Lawyer facing 20 yrs. in \$1M embezzlement

Stole pension-welfare funds

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A 51-year-old Brooklyn lawyer has been convicted of helping a reputed mob captain and two other men embezzle more than \$1 million from two union pension-welfare funds.

Found guilty in Brooklyn Federal Court of racketeering, obstruction of justice, embezzlement, and bribery was Mitchell Goldblatt of E. 18th St. He was acquitted of two counts of embezzlement.

Judge Eugene Nickerson set July 24 for the sentencing date after the jury of five women and seven men brought in its verdict Monday. Goldblatt faces up to 20 years in prison on the racketeering charge.

The veteran labor lawyer has offices at 16 Court St. in Brooklyn and 2 Mott St. in Manhattan. Nickerson ordered Goldblatt to refrain from union activity pending his appeal.

Special Attorney Jerry Bernstein said Goldblatt had teamed up with Michael Franzese, an alleged boss in the Colombo crime family, and two top officials of the Allied International Union of Security Guards and Special Police, Louis Fenza and Anthony Tomasso.

Bernstein said that before its collapse, the group had funnelled \$590,000 in fund money to a faltering off-shore insurance company, Dome Insurance, in exchange for kickbacks. He said Goldblatt also drained more than \$600,000 from the pension fund of the International Shield of Labor Alliance.

As its key witnesses, the government called Leo Bloom, the president of the now-bankrupt Dome Insurance Corp., and Anthony Tomasso, a former president of Allied. Bloom is serving five years and Tomasso is a protected witness. Both are seeking leniency.

Susan Kellman, Goldblatt's lawyer, had told the jury that the case against her client brought to mind "the word, scapegoat." She said the union had accountants and other people to make its financial determinations and had no training in accounting and finance.

Area Masons pick member as a grand representative



Albert H. Anderson

Albert H. Anderson of Brooklyn has been named by area Masons as grand representative to the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, Australia.

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