

7 Silent Hoods Indicted in Brooklyn

By Mike Quinn

Brooklyn—Seven Cosa Nostra hoodlums, two from the Joseph (Joe Bananas) Bonanno family and five from the family's rebellious Paul Sciacca faction, were indicted yesterday on charges of refusing to answer questions before a Kings County grand jury investigating the gangland war between the two groups.

The Brooklyn grand jury indicted the seven, including one man from Long Island, on charges of contempt of court for refusing to answer questions at various times between April and October before a special rackets grand jury. Six of the men were arraigned yesterday before State Supreme Court Justice Hyman Barsby and released in \$2,500 bail. The seventh, police said, is in a hospital, and was not arraigned yesterday. No trial date was set.

The grand jury is investigating the war for control of the Bonanno crime family involving Bonanno and his son, Salvatore, and Sciacca, who lives in Massapequa. The gang war has claimed at least six lives since Jan. 28, 1966.

Until recently, there has been an uneasy truce between the two factions as ordered by the Cosa Nostra "commission," but in September a Sciacca faction member, Frank Mari, 43, of 3 Hillsdale Dr., Searingtown, newly named head of the crime family, was reported missing. Police have speculated that Mari and Michael (Mike Adams) Adamo, 69, of 212 N. Chestnut St., North Massapequa, a consigliere (adviser), also of the Sciacca faction, had been murdered.

The Long Islander arraigned yesterday, Giacomo

Musumeci, 56, of 3 Hillsdale Dr., Searingtown, is Mari's father-in-law. The others arraigned were: Angelo Lapi, 37, a member of the Bonanno faction of Queens; Nicholas Marangello, 49, of the Bronx, soldier and former chauffeur of Bonanno; Anthony Lisi, 58, of Manhattan, soldier of the Sciacca faction; Steven Cannone, 56, of Manhattan, a Sciacca lieutenant, and Carmine Castellano, 55, of Brooklyn, a Sciacca associate. The man in hospital was George Guarino, no age given, of Brooklyn, a Sciacca associate.

Since 1966, both Lisi and Marangello on three different occasions have been sentenced to a total of at least 60 days in jail and \$1,000 in fines for refusing to testify. Lapi was sentenced earlier this year to 30 days in jail and ordered to pay a \$250 fine, also for refusing to testify.

Tax Agent Says U.S. Infiltrated Mob

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Athens, Ga.—Cosa Nostra members have lived for years with the nagging fear that federal agents had penetrated their secret society. But this week, an agent for the Internal Revenue Service ended all doubts with a disclosure that undercover agents were indeed working as active crime-family associates across the country.

U.S. agents have successfully wormed their way into the lower echelons of organized crime, the agent said, but none have ever been accepted as crime-family soldiers or captains. He said that the second- and third-generation membership of Cosa Nostra figures made it impossible for outsiders to win approval of the mob as crime-family members.

The story of penetration of mob activities by federal tax agents was made public for the first time at a conference for 300 persons, including Internal Revenue intelligence agents, prosecutors and judges from 22 states, who are attending a U.S. Department of Justice law enforcement assistants administration training session on organized crime at the University of Georgia here.

Dante Bonomi, supervisor of the Internal Revenue Service's undercover agents, said that members of his department are being trained at secret locations to penetrate the Cosa Nostra and gather information about the mob's criminal enterprises and membership. He said that some agents had worked for as long as eight years as crime-family associates and were still supplying information. He noted, however, that

none of the agents were permitted to participate actively in crimes.

Bonomi's disclosure confirmed mob fear that was reflected in transcripts of recordings made on FBI eavesdropping devices planted in the office of New Jersey crime boss Simone (Sam the Plumber) DeCavalcante. In those recordings, soldiers of the DeCavalcante and Vito Genovese crime families expressed fears that federal agents had been planted in the Carlo Gambino crime family and next to Joseph Colombo crime-family captain John (Sonny) Franzese of Roslyn.

Bonomi refused to comment on the FBI recordings, but in a briefing following a training session closed to the press, he cited one instance in which an agent had operated a grocery store in Providence, R.I. for more than two years. He said that the agent had won such a position of mob trust that he became the right-hand man for Gerardo Anguilo, the underboss of the Raymond Patriarca crime family of New England. Bonomi said that the agent helped to send Patriarca to jail on a charge of conspiracy to commit murder.

Martin Danziger, chief of the law enforcement assistants administration's organized crime section, also cited instances of successful penetration of the mob by non-federal agents. He said that one police group, which he did not identify, had set up its own bookmaking ring to gather information on the mob. Profits from the ring were returned to the government jurisdiction in which the police agents were operating. In another instance, the New York Harbor Waterfront Commission set up its own fencing operation in 1964 and bought television sets and other products hijacked from New York piers.

While agent infiltration has become an important weapon, Edward McLaughlin, chief counsel for the New York State Joint Legislative Committee on Crime, said that wiretapping was an overrated weapon. He noted that the state has had wiretaps for 30 years, yet one-half of the Cosa Nostra in the U.S. lives and operates in the state.

DA Calls Union Men in Fire

Mineola—Several Nassau County barber-shop owners and union officials have been subpoenaed to appear before a grand jury investigating a fire Tuesday at a Plainview barbershop.

Nassau District Attorney Cahn said yesterday that a number of shop owners and union officials already have been questioned by Norman Levy, chief of the district attorney's racket bureau. Cahn refused to say who was questioned or who would appear before the grand jury. It was learned, however, that at least three union officials, including one who was a principal in a barbershop extortion case six years ago, were among those questioned. The three also were subpoenaed to testify before the grand jury.

Cahn said that the investigation will be extended to include possible conspiracy to fix prices at Nassau barber shops. The investigation stems from the fire which destroyed Manetto Hill Barbers, a shop in the Manetto Mall shopping center in Plainview. Police said yesterday that the fire was deliberately set.

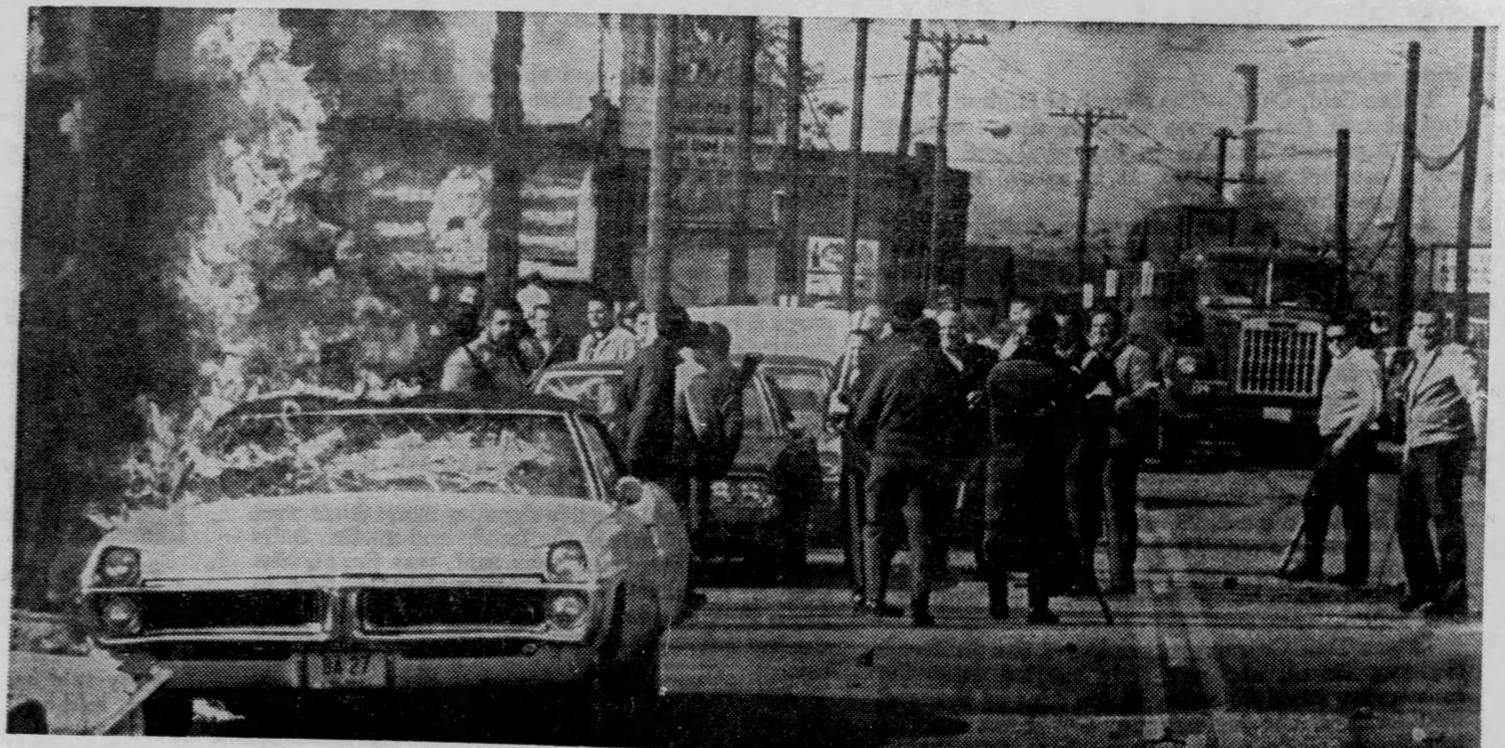
The three union officials questioned yesterday, it was learned, are officials of Local 310 of the Journeymen Barbers, Hairdressers, Cosmetologists and Proprietors International Union of America, AFL-CIO. They were reported to be Joseph Corda of 24 Lindhurst Rd., Rockville Centre, vice president of the local; Ralph Passiatore of 1000 Deer Park Ave., North Babylon, recorder of the local, and Samuel Conzo of 2 Cherokee St., Massapequa, president of the local.

Conzo pleaded guilty in 1963 to a reduced charge of conspiracy to set prices, a misdemeanor. He had originally been indicted on extortion charges in connection with a plot to dynamite the shops of barbers who balked at protection payoffs. He was given a one-year suspended sentence.

Sol Coviello of the Bronx, owner of the 10-chair Plainview barbershop, said that his store had been picketed by members of the union since it opened in July, but added that the pickets suddenly disappeared about three weeks ago.

Calm Is Sought In Truck War

Armed men stand near the blazing car of a Teamster official yesterday outside the Republic Steel plant in Youngstown, Ohio. The incident occurred before an independent steel-hauler union agreed to withhold pickets in order to avoid further clashes with the Teamsters Union, which has refused to honor the independents' picket lines. The intra-union feud sparked a gun battle at the plant Tuesday in which one Teamster member was shot to death and five other truckers were wounded. The independents have refused to end their strike despite the picket decision.



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