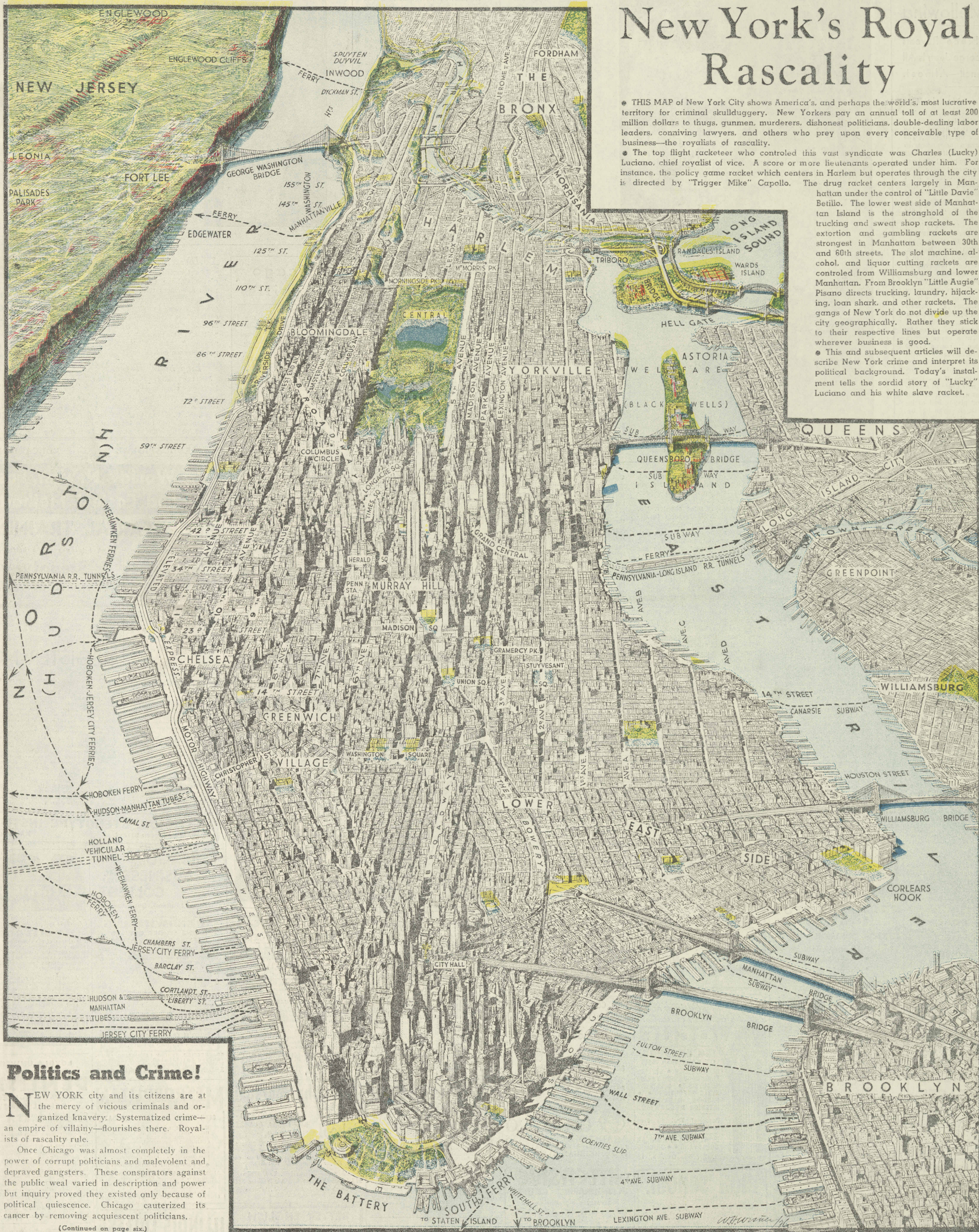


New York's Royal Rascality

• THIS MAP of New York City shows America's, and perhaps the world's, most lucrative territory for criminal skullduggery. New Yorkers pay an annual toll of at least 200 million dollars to thugs, gunmen, murderers, dishonest politicians, double-dealing labor leaders, conniving lawyers, and others who prey upon every conceivable type of business—the royalists of rascality.

• The top flight racketeer who controlled this vast syndicate was Charles (Lucky) Luciano, chief royalist of vice. A score or more lieutenants operated under him. For instance, the policy game racket which centers in Harlem but operates through the city is directed by "Trigger Mike" Capollo. The drug racket centers largely in Manhattan under the control of "Little Davie" Beillo. The lower west side of Manhattan Island is the stronghold of the trucking and sweat shop rackets. The extortion and gambling rackets are strongest in Manhattan between 30th and 60th streets. The slot machine, alcohol, and liquor cutting rackets are controlled from Williamsburg and lower Manhattan. From Brooklyn "Little Augie" Pisano directs trucking, laundry, hijacking, loan shark, and other rackets. The gangs of New York do not divide up the city geographically. Rather they stick to their respective lines but operate wherever business is good.

• This and subsequent articles will describe New York crime and interpret its political background. Today's installment tells the sordid story of "Lucky" Luciano and his white slave racket.



Politics and Crime!

NEW YORK city and its citizens are at the mercy of vicious criminals and organized knavery. Systematized crime—an empire of villainy—flourishes there. Royalists of rascality rule.

Once Chicago was almost completely in the power of corrupt politicians and malevolent and depraved gangsters. These conspirators against the public weal varied in description and power but inquiry proved they existed only because of political quiescence. Chicago cauterized its cancer by removing acquiescent politicians.

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