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Picket Line: 'Join the Fight Against Defamation'

## Italians Picket Cahn

Mineola—Protesting that Nassau District Attorney Cahn was harassing the family of Cosa Nostra captain John (Sonny) Franzese, about 200 Italian-Americans picketed the entrance to the Nassau County Courthouse for more than three hours yesterday.

The protesters arrived by chartered bus and camper-trailer shortly after Franzese's wife, Tina, went under subpoena to Cahn's office to testify before a special grand jury investigating organized crime. The Italian-Americans marched in a wide circle in front of the entrance, chanting "Cahn has got to go," and carrying signs reading, "Kahn is anti-American."

Anthony Colombo, the portly son of Joseph Colombo, head of a Brooklyn crime family, led the protest. Repeatedly, he shouted into a bullhorn, "Keep it moving . . . stay off the sidewalk." His wife, Carol, marched with a sign urging Italian-Americans to "join in the fight against defamation and discrimination."

A group of Colombo and Paul Sciacca family members was also in the area of the courthouse, including Michael Casale, 55, a captain in the Sciacca family (now run by Phil

Rastelli); Frank (Punchy) Illiano, 42, a soldier in the Colombo mob; Albert (Kid Blast) Gallo, 38, a soldier in the Colombo crime family, and Anthony (The Gawkw) Angello, a soldier in the Colombo family.

Tina Franzese was under surveillance because the district attorney's rackets squad is trying to determine the source of her income and the business interests of her jailed husband. Cahn denied that he was harassing Mrs. Franzese.

Mrs. Franzese attempted yesterday to file a charge of harassment against an assistant district attorney, Joseph Spinnado, but said that the district attorney's office would not see her. A spokesman for Cahn said later that she and her lawyer did see an assistant district attorney and Cahn issued a statement saying that Spinnado has never even talked to Mrs. Franzese.

Raymond Narral, attorney for the Italian-American Civil Rights League, said later that he and Mrs. Franzese's lawyer would file papers in U.S. District Court today to force Cahn to hold a hearing on the complaint. He also said that charges of violating Mrs. Franzese's civil rights would be filed.

## Pobliner Jury Hears MD

Mineola—The Nassau County chief medical examiner testified yesterday that Jay T. Pobliner's wife may have been murdered at least two or three hours before the time Pobliner claimed that he last saw her alive.

Dr. Leslie Lukash slowly and precisely explained to the all-male jury in Pobliner's murder trial the many-faceted medical examination that he had performed on the body of Pobliner's wife, Brenda, the morning that she was found shot to death in the Pobliners' Merrick home Dec. 27, 1968.

Lukash said that he had examined the body at about 10 that morning. He said yesterday that Mrs. Pobliner had been dead "more than four hours but probably six or eight hours." Lukash added that his estimate was "conservative."

According to Lukash, Mrs. Pobliner could have been dead as early as 2 or 3 AM Dec. 27. Pobliner had told police that he awoke at about 5 AM and kissed his wife goodbye before he left for work in Manhattan about 45 minutes later.

Lukash also testified that Mrs. Pobliner had been shot three times in the left side of the head near her eyebrow. He showed the jury a slide of the body of Mrs. Pobliner and pointed to the entry wounds.

Pobliner's lawyer, Maurice Edelbaum, attempted to bring out on cross-examination that other elements, such as a delay in examination of the body, may also have accounted for the results of certain tests on which Lukash based his estimation of the time of death. Edelbaum is scheduled to continue his cross-examination of Lukash Tuesday.



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