

POLICE GIVE NEW EVIDENCE AGAINST MORALS SQUAD OPERATIONS

Important information to be used against certain members of the morals squad is in the hands of State's Att'y Hoyne. The new information came from members of the Chicago police department and, together with the evidence of Mrs. Violet Phipps, will be presented to the grand jury.

Mrs. Phipps recently made a statement to the prosecutor's office that she had paid \$50 to Stool Pigeon J. E. Steel to avoid arrest after Steel and another investigator had enjoyed a wine party at her expense.

It is expected that Miss Sybil Martin, a young woman living on the south side, will tell her story of the way the morals squad bounded her after it became known that she would stand behind Mrs. Phipps' story.

On one occasion stool pigeons broke down the door of her home, and grabbing the girl's arms, twisted them until she cried out with pain.

Mrs. Phipps also charges that since it leaked out that she would be a witness against the morals squad an effort had been made to have her declared irresponsible and also that her telephone has been taken out. Mrs. Phipps named Funkhouser and Dr. H. R. Hoffman, physician at Kate Adams' Coulter House, as aiding the persecution.

Just what the new evidence presented to them by the police neither State's Att'y Hoyne nor his chief assistant, Ed Fleming, would say.

So far William C. Dannenberg, former head of the morals squad, who is expected to testify against the squad, has not communicated with Hoyne's office. It was planned to have Dannenberg go before the jurors and expose the manner in which the squad operates.

Major Funkhouser showed a disposition to stand by Steel this morning when questioned by a Day Book reporter. He said that so far nothing real had been produced against his

star stool pigeon. Chief Gleason said the affair was up to Funkhouser.

RELIGIOUS ISSUE IS IN THE MAYORALTY CAMPAIGN

The religious issue is in the mayoralty campaign, even though the newspapers say nothing about it. It is in through the circular route. One circular is being distributed all over town, from a non-Catholic source, in which the statement is made as to bringing religion into politics: "We are not bringing it in. It is already in. We are trying to get it out of politics."

It then quotes from the Chicago Herald of Jan 19 the statement that in a sermon at St. Patrick's church, Father McNamee said: "Catholic women especially should vote, if for no other reason than that the vote of non-Catholics will tend to nullify the votes of Catholic men."

The public schools are brought in with this statement: "We now have a board of education that is controlled by Catholics, and that the president of the board is a Roman Catholic, who educated eight children in the parochial schools and is himself raising funds to build a parochial high school on the west side."

After making other charges of alleged Catholic influence in the public schools, the circular winds up with: "This is a political question. Vote for a mayor who is an American citizen and does not take orders from Rome. Save our public schools. Do your duty as citizens at the polls."

The circular bears the union label 444, and at the beginning the statement is made that it is "issued by the American Public School Federation."

No candidates or parties are mentioned.

That rival grocers' war which cut eggs down 20 cents a dozen is our idea of a war. Whoopee!