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*6 arrests on
West Coast*

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Six more dealers in wild ducks have been arrested in San Francisco by Bureau of Biological Survey game management agents conducting an intensive drive against wildfowl bootleggers on the West Coast, according to a report forwarded today to Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes. Five of the violators were fined a total of \$1,000, and the sixth was sentenced to jail for 6 months.

Federal judges imposed the following fines: Frank Spenger, \$500; Tony Figoni, \$250; Victor Figoni, \$100; and A. C. "Bill" Ackley, \$100, all of Spenger's Cafe, Berkeley; and Harry S. Duncan, of the Old Corner Cafe, Emerville, Calif., \$50.

Robert Strohm was sentenced to 6 months in jail. Strohm was arrested by a Survey agent accompanied by a State game warden when he was caught transporting 72 wild ducks. According to agents, he had been convicted in State court in 1936 for illegal possession of 440 ducks.

Last week 25 violators were apprehended by game management agents and cooperating State wardens. This brings the total of Pacific Coast bootleggers recently arrested and found guilty in Federal courts to 31. The offenders paid an aggregate of \$3,195 in fines and costs for violating migratory waterfowl regulations. Five are serving an aggregate of 390 days in jail.

Bureau officials declared that many more arrests will be made before they consider the West Coast area to be cleaned out. The present drive closely follows a similar war against wild duck bootleggers and buyers, along the Atlantic Coast, which concluded last June with some 55 convictions.