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Bris Collins

Held On Bogus

Money Count

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\$15,000 Passed,
U. S. Agents Say

Carbristo (Bris) Collins, 43, Peoria tavern operator, was to be arraigned today by federal authorities on charges of possessing and selling nearly \$15,000 in counterfeit money.

Collins was arrested last night, after nearly a year of investigation by secret service agents.

He was indicted last week by a federal grand jury in Springfield. The indictment was not made public because Collins was not in custody.

Collins, who lives at 307 N. Adams st. and operates the Bris Collins tavern at 405 N. Washington st., was charged with selling fake bills on two separate days last year.

Sold Fake \$900

The indictment said he passed \$13,700 in bogus \$10 and \$20 bills on June 12, 1950, and that he sold \$900 in worthless \$10 bills last Oct. 17.

Collins was arrested by John T. McAllister, Peoria police superintendent. McAllister called Collins to the police station, without telling him why he was wanted, on request of Elliott Thacker, chief of the secret service office in Springfield, and another agent.

The agents took Collins to the office of A. B. Shacklett, deputy United States marshal, for questioning. Shacklett said Collins refused to give the agents any additional information.

'From Chicago'

Thacker said he could not disclose who got the bills from Collins nor where the fake money came from. He said only that Collins got the counterfeits "from Chicago."

Thacker said there was no connection between the Collins case and that of two Creve Coeur men indicted by the same grand jury on counterfeiting charges.

Collins spent last night in Peoria county jail and this morning was to be brought before either Federal Judge J. Leroy Adair or United States Commissioner W. H. Moore.

Record Since '30

Federal agents said Collins has a record of minor felonies and federal charges dating to 1930.

He was arrested in November, 1931, for violating the federal narcotics act. He was sentenced to two years in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., but was paroled in May, 1932.

In 1944, Collins was arrested and sentenced to four months in the workhouse at Quincy, Ill., for violating the internal revenue act.

He also has been booked for assault and battery, receiving stolen property, and operating a gambling game.

