

# NATIONAL GUARDIAN

## Capone Case Cited Only Beginning

WASHINGTON — A Nation-  
wide Federal tax crackdown on  
racketeers was reported shaping  
up rapidly today, informed sources  
said the filing of criminal charges  
against Ralph Capone was only the  
beginning.

The sources, asking not to be  
named, said a virtual barrage of  
tax claims — with criminal  
charges attached in many cases —  
are in the making as a result of  
three years of intensive investigations.

Names were withheld, partly be-  
cause a tipoff to the quarry could  
cripple the drive, but it was made  
plain that some of the country's  
most notorious underworld figures  
are being targeted. A Capone, con-  
tagious for tax actions, and son,  
Charles, brother of the late Chi-  
cago gangster Al Capone, was de-  
scribed as merely the first nation-  
wide known figure to be accused in  
the drive.

### CLAIMS FILED

A few days before filing three  
charges against a 31-year-old  
man, however, the Bureau slapped  
heavy tax recovery claims on  
two Washington men with for-  
tunes allegedly built on gambling  
enterprises, and a like claim for  
nearly \$1,000,000 on the estate of  
another.

This was against the estate of  
the late James La Fontaine, who  
left over \$1,000,000 in a trust for  
his Washington home which he  
died recently.

The charges against Capone cir-  
cumvent all terms totaling six  
teen years.

One of the Washington men, Sam  
Heard, was indicted at the same  
time and an effort was planned  
for a criminal indictment against  
the other, Emanuel Waring, look-  
ing a countryside reputation,  
these men had gone unmentioned  
in a Senate Crime Committee  
probe.

The action against Capone  
stemmed directly from the initial  
Federal use, in 1936, of the tax law  
to hit hoodlums who had avoided  
conviction on other scores. Ralph  
Capone, after a three-year sentence  
in 1931, was later sent up for a twelve-  
year term.

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## War Surplus Sales Frozen In Germany

FRANKFURT, Germany — U. S.  
officials today investigated  
in which European oper-  
ators are suspected of reshipping  
fabulous profits.

Some of the American equip-  
ment is believed to have gone to  
help Russian satellite countries.

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## Racketeer Arrested In Probe Of Crime

NEW YORK — U. S. Senate  
crime investigators have found  
up a week of turbulent testimony  
by local racketeers and politicians  
with the arrest on felony charges  
of a former convict witness.

But the arrest, which came yester-  
day, appeared as only a prelude  
to the Senate probe of organized  
crime.

Meanwhile, reports in two Chi-  
cago newspapers — "the Tribune"  
and the Sun-Times — said Gov.

## BULLETIN

WASHINGTON — The  
Senate Crime Investigating  
Committee today asked the Senate  
to cite racketeer Frank Costello  
as a public enemy.

Costello, 41, was arrested in 1947  
for racketeering and was later  
sent up for a twelve-year term.

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## Crash Of Navy Plane Kills 5

CALHOUN, La. — Five men  
— possibly five — were killed when  
a Navy twin engine naval plane  
crashed, exploded and burst into  
a mile south of here about 4:50  
A. M. (CST) today.

The plane was en route to  
Parrish County, La., where it was  
to land at the Naval Air Station.

## Strip Changes Colors Like Traffic Signal

NEW YORK — The traf-  
fic stripe down Fifth Avenue is  
usually white.

For today's St. Patrick's Day  
parade, it was painted green.

Last night pranksters earned  
some of it red.

But today, city workmen had  
it all green again.

## Possibility Of Peace Move Seen

Communists May  
Listen To Reason

By RUSSELL BRINES

TOKYO — United Nations  
commanders generally felt that  
Allied diplomats now have their  
first important chance since No-  
vember to win an acceptable  
peace in Korea.

But in their view it is only a  
chance. It depends on the possi-  
bility — but no concrete evidence —  
that Peiping and the Kremlin  
might be ready to quit.

The result of the recent tempo-  
rary advantage. The Chinese  
have lost some of their best troops  
among an estimated 172,000  
ground action casualties. U. N.  
forces have proved they cannot be  
driven off the peninsula except by  
greater masses than the Reds have  
yet used.

## MacArthur Makes Trip To Front

CHUNCHON VITAL TO  
FOE BELOW 38th

TOKYO — General MacArthur  
paid a surprise visit to the  
fighting front in Korea today and  
found "everything going well."

The United Nations commander  
leaped to within 2,000 yards of the  
battle line south of Chunchon.  
More than 200,000 Chinese Reds  
were massed along that line for  
a last-ditch defense of the basin  
which the area is vital below  
Parallels 38.

## UN Ultimatum To Reds Proposed By Lawmaker

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