

# Grand Jury Indicts Illinois Officials

PEORIA, Ill., Sept. 4. (UPI) — A state's attorney who had demanded a grand jury investigation of claims that he solicited a bribe from a gangster was one of three officials indicted in the case yesterday.

The attorney, Roy P. Hull, was accused by the jury of 16 women and three men of soliciting a \$25,000 bribe from Bernie Shelton, slain gangster, in return for dismissal of indictments charging Shelton and two of his pals with assault.

Other indictments were returned against Sheriff Earl P. Spainhower and Charles Somogyi, Hull's chief investigator.

Hull also was named with Spainhower and Somogyi in indictments charging "malfeasance in office." Spainhower was indicted for perjury.

The grand jury reported:

"There is much evidence that too many public officials are closely associated with racketeers and gangsters."

Hull and Spainhower denied the charges. Somogyi declined comment.

A single rifle bullet fired from ambush ended Shelton's life July 27. Subsequently, his wife, Genevieve, made public three wax recordings of a purported talk offered by an emissary of Hull.

Jack Ashby, a Shelton lieutenant, said the recordings were made of conversation between Shelton and Roy Gatewood, a Peoria politician, in the gangster's home on June 26.

Gatewood was purported to have solicited \$25,000 in behalf of Hull.

## Benes to Have State Funeral

PRAGUE, Sept. 4. (UPI) — A state funeral will be held Wednesday or Thursday for former President Eduard Benes, the ministry of information announced today.

Benes will be buried near his country home at Sezimovo Ustí, 50 miles south of Prague, where he died yesterday.

Under the plans discussed today by Premier Antonín Zapotocký and other members of the cabinet, Benes' body will lie in state for two days at Sezimovo Ustí and then will be moved to the capital to lie in state for two more days in the Pantheon of the Prague Museum.

The ministry of information said definite funeral arrangements will be announced Sunday.

A week of public mourning has been ordered. During that time cabinet members will cancel all public appearances. All state theaters will be closed and all other theaters have been asked to present programs of a solemn nature.

The cabinet awarded Mrs. Benes 120,000 crowns (\$2100) yearly, the salary of a cabinet minister, for the remainder of her life.



MITCHUMS REUNITED—Movie actor Robert Mitchum and his wife, Dorothy, are reunited in Hollywood for the first time since he was arrested earlier this week in a narcotics raid. Mrs. Mitchum was driving across the country with her two young sons when word reached her of Mitchum's arrest. —(Associated Press Photo)

## Mitchum's Wife Asserts She Will Stand by Him

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 4. (UPI) — Actor Robert Mitchum and three others arrested on narcotics charges have invitations to meet the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Jury next Tuesday.

Mitchum, meanwhile, was "very happy about my wife's attitude." He said that after she arrived home yesterday and announced she would stand by him.

A typewritten statement by Mrs. Mitchum, handed to newsmen after the couple emerged at the door of their modest home, said:

"Everybody ought to be able to see that Bob is a sick man. Otherwise he wouldn't be mixed up in a situation like this.

"Our differences were the same kind that all married couples get into. We've made up. I love my husband and am back home to stay with him.

"I am indignant that not only Bob, but our whole family, should have to suffer, simply because he is a motion picture star, because otherwise I don't think that all this fuss would be made just because a man may have gotten mixed up with bad company."

"I have only one favor to ask and that is that nobody bothers our children. They're very young, and they love their father, and they don't understand what it's all about."

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