 The city licenses, the way I get it, and it is a license  
16 that would be well if it was abolished, it is only in  
17 cases where they have not a state license and practice  
18 the business of massaging.

19 Q Well, do you happen to know whether any of those places,  
20 just looking over the list, have city licenses, or could  
21 you check up and let us know?

22 A I know they don't have them under these names, because  
23 we have to have the individual's, their proper name on  
24 there. We have one at 515 Seneca. 523 Seneca. I am  
25 not positive of that. 506 Seaboard Building.

26 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Well, if it is the will of  
27 the committee, I would suggest that we give that clip-  
28 ping to Mr. Resch, and have him report to us at a later  
29 date.

30 THE WITNESS: Yes, I would be glad to do that.

1 Q (By Councilman Lockwood) As to the type of institution  
2 or establishment they are, and whether they have been  
3 granted a license or not, and if so, what type of license?

4 A We have only one type of license, that is public bath  
5 house and massaging, where treatment is given by massage  
6 and a bath is required, like a Turkish bath, and estab-  
7 lishments of that class.

8 Q You have never been instructed by the police department  
9 to stay out of these card rooms or dance cabarets, or  
10 in any way --

11 A (Interposing) No, it wouldn't do them any good to  
12 instruct me. I wouldn't take any orders from them.

13  
14 (WITNESS EXCUSED)  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30

1 ARTHUR B. LANGLEIE,

2 having been first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

3 DIRECT EXAMINATION

4  
5 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

6 Q State your full name, please.

7 A Arthur B. Langlie.

8 Q And your occupation?

9 A Councilman.

10 Q Mr. Langlie, would you give us any personal information  
11 you may have as to vice, gambling and liquor conditions  
12 in the City of Seattle?

13 A On June 23rd, I went out with Mr. Lockwood to find out  
14 about some of the conditions we had many complaints con-  
15 cerning. And we started in up here at the corner of  
16 12th and Pine and Terry. We came out of the car and  
17 walked by the building on the northwest corner. The win-  
18 dows in that building, the first floor, are a foot or  
19 two above the level of the street. As we walked past  
20 the west exposure of that building, we were solicited  
21 by women from the windows, and as we rounded the corner,  
22 we were again solicited as we were on the south exposure  
23 of the building.

24 From there we went down to 310 Washington Street  
25 and observed the conditions that have been related here.  
26 We had no difficulty getting in or getting out. Gambling  
27 was going on freely. There were about two hundred peo-  
28 ple in that place.

29 Q About what time of day?

30 A We were there about 1:00 P.M. We started in at 12

1 o'clock.

2 Q You mean 1:00 A.M?

3 A 1:00 A.M., yes. From there we went to the Atlas Hotel  
4 at 656-1/2 King Street, and entered without any diffi-  
5 culty, and saw the gambling conditions there as they  
6 have been related.

7 From there we went to the Cave, which is 416  
8 Maynard. We followed three young ladies down a flight  
9 of stairs and into a rather nice looking room, with a  
10 bar, with colored entertainers, and a small gambling  
11 table in the back of the room, at which men were gamb-  
12 ling. They were serving drinks there, hard liquor. And  
13 Mr. Lockwood was recognized in the place by one of the  
14 colored gentlemen, who came up to us and asked us if  
15 we were there just on a social call, or if we meant  
16 business. He then introduced the two of us to the mana-  
17 ger of the place, and we left. From there we went to  
18 the Sky-Hi at 511 1/2 - 7th Avenue. We entered without  
19 any difficulty.

20 Q That is 7th Avenue South?

21 A Yes. And observed a lot of gambling going on there.  
22 At one of these places, I believe it was 310 Washington  
23 Street, we observed at one table a man with a lunch  
24 pail under his arm. This was on a Saturday night,  
25 1:00 o'clock in the morning. He had five silver dollars  
26 in his hand and was gambling. He was very nervous.  
27 There was only one conclusion that I could draw, and  
28 that was that he was gambling away his week's earnings.

29 From the Sky-Hi we went down 7th Avenue South to  
30 where we had parked the car. And we were solicited

1 from practically every house that we passed. In some  
2 places the women came right out on the porch, encouraged  
3 us to come in.

4 From there we went up to the Black and Tan on  
5 12th and Jackson. We entered there without any diffi-  
6 culty. We found dancing going on. We found card play-  
7 ing going on, chips on the tables. We found a slot  
8 machine there. We found hard liquor being served. That  
9 was all we did that night. It was nearly 3:00 o'clock  
10 in the morning when we left the Black and Tan.

11 On July 6th I went out with Mr. Hampson, Dr. LeLand  
12 Creer, Mr. Devin and Mr. Johnson. We started about  
13 11:30 in the evening. We first went to the Paris Hotel  
14 at First and Pike, found it to be a house of prostitu-  
15 tion. It has a neon sign out in front. The door was  
16 barred, but opened before we even reached the top of  
17 the steps. We went in and were ushered into a waiting  
18 room. Girls were called by the matron that received us,  
19 and, after talking with them for a few minutes, we left.

20 From there we went to the Model Rooms at 2313 $\frac{1}{2}$   
21 1st Avenue, where there were similar conditions, a neon  
22 sign, a well lighted stairway, and a barred door, but  
23 opened upon our approach. We were received by a colored  
24 woman in this instance, taken into a waiting room.

25 The same conditions held true at the Ruth Hotel,  
26 2325 $\frac{1}{2}$  1st Avenue. The same condition at 1920 $\frac{1}{2}$  5th  
27 Avenue. There were neon signs at all these places in  
28 front, and usually in the windows of the place the  
29 curtains are up and you can see stand-lamps giving off  
30 a light orange or red tint.

1 From this place at 1920 $\frac{1}{2}$ , we went to the Club  
2 Sahara, 421 $\frac{1}{2}$  Pike Street. Mr. Devin and I entered  
3 from the Fifth Avenue entrance, walked up the steps,  
4 walked right into the place. They were serving liquor,  
5 and were gambling there. We purchased some liquor, one  
6 of the men, Mr. Hampson, who was with us.

7 Q Was that hard liquor?

8 A Hard liquor. We saw gambling in the back of the room.

9 From there we went to the northwest corner of Terry  
10 and Pine, which I previously referred to, which Mr.  
11 Lockwood and I passed by and were solicited. We were  
12 again solicited from the window, and Dr. Creer and Mr.  
13 Hampson and I went into the room to find out whether or  
14 not the massage sign meant anything, that was on the  
15 window. It was very plain that it was the same type of  
16 house as the Paris Hotel and the Model Rooms and the  
17 others that we visited, so we left.

18 We then went to the Svea Rooms at 1022 $\frac{1}{2}$   
19 Howell Street.

20 Q How do you spell that name?

21 A S-v-e-a. And it had not a neon sign but an electric  
22 sign out in front. Mr. Johnson and I went up there.  
23 We found the same conditions there as in these other  
24 houses. We were received by a white woman in this in-  
25 stance, and two girls were ushered into the waiting  
26 room, where we were seated.

27 We left, and we went to the Triangle Whist Club.  
28 At that time when we reached the Triangle Whist Club,  
29 it was about 1:45 in the morning. Mr. Devin and Mr.  
30 Johnson went ahead of me and made entrance, and follow-

1 ing their entrance, I walked up. The door was barred,  
2 but a man looked through the curtains, and the door  
3 was opened, and I went in. I saw that there were many  
4 card games going on. There were chips on the tables.  
5 They advised us that there was a poker game there if  
6 we wanted to play poker.

7 From the Triangle Whist Club we went up to 6th  
8 - and Union, the building on the northwest corner. It  
9 has an entrance on 6th Avenue. In front of this en-  
10 trance there is an awning. On the awning it says  
11 "Nightingale." We went up this well lighted stairway.  
12 When we reached the top of the stairway, the door was  
13 barred. Off to the right of the door there was a, what  
14 you would call a peek-hole. There was no sign of life  
15 there. But on the door there was a sign in writing, a  
16 large written sign: "This place closed and moved to  
17 two doors to the north. Ground Floor entrance. Every-  
18 one welcome." So we went back down the stairs, went  
19 two doors to the north, rather two doors to the west --  
20 no north is right, and walked into what apparently  
21 was a vacant cigar store. We walked around behind a  
22 partition to the back of the cigar store, and made en-  
23 trance into a very lavishly furnished barroom. The  
24 floors were covered with thick rugs. There was fine  
25 modernistic furniture. The bar was as beautifully con-  
26 structed a bar as possibly you could make, a mirror  
27 behind the bar and music going on, a colored singer  
28 entertaining, a girl checking hats and lighting cigaret-  
29 tes. In the back room to the left as you entered was  
30 dice game, a black-jack game in operation, with about

fifty dollars in silver on the table. A number of people were lounging about in the back, and some of them under the influence of intoxication. I noticed particularly that at this place there were a lot of younger people there. There was a University of Washington man there with a "W" <sup>sweater</sup> on. There were a lot of young people coming in and going out of the place. It was well patronized. This was about, I would say, approximately two o'clock in the morning.

(By Chairman Hamley)

Q About what time did you say it was that you were at the Triangle Whist Club?

A We were there about 1:30, 1:45.

From that place we went down to Westlake Avenue, and Mr. Devin and I went into the Butte rooms, 2005 Westlake. We found the same condition prevailing there as in these other houses that I have referred to.

From there, at about a quarter to three in the morning, we went to the Metro card room. That is between Second and Third on the south side of Union Street. We took an elevator up to the card room. We found at least four games going on there. The types of games I do not know. The man who served us coffee at the lunch counter there said they were playing a twenty-five cent limit poker game at each table. There were at one table, I noticed particularly, all women playing, and two of them were gray-haired.

From there we went to the Cecil Hotel, 1102½ Third Avenue. That had a neon sign out in front, and was operated exactly the same as all these other places.

1 In each and every instance, in all of the places we  
2 visited on that night, the girls that came to the rooms  
3 were dressed in party dresses, tight-fitting party  
4 dresses, apparently the only thing that they wore.  
5 That was all the places we visited that night.

6 On July 9th, after the resolution was introduced  
7 in the Council, Mr. Hampson and myself and one or two  
8 others went downtown and visited the Camp Hotel, across  
9 from the Terminal Sales Building. This was a house of  
10 prostitution. We were received. There was a barred  
11 door. Everything was practically the same as at the  
12 other places, except that the girls came in dressed  
13 in a little different type of dress. They were dressed  
14 in shorts, similar to what the tennis players are now  
15 wearing. And there were two girls ushered into the  
16 waiting room of that place.

17 That night we also went to the Club Sahara, found  
18 that they were still operating in selling liquor, hard  
19 liquor, but they were not gambling at the time we were  
20 there. And we also again visited the Embassy, the one  
21 up on Sixth and Union street, and found the conditions  
22 the same as we found them the other night, a little  
23 different crowd, but gambling going on. And I was  
24 recognized there and introduced to the manager, and he  
25 advised me he would stop the gambling game right away.  
26 I told him that I wasn't "the law," I was merely there  
27 observing what was going on. He said, well, he wanted  
28 me to know that he was going to stop the gambling.

29 (By Chairman Hamley)

30 Q Well, Mr. Langlie, did you have any difficulty in

1 getting into any of these places?

2 A I had no difficulty making entrance into any place that  
3 I went to during the entire time that I was out. The  
4 three nights that I --

5 Q (Interposing) From your experience on these expeditions,  
6 would you say that a detective or an officer on the  
7 beat who was experienced would have any difficulty in  
8 spotting these places?

9 A I would say that whether he was experienced or inex-  
10 perenced, he would have to -- it would be impossible  
11 for him, with even very little intelligence, to over-  
12 look those places, without some reason for it.

13 Q Well, now, any of those places that you referred to  
14 that had the sign out "Rooms", would it be your opinion  
15 that any of those actually were bona fide lodging  
16 houses where a person could obtain lodging over-night?

17 A It is apparent for several reasons that they aren't.  
18 In the first place, they are places, small places, the  
19 entire upstairs of which could be devoted to such  
20 practice as was going on there. In traveling the rounds,  
21 I didn't find any hotel with a large number of rooms that  
22 operated this way. Those hotels, while they might have  
23 women operating on the street and taking people to these  
24 hotels, they have a waiting room and a kind of a lounge  
25 that is public, with no barred doors. But in each and  
26 everyone of these places that I have spoken of, they  
27 have a door at the top of the stairway that is barred,  
28 that has usually a peek-hole in it. And it is very  
29 apparent that the entire premise is devoted to a house  
30 of prostitution.

1 (By Chairman Hamley)

2 Q They weren't any public lobbies, then, you mean?

3 A No.

4 Q In these houses.

5 A They are characterized, many of them, by having a half  
6 number at the end of the address, characterized by neon  
7 signs in front, and the word "Rooms", characterized by  
8 lights in the windows, distributed in such a way that  
9 it is apparently there for a purpose other than to  
10 utilize the room for living purposes.

11 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: I think that will be all, Mr.  
12 Langlie.

13  
14 (WITNESS EXCUSED)

1 MRS. D. N. KING,  
2 having been first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

3 DIRECT EXAMINATION  
4

5 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

6 Q Will you state your full name, Mrs. King?

7 A Mrs. D. N. King.

8 Q D. N. King. And your address?

9 A 831 - 32nd Avenue.

10 Q Mrs. King, are you connected with any particular organi-  
11 zations of a public nature?

12 A Well, I am chairman of the Lay Section of the Washing-  
13 ton Organization for Public Health Nursing.

14 Q Now, Mrs. King, this committee is interested in ob-  
15 taining any information that you may have from your own  
16 personal knowledge as to vice, gambling or liquor con-  
17 ditions in the city. If you have any such information,  
18 just give it to the committee at this time in your own  
19 words.

20 A Well, I went out with a party. I mention the name,  
21 shall I?

22 Q Oh, certainly.

23 A Mrs. Powell, and Mr. and Mrs. Garrett, and Mr. Burnsed,  
24 on the evening of the third of July. And the first  
25 place we went to was at 1012<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> First Avenue, but we were  
26 looked at and refused admittance, looked at through the  
27 door. I afterwards noticed a sailor who was drunk went  
28 in, and he was admitted.

29 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: That is the place up with the  
30 open stairway?

1           A    Yes sir; you go up the stairway and go up to  
2 the top.

3           COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: That is 1210 $\frac{1}{2}$ , I think.

4           A    1210 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Well, I didn't go to this other one,  
5 then. There is a door at the top, and then the stair-  
6 way goes down in the alley, the other side.

7           COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Yes.

8           A    And there is a door with a peek-hole in it.

9           COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Yes, it is 1210 $\frac{1}{2}$

10          A    Then we went to the Sahara Club. And the men  
11 ordered Martini, I think Martini cocktails.

12        Q    (By Chairman Hamley) Did you have any difficulty getting  
13 in there?

14        A    No, they just opened the door and bowed us in, and when  
15 we left, told us to come back again.

16        Q    They weren't acquainted with you, or anything of that  
17 sort?

18        A    Oh, no, I don't think so.

19        Q    Did you present a card, or anything like that?

20        A    I don't know whether the men did or not. The men  
21 knocked on the door and we followed them. And there  
22 were some people in there that some of the men spoke to,  
23 they knew, they had seen them somewhere else. There was  
24 a black-jack -- what is it, black-jack -- twenty-one --  
25 black-jack. There was a game going on with about three  
26 or four people playing only.

27        Q    (By Chairman Hamley) Did you see any money on the  
28 table?

29        A    Oh, yes. He, (pointing to Councilman Lockwood) had  
30 some money on the table there. And of course any time

1 he entered the game, he put out fifty cents. And we sat  
2 down on the davenport, and the ladies, Mrs. Garrett,  
3 Mrs. Powell, and I, got up and walked around the rooms,  
4 but there was just this one game, there weren't very  
5 many, just a few. As I look over this, (looking at a  
6 paper), this is just about what I could see.

7 Then I went to the Whist Club at Fifth and Westlake,  
8 upstairs. They have, well, it is like a bar, but they  
9 serve all sandwiches, I guess. We had a cup of coffee  
10 there. And the men and some of the women looked around.  
11 And there was just a game of cards, I think whist,  
12 going on there.

13 Q (By Chairman Hamley) About what time of night was that?

14 A Oh, that was, let's see, that must have been about  
15 twelve o'clock, twelve-thirty, as near as I can remember.  
16 We started out about half-past eleven, and by the time  
17 we got down it was about that time.

18 Then we went to 310<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Washington Street. That is a  
19 Chinese place. And there were two places we went to,  
20 656<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> King Street. They were both about the same, only  
21 in the first place there was a lottery. I didn't see  
22 the lottery in the second place.

23 Q Did you have any difficulty getting in either place?

24 A No, there is a peek-hole, a man sitting there, and he  
25 saw us. We came up the stairs. There is a great big  
26 light to light the stairway. It is very brilliant.  
27 And we walked up the stairs, talking, laughing together.  
28 We got up there and the man looked at us coming up.  
29 Evidently he thought we were all right, and he opened  
30 the door, and we walked in. And in the last place, at

1 656 1/2 King Street, there seemed to be a little better  
2 class of people there. They were all playing cards.  
3 There was lots of money on each table, and each table  
4 was surrounded, there were no places you could stand and  
5 look over the shoulder. If anyone stepped out, why  
6 someone else stepped right in. They were all kinds of  
7 people, all classes of people in there. They seemed to  
8 be having a good time. In the first place, in 310  
9 Washington Street, there was a place, a partition up to  
10 the back and there was a sign on the door, "Parlor."  
11 I wondered what they had in there, but I didn't have the  
12 nerve to go and look. I wanted to go in there, but I  
13 happened to see somebody that I knew there, and they  
14 afterwards told me that they served free beer in there.  
15 So I was glad that I didn't look, I might have been  
16 offered some beer.

17 Then we went to the Black and Tan Cabaret. That was  
18 after one o'clock. And we were given, the men were  
19 given beer there, they had some beer.

20 Q Did you have any difficulty in getting in there?

21 A Oh, no, they just walked right in, glad to have us come.  
22 They were dancing, having a great time, a lot of sailors  
23 there. After they got -- the small back room got pretty  
24 full, and so they all came out in the big room in the  
25 front of the building. There is more room. And they had  
26 one or two performers there. There was a girl, a colored  
27 girl, that would go around the tables and sing. Then  
28 there was a man, a colored man, who did the same thing.  
29 And they had a fat colored woman that sang a song in  
30 the middle of the floor. Well, they got pretty sleepy

1 before we left. There were lots of people that had a  
2 good deal to drink, I guess, and they were not very  
3 temperate.

4 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Did you see any gambling games  
5 in there?

6 A No, I didn't see any there. There was a pool  
7 table, but I didn't go in that room. There might have  
8 been, there were people in there all the time, a pool  
9 table, and this -- I didn't see any gambling in there.  
10 But I just stayed, the women -- the men wandered around,  
11 but we sat still at the table. It wasn't a very  
12 pleasant experience.

13 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Have the other members of the  
14 committee any other questions? I think that will be  
15 all.

16  
17 (WITNESS EXCUSED)  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30

## DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

Q Have you that now?

A On the card rooms, yes. They are making up a list of the other things.

Q Are they very long, would it take very long to read them?

A No, they are very short.

Q Well, then just take them one at a time.

A This is listed here M. Rothstein, 521½ Pike Street.

This is July 2nd, 1934. "Sergeant F. C. Fuqua. Chief G. G. Howard. Application for New Licence--Cardroom. M. Rothstein 521½ Pike. The applicant has been in business in this city before and is a responsible citizen. I know of no police record against the applicant. Respectfully, Sgt. F. C. Fuqua. Approved: G. F. Howard, Chief of Police.

At 1420½--4th Avenue. "Sergeant H. D. Kimsey, To all concerned: Subject: Application for Cardroom License--Change Owner. J. B. Newton, 1420½--4th Avenue. Mr. Newton, the new owner, is a well-known local citizen and has a good character and reputation.

"I know of no reason why this Change of Ownership should not be allowed. Respectfully, H. D. Kimsey, Sgt. H. D. Kimsey. Approved: Geo. H. Comstock, Chief of Police."

Q What is the date of that?

A Last Fall sometime. That report is November 9th.

1 Metro Inc., 211 Union Street, "Mr. Kirsch---"I will  
2 read the whole thing. "From Lt. Frank Olmsted. To  
3 Chief Geo. H. Comstock. Subject: License application.  
4 Re: Card Room License of The Metro, 211 Union, John  
5 Kirsch, Proprietor, 75 tables, renewal. Mr. Kirsch  
6 has conducted a card room in this city at different  
7 locations for many years.

8 "He is well-known and well considered among his  
9 associates and business men of the community.

10 "This license has been renewed from time to time  
11 in the past without any difficulty.

12 "This letter is given because the original may  
13 have been lost or misplaced. Respectfully, Frank  
14 Olmsted, Lieutenant of Police. Approved: Geo. H.  
15 Comstock, Chief of Police."

16 Green's Cigar Store. "From Lt. Frank Olmsted.  
17 To: Geo. H. Comstock. Subject: License application.  
18 Re: Card Room license of Green's Tobacco Shop Inc.,  
19 1333--3rd Ave., 10 tables, renewal.

20 "Mr. Green has conducted the above card room at  
21 this location and in this vicinity for a good many  
22 years.

23 "He has conducted the business without complaints  
24 or arrests. He is well known and well considered by  
25 the business in the community.

26 "Recommend the license be renewed. Respectfully,  
27 Frank Olmsted, Lieutenant of Police, 2nd Patrol, Pct. #1.  
28 Approved: Geo. H. Comstock, Chief of Police."

29 Q What is the date on that?

30 A The date is December 8, 1934.

1 This is the S & S Inc. That is up at 1510 $\frac{1}{2}$ --3rd Avenue.

2 Q Is that the Owl Card Room?

3 A That is the Owl Billiards. They had two corporations  
4 there. One was the S & S, and they had a place called  
5 the Owl. They are two separate corporations, and  
6 operated two separate places. But the Owl corporation  
7 and the S & S, Incorporated are identical in ownership.

8 "To: W. B. Kirtley, Chief of Police. From: Sgt.  
9 H. D. Kimsey. Subject: License Applications. Sir:  
10 PUBLIC CARD ROOM. Re: S & S, Inc., 1510 $\frac{1}{2}$ --3rd Avenue--  
11 Renewal.

12 "The above company has been engaged in the Public  
13 Card Room business in this city many years, and conducts  
14 its business in an orderly manner.

15 "Recommend that the license be renewed. Respect-  
16 fully, H. D. Kimsey, Sgt. H. D. Kimsey. Approved:  
17 W. B. Kirtley, Chief of Police." Dated March 20th.

18 Q 1935?

19 A 1935.

20 Edward J. Greenwell, that is the Triangle Whist Club.

21 "April 17th, 1935. From: Sgt. L. H. Graham, 2nd  
22 Patrol. To: Chief W. B. Kirtley. Subject: 1606  
23 Westlake Ave., Edw. J. Greenwall, applying for renewal  
24 of card room license.

25 "This place has been operated in an orderly manner.  
26 Mr. Greenwall has no police record; see no reason why  
27 license should be withheld. Respectfully, L. H. Graham,  
28 Sgt. of Police." Signed, Sgt. L. H. Graham. "Approved:  
29 W. B. Kirtley, Chief of Police." This is J. J. Rey-  
30 nolds, who put in an application and released it.

1 Q What is the date on that?

2 A The date on that--excuse me if I didn't say it--  
3 April 17th, 1935.

4 This is at 1407--3rd Avenue, known as the Turf.  
5 The names of the owners in there are Sterling and Rad-  
6 insky. To F. K. Sterling and Morris Radinsky. Under  
7 date of May 9th, 1935.

8 "To: W. B. Kirtley, Chief of Police. From: Sgt.  
9 H. D. Kimsey. Subject: License Application. At:  
10 PUBLIC CARD ROOM. Re: Sterling & Radinsky, 1407--3rd  
11 Ave., Change of Owner.

12 "The above applicants have lived in Seattle some  
13 time and both bear good reputations.

14 "I know of no reason why they should not be granted  
15 a license. Respectfully, H. D. Kimsey." Typewritten,  
16 Sgt. H. D. Kimsey. "Approved: W. B. Kirtley, Chief  
17 of Police."

18 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Have the members of the committee  
19 any further questions?

20 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Has he prepared that other  
21 list?

22 THE WITNESS: The list should be ready in a very  
23 few minutes.

24 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: I think you may be excused, then,  
25 Mr. Resch, and thank you.

26  
27 (WITNESS EXCUSED)  
28  
29  
30

1 CHIEF OF POLICE W. B. AIRTLEY,

on the stand

2  
3 FURTHER EXAMINATION

4 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

5 Q Chief, we were furnished here yesterday with a list of  
6 places that have been raided by the vice squad. Would  
7 you have any other record of raids by any other members  
8 of the force other than this?

9 A There would be no other records except the book of  
10 arrests, or the cards of arrests.

11 Q Now, you have these addresses that we have given you.  
12 I have checked through here from the 1st of April up  
13 till the 9th of July, going back that far because I  
14 figured anything beyond that wouldn't be of current  
15 importance, and we only checked through the months of  
16 June and July anyway in our investigation, and we  
17 didn't find one single address that has been referred  
18 to here today in this list as having been raided. I  
19 was particularly interested in that particular point.  
20 Now, would you check your records from the 1st of  
21 April through to July 9th, and find if you have any  
22 raids recorded on the addresses that we brought out  
23 here in the last several days? There are none shown  
24 here.

25 We might ask Mr. Chaffee or Mr. Hull if they know  
26 of any place in those records--

27 OFFICER HULL: There was a change of address from  
28 Washington Street--I believe when we raided it, it was  
29 218--3rd Avenue South. I believe it is the same rooms,  
30 the same building.

1 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Yes, well, that may possibly  
2 be, but there wasn't 310 Washington on your list here.

3 SERGEANT CHAFFEE: Well, if we had gone in the other  
4 side, if we happened to go in on the Third Avenue side,  
5 it would be Third Avenue.

6 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: As a matter of record here,  
7 we might put this in the record. On May 13th, according  
8 to the report of Sergeant A. L. Chaffee, B. A. 7117  
9 Ah Fong, and B. A. 7118 Frank Lee, and B. A. 7119 Sang  
10 Lee. Arrested 6:05 P.M., May 13th, 1935, at 118--3rd  
11 Avenue South, by the special detail. Charged with  
12 possession of gambling paraphernalia, and released  
13 on \$25 bail each. These men were located in the back  
14 room of a lunch counter at the above location, and they  
15 had equipment for the operation of a Chinese lottery in  
16 their possession.

17 Now, that is the only place between April 1st and  
18 July the ninth that would even tend to correspond as  
19 far as addresses are concerned to those numerous ad-  
20 dresses that we have given here, or witnesses have given,  
21 in these investigations. Could you tell the committee,  
22 Sergeant Chaffee, what disposition was made of those  
23 three Chinese that paid twenty-five dollars bail, after  
24 that?

25 SERGEANT CHAFFEE: I couldn't say for certainty.  
26 They probably forfeited it.

27 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: They probably forfeited the  
28 bail?

29 SERGEANT CHAFFEE: Yes.

30 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: That is probable?

1           SERGEANT CHAFFEE: If it had been a thousand  
2 dollars, they would have come into court and been  
3 fined twenty-five dollars, that is the usual fine,  
4 twenty-five dollars.

5           CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Might I ask, Sergeant, in those  
6 cases where Chinese are arrested, are fingerprints  
7 taken?

8           SERGEANT CHAFFEE: No.

9           CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Do you ever find in your exper-  
10 ience that these Chinese change their names and make  
11 it difficult for you to identify them as a person pre-  
12 viously arrested?

13          SERGEANT CHAFFEE: A Chinaman is pretty hard to  
14 identify anyhow.

15          CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: If a finger print were taken, it  
16 would be easier to identify him, would it not?

17          SERGEANT CHAFFEE: Certainly.

18          CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Suppose you took his fingerprints  
19 the first time he was arrested, could you tell the next  
20 time he was arrested whether it was the same man or not?

21          SERGEANT CHAFFEE: Sure, the fingerprints are in-  
22 fallible.

23          CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: But you don't take them?

24          SERGEANT CHAFFEE: No.

25                               (WITNESS EXCUSED)  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30

## FURTHER EXAMINATION

BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

Q This question of bail, I would like to ask the Chief this question on bail. Just how is that handled in the police department when a person is arrested? I understand that there is some abuse of this bail system, from reports that have come to me. Just how is that handled when a man is brought down on a charge of driving while drunk, arrested while gambling, or any of these criminal charges, what is the process?

A Well, in most cases, the officers making the arrests inform the Captain all about what the circumstances were, and the bail is set in that manner. Now, in case of a special detail, in these cases the bail has been set at \$25. That has usually been the case and has been for a long time. Sometimes when we come back and make an arrest the second time, the bail is more. Reckless driving cases, and drunken driving cases, of course, they are set according to the gravity of the case. Reckless driving where no great damage is done, it is sometimes set anywhere from \$25 up to \$250, and many of cases are released on their personal recognizance. We feel that they are responsible citizens who will come into court.

Q How do they go about to get the bail money?

A The officers, or whom do you mean "to get the bail"?

Q The individual that is out on bail, who bails them?

A Well, when you are arrested, when the individual is

1 arrested the bail is set. If he doesn't post a bail,  
2 he is put in jail. Later on, friends or bail bonds-  
3 men post bail for him, or in lieu of that he must stay  
4 in jail until the case is tried, unless he should be  
5 released on his personal recognizance. That is done  
6 many times when a man has shown that he is responsible  
7 and would come into court.

8 Q (By Councilman Lockwood) When a Chinese is arrested,  
9 now, and he posts \$25 bail, and if he jumps his bail--  
10 is that the term you use?

11 A If he forfeits his bail?

12 Q If he forfeits his bail, what do you do with regard to  
13 that?

14 A That's all there is to it.

15 Q That's all there is to it?

16 A Yes. He could be--a warrant could be issued for him,  
17 and he could be brought into court.

18 Q But ordinarily they simply forfeit the twenty-five  
19 dollars, and that's the end of it?

20 A That's the end of it.

21 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

22 Q Are these bail bondsmen permitted to go right into  
23 jail and talk with anyone they want to, or how is that  
24 handled?

25 A Well, they must have permission from the Captain in  
26 charge to go and visit the prisoner.

27 Q Can any bail bondsman obtain that permission, or is  
28 that accorded only to certain ones?

29 A No, anybody can do that.

30 Q They do. Then if a man is arrested who has no friends

1 or relatives in the city, do the bail bondsmen simply  
2 go in and inquire around for those cases, or how is  
3 that contact made between the prisoner and the bail  
4 bondsman?

5 A The prisoner usually requests to telephone, that is  
6 one way.

7 Q Does he usually request, or does he usually telephone  
8 the bail bondsman, or simply request the policeman to  
9 send the bail bondsman?

10 A Well, I couldn't say as to that, what would be  
11 more in usual use. But if he asked for a policeman  
12 to send for him--now, if for instance, a man came in  
13 and didn't know whom to send for, he would be told  
14 that there are a number, and they all have telephones.  
15 Of course, at night it is a little different, it is  
16 hard to get all of them at night time. I believe there  
17 are two or three available, though, even at night time,  
18 late at night.

19 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Have you heard of any abuse  
20 with regard to this bail bond practice?

21 A No, sir.

22 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Sergeant Chaffee, do you recall  
23 any other arrests between April and July at the addresses  
24 that we have discussed, or 118-3rd South?

25 SERGEANT CHAFFEE: I couldn't recall it. It is  
26 in the record. I wouldn't be able to recall any  
27 specific arrest. There are too many of them.

28 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Well, I have no further questions.

29 (WITNESS EXCUSED)  
30

1 JOHN RESCH,

on the stand.

2 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

3 Q If you will sit down again and identify these. Handing  
4 you No. 9, I will ask you what that is.

5 (Paper marked Exhibit 9.)

6 A This is a list of massage parlor licenses checked  
7 against the advertising copy that you have attached.  
8 We find there are a few on the advertising copy that  
9 are not licensed, which in all probability may be due  
10 to the fact that they either have a state certificate,  
11 that is, from the State of Washington under the Drugless  
12 Healers Act, or it may possibly be that they are oper-  
13 ating without that. We will check.

14 Q If a license is once issued to one of those, no attempt  
15 is made by anyone in your department to inspect that  
16 place to find out whether it is operating properly?

17 A If there is any inspection made, it is very seldom,  
18 because inspections of that kind, the question of people  
19 -- if they are doing anything against the law, why, of  
20 course, we cannot run the whole town on that, it is  
21 quite evident, with the small force on hand.

22 Q About how many licensed massage parlors would you say  
23 there were in the city, just a rough approximation?

24 A Probably thirty-five, maybe forty, between thirty-five  
25 and forty somewhere, I would estimate that.

26 (Paper with clipping marked  
27 Exhibit No. 9 received in evidence.)

28 (WITNESS EXCUSED)

29 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Are there any other witnesses in  
30 the audience that care to testify at this time?

1 Apparently not. We will then adjourn until ten o'clock  
2 tomorrow morning.  
3

4 (Whereupon an adjournment was taken  
5 until 10 o'clock A.M. Saturday, July  
6 13, 1935.)  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30

1 SATURDAY, JULY 13, 1935

2 10 O'CLOCK A.M.

3  
4 PRESENT:

COUNCILMEN:

5 Frederick D. Hamley  
6 David E. Lockwood  
7 Arthur B. Langlie  
8 Mrs. F. F. Powell

9 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: It is the policy of this committee  
10 to hear any people from the audience who come to us  
11 from time to time and ask permission to testify. And I  
12 understand there may be someone this morning. Is there  
13 anyone in the audience that would have any testimony  
14 they would like to give? Will you just step up here,  
15 then?

16  
17 MRS. MINNIE CRAWFORD,  
18 having been first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

19 DIRECT EXAMINATION

20  
21 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

22 Q Will you state your full name, please?

23 A Mrs. Minnie Crawford.

24 Q And your occupation?

25 A Well, I am a rooming house woman. I take care of 1111  
26 Eighth Avenue. I live there. I run the Morningside  
27 Apartments, I am the landlady.

28 Q 1111 Eighth Avenue?

29 A 1111 Eighth Avenue.

30 Q What did you say the first name was?

1 A Mrs. Minnie Crawford, Minnie.

2 Q Now, Mrs. Crawford, you understand that this committee  
3 is only interested in any information which you have  
4 of your own personal knowledge, things that you gain  
5 by hearsay or what someone else told you wouldn't  
6 interest this committee.

7 A I understand.

8 Q Now, if you have anything of your own personal knowledge,  
9 just state it in your own words.

10 A Yes. On the 3rd of July, there was a man died in my  
11 house, and we didn't know he was dead until his boss  
12 came to look for him to see why he wasn't going to work.  
13 So when I found him, I called up the police department.  
14 And they called the coroner. And the coroner came, and  
15 he locked the door.

16 And the next day, about maybe 10 o'clock, on the  
17 4th of July, a man and a woman came and wanted to get  
18 in the room to get this man's effects. And I told  
19 them I couldn't let them in there, they would have to  
20 get an order from the court. After they went away, I  
21 called up the coroner, and he said that was the correct  
22 thing to do, to have an order from the court.

23 So I went down, and I was working downstairs maybe  
24 a half an hour, working down there. I came up the back  
25 way. When I came up to the bedroom, I thought I heard  
26 the back bell ring. I came to the door, and there were  
27 three men at the door and one woman. I saw it was the  
28 same woman. They just came in like a lot of hold-ups  
29 in my house. One said, "We want the key, of this  
30 apartment, and we want the key of the entrance."

1 I said, "Have you got an order?" So the man showed me  
2 the order. I said, "That is all right." I ran right  
3 into my room, took the key off, and handed it to the  
4 man that showed me the order. I said, "I haven't got  
5 the key of Mr. Lyons because he had his own key, I never  
6 had that key. He said, "You come through with this key  
7 or you come right down to jail." I said, "You can't  
8 take me to jail." So he talked to the others.

9 Q Were they uniformed men?

10 A No, they were plain clothes men, and never showed their  
11 star.

12 Q Did they say they were officers?

13 A No. They pulled me out downstairs. So this man went  
14 into my house, looked all through my dresser drawers.  
15 He said, "Come through with sixty dollars to me, or you  
16 are coming to jail." I said, "I am going to jail?" He  
17 said, "You are." He said, "Come through, give me sixty  
18 dollars, or you are coming to jail." So he got hold of  
19 me by the arm, he twisted it around and made it black  
20 and blue. I made to go into the next room, the man's  
21 room, to tell what was going on, so he grabbed me right  
22 here and hit me right here (indicating).

23 By this time the other man came up. I suppose he  
24 was an officer. So he said, "Phone the wagon for this  
25 woman." So they took me down and threw me in jail.

26 So in about a half an hour, when my husband comes  
27 home, he works for the Admiral Line, I said, "Let me  
28 phone my husband so he will know where I am." I plead  
29 with them to go upstairs to notify the roomers, but  
30 they wouldn't let me. He neither let me put my hat

1 or coat on, just let me go down with the dress.  
2 Then downtown, I said, "Please let me come to the phone  
3 to talk to my husband." So I talked to my husband, and  
4 he came down, and they did allow him to go upstairs.  
5 And he tried to get me out. And they wouldn't let me  
6 out without one hundred dollars. They said I wouldn't  
7 open the door to officers, I was drunk and disorderly.  
8 All the roomers saw, and all this they have framed up  
9 on me.

10 My husband tried -- I told them I had money up in  
11 the house, if they would give me the keys. But they  
12 wouldn't. So he had to go and get a bonding woman to  
13 get one hundred dollars bond, and it cost me fifteen  
14 dollars. This woman, I had to give her fifteen dollars  
15 the next day.

16 So I went, employed my lawyer 10 o'clock Friday.  
17 And he told me he had no business getting in my house  
18 without a warrant, he had no business taking me out of  
19 my house without a warrant, he had no business arrest-  
20 ing me. And he said he was just going to make it pretty  
21 hot for him.

22 Q About how long were you in jail?

23 A I wouldn't let my husband get that woman, because the  
24 matron said to me, "Tell your husband to go around and  
25 get a loan of that, because it will cost you fifteen  
26 dollars." Mrs. Drain said that. I wouldn't let him  
27 go. It was hard to get the money. The money was in  
28 the house. They wouldn't let him get in till maybe  
29 five o'clock.

30 Q This lady that furnished bail bond, was she up in jail?

1 A She was never there, they told me. She was there when  
2 I came in. They told me she was squared up with the  
3 policemen. They will arrest a man --

4 Q (Interposing) We are not interested in what somebody  
5 told you. What did she tell you?

6 A She was right there, and asked me if I wanted bond put  
7 up. I said I had money locked up in my trunk. This  
8 matron, Mrs. Drain, said, "It will cost you fifteen  
9 dollars. When your husband comes, let him get money  
10 some place else." She was awfully nice, this little  
11 woman. She let me phone fifteen minutes after I was in  
12 there.

13 Q You were later released on bail?

14 A One hundred dollars, yes. It cost me fifteen dollars.

15 Q You are still on bail?

16 A My lawyer is out of town. But all my roomers, witnesses,  
17 can prove they saw me that morning. It is coming up  
18 on the 17th.

19 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Have the members of the committee  
20 any questions to ask?

21

22 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

23 Q You say that one of these men asked you for sixty dollars  
24 or he would take you to jail?

25 A Certainly.

26 Q Do you know who they were?

27 A I could lay my finger on him if I saw him.

28 Q Do you know their names?

29 A One of their names is Winters. He was a detective, I  
30 could swear, I don't know if captain or not, but one of

1 the names was Winters. I will never forget that man,  
2 because he was such a bad-looking -- bad-appearing man.

3 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Any further questions?

4 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: I have no further questions.

5 THE WITNESS: Well, I would also like to tell you  
6 about the corner house there opposite me, 721 Spring  
7 Street. It would be a good thing if you would investi-  
8 gate the woman that is running that place, and that man  
9 that is living with her, because they tell me he is a  
10 head gambler.

11 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Have you any personal knowledge  
12 of what is going on there?

13 A All I could tell you is, last summer I had two  
14 boys come in, they paid me for a month's rent. Two or  
15 three days later they came in and asked if I could give  
16 them back one half of the month's rent, because, they  
17 told me, they had been in there and that woman had  
18 stolen fifty dollars from them. She had supplied them  
19 with drink.

20 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: But you don't know of your own  
21 personal knowledge?

22 A I often see her around the back porch with no  
23 clothes on, and I see her with men. I see her with men,  
24 very disgusting, even with the garbage men I have seen  
25 her in a way very disgusting.

26  
27 BY COUNCILMAN LANGLEY:

28 Q When the policemen came up there and asked for money,  
29 what was their purpose for coming to begin with?

30 A I can't tell you that.

1 Q Was this man that died still in the room there, or had  
2 he been taken away by the coroner?

3 A The coroner had taken him away that evening, and he had  
4 died of heart failure.

5 Q Then it was the next day that the policemen came up, the  
6 plain clothes men?

7 A The lady came first and a man. I presume the sister and  
8 her husband. They wanted to get into the room. They  
9 claimed the body. They said they wanted his personal  
10 effects. I said I couldn't do it, because that was  
11 the way before on Columbia Street --

12 Q (Interposing) Did he have much in the way of personal  
13 effects?

14 A I don't know, I couldn't tell you.

15 Q Then the police officers, they apparently wanted to  
16 get into that same room when they came up?

17 A I opened the door, the second time, they came back with  
18 this man, they didn't even go up the stairs. So I  
19 said, "Have you got an order?" So one man said yes.  
20 He wasn't an officer, he was the lady's husband. I  
21 turned and handed the keys to him. I said, "I haven't  
22 got the keys belonging to Mr. Lyons, because it was his  
23 own padlock." He said, "You hand over that key right  
24 now or you will go down to jail."

25 Q That is when the trouble started that involved you?

26 A Yes. That woman and her husband, I presume, went down  
27 and this man stayed, followed me into my own apartment.  
28 He went in there. He went into my sideboard, opened  
29 up the drawers, went into my dresser drawers with no  
30 warrant or anything. All he ought to have got from me

1 was keys.

2 Q Was he looking for keys or something else?

3 A He couldn't have been looking for keys, because I didn't  
4 have it. Then he told me if I wouldn't give him sixty  
5 dollars, I would go to jail. I said I had nothing to  
6 go to jail for. All he had a right was to get the keys.  
7 He had no right to come into my house.

8  
9 (WITNESS EXCUSED.)  
10

11  
12  
13 CHIEF OF POLICE W. B. KIRTLEY, on the stand.

14  
15 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

16 Q Chief, are those two men that were in this prowler car,  
17 Mr. Cameron --

18 A (Interposing) I didn't have their names on there. They  
19 were notified to be here this afternoon at two o'clock.  
20 They worked last night.

21 Q Let's see, what were their names?

22 A Cameron and Levine. They will be here at two o'clock.  
23 They worked last night.

24 Q Oh, I see. Is officer R. R. Thompson here?  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30

1 OFFICER R. R. THOMPSON,  
2 having been first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

3 DIRECT EXAMINATION  
4

5 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

6 Q Will you state your full name, please?

7 A Robert Raymond Thompson.

8 Q And your occupation?

9 A Police officer.

10 Q What are your duties in the police department, Mr.  
11 Thompson?

12 A Patrolman, walking a beat.

13 Q Could you give the committee a brief description of  
14 the beat that you cover?

15 A Well, practically everything in the south end. And my  
16 beat is more or less a relief beat. And for the last  
17 several months it has been strike duty in the station.  
18 I haven't been down at all. When I am there, I may be  
19 working anywhere from Yesler Way on out to Spokane  
20 Street.

21 Q When did you cover any beat down in that district?

22 A Any beat?

23 Q Yes.

24 A I believe I was there one day or two days on the latter  
25 part of last month or the first of this. And as I re-  
26 call it, I had from Yesler Way to Spokane Street, from  
27 Fourth Avenue to Ninth Avenue. That's, I believe, four  
28 beats in there.

29 Q You covered that, you think, for two days, approximately?

30 A No, I don't know, I may have been on there two days, I

1 may have been on there one day. I believe there was a  
2 couple of days that I was on maybe three or four at  
3 that time.

4 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: From the first of June, we  
5 will say, until July the 8th, did you only spend about  
6 one day on that beat, or down in that section?

7 A I don't recall if I was down there at all at  
8 that time. I believe I have been on strike duty ever  
9 since.

10 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Could you tell the committee  
11 whether or not there is any understanding or arrange-  
12 ment between officers or anyone on the force that when  
13 a man covers a beat on relief duty he is not to cover  
14 the thing as thoroughly as he would if he were on regu-  
15 lar duty?

16 A There is not.

17 Q So if you were on relief duty, it would be your assign-  
18 ment to investigate any suspicious places?

19 A Yes.

20 Q As though it were your regular duty?

21 A Yes, sir.

22 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: I think that will be all, Mr.  
23 Thompson.

24  
25 (WITNESS EXCUSED)  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30

1 OFFICER F. O. ROBBINS,  
2 having been first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

3 DIRECT EXAMINATION

4  
5 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

6 Q Will you state your full name, please?

7 A Francis O. Robbins.

8 Q And your occupation?

9 A Police officer.

10 Q What are your duties, Mr. Robbins, what is your assign-  
11 ment?

12 A Well, I am police patrolman, patrol a beat.

13 Q And would you tell the committee what area you patrol?

14 A I cover from Jackson Street to Lane, from Fifth Avenue  
15 to Maynard. That's my regular beat, although at times  
16 I have to take other beats along with it, sometimes  
17 as high as three beats.

18 Q How recently have you covered that regular beat?

19 A Well I have been covering it -- I was on it yesterday,  
20 and I have been on it practically all the time this  
21 month.

22 Q You were on that beat practically all of June?

23 A Practically all of June.

24 Q And up to the present time?

25 A Yes.

26 Q Now, would you tell the committee briefly what the  
27 duties are of a patrolman covering a beat such as you  
28 cover, what do you occupy your time with?

29 A Well, I patrol the beat. If there are any complaints  
30 or any trouble, why, I take care of it.

- 1 Q Do you make any investigations on your own behalf, on  
2 your own initiative?
- 3 A Well, not so -- I wouldn't say that I go out, make  
4 very many investigations on my own initiative. I  
5 usually wait for complaints, or something of that sort.
- 6 Q You try the doors along there of places that are sup-  
7 posed to be closed to see if they are closed?
- 8 A I do at night, yes.
- 9 Q And when you find one that is open and people going up  
10 there at night in large crowds, do you ever walk up in  
11 there to see what is going on?
- 12 A Well, I -- some places I go into, some I do and some I  
13 don't, it all depends if --
- 14 Q Are there some places that you never go into?
- 15 A I wouldn't say that there is any place that I never go  
16 into if I am not called into it.
- 17 Q Well, I mean, are there any places along there that  
18 seem to be patronized heavily that you do not go into,  
19 say, at least once during the course of a month?
- 20 A Yes, there are places that I never go into.
- 21 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:
- 22 Q Have you ever been in 507 Maynard, Shanghai?
- 23 A I have been in there, not recently.
- 24 Q Not recently?
- 25 A Yes.
- 26 Q Within the last month and a half?
- 27 A I wouldn't say I have.
- 28 Q You haven't?
- 29 A No, I haven't.
- 30 Q Did you ever notice taxicab drivers and others gathered

1 around the entrance of that place, a well lighted place,  
2 with people going up there at all hours of the night?

3 A Well, I wouldn't say that I have noticed any particular,  
4 any more than the usual amount. There has always been  
5 some people going in and out of there.

6 Q Did you know there was a gambling place upstairs, a  
7 Chinese lottery?

8 A No, Sir; I did not.

9 Q And dice?

10 A No, sir.

11 Q Black-jack?

12 A No, sir.

13 Q You didn't know anything about that?

14 A No, sir.

15 Q It is on your beat?

16 A It is on my beat if it is 507 Maynard.

17 Q Would 657½ King be on your beat?

18 A Yes, it would. Wait a minute, I don't know --

19 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: That is between Fifth and Sixth  
20 Avenue, or between Sixth and Seventh.

21 A Between Sixth and Maynard, it is, yes. You see,  
22 I go as far as Maynard.

23 Q (By Councilman Lockwood) Did you ever have any reason  
24 to suspect that place, people going upstairs there,  
25 the Atlas Hotel, 656½ King?

26 A Atlas Hotel, that's not on my beat.

27 Q Oh, that is not your beat?

28 A No.

29 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: I have no further questions.

30 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Have you received any complaints

1 about any of those places around there that were not  
2 on your beat?

3 A No, sir; I haven't.

4  
5 BY COUNCILMAN LANGLE:

6 Q Are you aware, Officer, that some of these places that  
7 are operating illegally have what is known as a look-out?  
8 Would you know one if you saw one?

9 A Well, I don't know whether I would know one or not,  
10 whether I would recognize a look-out or not.

11 Q Well, in patrolling that particular district, don't you  
12 find occasionally some people hanging around that ap-  
13 parently haven't anything to do?

14 A Yes, we find quite a few fellows hanging around. They  
15 are on practically every street. I see the same faces  
16 night after night.

17 Q In certain doorways?

18 A Well, I -- those fellows that hang around usually hang  
19 around the same place most of the time.

20 Q Have you ever talked to any of those fellows?

21 A Well, I have talked with a good many different fellows  
22 down there on the beat, yes, not particularly.

23 Q Did you ever have a slight suspicion even that they  
24 might be a look-out for some gambling joint?

25 A I can't say that either.

26 Q You can't say that you did?

27 A No.

28  
29 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

30 Q Would you say that if -- you probably read according to

1 the papers that we have had testimony here from some  
2 ten or fifteen people who have gone into this place at  
3 507 Maynard day and night without any particular trouble--  
4 would you say that as an officer on the beat, that you  
5 were doing your duty and were efficient in not having  
6 investigated a gambling den of that character?

7 A Well, as the police officer, I usually work on com-  
8 plaints, and not having any complaints, I would say  
9 that I have been efficient in not calling in that place.  
10 I don't go into every place on my beat.

11 Q Are you told by your superiors to ignore certain places?

12 A No, sir.

13  
14 BY COUNCILMAN LANGLIE:

15 Q Now, as you go about on this beat of yours, are you act-  
16 ually out on the beat all the time, or do you stop in  
17 at some places?

18 A Well, I am out on the beat most of the time. I do  
19 stop in, you know, I have to eat.

20 Q How often do you check in at police headquarters?

21 A Once an hour.

22 Q Once an hour. You are on the beat eight hours?

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q And it is to get complaints that you call in at head-  
25 quarters, is it?

26 A Not necessarily. It all depends on the complaint. If  
27 it is anything I can handle alone, I handle it. If it  
28 isn't, why, I call in.

29 Q Frequently you get complaints from the people as you  
30 walk the beat, is that it?

1 A That's it.

2 Q Where do those complaints come from generally?

3 A Well, it is just usually a fight or drunk, or something  
4 of that sort, different kinds of complaints that come  
5 in.

6 Q Have any of those fights or any of those complaints  
7 ever come in from this address on Maynard Street that  
8 we have mentioned?

9 A No, sir.

10

11 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

12 Q What do you understand by the term "protection money,"  
13 what do you understand that to mean?

14 A Protection money?

15 Q Yes.

16 A I don't know anything about it myself.

17 Q Do you have any reason to believe that a place that is  
18 open widely, and people going in and out day and night,  
19 might be paying protection and have the privilege of  
20 running a gambling den?

21 A I couldn't say. Not knowing, I couldn't say.

22 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: I have no further questions.

23

24 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

25 Q Could you state whether or not during the last two or  
26 three months you have made any arrests, investigations  
27 or reports concerning any gambling places on your beat?

28 A The last how long?

29 Q Well, say two months.

30 A No, I haven't made any arrests.

1 Q How extensive is your beat, how many blocks does it  
2 cover?

3 A Why, I cover about three blocks each way -- yes, about  
4 three blocks each, square, it is about nine blocks  
5 square.

6 Q About nine blocks, eight hours every night?

7 A Yes.

8 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: What shift do you work?

9 A Afternoon, twelve to eight.

10 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: I think that will be all, Mr.  
11 Robbins.

12 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Mr. Chairman, may I ask this  
13 gentlemen one more question? Mr. Robbins, how long  
14 have you been on the force?

15 A Twelve years.

16 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Twelve years. How much of  
17 that time has been spent in the downtown area, approxi-  
18 mately?

19 A Well, all but about a year and a half.

20 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: All but about a year and a  
21 half. That is all.

22 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: When were you assigned to that  
23 particular beat?

24 A June, 1934.

25 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: About June 4th?

26 A June, 1934, the first of June.

27  
28  
29 (WITNESS EXCUSED)  
30

1 OFFICER CHARLES ANSHUS,

2 having been first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

3 DIRECT EXAMINATION

4  
5 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

6 Q Will you state your full name, please?

7 A Charles Anshus.

8 Q And your occupation?

9 A Patrolman.

10 Q Would you tell the committee what your assignment is as  
11 patrolman?

12 A On a beat.

13 Q What beat is it, what district do you patrol?

14 A It is the south side of Jackson and the north side of  
15 Weller, the east side of Maynard and the west side of  
16 Ninth Avenue.

17 Q How long have you been on this beat?

18 A Since August, 1934.

19 Q Let's see, you say the south side of Jackson Street to  
20 the --

21 A North side of Weller.

22 Q North side of Weller?

23 A Or Lanerather, Lane.

24 Q And the east side of Maynard to the --

25 A East side of Maynard to the west side of Ninth Avenue.

26 Q What are your duties as patrolman on that beat?

27 A Patrol the streets.

28 Q You are this beat fairly regularly?

29 A Yes, every day.

30 Q And have you been on it during most of June and up till

1 now in July?

2 A I was on it about half of June, and I was on it all of  
3 July.

4 Q Now, would 656 $\frac{1}{2}$  King Street be on your beat?

5 A Yes, sir.

6 Q Tell the committee what you know about this place.

7 A I don't know a thing about it.

8 Q Do you know where it is?

9 A 656 King Street would be the back door to the Atlas  
10 Hotel.

11 Q Have you ever seen that sign lit up there, 656 $\frac{1}{2}$ ?

12 A Well, 656 $\frac{1}{2}$  is a different place.

13 Q Well, that is what I am referring to, 656 $\frac{1}{2}$  King Street.

14 A That would be upstairs.

15 Q Yes. How do you know it is upstairs, have you been up  
16 there?

17 A Well -- no, I haven't. The halves are usually upstairs.

18 Q They are?

19 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: It is a neon sign, is it?

20 A No, I haven't seen no neon sign, not to my  
21 knowledge, a neon sign.

22 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: You are the officer on that  
23 beat and you haven't seen a neon sign at 656 $\frac{1}{2}$  King?

24 A No, I haven't.

25 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Boy, that beats me.

26 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Have you ever received a complaint  
27 as to that place?

28 A No, sir.

29 Q Have you ever noticed the crowds going in there at night  
30 or in the daytime?

1 A I have seen a few, yes.

2 Q Is it not your duty as an officer on the beat to investi-  
3 gate a place of that nature?

4 A I understand there is a state law here, and as a lawyer,  
5 you should know we haven't a right to go in without a  
6 search warrant.

7 Q If it is a place where the public is admitted? Wouldn't  
8 you have the right, Mr. Anshus, to walk into a grocery  
9 store without a search warrant?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q Or a drug store?

12 A Yes, but if it is upstairs, it is a different propo-  
13 sition.

14 Q If it were an upstairs grocery store, you could go up?

15 A If I knew it was a grocery store.

16 Q You could go up, couldn't you?

17 A Yes, I guess I could.

18 Q If you found the door was open and the general public  
19 was invited, you could go up, couldn't you?

20 A I have never been invited up there.

21 Q If the place is open, isn't that an invitation to the  
22 public to come up?

23 A I have never seen large crowds go up there.

24 Q But you have never taken the trouble to go up there and  
25 find out?

26 A I usually walk my beat.

27 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Are you told to stay away?

28 A No, I am not.

29 BY COUNCILMAN LANGLIE:

30 Q Where do you get this training in state law that you

1 speak of, the knowledge of the law of not being able to  
2 enter ordinary places without search warrants, what  
3 police school, or where have you acquired this knowledge?

4 A Well, I had a little experience. I was on the squad at  
5 one time, and I paid for a door that I kicked in.

6 Q You were on the vice squad at one time?

7 A Yes, sir.

8 Q When?

9 A Under Mayor Edwards.

10 Q Who else was in that squad?

11 A Lieutenant Joe Crawford, Morrisson, Evengest, Ivan  
12 Miller, Magnini.

13  
14 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

15 Q Now, if you went up to a door there, say, 856<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> King,  
16 and you pushed against it and opened it and saw a lot  
17 of people there, you wouldn't say that you were running  
18 any risk of not having a search warrant, would you?

19 A You understand this Chinese beat is a different beat  
20 from any other part of the city. And nearly every place  
21 where there is a Chinese merchant, he lives in the back  
22 there, or one of his folks lives in the back. And  
23 really, I don't try no doors on that beat.

24 Q Well, if you saw a place where people were parking  
25 their cars and going up there, even if there weren't  
26 tremendous crowds, you would know that wasn't a resi-  
27 dence, wouldn't you -- white people?

28 A Well, I see a lot of white people, I often see a lot of  
29 white people come down there and associate with Chinamen,  
30 visit with them, party with them.

1 Q And you wouldn't want to take the risk of going up there  
2 and seeing whether or not the door was open, and if it  
3 was closed, whether or not it was locked?

4 A Well, I had no occasion to, I had no occasion to even  
5 suspect anything.

6 Q If you walked up the head of the stairs there, and saw  
7 a peek-hole by the door, would you say there was any  
8 reason to be suspicious of the place?

9 A Yes, if I seen a peek-hole.

10 Q Do you think it would be dangerous for you as a police  
11 officer, or likely to result in civil liability, if you  
12 should walk up half-way upstairs to see if there was a  
13 peek-hole?

14 A No.

15 Q Have you ever done that?

16 A No, not at that place, no.

17 Q At what places have you done that?

18 A I don't remember.

19 Q Have you done that at any places within the last two  
20 months?

21 A No, I have not.

22 Q Have you made any arrest, investigation or report  
23 during the last two months?

24 A No, I have not.

25 Q How extensive is your beat, how much does it cover?

26 A It covers about nine, ten blocks.

27 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Is the Sky-Hi on your beat?

28 A Sky-Hi, yes.

29 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: That is on your beat?

30 A Yes.

1 Q (By Chairman Hamley) What is the number of that?  
2 A I think it is about 511 $\frac{1}{2}$ .  
3 Q That goes downstairs, doesn't it, instead of up?  
4 A 511 $\frac{1}{2}$  is upstairs, ain't it?  
5 Q Well, if you walked by, you can look up and see the  
6 number, you can see that the stairs go down, so that  
7 the theory that the halves all go up isn't correct?  
8 A The downstairs is the old Bucket of Blood.  
9 Q Is that what it used to be?  
10 A That's what it used to be, the old Bucket of Blood.  
11 Q And they were closed up, were they?  
12 A Yes.  
13 Q And how long ago did it become the Sky-Hi?  
14 A I don't know.  
15 Q And since it has, you have never investigated it?  
16 A No, I have not.  
17 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: You don't realize that there  
18 is a Chinese gambling den downstairs?  
19 A No, I have never seen no gambling going on in  
20 there. I never was in there.  
21 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Never was in there?  
22 A No, sir.  
23 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: Did you ever see any look-outs  
24 out in front as you walked by?  
25 A No, not look-outs. I have seen Chinamen stand-  
26 ing outside, you see that everywhere. You see Chinamen,  
27 Filipinos, white folks, everybody standing on the streets  
28 there.  
29 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: But nobody goes in and out?  
30 A I have seen people going in and out, yes.

1 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: How long have you been on the  
2 police force?

3 A Oh, about twenty years.

4 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Twenty years. How much of the  
5 time has been spent downtown at the headquarters pre-  
6 cinct?

7 A Pretty near all of that time, all but twenty-  
8 seven months.

9 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: All but twenty-seven months?

10 A All but twenty months, twenty some months.

11  
12 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE:

13 Q What is the biggest business house down on your beat  
14 there, where the most business is transacted?

15 A Well, there ain't none real big. They are all small  
16 merchants, or live there.

17 Q Well, there must be one of them that does a little  
18 more business than the rest, and you are walking the  
19 beat all the time, can't you give us some idea what  
20 place does the most business?

21 A No, I have never looked over their books, or have any  
22 idea.

23 Q I am speaking about the amount of traffic that goes in  
24 and out of the place.

25 A Well, that's pretty hard to say. I imagine that the  
26 Kiang Nam Cafe does as much business as anybody.

27 Q Kiang Nam Cafe?

28 A And the Chinese Gardens.

29 Q I see. Have you noticed any particular volume of  
30 business at the Sky-Hi, or at this other address that

1 we mentioned?

2 A No, I have not.

3  
4 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

5 Q Have you ever been in the Chinese Gardens?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Have you ever been in the Kiang Nam Cafe?

8 A Yes.

9 Q How recently?

10 A Oh, about two months since I was in the Chinese Gardens.

11 Q Do you go in once in a while?

12 A Not very often, no.

13 Q But you have never been in the Sky-Hi, or 656 $\frac{1}{2}$  King?

14 A No.

15 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: How do you explain that you  
16 have gone in some places but have never gone in others?

17 A Well, the Chinese Gardens is a cafe, got a dance  
18 license. Kiang Nam is a cafe. I go up there and eat  
19 that Chinese food once in a while, and a lot of other  
20 white people come down and eat that Chinese food.

21  
22 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE:

23 Q How late do they dance at the Chinese Gardens?

24 A To one o'clock.

25 Q What time is a police officer supposed to stop dancing  
26 in this town?

27 A At one o'clock.

28 Q Where did you get that information?

29 A Well, it has been general knowledge for years.

30 Q You didn't have any instructions from the police

1 department, they haven't told you that 12:30 is the  
2 time that the ordinance provides dancing should cease,  
3 have they?

4 A Well, the Chinese Gardens I don't believe dances after  
5 12:30, but they feed after 12:30, and they might feed  
6 up till even three or four o'clock if they have parties  
7 there.

8 Q Then they do stop dancing at 12:30?

9 A Well, I have never paid any particular attention to it,  
10 because I have never worried a great deal about it.

11  
12 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

13 Q If you were told that we have testimony here and it can  
14 be proved that gas station operators and housewives and  
15 university professors, students, attorneys, and a good  
16 cross-section of our community had walked into the Sky-  
17 Hi, the Shanghai at 507 Maynard, the Atlas Hotel at 656  
18 King, without any trouble, that as they just walked  
19 along the street they would see crowds going in here,  
20 and they would walk on up to see what was going on, and  
21 they found gambling dens there, and you a police officer  
22 that had been on the beat downtown twenty years, most  
23 of the time, had never suspected or had any cause to go  
24 into those places, wouldn't you think that possibly  
25 you hadn't been performing your duties as a police  
26 officer?

27 A I think I did.

28 Q You think you hadn't?

29 A That I did, because you could start a game pretty near  
30 anywhere, in this back chamber, and unless someone came

1 to you and informed you and complained, you wouldn't  
2 know. As a matter of fact, a crap game in the back  
3 room here.

4 Q Oh, of course, that is possible. But these are wide  
5 open places with neon signs, canvass coverings, taxi  
6 drivers that take you home, cigars when you go upstairs;  
7 you didn't know anything about it, did you?

8 A No, sir.

9  
10 BY COUNCILMAN LANGLEIE:

11 Q The only time you act as an officer is when you receive  
12 a complaint?

13 A Yes, sir.

14 Q The only time you actually do anything in discharge of  
15 your duties outside of walking your beat is when some-  
16 one complains to you?

17 A Yes, sir.

18  
19 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

20 Q Did you ever notice 606 Seventh Avenue South? That would  
21 be on your beat would it not?

22 A 606?

23 Q It has a sign "Dainty Rooms."

24 A Yes, I have noticed the sign, yes.

25 Q Have you ever noticed the big board fence just north of  
26 that?

27 A Yes.

28 Q Did you notice the red lights that are always in the  
29 windows there, the shades up at two or three o'clock  
30 in the morning?

1 A Well, I see them in Capitol Hill and out in Laurelhurst,  
2 so I don't pay no attention to that.

3 Q Out in Capitol Hill and In Laurelhurst, have you ever  
4 heard people opening windows at two or three o'clock in  
5 the morning and hollering across the street, "Hello,  
6 darling, come in."?

7 A I have never seen that.

8 Q You have never heard that down there?

9 A No, sir.

10 Q How is your hearing Mr. Anchus?

11 A Well, it is very good.

12 Q 612½ Seventh Avenue South, there is nothing going on  
13 down there, as far as you know?

14 A No, sir.

15  
16 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

17 Q Well, I think it must be that you are getting old, you  
18 can't hear and you can't see.

19 A Well, I am old.

20 Q You can't see a neon sign, and you can't hear girls  
21 when they say, "Come on in boys, we have three nice  
22 young ladies for you"?

23 A Well, they never called me, nor called anybody in my  
24 presence.

25 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Well, I guess you haven't  
26 been around, you have only been down there twenty years.

27  
28 ( WITNESS EXCUSED )  
29  
30

1 OFFICER JOHN C.W. BLACK,  
2 having been first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

3 DIRECT EXAMINATION

4  
5 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

6 Q Will you state your full name, please?

7 A John C.W. Black.

8 Q And your occupation?

9 A Patrolman.

10 Q And what are your duties as patrolman?

11 A Well, patrol work, work on the beat.

12 Q And where is the beat located?

13 A The last three months I have covered from Pike Street  
14 to Yesler Way on First Avenue, Post Street for the  
15 same distance, and the alley between First and Second.

16 Q How long have you been on this beat?

17 A Since the fourth day of June, 1934.

18 Q How long have you been a police officer, Mr. Black?

19 A About sixteen years.

20 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: How much of that time on  
21 the downtown headquarters beat?

22 A All of it.

23 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: All downtown.

24 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Now, Mr. Black, what are your  
25 duties as police officer in that district?

26 A Well, to keep peace and order, watch my safes, watch  
27 my stores, jewelry stores.

28 Q Do you try all doors to see if they are locked?

29 A Yes.

30 Q And do you ever go in any places that seem to be open

1 to the public, to see what is going on?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Have you gone into any such places during the last two  
4 months and found anything amiss going on that you have  
5 taken any action on, made a report, investigation or  
6 arrest?

7 A No.

8 Q Things seemed to be in pretty good condition during  
9 the last two months?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

12  
13 Q Have you ever noticed anything suspicious about the  
14 place at 1210 $\frac{1}{2}$ --1st Avenue?

15 A 1210 $\frac{1}{2}$ ?

16 Q Between the Ray Rooms and key shop, an open stairway  
17 with a light at the head of the stairs?

18 A Yes, when I worked the night shift, I turned in a  
19 report on that, and the report was taken care of by  
20 the State. There was three arrasts made there in a  
21 period of about, oh, I think six weeks.

22 Q How long ago was that?

23 A If I remember right, that was in April, the latter  
24 part of March, or the first of April.

25 Q That was a speakeasy, wasn't it?

26 A That's what I understood.

27 Q Well, of course, they wouldn't be operating--your beat  
28 is up until 8 o'clock in the evening?

29 A Well, we change shifts every three months. I work  
30 three months, nights, and three months days.

1 Q I mean in the last couple of months, you wouldn't--

2 A I have been on the day shift.

3 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Would number 2003<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>--1st Avenue  
4 be on your beat?

5 A No.

6 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: That is above your beat?

7 A That is above Pike Street; yes, sir.

8 Q (By Councilman Lockwood) How about the Ray Rooms,  
9 have you ever had any reasons to suspect that place  
10 as being a house of prostitution?

11 A No, sir.

12 Q Have you ever gone up inside the place?

13 A No, sir.

14 Q You don't know whether it is actually a hotel or not,  
15 then?

16 A Well, it says the "Ray Rooms." It is my idea that it  
17 was a rooming house or hotel.

18 Q Have you ever had reason to suspect a house that just  
19 said "Rooms" on it, or "Ray Rooms," with a Neon sign?

20 A No.

21 COUNCILMAN LANGLEE: The Paris Rooms is on your  
22 beat too, isn't it?

23 A No, that's North of Pike Street.

24 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: You know about where that is?

25 A Why, I pass it on the street car. I use the  
26 street car in going back and forth from home.

27 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Any further questions

28 BY COUNCILMAN LANGLEE:

29 Q You operate only, officer, when you get complaints, or  
30

1 do you try to seek out law violators?

2 A Why, to the best of my ability, I try to uncover things  
3 that I think should draw my attention.

4 Q These reports you turned in, did you turn those--on  
5 the speakeasies--did you turn those in at headquarters,  
6 or did you turn--

7 A (Interposing) I turned those in to Sergeant Chaffee.

8 Q You turned those in to Sergeant Chaffee?

9 A Sergeant Chaffee took it up with the State, and accom-  
10 panied them on the raid.

11 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

12  
13 Q Have you ever had any reason to suspect the place up  
14 above the Bartell Drug Store on Pike Street?

15 A No. There is a Greek Club there. I walked in and  
16 out, it always seemed orderly.

17 Q The massage parlor, I am referring to.

18 A No.

19 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Any further questions? I think  
20 that will be all, then, Mr. Black.

21 (WITNESS EXCUSED)  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30

1 FLOYD I. GREEN

2 having been first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

3 DIRECT EXAMINATION

4  
5 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

6 Q Will you state your full name, please?

7 A Floyd I. Green.

8 Q And your occupation?

9 A Patrolman.

10 Q And what are your duties as patrolman?

11 A Patrol the beat on Third Avenue from Pike Street to  
12 Madison Street, a half block West and a half block  
13 East.

14 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Will you repeat that, please?

15 A From Pike Street to Madison, and a half a  
16 block East and a half a block West.

17 Q (By Chairman Hamley) That is to the alleys--

18 A Yes, sir.

19 Q (continuing)--on each side?

20 A Yes, sir.

21 Q That would be to the--your East boundary would be the  
22 alley between Third and Fourth?

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q And the West boundary would be the alley between  
25 Third and Second?

26 A Yes, sir.

27 Q Now, how long have you been on that beat?

28 A Fourth of June, 1934.

29 Q How long have you been a police officer?

30 A Five years the tenth day of this coming October.

- 1 Q How much of that time on downtown beats?
- 2 A About four and a half years.
- 3 Q Would Green's Cigar Store be on your beat?
- 4 A Yes, sir.
- 5 Q Have you ever gone in there to investigate, to see how
- 6 things are going in there?
- 7 A Why, I have been in there; yes, sir.
- 8 Q Have you been clear in the back rooms?
- 9 A No, sir.
- 10 Q For what reason?
- 11 A I haven't been all over the floor. I have gone to the
- 12 toilet there, and to the card rooms. It is a licensed
- 13 card room.
- 14 Q Have you ever noticed any gambling going on there?
- 15 A No, sir.
- 16 Q Have you ever heard tell of any gambling going on there?
- 17 A No, sir.
- 18 Q Have you ever noticed the blackboard with odds on it
- 19 during elections and things of that sort?
- 20 A No, sir.
- 21 Q Never noticed that?
- 22 A No, sir.
- 23 Q Have you ever received any complaint, either from any-
- 24 one yourself, or through the department, as to that
- 25 place?
- 26 A No, sir.
- 27 Q Well, would the Turf Club be on your beat?
- 28 A Yes, sir.
- 29 Q Have you been there?
- 30 A Yes, sir.

1 Q When were you there the last time?  
2 A Well, I was in there yesterday.  
3 Q Well, were you in there last week?  
4 A Yes, sir.  
5 Q Do you go in there about once a day?  
6 A Yes, sir.  
7 Q And what do you do in there?  
8 A Well, I go in there to go to the toilet.  
9 Q Have you ever noticed about fifteen feet before you  
10 come to the toilet, a door to your right leading into  
11 a room?  
12 A I think there is a door there, yes.  
13 Q Have you ever gone in there?  
14 A No, sir.  
15 Q Have you ever seen the man sitting on a stool outside  
16 there as you went through?  
17 A No, sir.  
18 Q Have you ever heard anybody inside that room?  
19 A No, sir.  
20 Q Have you ever heard any money there rattling?  
21 A No, sir.  
22 Q Never received any complaints as to that place?  
23 A Yes.  
24 Q From whom?  
25 A I don't know who he was, he wouldn't give me his name.  
26 Q Did you investigate it?  
27 A Well, I investigated as far as I could. He came out  
28 there and said there was gambling going on. I asked  
29 him if he had been in the game himself. He said he  
30 hadn't. I asked, "Did you see it?" He said he hadn't.

1 So I asked him what his name was, and he said he  
2 wouldn't tell me.

3 Q Then what did you do?

4 A I went back in there myself and looked around, I didn't  
5 see anything.

6 Q Did you go in immediately, in there?

7 A Not immediately. I was waiting for a ring there at  
8 the box. That's where he met me, at the box.

9 Q A ring, do you mean from police headquarters?

10 A No, he was standing at the corner next to the box.

11 Q You rang the police station?

12 A Yes, I rang the police station.

13 Q Then you went in there?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q And then you saw nothing there?

16 A Not to my knowledge.

17  
18 BY COUNCILMAN LANGLIE:

19 Q Did you ever go into this particular room?

20 A No, sir; I never have been in it.

21 Q Isn't that where this fellow told you gambling was  
22 going on?

23 A He said he didn't see it. I couldn't get in there in  
24 uniform.

25 Q He said he had been playing?

26 A He said he hadn't been playing. I asked him if he had  
27 been playing. He said he hadn't. I asked him if he  
28 saw it, he said he hadn't. I go in in uniform every  
29 day.  
30

1 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

2 Q But you don't go in in uniform every place?

3 A No, sir.

4 Q What is the reason you haven't?

5 A I have no right to go into the kitchen and places.

6 Q You are pretty well acquainted with the people there?

7 A No, sir; they are new people.

8 Q Do you suppose if you asked them to go in, they would  
9 object?

10 A I don't think so.

11 Q Do you think you would encounter any civil liability  
12 if you would go in?

13 A No, sir.

14 Q But you didn't?

15 A No, sir.

16  
17 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

18 Q Have you ever been instructed by your superiors to  
19 "lay off" the Turf?

20 A No, sir.

21 Q Is the saratoga, 1420 $\frac{1}{2}$ --4th Avenue, on your beat?

22 A No, sir.

23 Q Is Sahara on your beat?

24 A That's not on my beat.

25 Q Have you heard of it?

26 A Yes, sir.

27 Q Where is it?

28 A I think it is on Pike Street, between Fourth and Fifth,  
29 or Fifth and Sixth.

1 BY COUNCILMAN LANGLIE:

2 Q The Cecil Hotel, do you know where that place is?

3 A Yes.

4 Q What do you know about that place?

5 A I don't know anything about it.

6 Q You don't know anything about it?

7 A No, sir.

8 Q Have you ever suspected even remotely that that might  
9 be a house of prostitution?

10 A No, sir; never seen anybody going up there.

11 Q Have you ever gone part way up the hallway to see if  
12 that door at the top was barred?

13 A No, sir; I had no reason to go up the stairway.

14 Q You haven't?

15 A No, sir.

16  
17 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

18 Q Have you ever been in a hotel?

19 A Yes, sir.

20 Q Do they ordinarily have lobbies?

21 A Well, some of them do and some of them don't, I guess.

22 Q Well, do you know whether the Cecil Hotel has a lobby  
23 or not?

24 A No, sir; I have never been up there.

25 Q Never been inside the door at all?

26 A No, sir.

27 Q How about the Fern Hotel?

28 A Yes, sir. I have been called up there.

29 Q What were you called up there for?

30 A A couple of fights.

1 Q A regular hotel?

2 A A sailor hotel, not very many civilians patronize it.

3 Q How long ago was that?

4 A Well, I have been called up there maybe a couple of weeks  
5 ago.

6 Q Two weeks ago?

7 A Yes, sir; maybe less than that.

8 Q Have you had any reason to suspect that that was a  
9 house of prostitution?

10 A No, sir; no, sir; not any more than that some of the  
11 sailors go up there and register and take the girls  
12 up there afterwards. That's about the height of that.

13  
14 BY COUNCILMAN LANGLEIE:

15 Q Is there any solicitation by prostitutes on your beat  
16 at all?

17 A There has been some, yes.

18 Q Very much?

19 A No, sir.

20 Q Would it be asking too much of a police officer to  
21 ask him to walk into some of these hotel lobbies to  
22 see if some of these rooming houses or hotels really  
23 had lobbies?

24 A No, that can be done.

25 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Any further questions?

26 COUNCILMAN LANGLEIE: I wonder if it wouldn't be a  
27 good idea to have the officer, the next few days, try  
28 and get into this room up at Green's, see if you can  
29 get permission and go in. We might want to ask you  
30 about it later.

1 A All right.

2  
3 (WITNESS EXCUSED)  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30

1 OFFICER ARTHUR R. CHESTNUT,  
2 having been first duly sworn, testifies af follows:

3 DIRECT EXAMINATION  
4

5 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

6 Q Will you state your full name, please?

7 A Arthur R. Chestnut.

8 Q And your occupation?

9 A Patrolman.

10 Q And what are your duties as patrolman?

11 A Keep peace and order.

12 Q I mean to what particular duties are you assigned, to  
13 work on a beat?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q Where is the beat?

16 A Pike Street, First to Fourth Avenue.

17 Q And that doesn't extend to Pine or down to Union?

18 A After the middle of the block. To the middle of the  
19 block, on Second and Third Avenue, between Pike and  
20 Pine.

21 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: Is that both ways?

22 A Just north.

23 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: Just north.

24 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Let's see, would Fourteen --  
25 no, it wouldn't. How are conditions on your beat, have  
26 you noticed any gambling or speakeasies, or anything of  
27 that sort?

28 A No, sir.

29 Q Are conditions better there than they have been in the  
30 past?

1 A Well, it's always been the same since I have been there.  
2 Q How long have you been on that beat?  
3 A Since the first of January, 1935.  
4 Q How long have you been on the force?  
5 A Five years.  
6 Q How long have you been assigned to downtown beats?  
7 A About a year and a half.  
8  
9 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:  
10 Q Let's see, you go north on First Avenue?  
11 A No.  
12 Q You don't go north?  
13 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: Half a block.  
14 A On Second, not on First; on Second and Third.  
15 Q (By Councilman Lockwood) You go north on Second and  
16 Third a half a block?  
17 A A half a block.  
18 Q How about -- let's see, isn't the Owl Billiards on  
19 your beat?  
20 A Yes, sir.  
21 Q You are on night shift there sometimes are you?  
22 A I am on day shift now. I was on night shift previous  
23 to the first of June.  
24 Q Did you ever go up this Owl Billiards when you were on  
25 night shift, after midnight?  
26 A No, not after midnight.  
27 Q Did you ever notice people going up there?  
28 A Yes, I have seen people go up there.  
29 Q You have noticed that it is open?  
30 A Yes.

1 Q Do you know what the city ordinance is with regard to  
2 card rooms, what time they should close?

3 A Yes.

4 Q What is the time?

5 A One o'clock.

6 Q One o'clock. Have you ever noticed it open after one?

7 A No, the door hasn't been open.

8 Q Have you ever noticed light up there, people going  
9 up after one?

10 A I have never noticed any people going up, I have seen  
11 lights up there.

12 Q You have never gone up there to see if it was operating  
13 or not?

14 A No, there is a man up there working all night, a man,  
15 a janitor, working all night.

16 COUNCILMAN LANGLEIE: Have you ever had any reports  
17 that there is gambling going on up there?

18 A No, Sir.

19 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: I think you have a rather  
20 calm beat, according to your testimony.

21 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: I think that will be all, then,  
22 Mr. Chestnut.

23 (WITNESS EXCUSED)  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30

1 EARL R. PARKS,

2 having been first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

3 DIRECT EXAMINATION

4  
5 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

6 Q Will you state your full name please?

7 A Earl R. Parks.

8 Q And your occupation?

9 A Patrolman.

10 Q To what duties are you assigned as patrolman?

11 A What duties? I patrol a beat.

12 Q And where is the beat located?

13 A On Fourth Avenue from Union to Pine.

14 Q And that runs a half a block each way to west and east,  
15 does it?

16 A No, just west, after the alley between Second -- or be-  
17 tween Fourth and Third.

18 Q But you did cover all of the east side of Fourth Avenue?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Between Union and Pine?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Now, do you know this place, 1420<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Fourth Avenue,  
23 Saratoga?

24 A Yes, I know where the place is.

25 Q Have you been down there?

26 A I have been down there a couple of times, yes.

27 Q When were you down there the last time?

28 A Oh, about six weeks ago, I think.

29 Q Have you ever found anything wrong going on down there?

30 A No, sir; I haven't.

1 Q Have you noticed the lunch counter and cigar stand and  
2 card tables around to the right, there?  
3 A Yes, sir.  
4 Q And what has been going on to the left?  
5 A I never saw anybody on that side.  
6 Q Did you ever go around there to see if anything was  
7 going on?  
8 A I never have. I never saw anyone in there on that side  
9 at all.  
10 Q Have you ever received any complaints as to that  
11 place?  
12 A I have not.  
13 Q If you heard money rattling over there on that side when  
14 you were down in there, or saw people going in and out,  
15 would you investigate it to see what was going on?  
16 A I think I would.  
17 Q Would you say that was the duty of a police officer  
18 wherever he saw such suspicious circumstances to see  
19 what was going on?  
20 A I think it would be.  
21 Q So that if you were on a beat at the south end of the  
22 city, and you saw a place pretty well lighted up with  
23 an awning over the door, and people going in there at  
24 all hours of the night, and you had no knowledge that  
25 it was a licensed card room or restaurant, or anything  
26 of that sort, you would feel that it was your duty to  
27 see what was going on up there?  
28 A I understand that, as they say, people live in these  
29 places. I have worked in that country. It is a dif-  
30 ferent story.

1 Q Places with awnings over them, and lights, and people  
2 going in all the time?  
3 A I don't know about that.  
4 Q Well, would you as a police officer investigate such a  
5 place?  
6 A I don't know as I would unless there was a complaint,  
7 unless I had some reason.  
8 Q But you have just stated, Officer, up here on Saratoga,  
9 if you saw people going in and out on the left side you  
10 would go in?  
11 A You said if there was money rattling.  
12 Q But you wouldn't go in unless you heard money rattling?  
13 A Well, I would have to have an idea that there was some-  
14 thing wrong.  
15 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Is "Jew Mike's" on your beat?  
16 A I understand that he is a partner in the  
17 Saratoga.  
18 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Oh, he is. Who is Jew Mike?  
19 A I don't know that, I understood that.  
20 Q Who is "Jew Mike?"  
21 A I don't know him.  
22 Q Well, you must know him.  
23 A I know him by reputation, is all.  
24 Q You never met him?  
25 A No, sir.  
26  
27 BY COUNCILMAN LANGLEY:  
28 Q What is his reputation?  
29 A Well, he operates a card room as far as I know.  
30 Q Rummy games, you mean?

1 A I couldn't tell you, I don't know.

2 Q Well, you know by reputation, you just know that he op-

3 erates card rooms generally?

4 A Yes, sir.

5 Q You don't know whether they are rummy games or poker

6 games?

7 A No, I don't know.

8 Q So his reputation, as far as you know, is that he op-

9 erates card rooms in Seattle?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q Has he a good reputation for operating card rooms?

12 A I couldn't say whether good or bad, I don't know.

13 I have never had any complaints about him.

14 Q You have never had any complaints about him?

15 A No, sir.

16 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Do you know where his other

17 location is?

18 A No, Sir.

19 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: How long have you been an of-

20 ficer?

21 A Nine years.

22 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: And how long have you been

23 downtown?

24 A All the time.

25 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: How long have you been on this

26 beat?

27 A Since --

28 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: June 4th, 1934?

29 A Yes, yes.

30 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: Where was your beat prior to

1 that?

2 A I was working relief on the second squad.

3 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: Where?

4 A From Yesler Way to Pike Street, Fourth Avenue  
5 to the waterfront.

6 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: June 4th, 1934, that would be  
7 the time the city administration changed?

8 A Yes, sir.

9 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Have you any further questions?  
10

11 BY COUNCILMAN LANGLIE:

12 Q During the time you have been on this beat, how many  
13 people have you arrested for gambling, or anything like  
14 that?

15 A None at all for gambling.

16 Q Have you arrested anyone for -- any women -- for  
17 soliciting?

18 A No, no, I haven't.

19 Q What particular arrests have you made?

20 A Drunkenness, disorderly.

21 Q Drunkenness and disorderly?

22 A Yes, I think that that is all I have.

23 Q Where did these drunks come from?

24 A I don't know. They just appear on the street.

25 Q They just rise right up out of the ground?

26 A Evidently.

27 Q Did you ever try to find out where they get their  
28 liquor?

29 A Well, as far as I know, it is -- I have taken bottles  
30 off of them, and it was all state liquor store liquor,

1 so I suppose it was all right to get drunk on it.

2 Q That's the only source of supply that you found that  
3 these drunks had, was from the state liquor store?

4 A As far as I know; yes, sir.

5  
6  
7 (WITNESS EXCUSED)  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30

1 WILLIAM H. STEEN,

2 having been first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

3 DIRECT EXAMINATION

4 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

5 Q Will you state your full name, please?

6 A William H. Steen.

7 Q And your occupation?

8 A Police sergeant.

9 Q And what are your duties as police sergeant?

10 A The duties as police sergeant?

11 Q What is your assignment?

12 A I have a district of men, four men.

13 Q Four men?

14 A Yes.

15 Q What patrol?

16 A Bay patrol.

17 Q And what district is that?

18 A South of Madison. East of Fourth Avenue to Yesler, east  
19 of Ninth Avenue to Spokane to the Lake.

20 Q Well, now, I don't quite understand this. What is the  
21 south boundary of that district?

22 A Spokane, Ninth Avenue, up Yesler to Ninth. South on  
23 Ninth and Spokane Street, and east.

24 Q And then what is your west boundary?

25 A Ninth Avenue is my west boundary.

26 Q Oh.

27 A South of Yesler, and east of Fourth Avenue.

28 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Let's see, Spokane is your  
29 south, Ninth is the west. What is it -- Madison? --  
30

1 A Madison.

2 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Madison is the north?

3 A Yes, sir.

4 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: And what is the east?

5 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: The lake.

6 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: The lake?

7 A The lake.

8 Q (By Chairman Hamley) Then you would cover Ninth Avenue  
9 and Washington Street?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q What are your duties as sergeant?

12 A To maintain order, peace, enforce all the laws, see  
13 that the officers enforce them.

14 Q Are you out on the beat yourself?

15 A Well, I haven't been for two months, two months and a  
16 half.

17 Q You haven't?

18 A No.

19 Q For what reason?

20 A Strike duty.

21 Q Strike duty. And if it wasn't for that you would be  
22 out on the beat?

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q And just what additional duties does the sergeant have  
25 over that of patrolman?

26 A We are patrolmen's helpers, we help the patrolmen.

27 (Laughter)

28 Q Well, do you instruct them or tell them what their  
29 duties shall be, or how is that?

30 A Yes, that's right.

1 Q And what are their general instructions? Are they  
2 instructed to make any investigations on their own  
3 initiatives or not?

4 A Yes, sir; at all times.

5 Q Would you say a patrolman was a good officer who waited  
6 for complaints before making any investigation as to a  
7 house of prostitution, a gambling place or a speakeasy?

8 A Would you ask me that question again?

9 (The last question read.)

10 A Well, I think an officer should go ahead and perform  
11 his duties at all times, whether he had complaints or  
12 not.

13 Q Well, then, would it be your idea that an officer  
14 patrolling the Chinatown district down here, that saw a  
15 place running at two or three o'clock in the morning,  
16 with a bright light in front of it, and perhaps a neon  
17 sign, and maybe an awning over the door with white people  
18 of all classes and ages going in and out in considerable  
19 numbers --

20 A (Interposing) It is not unusual to see people go up and  
21 down stairs at any time or any place.

22 Q You wouldn't think it was the duty of the police officer  
23 to go up and see what was going on there, say, at two  
24 or three o'clock in the morning?

25 A No, I don't think so.

26 Q Even though it wasn't to his knowledge a restaurant or  
27 licensed dance place, or something of that sort?

28 A Well, I think an officer should know what is going on  
29 on his beat; yes, sir.

30 Q And to know what was going on on his beat, it would be

1 necessary, would it not, at least to walk upstairs and  
2 see what sort of an entrance there was?

3 A Myself, personally, I never have my policemen snoop  
4 around.

5 Q Would you call that snooping around, to walk up where  
6 the general public is walking in and out all the time?

7 A Yes, I would.

8 Q Is it not the case, officer, that in licensed dance  
9 halls, during proper hours when dances may run, officers  
10 frequently go in and out?

11 A After one o'clock?

12 Q No, during the hours they are entitled to run.

13 A Yes, sir.

14 Q Would you call that snooping around?

15 A No, sir.

16 Q It is part of their duties, isn't it?

17 A Yes, sir. Part of their duties.

18 Q And if it was operating after hours, it would be more  
19 their duty, wouldn't it?

20 A I think so.

21 Q And if it isn't a dance place, and has no explanation  
22 for their activity, would you say it was snooping to  
23 go up and look around?

24 A You are talking about a public place?

25 Q Yes, very public.

26 A It might be a private home.

27 Q No, I am talking about a three or four story building,  
28 a brick building with a stairway going up four or five  
29 wide, 656½ King Street, for instance.

30 A I don't know anything about 656½ King Street.

1 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: It was not in his district.

2 Q (By Chairman Hamley) I know, but I am just putting the  
3 case. This is a place where there is a bright light  
4 over the door, and a stairway goes up, it is pretty  
5 well lighted, and it is a store building two or three  
6 stories high, so it is apparently not a private resi-  
7 dence.

8 A Well, it may be a hotel, or Chinese club of some kind,  
9 I don't know.

10 Q You don't think --

11 A Well, I don't know.

12 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: You mean an athletic club, for  
13 instance?

14 A It might be an athletic club.

15 Q And you wouldn't say it was the duty of an officer to  
16 go in and even go half-way up the stairs to see whether  
17 or not there was a peek-hole up there?

18 A Oh, I think he should, yes.

19 Q If he saw a peek-hole, would you advise him to go a  
20 little further and see whether or not the door would  
21 push open?

22 A I would do that myself.

23 Q You would. You think that was the duty of an officer  
24 properly performing his function.

25  
26 BY COUNCILMAN LANGLIE

27 Q Then if the door wouldn't open, what would you do,  
28 sergeant?

29 A Call headquarters.

30 Q And then what would happen?

1 A I would get help.  
2 Q What?  
3 A I would get help.  
4 Q And would you break down the door?  
5 A Yes, sir. If I had any evidence that they were gambling  
6 on the inside, I would, yes, sure.  
7 Q Well, what do you mean by evidence, the barred door, and  
8 the circumstances of a look-out out in front, and people  
9 going in and out, would that be sufficient to warrant  
10 you to get --  
11 A (Interposing) A look-out?  
12 Q What is that?  
13 A What did you say about a look-out?  
14 Q If there were look-outs out in front of the place day  
15 in and day out, and people going in and out, and you  
16 found that there was a barred door at the head of the  
17 stairs, would that be sufficient to warrant you to get --  
18 A (Interposing) No, I don't think so.  
19 Q And find out what sort of people were going in and out?  
20 A No, sir.  
21 Q What kind of evidence would you require to get evidence  
22 to bash in the door?  
23 A I would find out from different fellows coming down  
24 stairs, I would try to find out what was going on there.  
25 I would try to get an informer in there if possible.  
26 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Do you think it would be  
27 possible to get an informer in any of these big gambling  
28 places?  
29 A I never did see a gambling place.  
30

1 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

2 Q In your experience, Officer, have you seen, is it cus-  
3 tomary to have a look-out --

4 A (Interposing) I have seen them in clubs.

5 Q In clubs?

6 A Yes.

7 COUNCILMAN LANGLEIE: What clubs?

8 A Not lately, years ago.

9 COUNCILMAN LANGLEIE: When were you in the Black and  
10 Tan?

11 A The last time I was in the Black and Tan I put  
12 Noodles in jail. The last time I was there, we arrested  
13 Noodles.

14 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Noodles, who is he?

15 A The owner of the place.

16 COUNCILMAN LANGLEIE: That was how many years ago?

17 A How many years ago?

18 COUNCILMAN LANGLEIE: Yes.

19 A About three months ago.

20  
21 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

22 Q What did you find inside there?

23 A We found liquor.

24 Q Did you go all through the place?

25 A Yes, sir.

26 Q Found no gambling?

27 A No.

28  
29 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

30 Q Would you be surprised if you were told that there were

1 two or three slot machines in there, that is, within  
2 the last month? We have witnesses here who have testi-  
3 fied to the fact that they, within the last month on  
4 various occasions, have found dice games going on there,  
5 and chuck-a-luck, black-jack, several slot machines,  
6 dancing as late as two and three o'clock in the morning,  
7 entertaining, with hard liquor being served at a bar, and  
8 draw poker in the side room. Those are some of the  
9 things I happen to recall.

10 A Well, I don't know why I should be, because I put them  
11 in jail three times for what you have been talking  
12 about, so I am not surprised.

13 Q I mean within the last month and a half.

14 A I haven't been on the beat the last month and a half.

15 Q Wasn't that your district, the Black and Tan?

16 A I worked daytime.

17 Q Aren't your men on the job?

18 A Well, my men haven't been --

19 Q (Interposing) What time of day are you talking about?

20 A It is locked up during the daytime. I have no pass keys,  
21 or anything of that kind.

22 Q I see. You don't cover -- your beat changes how often,  
23 every three months?

24 A Every three months.

25 Q Well, within the last three months, you have been on day  
26 shift all the time.

27 A I have been on day shift nearly five months.

28 Q Five months. Your men have all been on the day shift?

29 A Right with me.

30 Q When do they change?

1 A No, we stayed over, we stayed over day shifts.

2 Q You wouldn't have any information, then.

3

4 BY COUNCILMAN LANGLEIE:

5 Q How did you happen to make this arrest three months  
6 ago?

7 A Well, it is probably longer than that, maybe four  
8 months ago.

9 Q You have been on the day shift five months?

10 A I think it was January and February and March.

11 Q January, February and March.

12 A On three times.

13 Q Those were the times that you made the --

14 A (Interposing) Yes, sir.

CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: In view of those arrests that  
15 have been made there, would you say it was the duty of  
16 the officers on the beat to regularly go down in there  
17 and see what was going on?

18 A They have a club license, a State charter. They had  
19 two charters in that place, two State charters. A card  
20 room license, a bar license, they had all licenses.

21

22 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

23 Q What do you know about the King Rooms?

24 A Where is that located?

25 Q 1010 1/2 King.

26 A We made two arrests out of that place.

27 Q Recently?

28 A Well, not in -- since we have been on this shift we  
29 haven't, the other shift we did.

30

1 Q That has been four months ago?

2 A Four months ago, three or four months ago.

3 Q Did you know the place was still operating?

4 A Maybe it is a hotel, with a hotel license.

5 Q What were the arrests made for?

6 A Tapping on windows.

7 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Is that sufficient evidence to go  
8 in and make an arrest?

9 A I beg your pardon?

10 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Is that sufficient evidence to go  
11 in and make an arrest?

12 A Yes, I had the officer walk by in plain clothes.

13 COUNCILMAN LANGLIE: Were you able to get a con-  
14 viction on that arrest?

15 A Yes, they called him in, and he gave them the  
16 money and came out, and we put them in jail.

17

18 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

19 Q It wasn't necessary to commit the act?

20 A Pardon?

21 Q It wasn't necessary to commit the act to get the evidence?

22 A Well, we didn't that time. She forfeited.

23

24 BY COUNCILMAN LANGLIE:

25 Q Your men, you said it is their duty to know what is  
26 going on in their beats? Your men know what is going  
27 on in their beats, do they?

28 A Some of them do, some don't.

29 Q They use that knowledge to enforce all the laws, those  
30 that they do know?

1 A Pardon?

2 Q It is their duty to know what is going on in their beat.  
3 Do they use that knowledge to enforce the laws of their  
4 city?

5 A They do; yes, sir.

6 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: The reason I asked you the  
7 question I did there, the numbers of the vice squad  
8 intimated that they couldn't go into court and get a  
9 conviction on simply being solicited and going up and  
10 entering a room with a woman, that wasn't enough  
11 evidence. You haven't found that difficulty, from  
12 what you said?

13 A Well, they forfeited, they forfeited their bail.  
14 He went up and gave them the money, paid the money.  
15

16 BY COUNCILMAN LANGLEIE:

17 Q Under ordinary circumstances, you consider that sufficient  
18 to establish a charge in court?

19 A Some cases, yes.

20 Q In some cases. Why should it be different against one  
21 person than another?

22 A It depends on the location, and where you are at, and  
23 what kind of place, and what kind of reputation the  
24 house has beforehand, before we can --

25 Q In other words, reputation and type of person running  
26 it determines whether you have to produce more evidence  
27 to convict them than another person, is that is?

28 A That is correct.

29 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

30 Q How long have you been on the police force?

1 A April 1, 1907.

2 Q Since April 1, 1907?

3 A Yes, sir.

4 Q That is twenty-eight years?

5 A Fast; yes, sir.

6 Q Twenty-eight, twenty-nine years. How much of that time  
7 have you spent in the headquarters district?

8 A All but fifteen or eighteen months.

9 Q All but fifteen or eighteen months. You should know  
10 conditions downtown pretty well, then?

11 A Not too good.

12  
13 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

14 Q Just what do you mean by that?

15 A Well, I don't know. I know my district, that's all I  
16 know anything about.

17 Q Do you mean you should know conditions better, or that  
18 someone should know them better, or --

19 A Others should know them better.

20 Q How long have you been assigned to the particular squad  
21 you are now on and the district you cover, since June  
22 4, 1934?

23 A Correct.

24 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: I think that will be all, Sergeant.

25  
26 (WITNESS EXCUSED)  
27  
28  
29  
30

1 FRANK F. MILES,

2 having been first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

3 DIRECT EXAMINATION

4  
5 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

6 Q Will you state your full name, please?

7 A Frank F. Miles.

8 Q And your occupation?

9 A Student.

10 Q And your address?

11 A 2052-23rd Avenue North.

12 Q Now, Mr. Miles, this committee is interested in learn-  
13 ing any information you may have of your own knowledge  
14 as to vice, gambling or liquor conditions in the City  
15 of Seattle. If you have any such information, just give  
16 it to us in your own words.

17 A Well, I am taking Social Organization and Disorganiza-  
18 tion from Dr. Quinn at the University. And for this  
19 summer's term paper I wanted to study vice. And so I  
20 got a companion and tried to go around to the different  
21 places where I suspected gambling and prostitution,  
22 tried to find out in what places there were prostitutes,  
23 in order that I could make a map for the Ecological  
24 Study.

25 Q Would you just state, then, what you found on any such  
26 investigation or going around.

27 A I have notes here, if it is all right to refer to them.

28 Q Yes, and refresh your memory.

29 A I went in Green's Cigar Store. This is July the third.  
30 It is 1333-3rd Avenue.

1 Q That is July 3rd of this year?

2 A Yes, this summer. I went in there at eleven o'clock  
3 and came out eleven twenty.

4 Q That is at night?

5 A At night. I watched them playing cards in the rear of  
6 Green's Cigar Store, upstairs. Between 38 and 42  
7 were present, and two games were played. One was called  
8 pango, and the other was a kind of a bridge game.  
9 Chips were used, costing twenty-five cents apiece.  
10 And one fellow bought five dollar's worth of chips  
11 while I was there, and another one cashed in for \$8.50  
12 and left while I was there.

13 Q You mean he turned over chips to the house and they  
14 gave him eight dollars in cash?

15 A He left them on the table, yes, and said, "I am cash-  
16 ing in." There was a Southern European who was pro-  
17 prietor there, and this Southern European gave him the  
18 money, and he left.

19 Then I walked in the -- there is an inner room  
20 on the left side of the room, the card room, and I  
21 walked in there, and there was a dice game going on.  
22 And I left, as I said before, at eleven-twenty. I had  
23 to meet this friend of mine who was going around. He  
24 didn't get off work until eleven o'clock.

25 Then we went to what was called "Mike's," at  
26 1425 1/2 6th Avenue. It is upstairs. We were there from  
27 11:45 until 11:55, and there was a guard at the door,  
28 but he let us in. And we turned to the right, and  
29 there was a long hall with big rooms leading off from  
30 it. On the left there was a card game going on. We

1 didn't go in there. But on the right-hand side, there  
2 was another room in which they were playing chuck-a-  
3 luck and craps and twenty-one, that's black-jack. And  
4 there was another game there but it wasn't patronized,  
5 and I don't know the name of it. The usual bets,  
6 single bets, for craps were between twenty-five cents  
7 and a dollar. Sometimes they would leave it on the  
8 table, and in that way it would become doubled. And  
9 for chuck-a-luck it was generally five cents or else  
10 twenty-five cents for each bet.

11 And then we -- from 12:05 to 12:20 A.M., which  
12 would make it Thursday, July 4th, we went to 1420 $\frac{1}{2}$  -  
13 4th Avenue. That is downstairs. I believe it is called  
14 the Saratoga. You go down the stairs, and double back  
15 to the left, and there is a small room, and the guard  
16 let us in there. And there again they were playing  
17 chuck-a-luck, craps and black-jack, and there was no  
18 evident limit to the betting, although generally it  
19 was about twenty-five cents. I saw one man win about  
20 \$6 on one throw at craps. And from 30 to 35 persons  
21 were playing, including 3 women. Black-jack, as usual,  
22 was poorly patronized. And my companion knew one of the  
23 players who had just been cleaned out. The operator of  
24 the above places are all white.

25 We went to the Owl Card Room, at 1510 $\frac{1}{2}$  - 3rd  
26 Avenue, and we found no evidence of gambling there  
27 whatsoever.

28 Q (By Chairman Hamley) What time of night was that?

29 A I didn't take the time on that.

30 Q Do you recollect about what time it was?

1 A We went directly there from the Saratoga, and so it  
2 would be about 12:25 A.M.,

3 And then from -- this is July 4th, and from 12:35  
4 until 3:30 A.M., we visited houses of prostitution.  
5 First we went along First Avenue. And the first house  
6 was called the Camp, 1925 $\frac{1}{2}$  - 1st Avenue. And there  
7 was a stout negress who let us in, and we saw six girls,  
8 and two sailors passed the door of the parlor, and one  
9 girl was called out. The proprietress who wasn't the  
10 negress, said she was called out for that sailor. The  
11 girls were of a higher type here. And they became pro-  
12 gressively cheaper as we went north on First Avenue.  
13 And the furniture consisted of an overstuffed set and  
14 two less comfortable pieces. This was also better there  
15 than in other places. We obtained no card from there,  
16 but from the following places we obtained cards.

17 The Model Rooms was the next one we visited, that  
18 was 2312 $\frac{1}{2}$  - 1st Avenue. There we saw five girls.

19 Q Were you solicited for prostitution at these various  
20 places?

21 A Yes, in all of them. The procedure would be to show  
22 us into a parlor. And then they would -- first they  
23 would bring in two girls, and we would indicate our  
24 disapproval of those. And then they would bring in  
25 others. Generally there were only two girls in a room,  
26 but at times there were four, and sometimes five or six.  
27 And they would try to get us to go into their particular  
28 bedrooms. And the way we got out of that was to say  
29 that we would shop around and see, they probably would  
30 be there when we came back, so there was no hurry.

1 Let's see, then, there is the Ruth Hotel, 2325 $\frac{1}{2}$   
2 1st Avenue. And a girl let us in and talked to us in  
3 the hall until a customer left. Whereupon we were let  
4 into a small parlor, one of two that I saw. No girls  
5 were shown to us until we got up to leave, and then  
6 two others came in, and the later a third. They were  
7 less busy here than they were in other houses.

8 Then, the Rose Rooms, which were second in order  
9 of visitation, at 2003 $\frac{1}{2}$  - 1st Avenue. The girls were  
10 rather younger here. One was quite young and very  
11 pretty. There was a joke on the back of their <sup>card</sup> business.

12 Q (By Chairman Hamley) You have those cards with you?

13 A I will see. I am not sure whether I have or not. No,  
14 I haven't. I have them filed at home, they are avail-  
15 able.

16 We saw seven or eight girls who seemed well above  
17 the average girl on the street in both personality and  
18 intelligence. It seems I wondered that such girls  
19 should be forced to lead a life like that.

20 Then we went to the Dixie Rooms at First and  
21 Blanchard. The door there is bolted before and after  
22 entrance. There is a bolt on it. Here one girl pro-  
23 positioned us, and another one took a drink. And  
24 throughout the night we offered the girls a drink from  
25 a flask we had, and not one of them took it. But  
26 they all smoked cigarettes. And the girl propositioned  
27 us. That is, she wanted to know how much we would pay  
28 when we indicated our displeasure, and as though, if  
29 she reduced the price that perhaps we would stay. We  
30 saw only three girls here, and the proprietress. And

1 on their business cards they had "Friends easily made."

2 Q Did any of these girls tell you what the price was?

3 A Two dollars in all the places except for this one ex-  
4 ception.

5 And we doubled back then, and at 1525 $\frac{1}{2}$  - 1st  
6 Avenue, there was the Paris. And we met only one girl  
7 here besides the Madame, and the negress porter. The  
8 girl's name was Joyce.

9 At that time we had missed the last car home,  
10 and so we decided to just visit one or two more on the  
11 way home, which is just over Capitol Hill.

12 At 1616 $\frac{1}{2}$  - 7th Avenue is the Hotel Lux. This  
13 place, they said, was the best place in town. They said  
14 they were all clean there. As we entered the place,  
15 while still on the outside, a Nordic came down. He  
16 said there was a very fine girl there. He recommended  
17 one called Jean. The girls seemed to be more of a  
18 poised type, one had been a clerk, and the other was  
19 quite intelligent as a conversationalist. We stalled  
20 off asking for Jean, and when Jean appeared, she was  
21 rather plump, so we decided we didn't want her. So  
22 they presented us with eight business cards as we left,  
23 and told us to give them to our friends. Other places  
24 are very careful not to let guests embarrass each other  
25 as they leave the place, but we saw a sailor as we were  
26 leaving here. They claimed they closed at 5:30 at  
27 this place.

28 Q You mean 5:30 in the morning?

29 A 5:30 in the morning. And at the Palm Rooms, 1015 $\frac{1}{2}$   
30 Pike Street -- I had heard of this place before, I was

1 in the National Guards, and the fellows down there  
2 talked quite a bit of these places, and this was one  
3 of them. The other places have closed doors which either  
4 have small peek-holes or else curtained windows, but  
5 in this place you walk into a large chamber-hall from  
6 which the rooms lead directly. And one girl met us  
7 here, and we went into a room, and she was the only  
8 one who talked to us until we got up to leave. And  
9 then another one was brought in. And as we left, still  
10 a third came out into the hall, and she gave us a card  
11 with her name on it. Her name was Mary. And while we  
12 were here, there was a disturbance in the hall. This  
13 was the only very bad disturbance throughout the eve-  
14 ning. And one of the fellows had been in the room  
15 with a girl for <sup>a</sup> half an hour, and he couldn't come to  
16 a climax, and the Madame kicked him out.

17 Q That covers the places?

18 A I believe that's all.

19 Q Now, did you notice in those various houses you were  
20 in red lights outside by the windows?

21 A No, I saw no red lights. As a rule, however, they have  
22 neon signs out in front.

23 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Have you any questions?

24 COUNCILMAN LANGLEY: Yes. Sergeant Peek here had  
25 one question he would like to ask the man.

26 BY SERGEANT PEEK:

27 Q You mentioned the place called Green's Cigar Store on  
28 3rd and Union?

29 A Yes.

30 Q You say that you went in there and you saw men cashing

1 checks in there?

2 A No, not cashing checks, chips.

3 Q Chips, the same thing.

4 A Yes.

5 Q You also looked through a door and saw a crap game?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Now, let's assume you were a proprietor of that sort  
8 of a place, and cashed those checks, would you cash  
9 those checks while a police officer was there?

10 A No.

11 Q Would you conduct a crap game while a police officer  
12 was there?

13 A No.

14 Q How would you expect to get testimony in places of that  
15 kind?

16 A Policemen in plain clothes.

17  
18 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: Let us ask you this. The  
19 vice squad contend they are well-known. Now, we brought  
20 in thirty-five, I think altogether we have about thirty-  
21 five different witnesses, including three councilmen and  
22 one councilwoman, whose pictures are in the papers almost  
23 daily during the campaigns and other times, or in quite  
24 frequently at least, and these councilmen have been able  
25 to walk in without any disguise or any false whiskers,  
26 they didn't have any difficulty at all.

27 SERGEANT FEEK: (Interposing) I might tell you --

28 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: So we know, at least I do,  
29 that if the police department used plain clothes people,  
30 they wouldn't have any difficulty at all in getting into

1 some of these places.

2 SERGEANT FEEK: Mr. Lockwood, if you were a member  
3 of the underworld, you might call it an illegitimate  
4 living, you would make it a business not to know the  
5 council but the police officers in the district you  
6 were working, regardless of plain clothes or in uniform,  
7 that's to protect --

8 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Perhaps after this they might  
9 make it a business to know the councilmen too.

10 SERGEANT FEEK: That would be a good idea.

11  
12  
13 (WITNESS EXCUSED)  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30

1 CAPTAIN L. S. NORTON,

2 having been first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

3  
4 DIRECT EXAMINATION

5 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

6 Q Will you state your full name, please?

7 A L. S. Norton.

8 Q And your occupation?

9 A Police Captain.

10 Q What are your duties, in just a few words, as Police  
11 Captain?

12 A Well, I am assigned at the present time to one of the  
13 patrols. They are divided into first, second, and  
14 third patrol. I am on duty and have charge at head-  
15 quarters of that patrol. That includes all the sergeants,  
16 patrolmen and prowler cars out in the district.

17 Q The first patrol, you say?

18 A I am on the first patrol now. I go to work four in  
19 the morning and till noon.

20 Q You say you have charge of all sergeants and patrolmen  
21 working out of headquarters during that period?

22 A Yes, sir.

23 Q Just what are your duties, being in charge of them?

24 A Well, we have a sheet, a patrol sheet, that is made out.  
25 That is about the first thing. We have the beats  
26 listed on there. And I make out that sheet every day,  
27 covering any beats that are not covered owing to sick-  
28 ness or a man being off or on special duty, like strike  
29 duty, or something. The sheet is made out every day.  
30 The men are assigned to the beats. I call the roll and

1 send the men out on the beats. Then I remain in the  
2 office and take care of any business that comes in  
3 there.

4 Q Do you, yourself, instruct your sergeants or the officers  
5 what their duties are, just what they are to occupy  
6 themselves with while they are out on the beat?

7 A Well, the instructions are not given daily, but it is a  
8 general thing that they are to patrol their beat and to  
9 know pretty well what is going on there. Their chief  
10 duty is the protection of life, property, and the pre-  
11 ventation of crime, that is their duty.

12  
13 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

14 Q Would you call open gambling and vice of various kinds --  
15 prostitution, liquor violations -- crime?

16 A Yes, if it is open -- or even if it isn't open, under  
17 any conditions -- it is crime, you know.

18 Q Did you happen to know anything about, or at any time,  
19 about the conditions going on in the last, oh, we will  
20 say a month and a half, at 310 Washington, 656 1/2 King,  
21 507 Maynard?

22 A No, I did not.

23 Q Sky-Hi? You didn't know about any of those?

24 A No, sir.

25  
26 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

27 Q Would you say that if, as the testimony has shown here,  
28 these places that have been mentioned are running wide  
29 open at all hours of the night, with people walking in  
30 and out at will, and look-outs at the doors and peek-holes

1 up by the entrances, would you say that the patrolmen  
2 on the beat should know that, know what is going on?

3 A Well, not necessarily. He should if someone made a  
4 complaint to him. The officers are pretty busy on the  
5 street. We have lots of trouble on the streets to look  
6 out for. We have lots of hold-ups, burglaries, and  
7 strong-arm men working around, drunks, and driving,  
8 reckless drivers. An officer's main duty is to keep  
9 out on the street pretty well where he can be reached  
10 if necessary.

11 Q Do you think that the closing of most of these wide  
12 open gambling places might have any tendency to decrease  
13 the amount of criminals that were on the street?

14 A I don't know how that would affect it.

15 Q (By Chairman Hamley) What is your opinion as to the  
16 effect of those places on younger people, such as boys  
17 and girls of high school age, would you say that it  
18 tended to breed crime?

19 A Oh, I don't think it would be a good thing for anything  
20 like that to operate where young folks or anyone could  
21 get into it. They might lose some money and then try  
22 to get it back some other way.

23 Q When a complaint comes to headquarters as to a gambling  
24 or some other vice condition in your district, what  
25 happens to that complaint?

26 A Well, if I were to receive the complaint about a place,  
27 the first thing I would try to do is to find out who is  
28 making the complaint, and try to make them come to  
29 headquarters, so I would know. We get so many anonymous  
30 calls, and when you look them up, there is nothing to

1 them. If I could find out who is making the complaint,  
2 before one o'clock in the morning on the night shift,  
3 I would try to get hold of special detail men in plain  
4 clothes, and turn it over to them with orders to in-  
5 vestigate it. If not, I get hold of the sergeant or  
6 man on the beat and give him the complaint.

7  
8 BY COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD:

9 Q You are quite familiar, Captain, aren't you, with vice  
10 conditions and the general conditions in the downtown <sup>area</sup> <sub>A</sub>  
11 since June 4 of this year and prior to June 4?

12 A Well, I worked in Georgetown from June 4 to December.  
13 Then I came back to headquarters in December. And I  
14 worked there since. I know generally from hearsay  
15 about conditions.

16 Q Would you say that conditions are better or worse since  
17 June 4, 1934 than prior to that time?

18 A Well, I don't see much difference in them.

19 Q You think that vice and gambling and such conditions  
20 are, generally speaking, about the same as prior to  
21 that time?

22 A Yes, we always -- as you know, I was Chief under Dore  
23 for two years, and we got numerous complaints, we  
24 would investigate them. And complaints came, we have  
25 always had them, we have had numerous bootlegging,  
26 gambling and other complaints.

27 Q We have had testimony here, Mr. Hamley and I kept --  
28 another party kept count at 310 Washington Street a  
29 week ago Saturday night, we counted 39 people going  
30 in 310 Washington, in that gambling place down there,

1 39 people in 5 minutes. Do you think that is something  
2 not exactly ordinary, or what do you think is the  
3 situation there?

4 A I don't know just exactly what the set-up is on the  
5 place you say. I only know when I got complaints dur-  
6 ing the three months prior to March, I was on night  
7 shift, I never had a complaint about gambling on that  
8 place come to my office at all. I did have complaints  
9 on slot machines, that I turned over to men on the  
10 special detail. One in particular I remember, Third  
11 and Seneca. We went up there and got the slot machine.  
12 But there were no complaints came to me in the office --  
13

14 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

15 Q The slot machine conditions are pretty well under con-  
16 trol now, are they not?

17 A Why, I don't know that they are any different now. The  
18 slot machines are things that will break out on you.  
19 you make a drive on them and try to get them out, and  
20 they seem to get the word around on you, and they dis-  
21 appear, you can't find them. I know the special detail  
22 under Sergeant Chaffee had men in plain clothes go out  
23 and cover the district, and they couldn't find any slot  
24 machines. There are some of the larger clubs, I believe,  
25 that have them in there, that police officers don't go  
26 into.  
27

28 (WITNESS EXCUSED)

29  
30 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Now, I would like the patrolman

1 that covers 310 Washington Street. I don't know who  
2 that would be.

3 A PERSON: He is sick.

4 A PERSON: Isn't he sick?

5 A PERSON: He is P. L. Whalen.

6 A PERSON: Yes, he is sick with blood-poisoning, up  
7 at the Virginia Mason Hospital.

8 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: When he is sick, doesn't any-  
9 one cover the beat?

10 CHIEF KIRTLEY: You asked yesterday for the ones  
11 covering regularly. This afternoon you will have the  
12 officer on the relief shift.

13 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Then can we have the police officer  
14 that covers the block of Dearborn on the south and Lane  
15 Street on the north, and between Maynard and Seventh  
16 Avenue South?

1 OFFICER W. J. THOMAS,  
2 having been first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

3 DIRECT EXAMINATION

4  
5 BY CHAIRMAN HAMLEY:

6 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: We had him on the stand.

7 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: You may be excused, then.

8 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: How long have you been on  
9 the force? I didn't get that.

10 A Fifteen years.

11 COUNCILMAN LOCKWOOD: How much of that was downtown?

12 A Probably eleven or twelve.  
13  
14

15 Q (By Chairman Hamley) I understood that the north side  
16 of Lane Street was your boundary?

17 A It is.

18 Q Well, who covers the south side of Lane Street?

19 A Of Lane, you say?

20 Q Yes.

21 A I cover the south side. The north side is my north  
22 boundary. I cover the south side of Lane street.

23 Q Oh, well --

24 A And from there on down to Spokane Street, from Fifth  
25 Avenue to Ninth Avenue.

26 CHAIRMAN HAMLEY: Wel, then, you may be excused,  
27 then. I misunderstood that.  
28

29 (WITNESS EXCUSED)  
30