

WASHINGTON REPORT

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16th District—Pennsylvania



One of the most significant results tallied on the poll I recently circulated in the 16th District indicated your concern with the problem of organized crime. 93% of the people who responded to the questionnaire felt that organized crime demands priority attention by the U.S. Justice Department.

The job of fighting the massive criminal underworld is difficult to say the very least. It is a task that requires perseverance and must be carried out on many fronts. The kingpins of crime are deeply entrenched in our society.

La Cosa Nostra, the most powerful underworld organization thrives and enriches itself with billions of dollars gained illegally from gambling, vice, extortion and narcotics. It will continue to do so until we begin to use every means available to weed out, prosecute and convict the racketeers and, most importantly, the bosses who run crime operations.

In the past ten years, over 250 members of the Cosa Nostra have been indicted or convicted. This has not even dented the armor of the organization. The crime bosses still rule the 24 Mafia "families" scattered across the country.

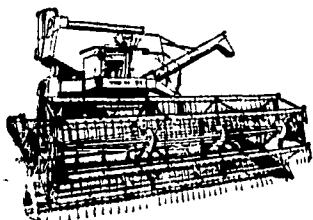
It has been shown time and again that crime syndicates cannot exist without the protection provided by corrupt public officials. Therefore, it seems basic to any war against the underworld to go after the public officials and law enforcement officers who have been shielding racketeers. This is one of the initial moves that the Justice Department is reported to have undertaken.

The President has offered three principle suggestions to combat organized crime, one of which is to make bribery or cor-

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Steers Fed Oak Sawdust For Hay In Trials

Oak sawdust is a successful substitute for ground hay in making up finishing rations for beef cattle, it was reported July 7 during North Atlantic section meetings of the American Society of Animal Science at the University of Delaware.

The reports came from The Pennsylvania State University where feedlot performance of steers fed course or fine sawdust did not differ from steers fed ground hay as roughage.

Rations with 5 per cent sawdust appeared to be as efficient as those using 15 per cent sawdust, reported Farouk F. El-Sabban, graduate assistant in animal nutrition at Penn State. Fibrous materials are normally this per-

centage in finishing rations for beef cattle, with grains predominant. The percentages of usable meat from each carcass, extent of marbling, and U.S.D.A. grade were similar for steers fed sawdust and those fed ground hay roughage, El-Sabban pointed out. He indicated several experiments at Penn State are analyzing inexpensive waste products as substitutes for hay.

No undesirable physiological effects resulted from using sawdust in the rations. There was no significant difference between steers fed sawdust and those fed ground hay in ratio of red blood cells to volume of whole blood, white blood cell count, and percentages of hemoglobin, calcium, phosphorus, and magnesium.

Thirty Hereford steers, averaging 774 pounds each, were used in a 103 day feeding trial. The steers were fed all they would eat.

Cooperating on the Penn State experiment were E. R. Baumgardt, D. C. Kradel, Hans Rothembacher, and T. A. Long.

Initially, each steer received an injection of one million inter-

Mites Active

Mites seem quite active on spruce trees and some broadleaf evergreens such as azaleas. Dry hot weather favors their build-up. Property owners are reminded of the need of several sprays using cygon, kelthane, or tedion. In the past week we have noticed several plantings of spruce trees that were infected; the needles on the interior part of the tree turn a rusty brown and fall off. Azalea leaves will also appear to be a rust brown. If uncontrolled, these mites will ruin a large percentage of the leaves or needles. Several sprays at weekly intervals will be required. These same materials will control red spiders or mites on any other type shrub or tree.

national units of vitamin A, was implanted with 30 milligrams of diethylstilbestrol, and was treated with 1.32 pounds of thibenzole. All rations were supplemented with vitamins that furnished 2,200 international units of vitamin A, 4,400 units of vitamin D, and 275 units of vitamin E per 2.2 pounds of feed.

If enacted, these measures would represent a major attack on Mafia activities. However, there are some other efforts, more minor to be sure, that I believe might also prove helpful in curbing organized crime.

A bill that I introduced several weeks ago might provide a significant tool for Federal authorities to use against the underworld chieftains. The legislation would require commercial transportation companies to keep valid records of what passengers they carry and further would make it a federal offense to falsely identify one's self for those records. Such a provision in the law would provide another means of apprehending the criminal

who uses public transportation in his interstate crime activities and who is more likely than anyone to use a false name when traveling. I made doubly sure, by checking with Constitutional lawyers, that nothing in my legislation would affect the rightful freedom of movement for law-abiding citizens.

We must make national priority out of the aim to break up the Mafia. It is a disgrace to have crime syndicates continuously thumbing their noses at our laws.



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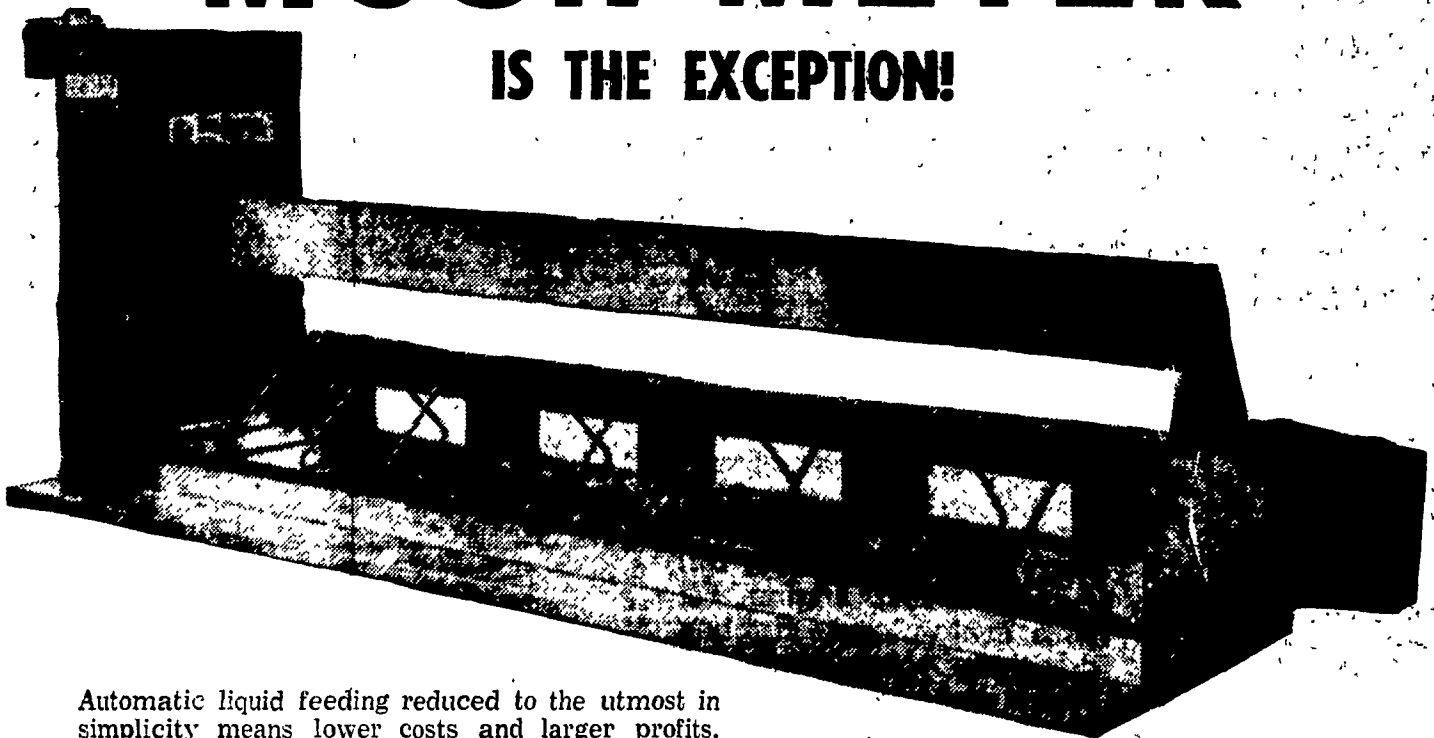
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