

## SENATE PANEL TO HEAR ABOUT YOUNG BOYS INC.

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A U.S. Senate subcommittee, concerned about the emergence **of** organized- **crime** groups not affiliated with the Mafia, has scheduled testimony this week from Detroit's U.S. Attorney Leonard Gilman about the Young Boys Inc. heroin-trafficking organization.

"The reason they're interested in Young Boys Inc. is because it had a very sophisticated, corporate-like structure, but it was not part **of** the more traditional organized- **crime** families," Gilman said Monday.

Gilman is scheduled to testify Thursday before the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, which is focusing on the activities **of crime** groups in Michigan, Ohio, western Pennsylvania and western New York.

"In the past few years it has become apparent that there are other groups that are not related to La Cosa Nostra which are becoming more and more powerful, particularly in the area **of** drug trafficking," said Eleanore Hill, chief attorney for the Democratic minority on the subcommittee.

"They represent a new area which we must address if we plan to get prosecutions," she said.

YOUNG BOYS INC. was considered the Detroit area's largest heroin distribution operation between 1979 and 1983, according to law-enforcement officials. The 300-member organization, composed primarily **of** youths from 12 to 17 years old, sold about \$100 million worth **of** heroin annually, the officials said. Federal prosecutions last year successfully dismembered most **of** the organization.

Gilman will be accompanied to Washington by assistants Robert Morgan and Gary Felder, who successfully prosecuted 32 members **of** Young Boys Inc. last year. The organization was the only heroin ring in the nation that was composed almost exclusively **of** youths in all but leadership positions, Gilman said.

"But I've been **told** there's a similar organization in New York which is currently under investigation," Gilman said.

In a 13-page statement he will deliver to the subcommittee, Gilman outlines the case against Sylvester (Seal) Murray, the heroin importer who was convicted **of** supplying the drug to Young Boys Inc. Gilman's statement also explains the Young Boys' corporation-like structure, which was created by Milton (Butch) Jones after he was released from prison following a manslaughter conviction.

"SUNDAY WAS PAYDAY," Gilman says in his statement, "and all **of** the members would assemble at a club where they would be paid . . ." The club was a warehouse in Detroit where "gambling and entertainment were provided . . ."

Gilman's statement includes a pay scale for Young Boys Inc. members that ranges from \$50 a day (plus \$20 for gasoline and expenses) for persons who delivered heroin to the more than \$700 a week paid to supervisors **of** various sales locations.

"Expensively furnished homes were set up as dormitories," continues Gilman's statement. "One such house was equipped with microphones which allowed occupants to hear conversations on the street outside. While executing a federal search warrant on another such house in September 1982, agents found an expensive pool table bearing a solid-gold nameplate inscribed ' **YBI** . '

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