

Ex-Head of Schenley Industries Is Linked to Crime 'Consortium'

By NICHOLAS GAGE

A Congressional investigator testified yesterday that Lewis Rosenstiel, the former chairman of Schenley Industries, was part of a "consortium" with underworld figures that bought liquor in Canada during Prohibition and sold it illegally in the United States.

The witness, James P. Kelly, chief investigator for the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee of the House of Representatives, said the consortium bought the liquor from Samuel Bronfman, the founder of Seagram Distillers.

Mr. Kelly, who appeared as a witness before the State Joint Legislative Committee on Crime, said the other men in the consortium were Meyer Lansky, the reputed organized crime leader; Joseph Fusco, an associate of Al Capone, the late Chicago gangster, and Joseph Linsey, a Boston man Mr. Kelly identified as a convicted bootlegger.

The hearing, conducted at 14 Vesey Street, was part of an investigation by the state committee into organized crime and its impact on legitimate business and the courts.

Mr. Kelly said in his testimony that the liquor that was smuggled from Canada by the consortium was sold throughout the United States. Linsey handled distribution in New England and Fusco concentrated on the Chicago area, he said.

After Prohibition, Mr. Rosenstiel developed Schenley Industries into one of the major distilleries in the country, Mr. Kelly said, and Linsey and Fusco set up companies in Bos-

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tickets to unload refuse in city dumps.

Mr. Ruskin deplored the fact that his department did not have the power to grant immunity from prosecution. He indicated that some reluctant witnesses had displayed a willingness to talk if granted immunity.

In a memorandum in support of a bill before the State Legislative Committee on Codes to grant his department power to grant immunity, Mr. Ruskin pointed out:

"There have been numerous occasions when immunity granted to a key witness would have substantially aided the Department of Investigation in its inquiries. In each instance, the witness involved was in a position to incriminate others in the scheme under investigation, but refused to do so because of the danger of incriminating himself."

Immunity Issue Not New

Several times in the past bills have been introduced in the Legislature to give the City Investigation Department immunity-granting powers. But they have died in committee, usually as the result of opposition from prosecutors.

In the amendment to the general city law before the Code Committee, Mr. Ruskin's office would have to give local prosecutors and the State Attorney General 72 hours' notice so they could, if they wished, object to the granting of immunity to a witness.

The District Attorneys have the power to grant immunity. Mr. Ruskin noted that in the past the question of immunity

Puerto Rican Students Occupy C.C.N.Y. Offices for 6 Hours

By C. GERALD FRASER

Puerto Rican students at City College occupied offices of the romance languages department yesterday for six hours to underscore their demands "that our problems be immediately considered."

The sit-in by 40 to 60 students, members of the Puerto Rican Student Union, ended at about 3:30 P.M. after Dr. Robert E. Marshak, president of the college, and Oscar Chevarria, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, spoke at length to the students.

Later yesterday, a spokesman for the administration said individuals who "could be identified as having participated in the action" would be disciplined. The union—an organization existing in many colleges and a few high schools in the city—is asking, essentially, that Puerto Ricans teach courses about Puerto Rico, its people and their social and literary history.

The students want to participate in the hiring of these Puerto Rican faculty members and in the design of Puerto Rican cultural courses. They also want more Puerto Rican students and counselors in the SEEK program—a prematriculation program and an investigation of the recent layoff of cafeteria workers.

A spokesman for the students,

who declined to identify herself, said that last November Dr. Marshak received a letter from the Puerto Rican Student Union "exposing the conditions of Puerto Rican studies and the existing discrimination against the Puerto Rican students, professors and workers at City College."

The student continued: "After several meetings with the administration we have come to realize that they never thought of seriously considering solutions to our problems."

Dr. Marshak, speaking to the students in the office of the romance languages department, said that "we are aware of the magnitude of your problems and the need for corrective steps" but that the demonstration was "a rash act, counterproductive for the entire campus."

He accused the Puerto Rican Student Union of not cooperating fully in presenting their grievances through regular channels.

Dr. Marshak did say on one point—the question of a Puerto Rican studies program—that he had recently received a report for a faculty member who had been asked to prepare a plan. The first student demand is for a Puerto Rican studies department.

had arisen at crucial stages of investigations by his department. To avail himself of the power given to a District Attorney, Mr. Ruskin said he would have had to abort his investigation and turn it over to a local prosecutor.

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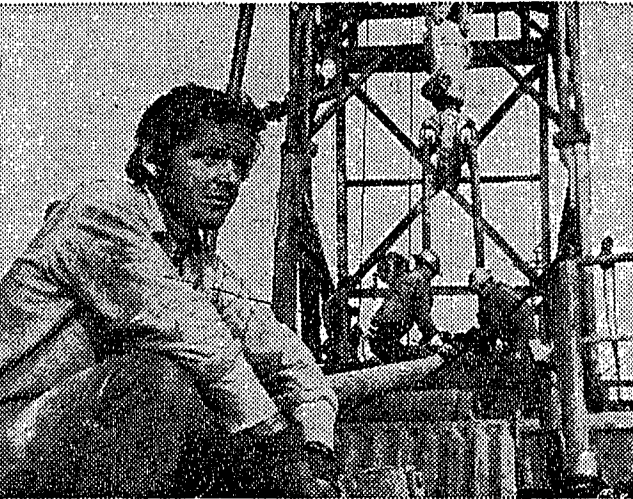
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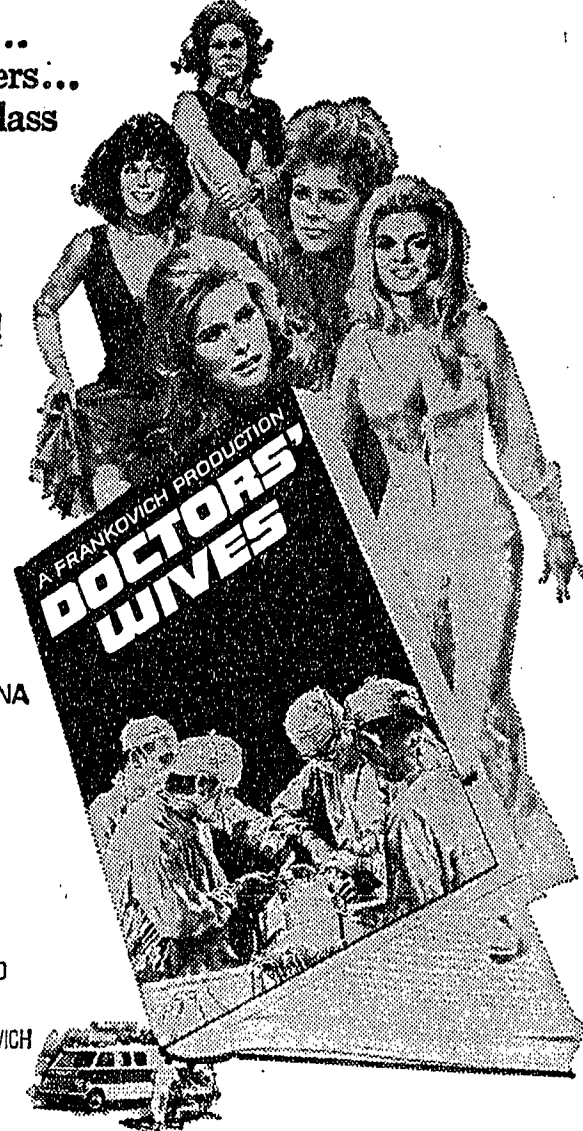
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