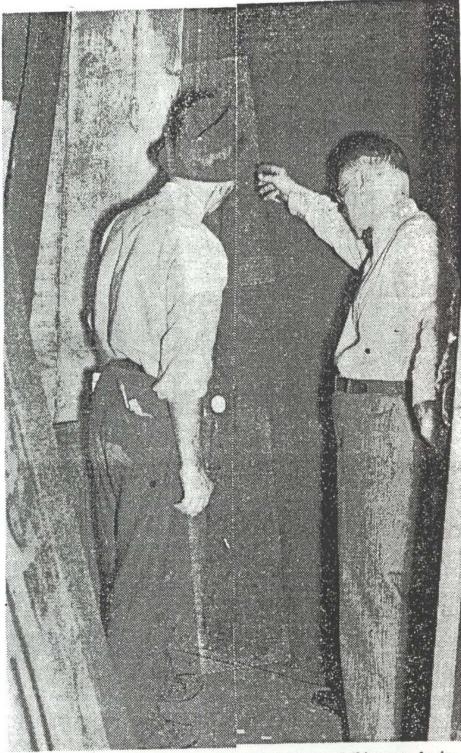
Thieves Used This Door



W. O. Moorhead, right, guards against return of thieves as he instructs Repairman Lawrence Campbell to replace the broken lock and strengthen the door which thieves used yesterday to escape with \$2,000 worth of clothing.

ing from Nixon Alley early yeste day, thieves looted Meorhead large local men's furnishings stor of suits and topcoats valued about \$2,000

W. O. Moorhead, a member of the firm, discovered the theft at 10:0 A. M. Sunday when on a visit to the store, he found hat boxes stacked high across the aisle, apparently placed there by the thieves the shield pedestrians on Philadelphi Street from observing them as the leisurely removed from 75 to 9 suits and 25 topcoats from show cases.

Mr. Moorhead notified Polic Chief Arthur E. Beal who institutes an investigation by state police a well as local officers. Fingerprin experts were summoned to make records of markings left on show case glass.

The thieves apparently had made a study before the crime to ascertain the layout of the store and its entrances, police said, because the basement approach which they used is also a common entrance for the Elks Club storage rooms. The entrance is less than a half-block from the police station in the Municipal Building.

The fact that only nationally-advertised clothing, such as could be easily disposed of by fences, was

taken led investigators to believ that the crime was the work opposessional store thieves.

Reports of similar men's stor robberies in Northwestern and Eas ern Pennsylvania in recent month further bolsters the theory of polic that a professional clothing the gang is operating in Pennsylvania. Ten robberies have been reported

On June 21 a store at Erie was entered and 152 men's suits and top coats taken. The Erie theft cam four days after entrance was gair ed to Enyeart & Thompson's store Ebensburg, early on the mornin of June 17. Two hundred and fift suits and other merchandise value at \$4,000 was taken from the Ebens burg store.

Value of the loot from the Eri establishment, about \$4,000, approximated that hauled away from Tro-& Co.'s store in Johnstown April 1: