

going to have to swear you in. Do you solemnly swear the testimony you shall give before this Senate committee is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. BUCCIERI. Yes, sir.

**TESTIMONY OF FIORE (FIFI) BUCCIERI, AN ALLEGED LEADER OF
LOAN SHARK ACTIVITIES, CHICAGO CRIME SYNDICATE; ACCOMPANIED BY DAVID POVICH, COUNSEL**

The CHAIRMAN. Would you state your name for the record, please?

Mr. POVICH. I am counsel for the witness, Mr. Chairman. My name is David Povich. I am a member of the bar of the District of Columbia.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Buccieri, state your name.

Mr. BUCCIERI. Fiore Buccieri.

The CHAIRMAN. Are you sometimes referred to as "Fifi"?

Mr. BUCCIERI. I respectfully decline to answer that question.

The CHAIRMAN. On what grounds?

Mr. BUCCIERI. On the grounds that the answer I may give would tend to incriminate me.

Mr. POVICH. Excuse me, Mr. Chairman, the witness has great difficulty talking. I would like to ask, where he wishes to invoke his constitutional privilege against self-incrimination, that he be permitted to do so by stating merely "the same answer," or something similar to that.

The CHAIRMAN. That will be satisfactory.

Mr. POVICH. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Is your address 3004 South Maple Street, in Berwyn, Ill.?

Mr. BUCCIERI. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you organize and operate the Frontier Finance Co.?

Mr. BUCCIERI. The same answer.

Mr. POVICH. In that instance, Mr. Chairman, the witness wishes to invoke his constitutional privilege against self-incrimination.

The CHAIRMAN. Was the Frontier Finance Co. involved in lending money on a weekly and monthly basis?

Mr. BUCCIERI. Same answer.

The CHAIRMAN. Have you ever been arrested?

Mr. BUCCIERI. Same answer.

The CHAIRMAN. Were you arrested June 26, 1928, in Newark, N.J., for breaking and entering, larceny, and receiving stolen property?

Mr. BUCCIERI. Same answer.

The CHAIRMAN. Was your brother, Frank Buccieri, the vice president of the Frontier Finance Co.?

Mr. BUCCIERI. Same answer.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you receive wages of \$30,000 in 1964 from the P. & B. Finance Co. as reported in your 1964 income tax return?

Mr. BUCCIERI. Same answer.

The CHAIRMAN. Is your business—has it been referred to and have you referred to it yourself as a loan shark business?

Mr. BUCCIERI. Same answer.

The CHAIRMAN. Would you care to advise the committee as to what methods you use to collect from your customers who become delinquent in their accounts?