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**MAYOR-ELECT O'DWYER VACATIONING ON THE WEST COAST**

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EL CENTRO, Calif., Dec. 7—  
Mayor-elect William O'Dwyer  
made it plain here today that he  
would maintain constant vigilance  
over the activities of the New  
York Police Department when he  
announced that Frank C. Bals  
would become a deputy on the  
staff of Police Commissioner  
Arthur W. Wallander.

Mr. Bals, a retired police official, is an intimate friend of the Mayor-elect. He was in charge of the detectives who broke up the Brooklyn murder ring. He retired from the Police Department when Mayor La Guardia, through Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine, requested in 1941 that a day-by-day record be made of the police unit that had been investigating the workings of the group of gangsters who had made murder a commercial venture in the metropolitan area.

Mr. O'Dwyer was not critical of Mayor La Guardia in announcing the naming of Mr. Bals for the executive post in the Police Department. There was no question, however, that Mr. Bals will be the liaison between police headquarters and the City Hall.

The Mayor-elect explained that he had only suggested the appointment of Mr. Bals and the police commissioner had concurred in the request. Mr. Bals, who retired as an acting police captain, will be named seventh deputy police commissioner, a new post.

**To Hold Confidential Post**

In revealing the designation of Mr. Bals, Mr. O'Dwyer explained that Commissioner Wallander's new assistant would head a confidential police unit in the department. He disclaimed any intention to have the retired police official act as a "shoo-fly" in the Police Department ranks. Mr. Bals will have a special squad that will operate in the five boroughs.

Mr. O'Dwyer was a policeman from 1917 to 1924. During that period he served in many capacities while he studied law at Fordham University. With Mr. Bals at Police Headquarters, the Mayor-elect will be in a position to know exactly what is going on within the police ranks. In the case of a continued crime wave Mr. Bals will be called upon to make a special investigation of the circumstances of the crime and the possible solution.

"I am very familiar with Frank Bals' experience on professional gangsterism," Mr. O'Dwyer said. "He watched the growth of the crime wave after the last World War. He knows the difference between neighborhood gangs and the organized mob. He knows also the technique of the mob that organized Murder, Inc., and what was the outcome. With all due respect to some of my former assistants, Frank Bals did much to send seven men to the electric chair and help in the solving of 85 murders throughout the United States."

**Kept His Squad on Job**

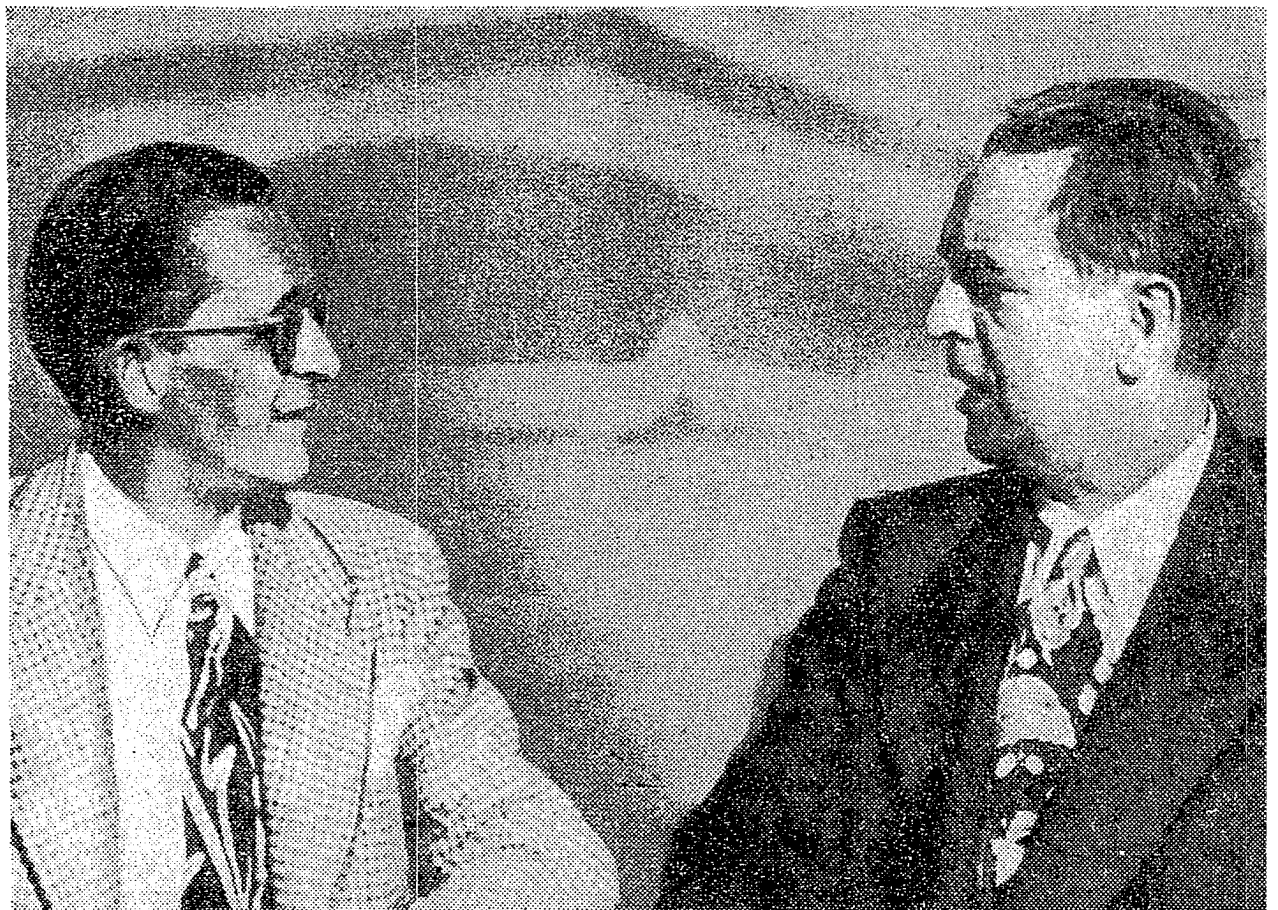
Considered something of a tyrant by many of his associates in the Police Department, Mr. Bals, with the title of acting captain, kept his squad working forty-eight hours at a stretch when the murder ring was disclosed in Brooklyn in 1940, Mr. O'Dwyer's first year as District Attorney. He interviewed hundreds of witnesses and was the key man at all the trials including that of Louis (Lepke) Buchalter, who went to the electric chair after an appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

For some reason, Mayor La Guardia through Commissioner Valentine sought a play-by-play description of the activities of the detective squad headed by Captain Bals. As a result, Mr. Bals submitted his application for retirement as a member of the Police Department. He is now receiving \$2,200 annually as a retired policeman.

Mr. O'Dwyer immediately appointed him as a civilian chief investigator on the District Attorney's staff. However, Mr. Bals resigned a few months after Mr. O'Dwyer went into the Army on June 1, 1942. Walter J. Prendergast, a former deputy sheriff, succeeded Mr. Bals.

Mr. O'Dwyer, who has been making daily trips into the near-by communities to look over the crops, said today he was looking forward to the contrary, Mr. Johnson is his former campaign manager, Wayne Johnson. Despite reports to the contrary, Mr. Johnson is expected to have much influence with the Mayor-elect in the make-up of his Cabinet at City Hall.

Mr. O'Dwyer had planned to return to New York City on Christmas eve. However, as the result of telephone calls from Manhattan, the Mayor-elect has promised tentatively to be back by Dec. 17. District Attorney George J. Beldock and his special grand jury had scheduled another appearance of the Mayor-elect for that date. Meanwhile, Mr. O'Dwyer has let it be known that the report of the Emergency Housing Committee, headed by Park Commissioner Robert Moses, would be on his desk in the Hotel Commodore as soon as he returns.



On the roof garden of his hotel at El Centro, Calif., with Rudolph Letch (left), a personal friend whom he knew in New York.  
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