

# Nassau Plans Second Jury To Probe Mob

By Tom Renner

Mineola—Nassau District Attorney Cahn obtained a court order yesterday authorizing a second grand jury on organized crime to investigate business infiltration and the suspected murder of a Long Island crime leader and his chief adviser.

Cahn said that the new grand jury would focus its efforts on the activities of the Joseph Colombo crime family and what was once the Joseph (Joe Bananas) Bonanno crime family. The crime boss of the former Bonanno family, Frank Mari, 43, of Searingtown, and his consiglieri (adviser) Michael (Mike Adams) Adamo, 69, of North Massapequa, disappeared Sept. 18 in Manhattan and Brooklyn, respectively. Both are believed to have been murdered on orders of the Cosa Nostra commission, the mob's ruling body.

Cahn said that the request for the new grand jury was the result of investigations by his rackets bureau, directed by Norman Levy, and the Nassau Police Organized Crime Unit headed by Deputy Chief Insp. Charles Spahr. He said that he sought the order for the impaneling of the jury from Nassau County Court Judge Paul Kelly. Kelly approved the order and said that he would set a date for the impaneling of the jury.

Formation of the jury would establish the third such special panel on Long Island. For more than three years, Levy has been presenting evidence gathered against members of the Thomas Luchese crime family to a special grand jury, which has handed up more than 140 indictments.

Last July, Suffolk District Attorney Aspland asked for the formation of a similar grand jury in Suffolk. That jury has heard one case resulting in the indictment of Suffolk hoodlum Julius F. (Julie) Klein and associates of his on charges of kidnaping a Suffolk businessman and extorting \$200,000 in cash and securities from him. Evidence of the kidnaping was first disclosed by the State Investigation Commission.

The formation of special juries to probe mob activities was urged last March in a Newsday series which identified 120 organized crime figures, including 35 Colombo and 21 Bonanno crime family members. The series warned of mob plans to infiltrate Long Island business enterprises and of increased shylocking and gambling activities.

Cahn said the new jury would hear evidence that would involve kidnaping, conspiracy to commit murder, policy, bookmaking, extortion, coercion, possession of dangerous weapons, hijacking and other crimes. Of particular importance, Cahn said, would be evidence of infiltration of legitimate businesses by members of the Colombo and Bonanno families. He refused to elaborate. The Newsday series said that the mob was moving into or entrenched in liquor wholesaling, real estate, restaurants, linen, trucking, night clubs, credit cards, garment companies and other industries.

Cahn refused to disclose which organized crime figures were under investigation, but the principal mob figures with important Long Island interests include: Paul Sciacca of Massapequa, the confirmed Bonanno family boss who was replaced either by force or voluntary retirement by Mari; John (Sonny) Franzese of Roslyn; Salvatore (Sally the Shiek) Mussachio of Wantagh; Carmine (the Snake) Persico, formerly of Hempstead and now of Brooklyn; and Sebastian (Buster) Aloï of the Bronx, all Colombo family captains. An estimated 100 crime family figures may be called before the jury during the investigation, as well as businessmen and other persons.



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**ARMED GUARD.** With the bayonets of Wisconsin National Guardsmen behind him, the Rev. James Groppi calls yesterday for the attention of a group of welfare recipients and sympathizers. About 1,100 demonstrators at the capitol in Madison renewed their demands for the restoration of welfare cuts, while the Wisconsin Legislature failed in two attempts to cite the priest for contempt.

## Czech Diplomat Defects

Sydney, Australia (UPI)—Czechoslovakia's highest-ranking diplomat to Australia defected today and was granted political asylum with his wife and three sons.

A government spokesman said that Karel Franc, 46, Czechoslovakia's consul general to Australia since 1965, applied for citizenship for his family yesterday and the request was approved today. Efforts to reach the Franc family for comment were unsuccessful.

Franc was a close friend of Alexander Dubcek, the Czechoslovak reformist who was purged from the Communist Party's Presidium in Prague during the weekend. The diplomat had made no secret of his displeasure with the Soviet-led invasion of Czechoslovakia on Aug. 21, 1968, and the crackdown on Dubcek's "experiment in freedom" that followed.

An official of the Czechoslovak consul general's office said that Franc had been given orders to return home following the weekend purges in his nation's capital. He refused to comment further.

It was reported that Franc sent his resignation to the consulate early today and went into hiding with his wife, Geraslov, and three sons, Peter, Paul and Charles. Australian government spokesmen refused to answer questions about the Francs' whereabouts. They said that Prime Minister John Gorton was being kept informed on the latest developments in the case.

One spokesman said that Franc, his tour of duty in Australia now finished, wanted to remain in the country as a migrant. Franc and his family arrived in Australia in 1965 and took up residence in suburban Point Piper. He was mostly a behind-the-scenes diplomat.

## Riot Jury Locked Up After 'Threats'

Chicago (UPI)—The jury hearing the Chicago riot conspiracy trial was ordered locked up yesterday after it was disclosed that two jurors had received threatening notes.

Federal Judge Julius J. Hoffman ordered the sequestration on the motion of Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard G. Schultz and over the objection of the defense. The order came on the fifth day of the landmark trial, regarded as the first court test of a controversial anti-riot provision added to the 1968 Civil Rights Act. The trial is expected to last several months.

Although the contents of the notes were not revealed, copies of what appeared to be the notes could be seen being passed around the prosecution table. "We're watching you. The Black Panthers," the copies read.

One of the defendants, Bobby G. Seale, 33, is national chairman of the Black Panthers, a militant black organization. Seale said in a handwritten statement distributed at a lunch-time news conference that the Panthers had no part in writing the notes. "Our

party and I do not engage in such wrong, backward acts," the statement said.

The news conference led to the disclosure in court of the letters. Schultz said that the defense, the prosecution and the judge had agreed to keep the matter secret until a final agreement could be reached. Hoffman said that he would hold a hearing today on whether the two jurors should be disqualified.

When the notes were discussed in court, Judge Hoffman straightened up in his chair and directed a stinging challenge to a defense attorney who said that the defendants believed the letters were a "government trick."

"I'll let you try to prove that statement right now," Hoffman said to Attorney William A. Kunstler. "That is a very serious charge. We have one of the finest U.S. attorneys we have ever had in this district. You don't have one shred of evidence that what your defendants think is the case."

Kunstler said, "Of course, we can't prove it, but what we are proposing, because we don't think the Federal Bureau of Investigation is the appropriate agency in this matter, is a person of defense's and

government's choosing be appointed to investigate the matter."

The judge said that he had no authority to take such action. He ordered the jury to be locked up. "That is all I can do at this point," he said.

News that the two members of the jury of 10 women and two men had received the notes was presented to Hoffman by Schultz after court reconvened following a brief recess. Before the session reconvened, a representative of the eight defendants distributed a statement, which said in part, "We accuse the U.S. government of tampering with two jurors as part of the continuing frame-up of the conspiracy eight."

The eight defendants are in the first week of their trial on charges that they conspired to incite riots in the streets and parks of Chicago during the 1968 Democratic National Convention. Much of the time so far has been consumed in attempts by Kunstler to force Hoffman to disqualify himself. The judge denied a motion yesterday for a hearing on whether he should bow out of the case after reportedly making a derogatory remark about one defense attorney.