

# Taxi Flags Up, \$10 Hike Won

By EDWARD O'NEILL and MICHAEL CLENDENIN

The five-day taxicab strike was settled last night with a pay increase which fleet owners estimated at nearly \$10 a week. Emerging from a 20-minute meeting with representatives of the union and the fleet owners at City Hall, Mayor Lindsay announced at 10:35 P.M. that both sides had agreed to an immediate resumption of service while they tackle a handful of remaining issues.

If any of these remain unsettled at 5 P.M. tomorrow, the Mayor will take over as arbiter and hand down binding decisions.

### Full Service This A.M.

Harry Van Arsdale, president of the AFL-CIO Central Labor Council and head of the Taxi Drivers Organizing Committee, said he had already sent out the word to the more than 80 struck garages for the men to report to work on their regular shifts immediately.

Both Van Arsdale and Benja-

min Botwinick, an accountant and chief spokesman for the operators, said full service would be restored this morning, pointing out that the big working shift starts at 5 A.M.

After the announcements, the negotiators went back into a brief session with the Mayor, recessing for the night shortly after 11 P.M. They will get together again at 10 A.M. today at the State Mediation Board offices, 270 Broadway.

The way was cleared for an end of the strike last night when the owners, after a four-hour

meeting in the Holiday Inn, 57th St. and 10th Ave., agreed to accept the Mayor's offer of binding arbitration of any issues that could not be settled in negotiations. The union's wage policy committee had accepted the offer earlier in the day at a meeting in the Hotel Commodore.

Although the Mayor insisted he had not yet made any formal proposal on the pivotal issue of drivers' commissions, Botwinick told newsmen on his arrival at City Hall for last night's brief meeting that the rate was to be "46 and 2."

That, it was explained, meant 46% of meter receipts plus an additional 2% in the form of a quarterly bonus for all drivers who worked 60 days or more during each three-month period.

The prevailing rate is now 44% plus a 1% bonus. The drivers had demanded that the rate be upped to a flat 50%.

Lindsay said he would have a financial study made by Price, Waterhouse & Co., accountants, before he makes a final determination on the commission rate. He also indicated he would not announce any figure until the five remaining issues are resolved—or, if it comes to that, settled by his decision.

### Drivers' Tips Involved

These issues include the form of the contract—whether it is to be citywide or signed individually for each garage—and its duration, and the method of computing a driver's tips in determining his vacation pay.

Botwinick said the negotiators will "make every effort to resolve the issues before the deadline set by the Mayor."

The rank and file of the dri-



(NEWS photo by Frank Russo) Mayor Lindsay gives newsmen details of settlement.

vers and many of the owners were obviously reluctant to let the Mayor call the tune. The negotiators for both the owners and the drivers had agreed tentatively to go along with the Mayor's plan in a marathon session that ran from noon Sunday to 11 A.M. yesterday.

### Holding Out for 50%

But when Van Arsdale laid it before the union wage policy committee in the Hotel Commodore there was a storm of angry protest. Emerging from the session, Van Arsdale told newsmen, "I'm sorry I can't say it's settled. We're holding out for 50%."

But when he showed up at City Hall at 5:30 P.M., he was all optimism. He announced that the wage policy committee had voted to accept the Lindsay proposal after all.

At the same time, in an apparent move to put pressure on the fleet owners to go along, he released 4,500 owner-drivers affiliated with the union and told them to go back to work immediately.

Lindsay had announced at 11 A.M. that 14 issues had been resolved in the overnight negotiations and that if both sides ratified his offer to determine the commission rate, the strike would be over.

A source close to the negotiations revealed that Lindsay had threatened to issue 1,700 more hack medallions if the disputants did not get together speedily.

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## Carey Buses Still Stalled

Day-long negotiations yesterday failed to resolve the strike which 11 days ago halted private bus service to Kennedy, LaGuardia and Newark Airports. With the now-resolved cab strike, the bus paralysis had crippled transit to city airports.

At 10:30 last night, after an eight-hour session, federal mediator Abraham A. Desser recessed the bargaining until 11 A.M. today. He declined to say if the talks, in midtown's Dryden East Hotel, had produced any progress toward a new contract between Carey Transportation Inc. and striking members of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.



(NEWS photo by Alan Aaronson) John Fraioli flourishes his trip ticket as he drives out of garage at Boone Ave., and 173d St., Bronx, at end of strike. Also relieved is Patrolman Stan Gamb who was detailed to garage.

# Mob 'Threatens' U.S. Prosecutor

By ROBERT WALSH and JOSEPH McNAMARA

The bank robbery trial of John (Sonny) Franzese, asserted boss of the Long Island Cosa Nostra family, and nine other defendants was dramatically interrupted yesterday by charges that the lives of the federal prosecutor and his family had been threatened by the mob.

With the allegation, the heavily guarded chamber of Brooklyn's Federal Court rocked with an emotional exchange between defense attorney Lester Landy and

the prosecutor, Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael J. Gillen, who said he and his family had been threatened.

Only the gaveling of Judge Walter Bruchhausen restored order.

### Three Plead Guilty

The outburst made anti-climactic a second startling development, the guilty pleas of three of the 10 charged with operating a transcontinental bank stickup ring and the government's assertion that the three would turn state's witnesses.

It confirmed the rumors that songbirds might turn on the powerful Franzese, long a reputed loan shark and — say the feds — a Johnny-come-lately to bank heisting.

The stage was set for the Landy-Gillen pyrotechnics when the defense attorney asked Judge Bruchhausen for an adjournment. Landy said he represented both Franzese and another defendant, William D. (Red) Crabbe, of 114-

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Michael J. Gillen Gets mob's threats

## Holiday Toll May Hit 540

Chicago, May 15 (AP)—Holiday highways often are overcrowded with overtired, overwrought drivers in overfilled cars.

That was the observation

made today by the National Safety Council in estimating between 460 and 540 persons might be killed in traffic accidents over the long Memorial Day holiday weekend.

## Meet Miss New York State



(NEWS photo by Jack Smith)

Nancy Self, 23, but more importantly 25-23-33, is surrounded by beautiful competitors after she won the Miss New York State title last night in final judging at the Latin Quarter night club. Today she flies to Miami to compete for the Miss U.S.A. title in the Miss Universe contest. Nancy, from Albany, competed as Miss Albany last night in a show telecast by WPIX. Nancy has lived in New York several years, is a photographer's model and studies at an acting studio.

# Got Threat, Says U.S. Attorney **Hurry! Fooler Wants a Rest**

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46 Rockaway Blvd., South Ozone Park.

This, said Landy, constituted in his mind a conflict of interest and he asked the judge for time to permit Crabbe to obtain another attorney.

"This is just a delaying action," charged Gillen. And turning to the judge, he said: "Your Honor, it is the government's intention to move for the remanding of all these defendants."

His voice rising in pitch, Gillen said:

### Family Under Guard

"My wife, my son Michael, my son John and my son Christopher are now hiding out from my home."

Landy shouted, "I object!" "You shut up," screamed Gillen in reply, as the judge pounded with his gavel.

Order restored, Gillen, a wiry 5-foot-8, 160-pound ex-marine and former city cop, told the court:

"There have been threats against me and my family."

While he didn't elaborate, it was learned the threats were made last Wednesday and ever

since, Gillen, his wife and sons, 7, 5, and 4, have been under constant guard away from their Staten Island home. The eldest, Michael, has been kept home from school. Federal marshals and FBI agents were spotted about the court as Gillen made his charge, the first threat leveled against a prosecutor in the memory of veteran judges.

Landy objected to Gillen's statement on grounds the threats "cannot be attributed to any of these defendants as far as I know."

Judge Bruchhausen overrode the objection and adjourned the case against the 47-year-old **Franzese** and six others until 10 A.M. tomorrow to give attorneys time to complete pre-trial maneuvers.

After clearing the court, the judge then set up the second

stage of the rocket booster designed to land Sonny in the federal pen—the guilty pleas of the trio.

They were John J. (Blueboy) Cordero, 24, of 29 Sky Edge Drive, Bethel, Conn.; Richard P. Parks, 24, of 39-06 114th St., Corona, Queens, and James J. Smith, 32, of 399 Central Ave., Brooklyn.

All face maximum terms of 20 years. But no date was set for sentencing. It is presumed their cooperation will in large measure determine the severity of their sentences.

The three admitted seizing \$18,000 in government bonds from the Central Queens Savings and Loan Association last July 7.

**Franzese** is charged with brain-trusting bank jobs in Queens, Nassau, Massachusetts and Utah, netting more than \$77,000.

must be received by the Fooler in his P.O. Box 1440, Grand Central Station, New York, N. Y. 10017, not later than 2 P.M. on Thursday.

**Wants a Rest**  
By TOM TOMASULO  
This is the final call for puzzle fans who would like to relieve the Little Fooler of a weighty problem. He's toting a

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\$5,000 bankroll—the jackpot for his Puzzle No. 29—and it's becoming quite cumbersome for the wee one. So this is your last chance to relieve him of all that cash before he embarks on a well-deserved vacation.

Puzzle No. 29 ends its three-day run today, and all entries

A correct solution to the puzzle will put you in clover with enough money to use, if you like, for a dandy vacation, too.

Much as he dislikes being outsmarted, that's the only way the Fooler can get away and take it easy after a day in, day out grind over the past 29 weeks.

This is his last puzzle, unless no one solves it. Then he'll have to put his brain power to work on another puzzle.



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