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Organized Crime Is A Very Big Business

Georgia law students sat dumb-founded as Ralph Salerno described the enormous profits grossed each year by organized crime in the U.S. One conservative estimate of the organized crime yearly gross for only illegal gambling is twenty billion dollars. Then, to point out the enormity of this figure, Mr. Salerno described what \$1,000,000,000.00 looks like-- a stack of one thousand dollar bills reaching to a height 240 feet above the uppermost obelisk point of the Washington Monument. What was most alarming about this revelation was that \$2,000,000,000.00 of the money grossed by organized crime in illegal gambling is utilized to corrupt political figures "on every level of government."

In attempting to define the term "organized crime", he stated that a team of bank robbers, although possessing a division of labor, did not constitute "organized crime." Nor do three pick-pockets working on a single "mark" constitute such a combine. For his definition, Mr. Salerno chose the statement of the 1965 crime conference of New York State University--organized crime is "a self-perpetuating, continuing criminal conspiracy" which possesses immunity from the law, seeks power and uses fear and corruption.

This definition says nothing about national heritage or religion.

Organized crime is "not a gang or series of gangs," but is self-perpetuating in the same way as governmental institutions or bus-

iness organizations. Unlike the Jesse James or John Dellinger gangs, organized crime does not end when the kingpin is killed.

Characterized as a "continuing criminal conspiracy", the inception of organized crime as an American institution was traced to the beginning of Prohibition. The twenties served as the "proving grounds" for organized crime. The flaunting violations of the Federal statutes on the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages demonstrated that organized crime is not in any fictional underworld but takes place in the full view of society. By the end of the Prohibition era the larger and more powerful criminal combines had solidified into infamous syndicates.

All of organized crime is based on one precept--there exists a sizeable segment of the U.S. population who will purchase illegal goods. During Prohibition twenty-five per cent of the federal prohibition agents were either charged with or dismissed for improper performance of duty. Today, Mr. Salerno charged, we are repeating all the mistakes of Prohibition in our attempts to outlaw gambling.

With the end of Prohibition, organized crime then moved into the labor movement in the thirties. Both labor and management have served to abet this criminal activity--management by buying "labor peace" and labor by allowing the intrusion of criminals into

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Tom Jones
Advance Sheet Editor

Dear Editor:

I write to you concerning a matter of the upmost importance to all unmarried students at the University of Georgia School of Law. Namely, the crying need on the part of myself and my fellow lawyers-in-training for female companionship. Before arriving at Lumpkin Law, I was given no warning that entering law school was so closely akin to joining a monastic order; and, because I was not so forewarned, I take this opportunity to denounce this veritable wasteland of feminity. Yes, Mr. Lumpkin, your prestigious law school is little more than a dating ghetto.

Why are there so few eligible young ladies in our halls? If discriminatory practices exist in the admissions procedures, then I warn you misogynists, the U.S. Attorney General will hear of this. However, I do not for a minute truly question the integrity of Lumpkin admission standards. No, the problem is we do not make a conscientious effort to recruit qualified women law students -- fashion models, airline stewardesses, beauty queens, college cheerleaders, and other similar hotbeds of latent lawyer material. Therefore, it is up to the Admissions Office to ferret out the little girls and get them up here. Perhaps to encourage the young ladies to attend, the faculty course evaluation committee could devise a group of Feminist Studies, so that the ladies will be able to maintain their ethnocentricity and, thus, not sacrifice their principles in dealing with "honkified" males. If the administration refuses to meet the demand for a program of Feminist Studies, then the student

body could burn the building to the ground or perform some other lackadaisical college prank.

Or, the University might publish a directory of Good Phone Numbers for Lonely Lumpkin Law Students; each listing would receive a rating based on a ten point scale, so that it would not be a completely grab bag affair. These ratings could be established and maintained by a non-partisian committee of third year students. Thus, this directory would list all the young ladies already present and would not entail a massive recruitment program, as would be necessary to enroll more lady law students. Besides, "law students genuinely enjoy dating undergrad home ec majors." Nevertheless, it will be necessary to keep close tabs on all ladies listed in the directory in the event that a rating should require re-evaluation. For example, a coed's rating would drop 1 - 3 points with each new ten pounds she gained, that is assuming there was no concurrent increase in height to offset this corporate expansion of existing assets.

A final proposal would be one in which your publication could directly assist. That is, the publication of advertisements by young ladies desiring to meet studious, clean and highly motivated law students. The printing of pictures in the Advance Sheet would be all the more desirable if this new classified section were instituted.

This is a vibrant issue, so let's all work on it!

With hope for the
future,

J. Keats Horne

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 their organizations.

World War II brought with it the lucrative OPA (Office of Price Administration) racket. Scarce OPA stamps redeemable for those commodities in short supply were commanded by the businessmen-criminals and sold at highly profitable rates to patriotic citizens. Directly after the War organized crime also moved into the field of real estate development. The Sixties witnessed the movement of crime into the stock market. Last year Wall Street lost thirty-seven million dollars worth of securities. This latest venture is being carried out by the "same men and essentially the same organism put together forty years ago."

Until 1966 the federal government had not deemed organized crime a problem serious enough to warrant a federal task force. That year the government of the wealthiest nation of all time appropriated the shockingly skimpy sum of \$30,000 for the task force commission. This was the same year that this

same government spent ten times as much money studying the sex life of the rehsus monkey as it did studying organized crime. A paltry allowance to investigate the "most successful subversive organization that has ever existed in this country." Mr. Salerno also pointed out that Cosa Nostra has never been penetrated from the outside.

He warned that organized crime is "seeking political power." To show how this aim might be accomplished Mr. Salerno cited the financial resources of organized crime. With all the profits made only in illegal gambling since 1951 and invested at a five per cent annual return, organized crime could buy every share of stock in America's ten largest corporations, including each and every share of American Telegraph and Telephone, the world's largest legitimate business corporation. Nonetheless, organized crime does not desire ultimate political control, only enough political influence to

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The Coach Redeye Show

Well, sportsfans, it finally happened. The Legal Eagles were beaten by the Alpha Psi Dump Trucks 51-34. I'm so upset that a description of the disastrous spectacle will make me cry. In fact, I've sunk to such a dark gloom of despair that I'm considering transferring to Emory. Now I know how the Florida fans felt that rainy day two years ago. In other words, I feel like hell and, after writing this article, I will proceed to go on a three day drunk to drown my sorrows. Thus, summing up my feelings on the disaster, I'll try to depict the slaughter accurately though it pains me a great deal.

The Dump Trucks jumped off to a ten point lead before "The Stilt" Crenshaw hit for the Eagles. Jimmie "Poo" Humes took over "Night Crawler's" position at guard to give some added ball control. It

might be noted that Jimmie "Poo" or "Old Baldy" as his fans call him, raised his average from a blistering 2.0 to 2.3 points per game. "Baby Face" Wotton and "Boom-a-Rang" Willis handled the other guard position as they alternated, because neither was in very good shape.

"The Snake" Holliday and "Stretch" Morris were outstanding on the boards, but miserable shots. This is the plague of the Eagles according to "Baby Face," since the team hit an exceptional ten per cent from the field. Along with this per centage was the outstanding blasting of a new-comer "Back Door" Brown. "Back Door" was not accepted on waivers because his asking price was too high. However, "Baby Face" did pick him up as a free agent for ten cents in cash and a six-pack of Blatz Beer.

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protect their profits -- a grim consolation. Mr. Salerno stated that organized crime has "penetrated government on its highest level." The beginning of a black and Spanish-speaking Mafia in many American cities is also in evidence, although they are "not as thoroughly organized as the old white gangs yet." Newark, Buffalo, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Detroit were cited as sites of Black Mafia activity.

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