



Patrolman William R. Phillips testifying before the Knapp Commission investigating New York City police corruption.

## Crooked cops alarm few citizens

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It usually begins when a rookie cop eats a hamburger at a diner and the proprietor waves off his money, saying the burger is on the house.

The next step might be when a delivery truck parks illegally in front of a bar, and the owner slips the police officer a bottle of Scotch to overlook the brief violation.

Then money begins changing hands. A construction crew foreman hands over a \$5 bill and the cop doesn't notice the cement-mixer set up on the sidewalk. A driver runs through a traffic light, passes over a \$10 bill along with his license and the ticket doesn't get written. A crap game in the back of a garage gets to be a regular occurrence and the cop on the beat gets a small percentage of the pot.

**SO IT GOES.** No figure in American life is so constantly exposed to temptation as the police officer. The wonder, perhaps, is not that there are crooked cops, but that there are so many straight ones.

"A police officer doesn't necessarily have to go out to drum up graft," says New York City Police Commissioner Patrick Murphy. "People are

racing at him, trying to stuff money in his pockets."

Murphy's New York cops are presently under heavy fire from disclosures of the Knapp Commission, a blue-ribbon panel that has been investigating--and finding--police corruption for more than a year.

But the crooked cop is no New York invention and the chances are depressingly good that there is similar corruption in many of the nation's other police departments.

**CHICAGO HAS HAD** two major police scandals in the past decade and many local observers think the city is ripe for a third. "I would question how any kid can get off a plane in Chicago and in a matter of hours purchase any kind of drugs he wants on the streets," says William Reektenwald of Chicago's Better Government Association.

Illegal gambling with pinball machines is flourishing in much of Louisiana with a \$1.5 million annual gross, according to Attorney General John Mitchell. Two New Orleans police officers and District Attorney Jim Garrison have already been charged by the Federal government with protecting the pinball racket.

And in Boston, a high

law-enforcement official declares that "Corruption is just tremendous here. No matter how honest the cop is, he can't help getting pulled into the system where everyone gets money on the side."

**THE CORRUPTION IS** most prevalent for victimless crimes. In downtown Boston, where parking facilities are woefully inadequate, some businessmen pay some police \$45 per month to leave their cars in no-parking zones. And it is not unheard of for some police officers to go through entire buildings in the financial district once a month, collecting these "parking fees"; and the monthly take for some buildings goes as high as \$3,000.

Apologists for the cop-on-the-take say there's a difference between "dirty" and "clean" graft. "Dirty" usually involves narcotics; it can also mean that a police officer will actually work with thieves or will perjure himself in court testimony for a fee.

"Clean" graft is less easy to classify on a moral scale. It involves crime without an immediate victim--things like gambling and prostitution which many otherwise law-abiding citizens simply do not consider criminal.

**ONE OF THE** contributions of the Knapp Commission is breaking down the mythical barriers between clean and dirty graft. One witness after another has shown how the two interlock, how the uniformed cop who begins by taking \$2 a week to allow a Puerto Rican grocer to display his fruit and vegetables on the street ends up in the same moral box as the division commander whom the mob pays \$1,500 a month to allow gambling--and how closely akin are both to the corrupt plainclothes man on the narcotics squad.

"I never knew a plainclothes man yet who was in plainclothes for more than two months that was not on the

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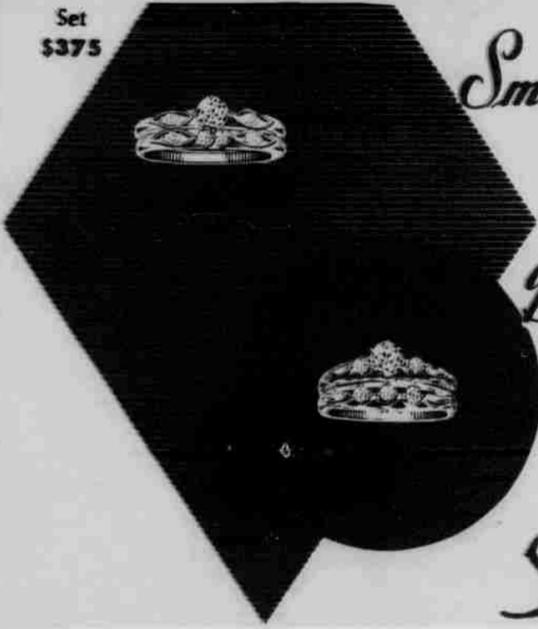
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