

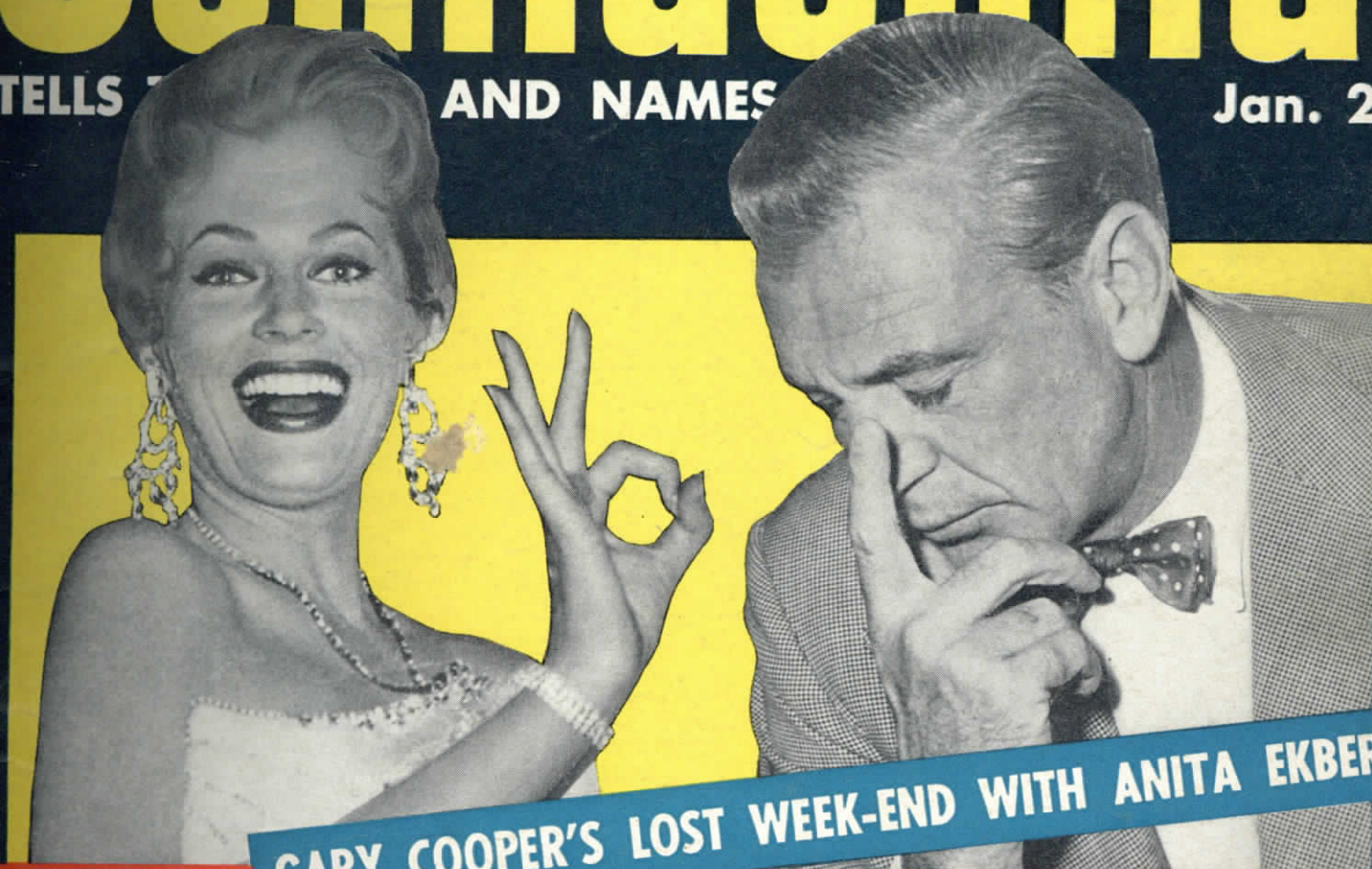
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How the Navy ousted its...

NO. 1
"GAY"
GOB!



Auto heir Walter Chrysler Jr.
as he appeared eight years
after he was forced to resign
from the United States Navy

EDITOR'S NOTE: A few months ago CONFIDENTIAL published a story, "The Strange Case of Walter Chrysler Jr." This article dealt with young Chrysler's marriages, his college days, and with his unusual Navy career which saw him resign December 5, 1944 at the height of hostilities. CONFIDENTIAL made every effort to learn from the Navy why Chrysler resigned. We reproduced the official answer from the Department of Defense that no explanation would or could be given.

Hundreds of Navy veterans, mothers of Navy men and interested readers wrote us asking for the full story of *why* Chrysler left the Navy. Blocked by all official sources, CONFIDENTIAL went behind the scenes, sent reporters to Key West and Miami, and came up with the *real reason* why the heir to one of America's great fortunes was permitted to resign from the service during wartime. You'll read the authentic story here for the first time—the story that the Navy refused to tell.

The Navy booted 928 "limp wrists" out of the Key West base during the war, and they had auto heir Walter Chrysler Jr. measured for a court-martial — until he made that desperate long distance call to a Supreme Court Justice!

By BRAD SHORTELL

RAIN CLOUDS SCUDDER across the Florida sky and the palm trees moaned under a whistling wind as a Navy Intelligence officer climbed onto a second floor balcony at 1017 Washington St., Key West, and peered through a curtained window.

It was after midnight and the tropical night had settled over the town that served as one of Uncle Sam's key Naval bases during World War II. Shortly before he climbed onto the balcony, the officer had watched 15 enlisted men in various stages of intoxication stagger out of the elegant, white-columned home and lumber off into the darkness.

But two remained. And it was this pair that the Navy Intelligence officer was watching in the bedroom of the house on Washington St. What he saw made the hardened investigator gasp with amazement—and disgust.

One of the men was a Marine private, drowsy from the effects of the superb

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Lt. Walter Chrysler faced a prison term — until a

No. 1 "Gay" Gob (continued)

food and the 10-year-old Scotch he had gulped down during the evening. The other man was the personnel officer of the Naval seaplane base, Lt. Walter Chrysler Jr.

The Intelligence officer watched what was happening for a few minutes, then turned and climbed down off the porch. An hour later he was writing a report that was to touch off one of the Navy's most sensational investigations of World War II—and until now, one of the Navy's best kept military secrets.

Forced to Resign "for the Good of the Service"

It is the story of how Walter Chrysler Jr. was forced to resign "for the good of the service" after Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy had threatened to go to President Franklin D. Roosevelt to quash a court-martial of the famed heir to one of America's great industrial fortunes.

For Walter Chrysler was one of 928 homosexuals booted out of the Navy by the Seventh Naval District authorities during the war.

And his forced resignation came after 16 Navy enlisted men had signed affidavits that Chrysler had committed unnatural acts with them in his palatial home on Washington St.

Why the Navy ever accepted Chrysler as an officer in the first place is a mystery. Apparently the young millionaire had enough influence to overcome the rumors of unusual happenings at Dartmouth, where Chrysler entertained

students with his pornographic library when the heir to the auto fortune was enrolled at the Ivy League school. There were still other whispers about his conduct in New York, in Washington and on his Virginia estate. But despite this, in the early part of 1943 Chrysler was wearing the stripes of a Lieutenant and serving as personnel officer at Key West.

First Report Stated Rumors Were False

It was after he became personnel officer that Navy Intelligence launched their first probe of Chrysler. This was early in 1943, and a report to the District Office in Miami from Key West stated that rumors regarding Chrysler's perversion were "false." There the matter rested until a tough and experienced investigator was placed in charge of security at Key West in Sept. 1944.

His first tip on Chrysler came from a Negro maid known as "Big Bessie." This woman, employed by the auto heir to look after the \$250-a-month home he rented when he came to Key West, told the Navy gumshoe that she thought Chrysler was "queer."

After getting authorization from the Commandant of the Seventh Naval District, the Intelligence officer contacted a Key West boy known as "Billy." This youngster had been forced out of the Navy as a homosexual. The officer asked him to attend one of the wild parties Chrysler was giving for enlisted men. Billy had his report the next morning. "Chrysler is known as 'Mary' by the other homosexuals," Billy told the security officer.

Taking two warrant officers as aides, the Intelligence man went to work. Using a house at 1311 Grinnell St.—around the corner from the Chrysler home—the officer set

NAVY INTELLIGENCE MEN WATCHED WALTER'S "PARTIES" FROM BALCONY OF MANSION (LEFT), AND BUGG



Washington big shot intervened!

up recording equipment and had microphones installed in every room of the suspect's two-story house. A 24-hour surveillance was placed on 1017 Washington St., and Chrysler's telephone was tapped.

Within a few days the Intelligence officer reported to his superiors that Chrysler was entertaining enlisted men regularly at his home, was telling lewd stories, showing lewd pictures and "pouring so many drinks that every man present was intoxicated." After such an evening, Chrysler would bid all but one man goodbye and ask this man to spend the night.

The next morning he would drive the man to the base and, as personnel officer, Chrysler would "cover" his absence in the official records.

Offered \$200,000 Bribe to Drop Charges

While the three Navy Intelligence men watched, Chrysler repeated this procedure for four successive nights. On the fifth night the officer in charge climbed the porch and watched Chrysler and the Marine private. The next day, following the officer's report, Chrysler was placed under house arrest.

When notified of the arrest, Chrysler burst into tears, pleaded with the Intelligence officer "to forget the case," and offered a bribe of \$200,000—to be paid in one-dollar bills within a week—if the entire matter was dropped.

The answer was a curt "No." A sworn statement was then given by Chrysler to the Intelligence officer in which the young millionaire admitted he was a homosexual, stating that his first experience had been at the age of 12 when a teacher in a private school induced him into unnatural acts. His next experience, (Continued on page 64)

EVERY ROOM, LISTENING IN FROM HOUSE (RIGHT).



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HOW THE NAVY OUSTED ITS NO. 1 "GAY" GOB

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Chrysler stated, came at Dartmouth College where he shared an apartment with a friend. His father, Walter Chrysler Sr., had "broken up the affair," young Chrysler told the officers.

He also added in the statement that he had married at the insistence of his father shortly after leaving Dartmouth. Chrysler said he was subsequently divorced and "was glad of it."

16 Affidavits Accused Him

In addition to this sworn statement, the Intelligence officers had obtained other evidence. This included affidavits of 16 Navy and Marine enlisted men stating that they had been intimate with Chrysler. One boatswain declared in his affidavit that he had awakened one night in the upstairs bedroom to find Chrysler making advances to him. This boatswain added that he had given Chrysler a savage beating and had blackened both the lieutenant's eyes.

Armed with this evidence, the Intelligence officer in charge of the case prepared a statement in which Chrysler said, "I am submitting my resignation for the good of the service and to avoid trial by general court-martial."

The resignation was passed on to the District Office in Miami and promptly turned down. Navy officials there said that a directive issued by Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal stated that any person who used their position or rank to force other persons to submit to homosexual acts must be court-martialed. Resignations were not permitted.

Chrysler Broke Into Tears

Chrysler again broke into tears when told he faced such action—which could result in a dishonorable discharge and a possible prison sentence.

He asked and received permission to call a lawyer.

But the Intelligence officer never dreamed that Chrysler would turn to a justice of the United States Su-

preme Court for legal advice.

A few minutes after he left Chrysler, the Intelligence man put on his earphones at the Grinnell St. listening post and heard Chrysler ask the Key West operator to connect him with Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy. A former Governor of Michigan, Murphy was an old friend of young Chrysler's father.

The connection was made. In trembling tones Chrysler told Justice Murphy that he was about to be court-martialed.

Murphy Assured the Auto Heir

The conversation went on. And then came the climax that made the eavesdropping Intelligence sleuth turn red with anger. Justice Murphy assured young Chrysler he would never be court-martialed, even if Murphy had to take the case to the White House.

Ordering the surveillance kept on Chrysler, the Intelligence officer drove to Miami and reported the telephone conversation to the Commandant. While seated in the latter's office, a call came from Washington. It was a top Navy official who reported that Justice Murphy had just telephoned saying he was taking a personal interest in the Chrysler case and that he would see President Roosevelt, unless the court-martial was dropped.

Both the Navy official in Washington and the Commandant agreed that Murphy's intervention in a matter not his concern was unfortunate—but that under the circumstances there was nothing to do but allow Chrysler to resign.

The Navy's Not Talking

The Intelligence officer returned to Key West fuming with rage. Under his direction, hundreds of homosexuals—always grave wartime security risks because they were ideal black-mail victims of enemy agents—had been booted out in disgrace. Now Walter Chrysler Junior, the man who lured enlisted men to his Washington Street mansion with expensive food and Scotch whiskey, was to be permitted to resign with no explanation required or given.

Three days later Walter Chrysler left Key West. To this day, the Navy refuses to state why he resigned from the service.

But in a file marked "Secret" in the records of the Navy are the sworn statements of the scion of the Chrysler millions—and the affidavits of the 16 enlisted men.

The Intelligence officer had one last taste of justice.

A few months after he left the Navy, Chrysler returned to Key West with plans to build a home on property he owned there. Apparently the

wealthy auto heir liked the Key West atmosphere.

The Intelligence officer, hearing of the Chrysler move to settle down again near the base, blocked this move on the grounds that Chrysler's presence constituted a moral threat to Navy personnel.

Perhaps that is why Walter Chrysler Jr. vacations in Miami these days but gives the sleepy air and waving palms of Key West a wide berth. To him, the Keys revive a memory of the time a Supreme Court Justice saved him from a court-martial and perpetual disgrace. ▲▲▲

ROCKEFELLER'S FORMULA FOR LONG LIFE

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eat such vegetables as cabbage, turnips, cauliflower, onions or sauerkraut during her career as a Rockefeller wet nurse. Such foods left a definite taste in the milk. On one occasion, John D. complained that he detected the offending taste of broccoli — a vegetable he detested — in his "malted." The doctors cross-examined the young women providing the service and came up with the culprit. The broccoli-eating mama was summarily fired.

He Knew What He Wanted

John D. was in his seventies when he hit on the scheme. On one of his winter visits to the south, he had heard that in pre-Civil War times the young master of the plantation was given a regular daily feeding of mother's milk by a slave. He ordered experiments carried on by some of the medical institutions endowed with his millions, and came to the conclusion that such a diet would enable him to reach at least 90.

The doctors balked somewhat, but John D. was a man who knew what he wanted. And he also told his medics that he wanted the milk fresh, not frozen or boiled, as some laboratories recommended.

Word of his diet got around Ormond Beach and there were plenty of applicants. Most of them were youthful mothers, and Ormond Beach natives soon got used to the sight of one of the Rockefeller limousines stopping before humble homes to pick up John D.'s breakfast.

After she had performed the serv-

ice desired and received her \$10 in cash, mama would be returned to her home to bottle-feed her offspring. One mother, highly productive, was a dependable source of supply for 10 years and brought up her brood in the grand manner from the proceeds of her milk route.

According to Allan Nevins, author of the definitive two-volume Rockefeller biography, the tycoon liked to rise at 6 a.m. and "walk barefoot on the dewy grass." He would then return to his favorite breakfast, according to Nevins, of "bread and milk." But what the historian failed to mention was that the meal was perhaps the most unique in the history of men over 80. John D. would have at least a pint of the mother's milk, another half-pint in his "malted" on the golf course, and the final glass with an apple before retiring.

It Was No Experiment for Him

His business associates would snicker behind his back when Rockefeller urged them to try the same formula. But most of them died in their 50's or 60's of heart attacks or cancer, while the man who kept Wall Street scared to death for half a century stormed the golf courses and stalked through the morning dew until he was 97.

For old John D., it was no experiment. As he once told his skeptical doctor: "There's only one reason I'm alive today, by golly, and that's simply because I'm filled with the milk of human kindness." ▲▲▲

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