

# 3 Are Indicted in Vote Fraud

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A 46th Ward Democratic precinct captain, his wife, and the wife of his assistant precinct captain were indicted by the county grand jury yesterday for voting from a precinct where they did not live during the March primary.

Disclosures of the illegal votes cast by the three were first made by The Tribune on March 29 as part of its Task Force investigation of vote fraud. The 3 were among 16 persons falsely registered to vote from an apartment building at 4707-09 N. Beacon St. in the 42d Precinct of the 46th Ward.

#### Lived Outside Precinct

Those indicted were Jesse English, captain of the 42d Precinct, and his wife Bar-

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bara, now residing at the Beacon Street address, and Lois F. Green, wife of assistant captain Thomas T. Green, now residing at 4722 N. Malden St.

At the time of the election, all three lived outside the precinct. The Englishes lived at 1535 W. Barry Av., and the Greens lived at 3230 N. Wilton Av.

If convicted of the felony

charges, the three could be sentenced to a maximum of three years in prison or fined \$1,000. English was fired as a garbage collection trainee for the Department of Streets and Sanitation after the March disclosures. Green is an operating engineer for the Department of Water and Sewers.

The Tribune had reported earlier that the three were apparently part of a scheme in which more than a dozen persons were to cast illegal votes from the Beacon Street address. Before the final registration day, a pile of registration applications was accepted from a mailman by the building owner, a former city employe, in behalf of persons who did not live there. As a result, their names appeared on the final precinct registry.

#### 21 Have Been Indicted

State's Atty. Edward V. Hanrahan said the action means 21 persons have been indicted since Aug. 30 in connection with his continuing investigation of vote fraud. He said his investigation has been conducted with the cooperation of the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners, which has assisted in finding records and developing evidence.

In Federal District Court, attorneys for a voter watchdog group, Project LEAP, and the Independent Voters of Illinois, promised yesterday to deliver to city election officials today specific details of voting irregularities witnessed by their watchers and judges in more than 600 precincts during the March primary. The promise was made in an effort to expedite trial on their suit against the Election Board so that hearings on the complaint can be held before the November election.

#### Injunction Is Sought

The complaint seeks an injunction ordering the board to cease permitting vote fraud and other irregularities which allegedly favor Democratic Party candidates. Federal Judge Hubert L. Will criticized the complaint for failure to contain detailed information of the alleged violations.

Judge Will said he would not consider setting the case for trial before the election, as attorney Robert Plotkin requested, until the board was given the information and adequate time to prepare its defense. He said he favored accelerating pretrial preparation of the case, but would not allow the matter to be handled hastily.