

Beaumont Racketeer Admits Paying Protection Money

By The Associated Press
BEAUMONT—An admitted former numbers racket operator told the House probers Wednesday and his partners paid an estimated \$252,000 in seven years for protection.

The witness was Russell I. Bond, gray and stocky man, who said he set up the numbers game in a Beaumont-Port Arthur area in

1939. Bond said that throughout the eighteen years he had a hand in the operation he never was arrested.

As his partners, he named the late Jack Giles, who died in a 1958 shooting fracas, H. R. Callender and Don L. Evans, Jr., all of Beaumont.

Bond said the partners regularly handed over the money with the understanding that it went for protection payoffs, but that he never knew who collected the cash.

Unsuccessful

The committee said it has sought unsuccessfully to subpoena Callender, Evans, and Giles' widow, Mrs. Thelma Giles.

Bond testified the money collected for payoffs averaged about

\$3,000 per month during the period 1950 through 1957. He said he had a falling out with his partners in 1957 and quit the numbers racket because the others wanted to rig the outcome each day.

In addition, Bond said the other partners proposed to stop paying a federal gambling tax. The witness said that associates now tell him that the numbers racket continues to operate in this vicinity. He called no names and gave no other details on the racket's current status.

Before Bond took the stand, 11 of 13 witnesses sought at least partial refuge behind the Fifth Amendment as the House committee began its hearings on alleged vice conditions in Jefferson County.

Jack Thompson, first of the Fifth Amendment parade, refused to answer 19 times on the grounds that he might incriminate himself. He refused to state his profession and declined to answer when he was asked, "How long have you owned the Pen-Yan Club?"

One of Series

Thompson was one of a series of witnesses who appeared before the committee which claims vice in entrenched in Port Arthur and Beaumont, with an annual take of \$2.5 million to \$3 million from gambling alone.

Walter Sekaly identified himself as owner of the Texas Club in Beaumont. Sekaly, 63, refused most questions, however, taking the Fifth seven times.

Earlier, a newspaper reporter told how he walked into the Jefferson County Court House in 1955 and found what he called "a sudden chill."

Agriculture Professor, Kunze, Awarded Faculty Fellowship

Otto R. Kunze, an associate professor in the Department of Agricultural Engineering, has been awarded the National Science Foundation's Science Faculty Fellowship.

The fellowship, an outright grant, is the first NSF grant to be made to a member of A&M's agricultural engineering teaching staff.

Selection of Science Faculty Fellows is based on their potential and demonstrated ability as teachers of science.

Kunze, a researcher as well as a teacher, has in the past been selected "Professor of the Month" by The Agriculturist magazine, was the subject of "Professor Profile" in The Engineer magazine, and has received the "Agricultural Faculty Award of Merit."

Teaching Concentration

In areas of teaching Kunze concentrates on farm electrification

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Western Regional Sheep Breeding Laboratory. He has occupied his present position at the National Agricultural Research Center at Beltsville, Md., since 1955.

Well-Traveled

Terrill has studied sheep breeding methods in Australia, New Zealand, Russia and in Scandinavian countries and Scotland. He is a member of the American Society of Animal Production, President, Western Section, 1951; Chairman, Committee on Research, 1950-52; Chairman, Monograph Committee, 1955-60; Editorial Board, 1954-57; and secretary-treasurer, 1960.

He is a member of the Genetics Society of America, American Association of Anatomists, American Institute of Biological Sciences and the American Association for Advancement of Science.

College Awarded Nine National Fellowships

A&M has been awarded nine National Defense, Title IV Fellowships, Dr. Wayne C. Hall, Dean of the Graduate School, has announced. These fellowships are in addition to nine awarded A&M in 1959 and 20 awarded in 1960.

Dr. Robert H. Bruce, Chief of the Graduate Fellowship Section, Division of Higher Education, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, notified Hall of the action by the agency. They are effective September, 1961, and are nine of only 1,500 awarded throughout the United States.

RIOTS ERUPT

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Roa asserted the diplomatic break "will precipitate the aggression."

Roa asked for the meeting last Saturday in a letter declaring that the United States was planning an attack on Cuba "within a few hours."

He had just started speaking Wednesday when six Cubans in the public gallery began shouting such things as "murderer," "liar" and "Communist." Guards hustled them out.

One of the demonstrators, Salvador Ferrer, told a reporter the protest was organized by the Cuban Revolutionary Front, an anti-Castro group of which he is secretary.

The Department of Physics received three fellowships; Plant Physiology, two; Oceanography and Meteorology, two, and Soil-Plant-Water Relationships, two.

Must Complete BA

"To be eligible for a fellowship," Hall says, "a student at the time he begins study, must have completed the baccalaureate degree or its equivalent and give promise of doing graduate work of distinction. He must be intending to enroll in a full-time course of study leading to the Ph.D. or equivalent degree and he must be acceptable to the Graduate School for admission.

"Normally, he may not have completed more than one-half year of study beyond the baccalaureate degree creditable toward the degree to be awarded upon successful completion of his course of study in the approved program.

"A few of the fellowships authorized for 1961 may be assigned to graduate students in their second or third year of graduate work," Hall points out.

Preference will be given applicants who are preparing to teach in institutions of higher education. Applications and nominations will be considered up to Mar. 1.

The stipends will be \$2,000 for the first year, \$2,200 for the second year and \$2,400 for the third year, plus \$400 for each dependent for each year.

Under the National Defense Act normal tuition and fees including out-of-state fees will be paid and in addition A&M can receive direct payment up to \$2,500 per year for each fellowship to defray the institutional expense of training the graduate students.

Under the fellowships students may be employed in teaching, research or similar activities up to one-fourth time during one of the three years of his fellowship or up to one-half time during one semester and he may receive payment for such work.

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Regalia For The January Commencement Exercise

All students who are candidates for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy are required to order hoods as well as the doctor's cap and gown. The hoods are to be left at the Registrar's Office no later than 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 17 (this will be accomplished by a representative of the College Exchange Store). The Ph.D. hoods will not be worn in the procession since all such candidates will be hooded on the stage as a part of the ceremonies. Candidates for the Master's Degree will wear the cap and gown; all civilian students who are candidates for the Bachelor's Degree will wear the appropriate uniform. All military personnel who are candidates for degrees, graduate or undergraduate, will wear the uniform only. Rental of caps and gowns may be arranged with the Exchange Store. Orders may be placed between 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 3 and 12:00 noon Saturday, January 14. The rental is as follows: Doctor's cap and gown \$5.25, Master's cap and gown \$4.75, Bachelor's cap and gown \$4.25. Hood rental is the same as that for cap and gown.

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January 26, Thursday	1-4 p.m.	Classes meeting MWFH2
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January 27, Friday	1-4 p.m.	Classes meeting MATH1
January 28, Saturday	8-11 a.m.	Classes meeting TThP2
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