

Committee Counsel
Denies Findings on
Ex-Mayor Are Eased

WASHINGTON, April 29 (U)—The chief counsel of the Senate Crime Investigating Committee broadcast a strong hint today that the committee will acquit former Mayor William O'Dwyer of tolerating organized crime in New York City.

"If that was in the report, it certainly isn't coming out," said Chief Counsel Rudolph Halley in denying published reports that the committee's findings, to be made public Tuesday, have been "tuned down" insofar as they concern O'Dwyer.

O'Dwyer, who testified before the crime investigators during their (closed) New York hearings, now is Ambassador to Mexico. He has denied any improper conduct in running New York City affairs.

Predicts Indictments

Halley appeared on a television program after Sen. Tobey (R-N.H.), a member of the committee, said he expects "several prominent men in New York" to be indicted as a result of the committee's revelations.

"I hope and pray so, for they're going to hell," Tobey declared. Halley and the members of the Crime Committee, who appeared on another television program, were questioned about the "leakage" of the committee's unpublished report. Rumors of it have been published in various newspapers.

Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.), who is stepping down from the chairmanship of the committee, said a printer's proof of one draft of the report was stolen.

Hints at Theft

Halley said it might have been stolen or might have been "thought" by some outsider. In any case, he said, that's a "late issue" and the committee doesn't intend to investigate it.

Kefauver's remark about the proof having been "stolen" recalls a heated exchange among Kefauver, Sen. Wiley (R-Wis.) and Robert B. Allen, Washington, newspaper correspondent.

Allen, an author of a series of regional stories sent out over the week, and based on part of the committee report, took sharp exception to the "stolen" remark. He voiced his objections in person shortly after the broadcast.

He said he told both Kefauver and Wiley that "anybody who made that statement is a liar."

Allen said he got his copy of the crime report "unpublished" and from a legitimate committee source.

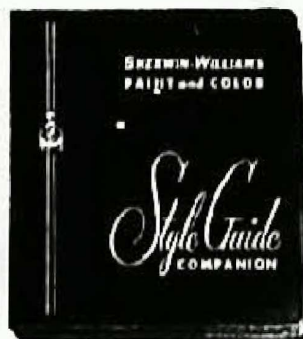
"Legitimate Source"

"It was a legitimate source," he said.

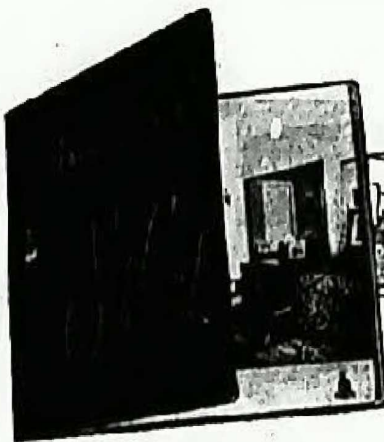
Kefauver told Allen, the latter said, that he had no intention of charging him with theft and apologized for the remark. Allen said the Senator declared he wasn't aware that Allen had a copy of the report.

Allen said he and Kefauver

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