

# Jury Urges Nine Taverns Closed In Vice Report

Charging that nine Peoria taverns and night clubs, among them Jack Adams Sportsman Club, 416 Fulton street, are frequented by prostitutes for the purpose of soliciting, the regular January Peoria county grand jury today recommended in a report to Circuit Judge Henry J. Ingram that city and state authorities revoke licenses of the operators.

Places named in the report of the jury, recalled more than a week ago to consider indictments as well as vice conditions in the city, are:

Tony's Subway, Inc., Niagara hotel.

Century Club, 700 South Adams street, William M. McMullen, licensee.

'E' Club, 302 North Adams street, Fred Rbmanie and James Pedote, licensees.

Pascal Tap, 128 North Adams street, W. H. Pemberton, licensee.

Kaiser's Bar, 505 South Adams street, Russell Vetterhoffer, licensee.

Coney Island, 219 South Jefferson avenue, Louis A. and Helen L. Nellis, licensees.

Bamboo Club, 314 Harrison street, Joseph Cohen, licensee.

Melody Club, 316 Harrison street, Jack Tucker, licensee.

Sportsman Club, 416 Fulton street, John C. Adams, licensee.

## Charge Diseases Spread

The county's foremost investigating body, which also returned four indictments, two of which named Eli Cupi, former boxer now serving a 90-day sentence for contempt of court, directed State's Atty. Roy P. Hull, who sought the investigation, to send copies of the recommendation to Mayor Woodruff, Supt. of Police Wombacker and city and state liquor control commissioners.

"In considering some cases, it appears from the evidence and statistics presented that certain taverns operated in the city of Peoria are used by prostitutes as places to meet, solicit and procure soldiers and other patrons of said taverns to indulge with such prostitutes in the nefarious practices of prostitution, thereby spreading venereal disease among both soldiers and civilians," the report stated.

## Asks Revocation

After naming the nine taverns frequented by prostitutes for such practices, the jury continued: "These taverns are openly permitting such practices and it is the opinion of the grand jury that such practices should no longer be tolerated.

"This grand jury, therefore, recommends that the tavern licenses, both state and city, be revoked by state and city authorities and that state and city licenses of any other taverns in Peoria permitting such practices be revoked, and all such taverns be closed for one year after revocation of such license.

"We further report that it is the contention of the public health board of the city of Peoria as shown by evidence to the grand jury that additional investigators, clothed with police powers, are necessary to compel prostitutes to report for examination and treatment to the Health Clinic operated and maintained by the public health board of Peoria. The grand jury, therefore, recommends that the board of health appoint sufficient number of investigators, clothed with police powers, as will enable the public board of health to cope with the existing situation," the report concluded.

## Hears Many Witnesses

State's Atty. Hull said the jury