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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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AIRTEL

4-16-87

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE

FROM : ADIC, NEW YORK (12A-1307-NEW) (C-7)

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SUBJECT: [redacted]
ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL
RIGHTS LEAGUE
(OO:NY)

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ReBAairtel to NY, dated 2/18/87.

For the information of Baltimore, NY OCIS Indices were negative for [redacted]

NY references for [redacted] the ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE were dated 1974 and were not narcotics related. For the further information of Baltimore, ANTHONY SALERNO, aka Tony "Fat" (currently incarcerated) is a major figure in organized crime in NY, and it is extremely unlikely [redacted]. In view of the above and due to the current criteria of the NYO this matter is being closed at this time.

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- ☐ Routine

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- ☐ UNCLAS

Date 3/24/87

TO: ADIC, NEW YORK

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (12A-828) (CRA) (RUC)

SUBJECT: [redacted] b7C b7D

ITALIAN-AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE;
OO:NEW YORK

RE: Baltimore airtel to New York, 2/18/87.

Philadelphia conducted investigation in regards to the information provided on page three of referenced airtel. This information indicated that [redacted]

The following individuals were contacted with regards to the above and each of these individuals stated that a review of their records could provide no information regarding the above described incident.

1. [redacted]

2. [redacted]

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In addition, both [redacted] stated that they had no source information which would indicate that the above incident took place.

The above is being provided for the information of the Baltimore Division and Philadelphia will conduct no further investigation in this matter.

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Date 2/18/87

TO: AIDC, NEW YORK

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (12A-NEW) (SQ 14) (P)

SUBJECT: [redacted]
ITALIAN-AMERICAN CIVIL
RIGHTS LEAGUE
OO:NY

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RE: Baltimore (Wilmington RA) call to New York (SA [redacted] 2/9/87.

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Baltimore has no means of assigning any value or priority to the information [redacted] The information is being furnished to the receiving offices for information purposes.

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Should a receiving office deem it necessary to utilize [redacted] Baltimore should be advised [redacted]

If [redacted] is found to be of no value, likewise, Baltimore wishes to be advised.

Receiving offices should be aware that the information that follows [redacted]

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In order to preliminarily verify some of the information on 2/10/87, an inquiry was made

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IACRL.

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[redacted]

On 2/10/87, an inquiry of OCIS reflects the following information:

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The Newark Division, in file 183-1661, entered the IACRL on 9/20/82, and updated the entry on 2/25/86. Under the same file, Newark entered [redacted]

[redacted] entered by the New York Division under NY file 183-3086.

[redacted] by New York Division under NY file 92A-9281.

IACRL, telephone number (212) 642-9527, was entered by the Las Vegas Division under LV file 183-1073.

The Italian American Humanitarian League was entered by the Philadelphia Division with an alias of IACRL, Chapter 34, under PH file 183-1543.

The Phoenix Division entered [redacted] under PX file 92A-511.

BA 12A-NEW

Baltimore will keep this matter pending for a period of 60 days to allow receiving offices to evaluate the information above. If office of origin nor any receiving office has advised Baltimore of any investigation interest at the end of that period, this matter will be place on RUC status.

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NO RECORD OCIS

TO: OFFICE SERVICES MANAGER

Date 3/11/87

Subject [redacted]

Social Security Account #

Aliases [redacted]

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Address [redacted]

Birth Date	Birthplace	Race	Sex
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Requested by [redacted]

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NO RECORD OCIS

TO: OFFICE SERVICES MANAGER

Date 3/11/87

Subject [redacted]

Social Security Account #

Aliases

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Address [redacted]

Birth Date	Birthplace	Race	Sex
			☐ Male ☐ Female

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TO: OFFICE SERVICES MANAGER NO RECORD OCIS

Date 3/11/89

Subject [redacted]

Social Security Account # b7C b7D

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Date 3/11/87

TO: OFFICE SERVICES MANAGER

Subject [redacted]

Social Security Account #

Aliases

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Address [redacted]

Birth Date	Birthplace	Race	Sex
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Date 3/11/87

Subject [redacted]

Social Security Account #

Aliases

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Subject [redacted]

Social Security Account #

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87-69583-376	1/74		
92-1965-I-351	6/74		
92-61210-416	5/72		
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87-69583-388 p75	1/74		
no other aka names			

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TO: OFFICE SERVICES MANAGER

Date 3/11/87

Subject Italian American Civil Rights League

Social Security Account #

Aliases

Address 1460 Pennsylvania Ave Brooklyn

Birth Date | Birthplace | Race | Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female

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92-5494-68	6/72		
182-120-SUBA-33 p3	11/71		
92-6210-31*	1/71		
92-2247-SUBE-474	3/71		
92-1325-300	2/71		
182-120-18	4/71		
98-A65-2280 p2	6/71		

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Date

Subject: ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE

Social Security Account #

Aliases

Address

Birth Date

Birthplace

Race

Sex
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☐ Female

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179-503-238 *	5/72		
92-431-501 p29	1/74		
179-484-16 p2	8/72		
-16 p8	7/72		
179-484-16 p3	8/72		
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Subject: Italian American Civil Rights League

Social Security Account #

Aliases

Address

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*245-R121	7/86	closed 6-93	
[redacted]			
245-1454bB-486	5/84		
No other	mid names		
[redacted]			
25-91881-3*	2/62		
25-127784*	6/68		
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Social Security Account #

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☐ Female

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92-6210-416	5/72		
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87-69583-388 p.75	10/74		
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TO: OFFICE SERVICES MANAGER SEE ATTACHED remarks cannot be read

Date 3/11/88

Subject Italian American Civil Rights League

Social Security Account #

Aliases

Address 1460 Pennsylvania Ave Brooklyn

Birth Date | Birthplace | Race | Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female

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Date 10/8/70

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-NEW)

ITALIAN-AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE, ANTI-RACKETEERING

THIS DATE APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED PERSONS PICKETED THE OFFICES OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, NASSAU COUNTY, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK. PICKETS OBJECTED TO ALLEGED HARRASSMENT BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN CONNECTION WITH GRAND JURY CURRENTLY CONVENED PROBING ORGANIZED CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES IN LONG ISLAND. IN CONNECTION THIS GRAND JURY, NUMEROUS LCN FIGURES FROM ALL NYC FAMILIES HAVE BEEN SUBPOENAED AND CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS HAVE BEEN INSTITUTED AGAINST SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER.

PICKETS THIS DATE REPRESENTED BY NUMEROUS MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS OF THE LCN FAMILY OF JOSEPH COLOMBO. AMONG COLOMBO PEOPLE WERE ANTHONY "THE GAWK" AUGELLO, ANTHONY COLOMBO, JOSEPH BRANCATO, AND TINA FRANZESE, WIFE OF RENOWNED COLOMBO MEMBER JOHN "SONNY" FRANZESE.

NEWS MEDIA PROVIDED SUBSTANTIAL COVERAGE THIS DEMONSTRATION.

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NEWS photo by Ken Korotkin

Mrs. Tina Franzese and her son, Michael, 19, listen to speeches outside Nassau County Courthouse, Mineola.

Franzese Friends Picket

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dent in Spinnado's office Sept. 25. At that time Mrs. Franzese was accompanying her aunt, Mrs. Natalie Berman of Brooklyn, to answer a subpena. Mrs. Franzese said that when she asked Spinnado what he wants from her family, the assistant DA told her: "I you don't like what's going on in Nassau County, take your kids and get out."

The 36-year-old mother of four said her children have been followed to and from school by police, and that her home has been under surveillance.

Raymond Narral, attorney for the Italian-American Civil Rights League, said he would join with Mrs. Franzese's lawyer today or tomorrow to file papers in federal court to force Cahn to hold a hearing on the complaint. He said that other papers would also be filed against Cahn and Spinnado charging violations of Mrs. Franzese's civil rights.

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Franzese 'Harassment' Brings Picketing of DA

By STEWART AIN

A group of 450 Italian-Americans and their supporters picketed Nassau County Court in Mineola for three hours yesterday demanding the ouster of an assistant Nassau County district attorney who, they say, has been harassing the family of reputed Cosa Nostra captain John (Sonny) Franzese.

Mrs. Tina Franzese, whose husband was sentenced in March to 50 years in prison for conspiracy to rob banks, joined the demonstration after attempting to file a charge of harassment against Assistant DA Joseph Spinnado.

She entered the DA's office shortly after the demonstration began at 10 a.m., and after speaking with Assistant DA Stephen Scaring, returned to the picket lines visibly shaken.

"District Attorney William Cahn will not issue the complaint and refused to see us," she told her supporters. While we were up there Spinnado came up and started screaming and said he's going to get each and every one of you on this line. He said curses, and they had to shut the door so that no one else could hear him.

"He said he would not see my attorney, and he was adamant about the people out here—he don't want you here and I'm sure he'll continue to harass us," the attractive blonde said.

Late yesterday afternoon, Cahn said he refused to take action on the harassment charge because "there is no basis in fact to the charge and no basis in law in which to pursue it."

Asked about Mrs. Franzese's charge that Spinnado has threatened the picketers yesterday, Cahn said his assistant "wasn't even in Nassau County. He was attending a conference on organized crime in Manhattan all day."

"We have not harassed Mrs. Franzese or anyone else," Cahn added. "We are conducting an investigation in this county and will not be deterred by pickets or anybody else."

Mrs. Franzese explained she wanted to file a complaint of harassment because of an inci-

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The Italian-American Civil Rights League

Colombo arrest sparked first action

By EVERETT R. HARVEY

The Italian-American Civil Rights League is mushrooming from a haphazardly organized picket line, hastily thrown up last spring to protest the FBI arrest of a reputed Mafioso's son, into a well organized, neopolitical force of considerable influence.

The IACRL, which has revived principles adopted by AID (Italians of American Descent), but which failed to survive less than a half-dozen years, flared into existence, practically overnight, with the arrest of Joseph Colombo Jr. on April 30, in Brooklyn.

Colombo Jr., 23, is currently awaiting trial in the Eastern District Federal Court in Brooklyn, scheduled for Nov. 30, on an indictment charging him and two others with conspiring to melt down $50,000 in silver coins into ingots.

His arrest by the FBI sparked Colombo Sr., a reputed head of one of New York's five organized crime families, into action and Colombo Sr. was among the first protesters to appear on a picket line thrown up outside the FBI's Manhattan office on E. 69th St.

Early in the picketing, which lasted several days and saw up to 5,000 on the picket line, Colombo Sr. claimed credit for the sympathetic support given him, and again, later, for inspiring the several thousand who poured out for the Unity Day rally at Columbus Circle in June.

Colombo Sr., incensed over his son's arrest, claimed at the time he didn't care what the FBI did to him, but said the federal agency was harassing innocent persons when its members arrested his son.

According to the FBI, police and other organized crime investigative agencies, a large segment of those who appeared on the picket line were members of the International Longshoremen's Association, headed by Anthony Scotto, a reputed

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caporegime in the Carlo Gambino crime family, but with no arrest record, a son-in-law of the late Albert Anastasio of Murder, Inc.

Also present, it was noted, were members of several other union locals reputed to be under the domination of organized crime elements, led by captains identified by the agencies as having lengthy arrest and conviction records in organized crime activities.

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In all, the agencies noted, four of New York's five organized crime families were represented at the picketing.

Also noteworthy of mention was the presence at the rally of several politicians representing all parties, and some candidates who are campaigning for stronger legislation against organized crime.

Those close to 46-year-old Colombo Sr., and several law enforcement officials in particular, regard the suave, well-spoken crime figure as the smartest, youngest, healthiest and most vigorous family leader of the big five.

He is reputed to be a godson of the ailing Carlo Gambino, leader of another of the five families, and one of the very few who visits with Gambino frequently.

Colombo Sr., because of his money-making ability, and his knack for inspiring a following, is believed to be the most likely to become the capo di tutti (boss of all bosses) of all the New York families, replacing the late Vito Genovese who died in a federal prison.

However, the turning point in the future course of the IACRL came late this summer when public relations experts, friends and advisers pointed out to the league that in its efforts to recruit a larger segment of the Italian-American population, it had to, in essence:

- Minimize and phase out future activities by publicly identified organized crime figures, notwithstanding the picketing of county district attorney's offices to protest harassment of such figures.
- Adopt and promote such popular philanthropic activities as the construction of a hospital for everyone, and the es-

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tablishment of drug rehabilitation centers.

It was reportedly pointed out to the league that too many Italian-Americans resented, first, the league's public polarization of ethnic ties to the Mafia and Cosa Nostra, and that there was no real issue at stake.

Second, the identification of organized crime figures with league activities was personally embarassing.

The assumption was, and in some cases still is, that the American public is not intelligent enough to differentiate between the mob and the overwhelming number of its legitimate Italian-American neighbors.

ACTIVITIES SHIFT

Accordingly, more and more of the public leadership and organization activities of the league have shifted away from Colombo Sr., now ostensibly just a member, and has fallen upon the capable shoulders of Natale Marcone, of Todt Hill, the league's current president and chairman.

Marcone, 57, a former furniture factory owner, a former labor organizer and union executive for over 20 years, is utilizing this valuable experience to whip the league into an effective organization.

He is an avowed personal friend of the Colombo family, and works closely with Anthony Colombo, another son, who is currently functioning as a vice president of the league. Anthony is associated with the furniture industry.

Marcone was with Colombo Sr. from the inception of the league.

It is Marcone, therefore, whose forceful dynamics are sometimes construed as threatening, who is spearheading the membership drive.

An accomplished public speaker, eloquently sincere in his presentation which is based upon his personal beliefs, there is little doubt that Marcone

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can do anything but succeed.

The membership drive technique is simple.

Captains, each given a book containing 50 names and addresses, will make door-to-door calls to solicit the $10 membership fee from each Italian-American name on the roster. Non-Italian-Americans, particularly in business and industry, and merchants are also scheduled for eventual solicitation.

Additionally, membership in the league is reportedly being sought by prospective members from places like Youngstown, Ohio, Detroit, Las Vegas, California and Connecticut.

Captains will head each IACRL club being formed, and will be responsible for the growth of their respective organizations. And, although each captain will run his own club, Marcone has stated that policy directives will come, from time to time, from him.

Ostensibly, and on the surface, the cause is good.

Hospitals, sorely needed, are among the prime emotional causes for enlisting public support. Narcotics, number one on the public hate list, are another appealing reason for raising funds.

The effectiveness of the league so far has been established.

GOOD TIMING

Coming during an election year, when political incumbents and candidates are seeking votes for their programs, the organization of the league, the picketing and the rally couldn't have been better timed.

Borrowing from several of the minority causes, the league thereby got its message through to Attorney General John Mitchell.

Gov. Nelson Rockefeller also got the message, and issued a directive to all law enforcement agencies throughout New York State that paralleled Mitchell's: Minimize the use of the terms "Mafia and Cosa Nostra."

In payment thereof, league members are supporting the reelection of Gov. Rockefeller.

The support, however, is unofficial, since political action by the league, which is currently seeking tax-exempt status, would disqualify it for that status. Political action, therefore, will be through an adjunct of the league, The Political Action Committee of Italian Americans.

Additionally, the league, prior to the massive June rally, had little difficulty persuading Italian-American and some non Italian-American merchants to close their shops for the day.

The league's power, political and otherwise, therefore, is patently latent, a sleeping leopard.

The question some observers are asking, however, is whether a leopard can really change its spots.

This is the second of two articles.

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The Italian-American Civil Rights League

Attack Marchi...build forces raise cash...map goals

By ROBERT F. KEELER

"From today on and for eternity, our great organization will serve every Italian-American in this country," Nat Marcone said into the microphone, as loudspeakers carried his prediction to the huge crowd in Columbus Circle.

That was almost four months ago—on Italian-American Unity Day, June 29. Four months isn't eternity. But it is long enough for observers to see that the organization started by Marcone, a Todt Hill businessman - turned - crusader, is probably here to stay.

Born out of Marcone's belief that Italian - American are being "stigmatized" as gangsters by the FBI, the Italian-American Civil Rights League has grown since April into a national organization that shows all the signs of permanency:

POLITICAL ACTION. An offshoot of the IACRL, the Political Action Committee of Italian - Americans, has thrown its support behind Edward T. Pulaski, Democrat, in an effort to beat State Sen. John Marchi, Republican-Conservative, one of the league's main targets.

FUND RAISING. The league has already sold out—at $100, $150 and $200 a ticket — a Feb. 20 concert at the Felt Forum in Madison Square Garden, featuring Frank Sinatra and Sammy Davis Jr. That will bring $600,000 into the league's coffers.

SOARING MEMBERSHIP. There are now about 40,000 members, with applications for membership coming in from as far away as Las Vegas and Miami.

SOCIAL WORK. The league wants to build a hospital and rehabilitation centers and set up scholarships. It has also gone into the business of discouraging narcotics addiction in Brooklyn by chasing pushers and "straightening out" users.

ORGANIZATION. In the last few weeks, the league has moved from the Park Sheraton Hotel to a permanent office on Madison Ave. It has a team of lawyers, a public relations firm and an office staff of 10 or 20 workers.

It all started with eight weeks of nightly demonstration outside the Manhattan headquarters of the FBI, protesting the bureau's "harassment" of Italian - Americans.

One of the catalysts was the arrest in Brooklyn April 30 of Joseph Colombo Jr., 23, on charges of conspiring to melt down $50,000 worth of U.S. coins and sell the resulting ingats.

Young Joe is the son of Joseph Colombo Sr., listed by the Justice Department as the head of one of New York's five Cosa Nostra families. The elder Colombo is a close friend of Marcone's.

But that was only one of many instances of harassment, Marcone contends, and even though the league has slackened its demonstrating since June 29, it still stands ready to picket when necessary.

"We're demonstrating now whenever we feel that people are really, really being ha-

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assed," Marcone said in a recent interview. "We haven't got the stamina to do this every day."

In the last few months, the league has demonstrated for a group of homeowners in Queens — many of them Italian - American — who are in danger of losing their homes to a city construction project.

It has marched outside the Nassau County district attorney's office in Mineola, protesting alleged harassment of Mrs. Tina Francese, wife of Sonny Francese, who is now serving 50 years in jail for conspiracy to rob banks. Marcone said a member of the district attorney's staff had been pressuring Mrs. Francese to leave Long Island.

He said the league will probably also demonstrate Thursday outside the offices of Brooklyn District Attorney Eugene Gold.

A series of subpoenas, one of them for Marcone, have been issued for that date by Gold's

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office, which is investigating the infiltration of legitimate business by organized crime.

Marcone, who said he has already been given immunity and appeared to testify in Brooklyn five or six times to "help stamp out crime," asserts that "they have been subpoenaing 99 per cent Italian - Americans." He said he had answered all the questions he was asked, but he termed the whole thing "ridiculous."

The league has also demonstrated outside the offices of the New York Times and NBC, protesting references to the Cosa Nostra.

But even though demonstrations remain part of the league's mission, there has been a definite change in the IACRL's tone since the early days of chanting and picketing outside the FBI building.

"We don't take quick steps as we did before," Marcone said. "We study every issue and see if it's proper, see if it's clear, see if it's right. Then we make our decision."

One of those decisions is to seek the defeat of Sen. Marchi, an Italian - American whom the league has branded as everything from an Uncle Tom to "that clown from Staten Island." The league claims he has done little for Italian-Americans. His suggested boycott of the Unity Day rally didn't make him an IACRL favorite, either.

Marcone explained that the league itself couldn't oppose Marchi, because such a stand would jeopardize the IACRL's pending application to the state for tax-exempt status. But his own personal feelings are strong.

'NO POWER'

"Rockefeller's under the impression that Marchi's going to deliver him the Italian-American vote," Marcone said. "Well, I have news for you: One way or another, Marchi has no power on this Island.

"He may have had, because he had everyone convinced that he is an Italian - American and because of that, that they're all going to vote for him, which is not so. It's all over the Island. Many, many, Italians feel that he is a disgrace.

"He may have a good shot this year because of his past, because the campaign hasn't started and I haven't opened up. But I still think he can be defeated."

"We know we want to defeat Marchi — there's no question about it. And if we have to, we'll wait two years."

Marcone's hopes for beating Marchi this year depend on Edward Pulaski, the Democratic candidate.

"I had a nice talk with Mr. Pulaski," Marcone said. "He was at my house about a week ago." Their conversation was appparently s a tisfactory to Marcone.

"We can't expect this man to come out and say, 'Well, I did this and I did that and I believe in this and I believe in that and I promise you that I'll cut the taxes, stop the pollution and stop the narcotic addiction on Staten Island.'

"He couldn't possibly make that promise. But he did say that he will do his best to make it a livable and happy place for people to live in. It's fair enough.

"I think it's assurance enough that here is a man that admits that he is not a politician, here is a man that admits that he's going to do all that he possibly can do to help the people on Staten Island.

"Unfortunately, of course, the papers have built it up that he's 100-1 and 50-1, but there is a resentment, a fantastic resentment, against him (Marchi)."

Marcone said it's up to Pulaski "to come out openly as a non-Italian to say, 'What has Marchi done to help the Italian - Americans here?' I mean make an issue out of it."

The Political Action Committee, the IACRL "offshoot" headed by Steve Aiello, a young teacher who serves as the IACRL's education director, has already endorsed Pulaski, Marcone said. It has also endorsed Gov. Rockefeller, who issued instructions to state agencies to stop using the terms Cosa Nostra and Mafia.

What tactics can be used to defeat the heavily favored Marchi?

'SHOW THE PEOPLE'

"The only thing that you can do is to show the people by demonstrating — I don't mean out in the streets, home to home — speaking to them individually on what he has done, what he has voted for, how he feels on legislation and what he has done in Albany."

And if the door-to-door approach doesn't work, there's always the 60 sound trucks that Marcone says he has ready.

He also hints there will be a "big surprise" during "the last two weeks."

Despite Marcone's strong political beliefs on Marchi, he is emphatic about not having political aspirations of his own.

"I'm 57. I want to live like a human being," Marcone said. "I don't want to be involved in the filth that comes with politics."

In addition to politics, the league has been active in the area of narcotics. Marcone said there are plans for one or two rehabilitation centers. But right now their efforts are aimed at talking to the addicts and the pushers.

"We're doing this now, talking to all the young people of all ethnic groups — mostly our own Italian - American boys at this point," he said. "We're straightening them out. We're cleaning out the streets in Brooklyn, East New York and Brownsville, where the police couldn't do it.

"They know where it existed, they know where it comes from, they know the pushers and they didn't do a thing about it. But we're doing something about it.

"We feel, and we openly state, that anyone that's involved in pushing or handling this stuff shouldn't get a slap on the wrist, but should be sent to jail for 20, 30 or 40 years.

"We got to a few and chased them, told them never to come in the neighborhood. We're going at it pretty strongly."

But Marcone said the league has mostly been going to the kids themselves, "giving them a pep talk, speaking to them."

"I'm meeting with the heads of the schools to try to help the situation all we possibly can," Marcone said.

Right now, another of Marcone's major goals is a hospital, "sponsored by the Italian-American Civil Rights League, but for all people." And he would like to set up scholarships too.

All that will cost money, but Marcone estimates that the league will soon have about $1 million in the bank. The Feb. 20 concert at the Felt Forum alone is bringing in $600,000.

SOLD OUT

"It sold out in two weeks," he said. "We got the tickets and before we even had a chance to really look at them, they sold out."

Marcone feels bad, he said, that the Felt Forum concert will leave out so many people who just can't afford the $100, $150 or $200 a ticket. But he indicated that there will be a "follow-up" show.

"The follow - up would be at a place like the main arena at Madison Square Garden or Shea Stadium, to let people see it," he said. "Tickets would be maybe $3 or $5. Many of the greatest entertainers in the country will be there at the follow-up."

Not only is the league getting strong financially, but its membership has gone up to about 40,000, Marcone said. Recruitment is done by the organization's captains, who sign up new members in books that have room for 50 memberships. Dues are $10 a year.

"We have quite a bit on Staten Island — a stack of books that have been signed already and many more going through," he said. Five or six local civil rights clubs are opening on the Island alone, he said.

Marcone said memberships are coming in at the rate of "at least 1,000 per week."

"I'm going to pick up 1,200 in Connecticut myself. Detroit came in with about 7,000 or 8,000. Arizona came in with about 1,400. California came in very strong, and Pennsylvania. This is one of the most unbelievable things that I've ever witnessed. We can't print enough books up."

The league has just moved into offices at 635 Madison Ave. It now has a staff of about 12 lawyers, according to Marcone — four or five of them involved only in taxes, "to keep the organization perfect."

In addition, it has its own public relations firm, "one of the biggest in the country," according to Marcone.

The only major thing the IACRL doesn't have now that it had when it started is Joseph Colombo as a major factor.

"He has nothing to do with it anymore," Marcone said. "He does not have 'say-so.' He's just like any other member."

Meanwhile, everything that has happened leaves Marcone in an optimistic mood as he looks to the future of the organization he started.

"I guess we can't be altogether wrong," he said.

This is the first of two articles.

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Informant advised that the Italian American Civil Rights League rally will in fact be held Nov 20, 1970 at the Felt Forum in Madison Square Garden. Entertainment will be provided by Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr., Pat Cooper, Jimmy Roselli & Others. Informant said that he understands tickets are going at 100.00 & up.

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Informant advised that Italian numbers racket operated by GAROFALO, runs once a week. All betting is on Saturday and the payout is also on Saturday. The Italian number is dying out and is only popular among the older Italians on the Lower East Side.

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Informant was displayed a photograph of [redacted] and he said [redacted] is known to him as [redacted] (INU). He stated [redacted] has played in high-stakes poker and blackjack game at [redacted] NYC, on at least two occasions. He heard [redacted] once lost $6,000 in one night playing blackjack. [redacted] known to be an "action guy" and a good card player. [redacted] used to play black-jack at the [redacted] He said [redacted] came into the social club with [redacted] He stated he never saw [redacted] Informant advised that a close associate of [redacted] who is believed to reside with his wife, [redacted] Manhattan, [redacted] and is known as a [redacted] He is age [redacted]

Informant advised that photograph of [redacted] is familiar, but he did not know from where.

He said that the last time he saw [redacted] on the lower east side [redacted] was about 3 months ago, at [redacted] when he was there for his [redacted]

He said that [redacted] at least 3 times a week.

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Informant said that the Italian-American Anti-Discrimination Club on East 12th St, being [redacted] and allegedly sponsored by JOE COLOMBO ET AL, is really "picking up steam". All of the legitimate Italian-Americans are flocking to join. The young Italian-Americans that go the Alley Cat Bar are sporting buttons in their lapels which advertise the club. Some of these buttons show that some individuals have been designated "captains". The younger guys kid about being "button guys" and that

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they are now members of the "mob".

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Source stated [redacted] owes money to the [redacted] NYC, which group has a listing for all [redacted]

Source stated that the Italian American Civil Rights League, with headquarters at 635 Madison Avenue, NY, NY, is putting out a 1970 Souvenir Journal and soliciting subscriptions and donations as follows:

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Source advised that [redacted] telephone # [redacted] recently questioned him concerning [redacted] Source stated he does not know [redacted] and further that [redacted] is not owned by any of the [redacted] Source stated [redacted] own the [redacted] but stated he has no knowledge of [redacted] girlfriend working for that outfit.

Source stated that in his opinion, the [redacted] will be bankrupt in the near future, and that anyone who had business dealings with [redacted] will be hurt financially.

Source stated the [redacted] NYC.

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[redacted] past, telephonically contacted ADIC JOHN F. MALONE and requested an appointment for members of the Italian-American Civil Rights League (IACRL). He stated that the purpose of meeting with Mr. MALONE was to discuss various problems.

[redacted] indicated that he will not personally be present at this meeting but that [redacted] will be present, as will approximately 5 members of the IACRL. He stated that he is not certain the identities of the members of the IACRL who will attend but that [redacted] will possibly be in attendance. [redacted] the picketing demonstrations by the IACRL at the NYO during May and June, 1970. [redacted] JOSEPH COLOMBO, head of the COLOMBO "Family" of the La Cosa Nostra. NYO indices negative re [redacted]

ADIC MALONE asked [redacted] why members of the IACRL had not attempted to see him before and [redacted] stated that it was his impression that Mr. MALONE did not want to meet with members of the IACRL. ADIC MALONE asked him how he gained this impression and [redacted] stated that he did not know.

ADIC MALONE informed [redacted] that he was willing to meet with anyone who desired to see him or had grievances to air. [redacted] replied that perhaps members of the IACRL should have seen Mr. MALONE previously. Mr. MALONE reiterated that either he or one of his representatives is available at all times to meet with individuals who want to speak to representatives of the FBI. He informed [redacted] that he would listen to anything

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that members of the IACRL might have to say. An appointment was then set up for members of the IACRL to meet with ADIC MALONE at 3 PM, Thursday, 11/5/70.

Bureau will be kept advised.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-6210)

RE: ITALIAN-AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE
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ReNYairtel 11/3/70 in which Bureau was advised of appointment with representatives of captioned organization for 11/5/70.

On 11/5/70 representatives of captioned organization called at the NYO and spoke with ADIC MALONE and SAC BAKER. These representatives were [redacted] although all participated in the conversation at one time or another. He stated that the purpose of the visit was to complain of FBI harassment primarily in the neighborhood of Bay Ridge-Bensonhurst Section of Brooklyn. It is noted that this area is that in which JOE COLOMBO wields considerable authority and the members of his "family" are most active. When asked for specific allegations since their comments were general in nature, they advised they had affidavits and sworn signed statements which they would make available at a later date. It was pointed out to them that the Bureau would not condone any improper activities by its agents but that specific allegations must be furnished in order for the Bureau to properly determine the facts.

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After pressing them several times on this point, they finally stated that they would set up a second appointment at which time they would produce the signed statements and affidavits to which they referred. Although an early date was encouraged, they stated they would not be prepared until the morning of November 16, 1970. Accordingly, an appointment was made for them at that time. b7C

Before leaving [redacted] he did have one affidavit with him which he had not been prepared to furnish at this time but agreed to do so. It consists of a 2 page handwritten document dated [redacted] of [redacted] Brooklyn. In this statement, [redacted] alleges that [redacted] NYO indices contain no identifiable information regarding [redacted]

NYO intends to immediately locate and interview [redacted] on Monday, 11/9/70, UACB, for further details concerning his complaint. will obtain an appropriate reply [redacted] concerned and the Bureau will be promptly notified.

The NYO will follow up on the subsequently scheduled meeting with representatives of captioned organization and appropriately handle whatever information develops.

The Bureau will be kept fully advised.

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SA [redacted]

STATEMENT OF [redacted]
DATED [redacted]

On 2/27/70, Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] interviewed [redacted] Brooklyn. [redacted] was interviewed at [redacted] concerning information received by NYO that informants and observations indicated that [redacted] and [redacted] had [redacted] Informants had also indicated that [redacted] was actually [redacted] of LCN. Further, informant information indicated that [redacted] JOSEPH COLOMBO also [redacted]

In view of the above information, [redacted] was contacted on 2/27/70, at which time he advised that he is the [redacted] and that [redacted] and had come [redacted] on occasions. [redacted] advised that he did not want to discuss this matter any further and the interview was terminated.

Special Agents [redacted] at the inception of the interview, fully identified themselves [redacted] by display of credential cards and at no time during the interview did either Agent [redacted] comments made concerning [redacted] Agents [redacted] Agents [redacted] and [redacted] did not question [redacted] as no information to that effect had ever been developed and, on the contrary, informant information reflects [redacted]

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SA [redacted]

STATEMENT OF [redacted]
Dated [redacted]

On 2/27/70, Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] contacted [redacted] Brooklyn, New York, at [redacted] Informant information and observations determined that [redacted] of LCN). [redacted] Informant information also disclosed that [redacted] of LCN, and that COLOMBO [redacted]

Armed with the before-mentioned data, Agents [redacted] and [redacted] interviewed [redacted] in an effort to determine if [redacted] could furnish information [redacted] The interview terminated [redacted] was furnishing no information of value.

At the very outset of the interview, Agents [redacted] and [redacted] identified themselves [redacted] by display of credential cards. At no time during the course of the interview did either of the Agents [redacted] spoken. Agents [redacted] nor did either Agent [redacted] Agents [redacted] did not question JOE COLOMBO's [redacted] since no information to that effect had been developed and, on the contrary, informant information reflects that [redacted]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-6210)

SUBJECT: ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE
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ReNYtel, 11/9/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are a xerox copy of a signed statement from [redacted] alleging misconduct by Bureau Agents, a typewritten verbatim transcript of [redacted] signed statement, and memoranda from Special Agents [redacted] of the New York Office. The verbatim transcript is being provided inasmuch as the signed statement is not easily readable.

It is noted that the signed statement is witnessed [redacted]

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6054)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-1112)(P)

RE: LA COSA NOSTRA (LCN)
AR - CONSPIRACY
OO: New York

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PLANNED DEMONSTRATIONS BY
BY ITALIAN-AMERICANS IN NEW
YORK CITY (11/20/70) AND IN
LOS ANGELES IN EARLY 1971

The following information was furnished by [redacted]

For information of New York and Las Vegas, [redacted] for over the past five years.

[redacted]

Several years ago, at the suggestion of [redacted]

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[redacted] the demonstrations that had occurred in New York on behalf of Italian Americans and [redacted] "The Challenge" published by Americans of Italian Descent (AID), 400 Madison Avenue, New York, New York.

[redacted] self-addressed envelopes with membership applications which, for $10.00 per year, included a subscription to "The Challenge".

[redacted] plans a protest march in front of the Federal Court House in Los Angeles in early 1971. He said that they hope to organize 20,000 people for that march.

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[redacted]
for approaching all the Italian groups in the Los Angeles area in order to obtain cooperation of all available Italians for that protest march.

[redacted] NICK LICATA, was incarcerated from July 1969 to May 1970, and again from July 1970, until 9/20/70, on a Contempt of Court charge arising from his refusal to testify before a Federal Grand Jury (FGJ) at Los Angeles after having been granted immunity.

On 9/15/70, LICATA was indicted by the FGJ at Los Angeles on Criminal Contempt of Court and his trial is set for 11/17/70, in U. S. District Court, Los Angeles.

[redacted]
Italians are going to have a much larger demonstration in New York in November than they had had previously.

[redacted]
FRANK SINATRA to lead the march, which, he said would start at Columbus Square, New York City.

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[redacted] investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department and that members of the organization had been stopped on the streets and interviewed by the police.

One member claimed he had been questioned as to [redacted]

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[redacted] members to go to the head of the police department detail that is investigating them in an effort to halt the investigation.

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that the Italian demonstration in New York is set for 11/20/70. It is to organize at Columbus Square and they will march to Madison Square Garden.

[redacted] FRANK SINATRA and DEAN MARTIN are both to lead that march.

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[redacted] interest in the proposed demonstration has dwindled because of the investigation of this group by local authorities.

Los Angeles will remain alert for any information which would be of interest to the Bureau and/or the New York Office.

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TO LOS ANGELES (92-1112)

NEW YORK (92-2300)

FROM DIRECTOR (92-6054) 1P

LA COSA NOSTRA

RE LOS ANGELES AIRTEL ELEVEN THREE SEVENTY CONCERNING PLANNED DEMONSTRATIONS BY ITALIAN-AMERICANS.

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FOR BUREAU'S INFORMATION, IN STATEMENT [redacted] RELATED THAT [redacted]

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ON NOV. NINE, INSTANT SUPV. [redacted] AND SA [redacted]
PERSONALLY INTERVIEWED [redacted] AT HIS RESIDENCE, [redacted]
[redacted] BROOKLYN, NY. [redacted]
WHEN TOLD OF REASON FOR AGENTS' VISIT, APPEARED CORDIAL BUT STATED THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS ONLY CONTENTS OF SIGNED STATEMENT FURNISHED TO FBI AND WOULD CALL HIS ATTORNEY IF QUESTIONING WENT BEYOND SCOPE OF STATEMENT.

[redacted] RECITATION OF THE EVENTS PARALLELED NARRATIVE IN SIGNED STATEMENT. CONCERNING [redacted]
[redacted]
IN SIGNED STATEMENT.

[redacted] DURING THE COURSE OF [redacted] INTERVIEW POINTED OUT THAT [redacted]
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THIS, ACCORDING TO [redacted] WAS REASON HE FINALLY REPORTED MATTER TO [redacted] CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION. [redacted] INSISTED THAT THIS ACTION WAS COMPLETELY VOLUNTARY ON HIS PART.

AGENTS [redacted] HAVE FURNISHED MEMORANDA TO THE SAC IN WHICH THEY ADVISE THAT ON FEB. TWENTYSEVEN, NINETEEN SEVENTY PAREN NOT [redacted] ALLEGED [redacted] CLOSE PAREN THEY INTERVIEWED [redacted] CONCERNING INFORMATION WHICH HAD BEEN DEVELOPED THROUGH INFORMANTS AND SURVEILLANCE REFLECTING THAT [redacted] INFORMANTS HAD ALSO ADVISED THAT [redacted] AGENTS STATE THAT [redacted] FURTHER HE DENIED THAT [redacted] NO QUESTIONS WERE ASKED CONCERNING [redacted] SINCE NO INFORMATION TO THIS EFFECT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED AND ON THE CONTRARY INFORMANTS HAVE REREATEDLY ADVISED [redacted]

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AGENTS STATE THEY FULLY IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES BY DISPLAY OF CREDENTIALS, THAT [redacted] DURING THE INTERVIEW AND [redacted] BOTH AGENTS ALSO DENY [redacted] WHATSOEVER, ALLEGED [redacted]

BASED ON THE FOREGOING FACTS, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT AGENTS CONDUCTED THEMSELVES IMPROPERLY AND NO ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION APPEARS WARRANTED. SIGNED STATEMENT FROM [redacted] AND AGENTS MEMORANDA WILL BE FORWARDED TO BUREAU BY AIRTEL.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-6210)

SUBJECT: ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE
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For information of the Bureau, the NY news media have given considerable publicity to a rally being held 11/20/70 at Felt Forum, Madison Square Garden, sponsored by the Italian American Civil Rights League, (IACRL). Name entertainment allegedly appearing at this rally include FRANK SINATRA, SAMMY DAVIS, JR., and TRINI LOPEZ, who reportedly are donating their services for free. Tickets reportedly are being sold at prices between $100 and $200 and the IACRL expects to raise over $600,000 from this rally.

Felt Forum, Madison Square Garden, reportedly can accommodate up to 10,000 people and a capacity crowd is anticipated.

NYO will afford appropriate coverage ~~at~~ of captioned IACRL rally.

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NATHANIEL FREY, ACTOR, DIES AT 57

Abbott Discovery Appeared in Broadway Musicals

Nathaniel Frey, a stage, film and television actor who had appeared in a number of Broadway shows, died of cancer Saturday at Beekman-Downtown Hospital. He was 57 years old and lived at 341 West 24th Street.

Mr. Frey, whose real name was Fichtenbaum, was a George Abbott discovery and he appeared in many Abbott plays.

One of those rare actors — born in New York Aug. 3, 1913 — who received most of his theatrical training on Broadway, he appeared as Murray the Cop in "The Odd Couple," as Mayor La Guardia's sidekick, Morris, in "Fiorello!", as Mr. Sipos, the perfume clerk, in "She Loves Me" and in "Damn Yankees" first as the catcher and later, replacing Ray Walston, as the Devil. He appeared in the films of "Damn Yankees" and "Kiss Them for Me."

Others included "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn," "On Your Toes," "Wonderful Town," "High Button Shoes," "Barefoot Boy With Cheek" and "Call Me Madam."

In "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" he played Shirley Booth's husband. Of this production, a George Abbott musical based on the celebrated Betty Smith novel, Brooks Atkinson wrote in The New York Times that Mr. Frey played his role of Cissy's mate-to-be, a suspicious and stupid plumber, "with massive inertness," and added that "Miss Booth and Mr. Frey perform with relish."

While Mr. Frey—squat, bulky, handsome and not the cherub boy type, he nevertheless appeared in the choruses of five musicals before Mr. Abbott picked him for the role in "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn." After that he was established.

On television he appeared in William Saroyan's "My Heart's in the Highlands" and "Once Around the Block." He also was the artful catcher in "Casey at Bat," done on "Omnibus," and was Dick Deadeye in a production of "H.M.S. Pinafore."

Mr. Frey worked as a postman during his school days and served three years in the Air Force in World War II.

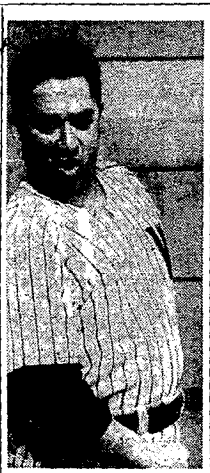
He spent a season with the St. Louis Municipal Opera, and met and married Gladys Freedman. He is survived by his widow and their son, Matthew.

A funeral service will be held at 1:30 P.M. today at The Riverside, Amsterdam Avenue at 76th Street.

STATE PUSHES WORK ON MENTAL SCHOOLS

The state's Health and Mental Hygiene Facilities Improvement Corporation has awarded contracts totaling $7-million for the final stage of construction of the Kings County State School in Brooklyn, Governor Rockefeller announced yesterday.

The $23-million facility is



Nathaniel Frey as baseball player in "Damn Yankees."

GEORGE O. GEY, 71, CANCER LAB HEAD

Cell Biologist, Honored for Tissue Culture, is Dead

Special to The New York Times

BALTIMORE, Nov. 8 — Dr. George O. Gey, director of the Finney-Howell Cancer Research Laboratory at Johns Hopkins Medical School and Hospital, a cell biologist internationally known for his tissue culture and cancer research, died today in the hospital. He was 71 years old.

Surviving are his widow, Margaret; a son, Dr. George Jr., a daughter, Mrs. Frances Green; a sister, Mrs. Alton Rickert, and two grandchildren.

Led World Research

Dr. Gey was chosen by the Sloan-Kettering Division of Cornell University Medical College to receive a Katharine Berkan Judd Award for his contribution to tissue culture, in which living cells are grown in test tubes.

His long-term culture of human cancer cells (the HeLa strain) has been used throughout the world for cancer research. He also showed that normal cells could become cancerous in a test tube.

Dr. Gey received the 1956 Leonard Wien Award at the Pan American Cancer Cytology Congress in 1957 for "brilliant work in the tissue culture field."

In 1954, with Dr. Frederick B. Bang, aided in part by a grant of the American Cancer Society, he found that the virus of eastern equine encephalomyelitis devoured cancer cells and apparently left normal cells alone.

He was born in Pittsburgh July 6, 1899, graduated from Pittsburgh University in 1921 and received his medical degree from Johns Hopkins in 1933.

Dr. Gey became director of the tissue culture laboratory at Johns Hopkins in 1929. He had also served there as an asso-

Gogi, Restaurateur Popular Club Dr

By WILLIAM H.

Gogi, the internationally known restaurateur, died Saturday at St. Vincent's Hospital after a long illness. He was 63 years old and lived at 11 Riverside Drive with his wife, the former Janet Klavohn, who survives him.

George Tchitchinadze became simply Gogi to friends and business associates, because of their difficulty in pronouncing his family name. He was well known through restaurants he managed or the Continent, in New York, in Hollywood and in Mexico City.

Among the best-known were El Morocco and the Barberry Room in this city, and, of course, Gogi's Larue. He operated Casonova's in Paris, the Mocambo and the Scheherezade in Hollywood and Ciro's and Minuit in Mexico City.

Few of his customers and patrons knew Gogi's last name, and fewer still could spell it.

He was a graceful man, who usually wore dark suits, white silk shirts, more often than not with a white necktie and white carnation.

Arbiter and Greeter

In the early 1950's at Gogi's Larue, Park Avenue and 58th Street, he was the autocrat, the greeter, the social arbiter and (although the word was never used) the bouncer.

He was host to business tycoons and dowagers, Hollywood stars and the nouveau riche, and he sorted them out and assigned them to tables according to a computer he carried in his head.

Before he became manager of Larue in November, 1950, he had been manager of the Barberry Room at Madison Avenue and East 52d Street. It was a big success, but he wanted his own place. He learned that

HANDBOOK ADVISES ON STUDENT RIGHTS

The New York Civil Liberties Union published today what it called "the first comprehensive handbook" on the rights of public school students in New York City.

The Student Rights Handbook will have a first printing of 100,000 copies, in Spanish and English, and will be made available through student, teacher and parent groups and community organizations.

Alan H. Levine, director of the union's student rights project, said that information on the rights of students had been impossible to obtain from principals or from the Board of Education. For example, he said, "Thousands of students have been transferred to night school against their will, and parents have gone along with such transfers because they did not know they were illegal."

The handbook lists, among others, the students' right: "to wear buttons, armbands and other badges; to determine your own appearance;" to remain in your regular school program as long as physically possible" while pregnant.

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e was for sale, and asked friend, A. Edward Masters, anhattan lawyer, to help buy it. As for the money, haven't got the money, but e the friends," Gogi said. ovassing of friends in this where he had spent two , and Hollywood, where he spent a dozen, produced ers and money. He col- $130,000 in all from Lamarr, Joan Crawford, Sophie Gimbel, Corne , Tony Martin, Bing Cros- onrad Hilton, Nathan and Ohrbach, Horace Schmid- and others, and the result what was probably the Manhattan cafe society venture.

etained a Half Interest

r their money, the inves- received a half interest e cafe, with the cash to turned, with interest, in ars. Gogi owned the other drew a salary as manager in apartment in the build- housing Lerue. The club ne Gogi, Inc., with Gogi esident and Mr. Masters ecretary-treasurer.

er, Gogi became the host e Cotillion Room of the Hotel and then manager Morocco. He also had manager for a time of after it was moved to ark Avenue from its long- home at 375 Park.

addition to his wife, he vived by his mother, Eka- , and a brother, Dato, ive in Tbilisi, the Georgian Republic, where he was

Russian Orthodox service e held this evening at 7 k at Frank E. Campbell's, on Avenue at 81st Street. funeral will be tomor- at 1 P.M. Burial will be e.

JIRO KAWASHIMA, PORTER OF SATO

KYO, Nov. 7 (AP)—Shojiro shima, vice president of er Eisaku Sato's ruling ti Democratic party, died home here Monday. He 0 years old.

Kawashima was one of er Sato's stanchest sup- s in the faction-riddled

party official, who was in Tokyo in July, 1890, d the United States after ating from the economics tment of Senshu Universi- kyo, in 1913.

later became a newspaper ter, a private secretary to fayor of Tokyo, a parlia- ary councilor of the Japa- navy, and a business ex- ve.

Kawashima entered poli- 1928 and was elected to louse of Representatives total of 14 terms.

AMUEL J. GRAHAM

Special to The New York Times

EENWICH, Conn., Nov. 8 uel J. Graham, a founder former vice president of ixie Cup Company, died in Greenwich Hospital. as 83 years old and lived tter Rock Drive, Belle

WILLIAM WYMETAL, MANAGER OF OPERA

Special to The New York Times

WAYNE, Pa., Nov. 8—William Wymetal, managing director of the Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera from 1947 until his retirement in 1968, died Saturday in Lankenau Hospital, Wynnewood, after a heart attack. He was 80 years old.

Mr. Wymetal recently completed a tour of Europe, where he received the Grand Cross of Austria, the highest civilian honor awarded by that country.

As Wilhelm von Wymetal, he was a military student in his native Austria before World War I. He served as a major of cavalry, and later as a member of the Austrian general staff.

After the war he joined his father, who was director of the Vienna Opera. Mr. Wymetal came to America in the 1920's and staged several operas at the Metropolitan in New York. He worked in the forties in Hollywood for Metro Goldwyn Mayer on the Jeannette McDonald-Nelson Eddy musicals.

He leaves his wife, Hilda, and a daughter, Mrs. Carl L. Anderson of Wayne.

MRS. RAYMOND C. HOILES

SANTA ANA, Calif., Nov. 8 (UPI)—Mrs. Mabel Myrtle Hoiles, widow of Raymond Cyrus Hoiles, who was the president of Freedom Newspapers, Inc., a chain of 20 daily newspapers, died at her home last night. She was 88 years old.

Her death came only nine days after that of her husband, who died Oct. 30 at Santa Ana Community Hospital at the age of 91.

Surviving are 2 sons, a daughter, 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Deaths

ATLAS—Emanuel. On Nov. 7, 1970, at Doylestown, Pa., resident of 36 Waverly St., New Hope, Pa. Services 12 Noon, Monday at Van Horn Funeral Home, Lambertville, Pa.

BARR—L. Stewart, on Thursday, Nov. 5, 1970. L. Stewart Barr of Fifth Ave., N.Y.C. Husband of Pendleton Barr. Brother of Mrs. Margaret B. Myers of Princeton, N.J. He is also survived by nine nieces and nephews. Friends may call at Joseph Gawler's Sons, Washington, D.C., Monday after 4 P.M. Services will be held Tuesday, November 10, at 1 P.M. Interment Washington, D.C.

BAUER—Jack. Beloved husband of the late Renina Bauer of Miami. Devoted father of Susan Lauter. Dearest brother of Paul and Warren. Funeral Monday, 1:30 P.M. Hirsch and Sons, 1225 Jerome Ave., Bronx.

BERNOT—Paul. Beloved husband of Anna, devoted father of Dr. Robert and Zita Steckel. Loving grandfather of Sheri, Michael, Victoria and Samara. Darling father-in-law and dear brother. Services Monday, 10:30 A.M. Garlick's "Parkside," Coney Island Ave., at Ave. N, Brklyn.

BETTS—Dorothy Loomis, on Saturday, Nov. 7, 1970, daughter of the late Morris B. Loomis Betts. Friends may visit at Pirro Chapels, Rockaway Avenues & Blake Ave., Brklyn., Mon. 2-5 P.M. Service at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Classon and Willoughby Aves., Brooklyn, Tues. 2 P.M. Interment private.

BLOOM—Sarah Middlebrook of 324 Prospect Drive, Palmyra, N. Y., Nov. 8, 1970. She was the widow of Richard Porter Bloom. She is survived by her grandson David G. Lavender and his family of Hamilton, N. Y., her nieces Mrs. Robert F. Cummings of Pasadena, Calif., Mrs. Earl C. Holley of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, and Mrs. Harry Carter Cunningham of Norfolk, Suffolk, N. Y., and her nephew H. Fisk Talbot of Darien, Conn. A memorial service will be held from her late home Wed., Nov. 11 at 10 A.M. No prior calling hours. Those wishing to do so may contribute to the Memorial Fund of the Western Presbyterian Church, Palmyra, N. Y., in her memory.

BROTZ—Herbert, beloved husband of Gertrude, devoted father of Lawrence, Allan, and Eric, loving son of Abraham, dear brother of Dr. Elliott. Services today 9:45 AM. at "The Riverside" Far Rockaway, L. I.

BROWN—Walter L. (Buss), on Nov. 6, 1970, beloved husband of Anna, father of Elizabeth Ward and Ella Devlon and Kate Cox. Funeral services Tuesday, 2 P.M. at the Poway-Bernardo Methodist Chapel, Poway, Calif. Interment Dearborn Memorial Park, Escondido, Calif.

BURN—Evelyn Goerke. Suddenly in Milford, Conn., on Nov. 7, 1970. Beloved wife of Rev. C. Nelson Burn of 609 Orange Center Road, Orange, Conn. Memorial services will take place Monday, November 9 at 1 P.M. at the Orange Congregational Church. Contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund of the Orange Congregational Church.

Deaths

Allas, Emanuel
Barr, L. Stewart
Bauer, Jack
Bernot, Paul
Betts, Dorothy Loomis
Bloom, Sarah M.
Brotz, Herbert
Brown, Walter L.
Burn, Evelyn G.
Chuzzi, Max
Cochran, Dorothy
DALY, Daniel F.
Darvas, Helen
Deutsch, Jonas
Dinerman, Benjamin
Director, Rhea
Eisenberg, Ida
Freeman, Joseph
Frey, Nathaniel
Garbarino, Giovanni
Gerard, Mark E.
Glock, Gizella
Graham, Samuel J.
Heming, Henry L.
Hamley, Jesse
Herschman, Harry
Hess, Tessie R.
Jamin, J. William
Janis, Harry
Kaye, Julius
Kolinsky, Eva
Kramer, Mayer
Krassner, Robert L.
Kronman, Abraham
Litland, Alex
Lindeman, Mabel S.
Luria, Estela de Lima
Maher, Emma M.
Martin, Jane R.
Morenstein, Eva
Mikelaitsky, Gussie
Millard, Harry
Morris, Ina Godfrey
Morris, Selma
Mullan, Lorette
Munroe, Sally Cook
Neufeld, Alex
O'Connell, Eleanor C.
O'Connell, Thomas J.
Phillips, Anne
Rose, Harriet
Rosner, Morris
Ross, Cornelius
Ross, Phoebe Eileen
Schlev, Aaron
Schwartz, Manfred J.
Sills, Laura
Sluter, Samuel M.
Smith, Raymond
Sonkin, Rose
Spiesel, Bernard
Spencer, J. A. Powers
Stearns, Julian A.
Tarshis, Arthur
Tchitchinadze, George
Terry, Margaret E.
Vogel, Florence B.
Vomacka, Olga
Weinberg, Seymour B.
Weiss, Frances
Williams, R. (Harry)
Winer, Dora
Wohl, V. Lane
Wolf, Frank

HEMLEY—Jesse, on Nov. 6, 1970, devoted husband of Frances (Pat). Father of Frederick and Sarah. Funeral service and interment were held.

HERSCHMAN—Harry. Beloved husband of Adelle. Devoted father of Dr. Alan Herschman and Judith Goldstein. Loving brother of Pearl and Rose Herschman and Dr. Jacob Kaplan. Services 10 A.M. today, Temple Memorial Chapel, 134-35 Northern Blvd., Flushing, New York.

HERSCHMAN—Harry. The officers, Board of Directors, Board of Trustees and Membership recall with profound sorrow the passing of their beloved Past President. His outstanding services will long endure, his friendship affectionately remembered. Heartfelt sympathy to his dear wife Adelle and family. Services today, 10:30 A.M., Temple Memorial, 134-35 Northern Blvd., Flushing, New York.

FLUSHING JEWISH CENTER
JULIAN STEUER, Pres.
PAUL L. HAIT, Rabbi

HERSCHMAN—Harry. The Junior Association respectfully announces the passing of a long-time member and dear friend. Our deepest sympathy to his dear wife Adelle and grandchild.

JANICE BOOKBINDER, President

HERSCHMAN—Harry. We are saddened by the loss of a lifelong member and friend.
A.M.N. ASSOCIATION INC.
SAMUEL GURSKY, President

HESS—Tessie R., beloved wife of the late Leo, devoted aunt and cousin. Interment was held Sunday, November 8, at Mount Mizpah Cemetery.

JAMIN—J. William, on Sun. Nov. 8, 1970 of 5 Helaints Rd., Ridgewood, N.J. & Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Beloved husband of Alfred Meltz Jamin, devoted father of Dorothy Jamin Meltz and brother of Elizabeth Bernsard. Relatives & friends are invited to attend the funeral Wed. Nov. 11, from the Bernsard Funeral Home, 222 Franklin Ave., Ridgewood, N.J. 9:30 A.M. to Prayer, Carmel RC Church 10 AM. Visiting Mon. 7-9 A.M. Mass. Interment private. Sun. Valley Hospital, Ridgewood would be appreciated.

JANIS—Harry G., on November 7, 1970. Beloved husband of Gussie Weinstein Janis, devoted father of Mrs. Lenore Greenwald, Mrs. Ruth Sonkin and Dr. Jerome A. Janis. Brother of Mrs. Clara Malamud, Mrs. Annie Cohen, Mrs. Rebecca Chadson and Morris Jinnett. Services at Temple Israel, Old Mamaroneck Road, White Plains, N.Y. Monday (today) 11:00 A.M. Interment Sharon Gardens Cemetery.

JANIS—Harry, The officers, Board of Trustees & entire Congregation of Temple Israel mourn the passing of our beloved President and an admired & beloved former trustee. Our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

MAX GELB, Rabbi
SAMUEL C. GOLDMAN, Pres.

JANIS—Harry, the Officers and Members of The Hudson Hills Golf Club mourn the loss of our beloved President and extend heartfelt sympathy to his wife and family.
JEROME S. SHULMAN, President

KAYE—Julius. Beloved husband of Dorothy Novick Kaye, devoted father of Linda Wain and Dr. Irwin Kaye, darling grandfather of Jeffrey Wain. Brother of Pauline Novick and Henry. Services 9:45 A.M. today, Schwartz Brothers Queens Blvd and 76 Road, Forest Hills.

KOLINSKY—Eva. We are saddened to record the passing of Eva Kolinsky, sister of our devoted member, Florence Koenigsberg.
Levinson League of Monarch.

KRAMER—Mayer, beloved husband of Sarah, father of David, Howard & Saul, dear father of Sophie Goldstein, loving grandfather and uncle. Services today 10:15 AM. from the Bretschneider Funeral Home, Jerome Ave., near 170 St., Bronx.

KRASSNER—Dr. Robert L., beloved son of Dr. Emanuel and Dorothy, devoted brother of Nancy. Services Mon., Nov. 9, 2 P.M. at Congregation Rodeph Sholom, 7 West 83d St. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to your favorite charity.

KRONMAN—Abraham of Passaic, N.J., on Nov. 8, 1970 husband of Bertha, father of Mrs. Edna Goldberger of Nutley, N.J., Martin of Syracuse & Leonard of Medway, Mass. Services today 10:30 A.M. at Levine Memorial Chapel, Clifton, N.J.

LIFLAND—Alex, beloved husband of Sadie, devoted father of Helen Stern and Beatrice Cohen, adored grandfather of Elizabeth Cohen, Jonathan Stern and Stephen Stern. Funeral Monday, 1:30 P.M. at Riverside Memorial Chapel, 76 St. & Amsterdam Ave. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Arthur Fund for Israel would be appreciated.

ROSE—Harriet, beloved mother of Stephen, dear sister of Alfred, Nat and Sidney Greene. Service today 12 noon at "The Riverside," Bronx, 129 St. and Grand Concourse.

ROSNER—Morris. On Nov. 8, 1970. Devoted brother of Mrs. Betty R. Crane and dear uncle of Penny Kaplan. Friends may call at Frank E. Campbell, Madison Ave. at 81 St., Monday, 7-9 P.M. Service Tuesday, 10 A.M.

ROSS—Cornelius, beloved husband of Elaine, devoted father of Jill and Stephen Hoffman and Nell Ross, cherished son of Carrie Drucker and loving grandfather, dear brother of Deborah Lippmann. Service at Frank E. Campbell, Madison Ave at 81 St., Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 11:30 A.M.

ROSS—Cornelius. The Board of Governors, on behalf of the Palm Beach Country Club, express their deepest regrets at the passing of their member, Mr. Cornelius Ross, and extend their heartfelt sympathy to his family.
LOUIS A. SALVAGE, Pres.
EDWARD A. KIMMEL, Secy.

ROSS—Phoebe Eileen, Nov. 6, at Nassau Hospital, L.I., after an illness borne with courage and grace. Immediate family includes her mother, Mrs. G. Elliot Goldsmith, her husband, Frederick Arthur, her children, Pamela M. Dostal, Nancy and David, and her sister, Sheila Wirsing. Burial private. Memorial Service at Garden City Community Church, Nov. 10, 8 P.M. Please call flowers. Donations to Amer. Cancer Society appreciated.

SCHLEV—Aaron. Beloved husband of Zelda, devoted father and friend and dearest cherished grandfather; dear brother of Jennie Achtenbaum. Services Monday, 2 P.M. "Riverside Memorial Chapel," Hillside Avenue at 158 St., Hollis, L.I.

SCHWARTZ—Manfred J. on Nov. 7, 1970, beloved husband of Ruth. Devoted father of Paul Waldo. Friends may call at Frank E. Campbell, Madison Avenue at 81 St., Monday, 7-9 P.M. Service Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 2:30 P.M. Interment, Montefiore Cemetery.

SILLS—Laura, on Sunday, Nov. 8, beloved mother of Regina and Bert Albert, grandmother of Lawrence, Irene and Philip, sister of Sylvia and Dorothy. Dearest aunt of Richard Hertz and Martin. Services Monday, 11:30 A.M. "Riverside Memorial Chapel," 76 St. & Amsterdam Ave., N.Y.C.

SLUTER—Samuel M., devoted father of Corinne and Melvin Sluter. Services Tuesday, 1:15 P.M. Riverside Memorial, "Forest Park Chapels," Queens Blvd., at 76 Road, Forest Hills.

SMITH—Raymond, of 1 Park Lane, Mt. Vernon, N.Y., on Nov. 3, 1970, loving father of Mrs. David Lowers of Pelham and dear father-in-law of Stafford. Also devoted brother of Mrs. Mervin Grove of Cheshire, Conn., grandfather of four, great-grandfather of one. Private service were held in New Rochelle, N.Y.

SONKIN—Rose. Congregation Sons of Israel, Woodmere, deeply sorrow the passing of the mother of Mrs. S. Laurence Amtur and extend their condolences.
ALFRED FINKEL, President
DR. SAUL TEPLITZ, Rabbi

SPENCER—Julian Powers, by accident, Plymouth, New Hampshire, on Nov. 7, 1970. Son of Lucille and Doris Spencer of Bayside, Queens, Boston, Mass., Bolton, Conn. Brother of Eleanor Spencer Tupper, grandson of Mrs. William T. Powers and Mrs. Julia William T. Powers. Services at the Church of Advent, Brimmer St., Boston, on Monday, Nov. 9 at 3 P.M. In lieu of flowers contributions should be sent to the Joseph A. P. Spencer Memorial Fund at Holderness School, Plymouth, New Hampshire 03264.

SPIEGEL—Bernard (Ben) devoted father of Madeline Green, Sue Eisner & David, adored grandfather of Kevin & Michael Green, Brian & Steven Eisner, dear brother of Eleanor Ackerman, Lillian Charleston, Bernice Sternberg, Sylvia Gordon. Services 10 A.M. "Jaffer Funeral Homes," Hillside Ave. at 188 St., Hollis, L.I.

SPIVAK—Jonas. Congregation Fresh Meadows Jewish Center notes with deep sorrow the untimely death of our beloved member, and forward our deepest regrets and sincere sympathy to his bereaved family.
DAVID GORDON, Rabbi
ALBERT ESTEROW, President

SPIEGEL—Bernard. The officers and employees of Midtown Electric Supply Corp. mourn the passing of their beloved friend and co-worker. Services "Jaffer Funeral Homes," 188 St. and Hillside Ave., Hollis, L.I. today 10 A.M.

STEARNS—Julian A. The Officers & Employees of Office Force deeply mourn the loss of their beloved Sales Manager, Julian. He was the founder of Office Force. We extend to his wife, Betty, children, Robert & Laurie, our heartfelt sympathy.

TARSHIS—Arthur: Beloved husband of Raina, loving father of Nan Blickman, Beth Tarshis, Jonathan Sklar. Adored grandfather of Sookie Weinert, Francis Schosler, Myrna Blickman, David Tarshis, Thalheim, Jonathan Sklar, Neil Tarshis Thalheim, Stanley Tarshis, Sklar, Stacey Sklar, Sandra Sklar and Sandy Sklar. Dear grandfather Mark Schosler. Services Monday, 1 P.M., at "The Riverside," 76th St. & Amsterdam Ave. In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to Mt. Sinai Hospital, N.Y.C.

TARSHIS—Arthur. We mourn the loss of Arthur Tarshis, a friend, a wonderful person, a great showman & associate. Our condolences to the family.
STEEN/EIDEL

TARSHIS—Arthur. The Officers & Employees of Thalheim Expositions Management Corp. Convey the deepest of their sincerest sympathy to the bereaved family.

TCHITCHINADZE—George. Died on November 7, 1970. Beloved husband of Janet. Survived by his mother Elizabeth Tchitchinadze and his brother Zaza. Russian Orthodox Service Monday 7 P.M. at Frank E. Campbell, Madison Ave. and 81 St. Funeral Service Tuesday 1 P.M. Interment private.

TERRY—Margaret E., of Grt. Neck Plaza, N. Y. on November 6, 1970. Beloved wife of William Edwin. Dear aunt of Eugene, Northacker, Ella Jane Emerlight, Julia Moore Ferraris and Elizabeth Ann Cornsidine. Funeral service Monday, 8 P.M. at The Fairchild Chapel, 1570 Northern

RELIGION LINKED TO CONSERVATION

Scholars at Parley Stress Concern for Ecology

By GEORGE DUGAN

Special to The New York Times

ASHLAND, Mass., Nov. 8—The blackboard in a conference room at Northeastern University here announced in big, bold letters: "Ecology may be the last fad."

For three days and two nights that sign was a constant and grim reminder to some 40 theologians and a scattering of 20 sociologists, educators and scientists that the world may be in the midst of a crisis in environment.

The 60 scholars gathered in the University's Warren Center, about 25 miles west of Boston, to measure the religious implications of that crisis. They were participants in the annual fall conference of the Faith-Man-Nature Group, an organization founded six years ago and one of the first to sense the religious dimensions of conservation. The conference ended this afternoon.

Most of the scholars agreed that involvement in building a better world was a "religious imperative." But how to do it and where to start appeared to be the paramount issues.

Doomsday May Creep

The Rev. Scott I. Paradise, director of the Boston Industrial Mission, a theologian who is also an ecologist, noted that nuclear holocaust is possible if "someone makes a tragic blunder."

"But ecological catastrophe will come merely by our continuing in our present course," he said. "Doomsday may creep insidiously. Some scientists have predicted that we only have 35 years left. But even if we have a century, the changes necessary for survival will take decades to accomplish. To wait until disaster is upon us before we act will be too late."

Mr. Paradise observed that the traditional goal of economic development no longer served human welfare. Church and synagogue, he said, therefore must protest this goal.

Mr. Paradise proposed also that church and synagogue work for a more equitable distribution of the world's resources and a reduction of the world's population growth to zero.

"Because most of the world's rich are white and most of the world's poor are nonwhite," he said, "the nonwhite peoples will pay the highest price of environmental deterioration, so the issue of racism is implicated.

"Because resources to build an ecologically viable world society will be unavailable as long as the present level of weaponry is maintained, militarism stands condemned. And finally, to close the circle, militarism will increase as long as the gap between rich and poor continues to widen."

According to Prof. Ian G. Barbour of Carleton College in Northfield, Minn., both pollution and poverty are products of a failure to devise adequate social controls over technology.

But concern for analysis

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Alfred Drake loves to recall Italian origin.

Dr. John A. B. Faggi says that the Italians are not close knit.

A worker at Itali protest last Jun

New York's Italians: A Question of Identity

By RICHARD SEVERO

The Italians of New York do not agree about who they are, what progress they have made since the great migrations of half a century ago and where they should be going. And yet this people whose identity is so difficult to define has recently been thrust very much into the public eye.

In June, thousands of them gathered in Columbus Circle to protest use of the term "Mafia" as an affront. Later, homeowners from the Corona section of Queens protested the city's plans to take their land for a new school and playground.

Then, in pursuit of what some political observers feel is faltering Italian political "clout," several Democrats of Italian extraction announced their support for the re-election of Governor Rockefeller. Among them were former Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri and two former City Controllers, Lawrence E. Gerosa and Mario A. Procaccino.

Views on Cohesion

Because of such activity, and because they frequently call themselves "Italian," many of their fellow New Yorkers think of them as being a cohesive group. But Italians themselves say they are far from it.

"There is no one life-style you can point to as being theirs," says Dr. John A. B. Faggi, a historian and director of Columbia University's Casa Italiana.

"They are not a closely knit group in any sense. The two great characteristics of the descendants of the immigrants is the pride — frequently unarticulated — they take in being part of the great Romano - Italian civilization, although many of them know very little about it. But mostly, they share an overriding sense of responsibility as American citizens and in that, they are not Italian."

Italian from his very beginnings in America prided himself on how rapidly he was assimilated. Some immigrant parents refused to speak Italian in front of the children so that they could become American that much faster.

Display of Unity

But on June 29, a remarkable thing happened to the people who have been described as being more American than the Americans. About 40,000 of them, according to the police estimate, gathered at Columbus Circle and waved the Italian tricolor. Perhaps the only Italian word many of them knew was "ciao," but they wore red, white and green buttons calling for "Italian power." After melting in the melting pot for all these years, they looked like they wanted to climb out.

Here was a group New York had taken for granted. But it was also a group that never really considered itself a group, for the Italians and their descendants are notoriously independent of one another. Even in the early days, when they worked for nickels and dimes and were called wops by the immigrants who had gotten there before them, their self-help societies had been weak.

But here they were, reflecting the American proclivity for group defensiveness, joining blacks, Puerto Ricans, Jews, Arabs, Mexicans, Indians, welfare recipients, the aged, conservatives, women, policemen, the New Left, drug advocates, homosexuals and Yippies in protesting for their rights.

If the speech-making at Columbus Circle was taken at face value, those who attended came because they felt that use of the word "Mafia" had smeared them and made them suspect. And there is no question that many Italians, even those who did not go to the Unity Day rally, are upset by the use of the word.

But beneath the rhetoric and the goals expressed by the Italian-American Civil Rights League was a dissatisfaction that went much deeper than use of a label that is not central to Italian culture or the Italian experience in this country.

The dissatisfaction was essentially nurtured by a disagreement with the priorities of city government, an awakening to the fact that Italians have at best been a weak pressure group and a belief that the city now responds only to strong pressure groups. It was dissatisfaction with what Italians see as a double standard.

Why, Italians wonder, is it no longer permissible in respectable circles to use pejoratives to refer to Negroes, Puerto Ricans and Jews, but almost fashionable to direct the same vulgarity at Italians and expect them to laugh at "wop," "guinea," "dago" and other terms.

Literary Output

A frequent observation about the Italians and their descendants in America is that they have not written much about themselves. Nor have they wanted to read about themselves. The Jews, on the other hand, have shown a desire to read about the Jewish experience. It is a desire at least in part born of oppression and is a striking element of the cohesiveness among Jews.

The Italians were oppressed for centuries, too, but mostly by their own kind. And even when they suffered under the French, Austrians or Spanish, it was on their own soil. The harsh realities of New York at the turn of the century did not arouse in the Italians the feeling of identity throug oppression that Jews share.

Pietro di Donato, the so of an immigrant laborer wh became a bricklayer himsel wrote an acclaimed work o the Italian immigrant exp rience more than 30 yea ago—"Christ in Concrete But Mr. di Donato conceded that few Italians bought th book. He feels they hav turned their backs on th dignity of the immigrant ar what he represented.

"The Italian has becon homogenized," he said r cently. "He does not co pare with the original i migrant. My father took r to the Metropolitan Ope when I was 5, and he h concrete on his shoes. T Italians then were full of le ends; they were self-reg lating and self-entertainin

"But now the species h degenerated. The Italia American has become a v ciferous, rotund breed; enc morphs in the anarchy freedom over freedom, good people gone wrong."

Mr. di Donato is especi ly critical of working-cl Italians for not being a to overcome some of the li itations associated with lack of education and mo vation: "There are few thi they enthuse over, exc football and baseball. This the age of the ugly pec and the Italians are ada ing to it." In a sense, Mr Donato is accusing the I ians of being Americ which is precisely what t have become.

At the same time, he tends that despite their similation, Americans of ian descent still suffer f a "consciousness of u longing."

What's in a Name?

"America has always an embarrassment for seppe Mozzarella," Mr Donato says. "He is atte ing to be an American he does not have the in

Experts Amuse Singer

Giorgio Tozzi, a leading bass of the Metropolitan Opera who was born of immigrant parents in Chicago, says he is occasionally amused by some attempts to describe the Italian experience in America.

One example is the assertion by Nathan Glazer and Daniel P. Moynihan in "Beyond the Melting Pot" that "in Italian culture, there is a strong emphasis on male exhibitionism . . . and sexual potency" and that the boys in Italian neighborhoods "whistled at girls."

"This," Mr. Tozzi remarked, "perhaps reveals more about the writers than the subject they are writing about." And of the same authors' recent written statement that Italians had failed to "take over leadership" in the mass media, education and in the church, Mr. Tozzi said: "I think anybody who uses the term 'take over' is talking like a gangster."

The Moynihan-Glazer references to what they see as a lack of "lonely ambition" among Italian-Americans led one immigrant's son to say, "now they are accusing us of not being Jewish."

John Ciardi, poetry editor of The Saturday Review, questions such standards of ambition being applied to the Italians. "Their ancestors came over as illiterate peasants," he says, "and it is just too soon to expect them to compete with others who came before them or who came with more education. But there is no question in my mind that they will compete."

Ruggiero Ricci, who was born in San Francisco, was at first called Woodrow.

rgio Tozzi of the Met amused by efforts to ribe life of Italians.

The New York Times

Carmine G. De Sapio, the Tammany Hall leader, was losing favor with Italians before his bribery case.

A woman at the protest at Columbus Circle over the use of the word Mafia.

Bishop Francis J. Mugavero is one of few United States Italian prelates.

Emanuel P. Popolizio aided Edward I. Koch to win the backing of Italians.

For what is an American? He changes his name and he gives his children names like Debra and Gary. If a boy's name is Walter Nash or Bill Tudor, that is American. If it is Giuseppe Mozzarella, it is something else."

It is on this point that substantial disagreement arises among descendants of Italian immigrants.

John Ciardi, poetry editor of The Saturday Review, whose parents were immigrants, feels no unbelonging and thinks that "within another 10 years you won't even be able to classify the Italians as an ethnic group."

Alfred Drake, who was born Alfred Capurro in Brooklyn and who went on to win acclaim in such musicals as "Kiss Me, Kate," says he detests the Italian-American label. "I don't like hyphenated nationalities."

He loves to talk about his Italian background, is not offended when he sees "Mafia" in print and insists there is no need for Italians to even consider joining defense groups.

Asked the inevitable — why he changed his name — Mr. Drake laughed and recalled the time an agent told him "Capurro" would be hard for Americans to remember and pronounce. He selected "Drake," he recalled, because as a young man in Brooklyn, he used to walk by the Drake secretarial school. Later, he changed his name legally to Alfred Capurro Drake.

Trying to Adapt

The concert violinist Ruggiero Ricci was born in San Francisco and given the name "Woodrow Wilson Rich" by parents eager to adapt to a new land. Later, they bowed to the American preference for brevity and christened him Roger Rich. A few years later, after they were told their son was a musical genius, they decided he could afford the

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There is disagreement over the number of people of Italian ancestry in the United States, but the best estimate is between 15 million and 20 million, with perhaps 1.5 million in and around New York City. Most are the descendants of immigrants who arrived penniless and illiterate from southern Italy more than half a century ago.

The Cinematic Image

Who are these people and what have they become?

Perhaps their identity has been more defined by motion pictures and television than by anything that might be considered truly Italian. The cinema has presented them as brown of eye, black of hair and red of temper. So great was the demand for swarthy Italian gangster styles some years ago that an Irishman named J. Carrol Naish made a fortune portraying them in Hollywood.

Many Americans retain an extraordinary image of the Italian immigrant and his descendants as cultural aberrations who sing tenor and peddle fish, and who are romantic, oily, prudish, devious, faithful, sexy, clannish, open-minded, tolerant, intolerant, brilliant, anti-intellectual, unambitious and industrious—all at the same time.

In New York, Italians are stereotyped as garbage collectors who adorn their lawns with plastic flamingos and who sit behind aluminum storm windows in Queens and talk of how Negroes and Puerto Ricans must wait until they are qualified before they get good jobs. The image of the barber who keeps the Madonna on his dashboard remains alive and well.

These impressions have not been altered by the fact that anticlericalism is an older tradition among the Italians than dashboard Madonnas, or by the fact that a survey on race relations conducted recently for the Urban League suggests that Americans other than Italians are far more reactionary.

Whatever his image, the

asserted, need not compete with concern for social justice. They converge, Professor Barbour said, in demanding a fundamental redirection of technology.

"As individuals and groups," he declared, "we can make efforts to reduce excessive consumption and develop a style of life resistant to the pressure of an acquisitive society. This does not mean withdrawal from the world into ascetic otherworldliness, nor a romantic return to nature; to turn our backs on technology would condemn much of the world to degrading toil and abject poverty. But it does mean greater awareness of waste, and deliberate action to conserve resources and recycle materials instead of discarding them."

The Faith-Man-Nature Group is an independent association of scholars formed in 1964 to stimulate the development of a theology emphasizing respect for nature's intrinsic goodness.

Evicted Romans Shout At Pope at St. Peter's

Special to The New York Times

ROME Nov. 8 — Some 300 homeless Romans shouted "Houses, Houses!" in St. Peter's Square today while Pope Paul VI was addressing pilgrims before his customary Sunday blessing.

The demonstrators arrived in the square during the morning in 50 cars and trucks, some with their furniture. They said they had been evicted from illegally built shacks on the city's outskirts and from buildings in downtown Rome that they had unlawfully occupied.

The Pope ignored the protest and in a brief speech from a window of the Apostolic Palace exhorted the crowd in the square below to visit cemeteries and honor the dead during the month of November, when Roman Catholics say special prayers for the souls of the dead.

Later Vatican and Rome police officials assured the demonstrators that they would be temporarily housed in local hotels.

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luxury of an Italian name and Roger became Ruggiero.

Mr. Ricci admits that there are times when he feels like a "displaced Italian." When he is in America, people think he is Italian. When he is in Italy, people know he is not Italian because he cannot speak the language.

Proposing Some Ideas

Although the Columbus Circle rally raised the question of whether the Italians can form a workable self-help organization, the evidence seems to suggest that they really don't want to.

John Carbone, a Brooklyn insurance broker, has spent fruitless years trying to get Italians to agree on projects that might benefit them. He recalls how he sought to win interest in starting an Italian home for the aged about 10 years ago.

"Every time I'd mention it to an Italian he'd look at me suspiciously and say, 'Who's behind it?'"

Mr. Carbone's Neapolitan father, Amadeo, who is 80, says that a club to which he belongs, Fiore di Boro Park, had 600 members when it started in 1928 and paid $1,000 to women after their husbands had died. Now, he says, membership is down to 130, the clubhouse is up for sale and widows get only $500.

"I think that any sort of Italian defense organization is doomed to fail," John Carbone said. "You could not get two Italians to agree on anything."

Still, there are groups that try to organize and represent Italians. The Italian-American Civil Rights League which organized the Columbus Circle rally, now claims a national membership of almost 30,000. It is attempting to acquire land in Brooklyn for a 400-bed hospital, a narcotics treatment center and community youth center run on a nonethnic basis

Doubt on Ethnic Vote

To raise money for the project, it is sponsoring a benefit concert at the Felt Forum on Nov. 20. Tickets to the event are $100, $150 and $200 and those scheduled to appear include Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr., Ed McMahon, Godfrey Cambridge, Ross Martin, Vic Damone and Connie Francis and others.

A league spokesman says the artists have donated their talents. But many Italians say they are suspicious of the league because of reports that it has received some support from Italian criminals.

Another group, the Americans of Italian Descent, has been in existence for four years, and also claims a membership of 30,000. Its executive director, Joseph Jordan, admits that it is extremely difficult to rallist Italians in group action.

Political pundits often talk of an "Italian vote" and some Italian - American politicians, among others, tend to reinforce that proposition, since it would suggest they are forces to be reckoned with. And although there are Italians who vote for people with Italian names, there is increasing evidence that the practice is dying, especially among the second and third generations. Sometimes Italians show little interest in voting for anyone.

"The Italians are not really motivated politically," says Barbara Gaigano Young, a former reporter for The Villager who watched the decline of Carmine G. De Sapio among Italian voters long before De Sapio was ever accused and convicted of conspiracy to bribe a city commissioner. "They are cynical about politicians, Italian and otherwise. They think politics is sordid and unproductive and filled with backs."

There has been a growth of conservatism among the working-class Italians, as there has among other working-class groups, and this was quite evident in the election just past. But if the experiences of Representative Edward I. Koch, a liberal Democrat, are any indication, the Italian identification with conservatism has its exceptions.

Support in 'Village'

When Mr. Koch ran for the City Council in 1966 a key group of Italians was fearful that he would lose votes in 10 predominantly Italian wards in the South Village because he supported a civilian-dominated review board to handle complaints about the police. Such a board was finally established, and then voted down by an overwhelming majority of New Yorkers.

Since Mr. Koch refused to tone down his views on the board, his Italian supporters devised a little speech to make him attractive to Italians in the South Village. According to versions supplied by Mr. Koch and Emanuel P. Popolizio, a lawyer who supported him, it was delivered in dozens of tenements and went something like this:

"Hello, Mrs. Verdi. I'm Wally Popolizio. You remember me? I used to deliver ice here with my father. Listen, I want you to vote for my friend, Ed Koch. Ed is in favor of good schools and clean streets and he is really interested in this neighborhood. He really cares. O.K., so he's a little nuts about the civilian review board, but what the hell, vote for him anyhow."

Mr. Koch carried the 10 predominantly Italian districts by a huge plurality. And this June, when as a Representative of the 17th District, he faced Paul Rao Jr., an Italian-American, in the primary, he got 89 per cent of the vote.

"They are a truly remarkable people," says Mr. Koch. "They forgive me when I say things they don't approve of. They are much more understanding and tolerant than the so-called liberals, who turn on me when I express my doubts about something they believe as dogma."

Is there discrimination against New Yorkers with Italian names? If there is, it would appear to be diminishing and the Italians themselves are skeptical when one of their own complains.

And, as if to underscore their lack of defensiveness, the third generation is increasingly marrying non-Italians, especially the Catholic, Irish and Poles, but also Protestants, Jews and Puerto Ricans, according to parish priests.

Disputes Discrimination

Manhattan's chief assistant district attorney, Alfred J. Scotti, says: "The banner of discrimination is frequently waved to conceal ineptitude and as a rationalization for one's own deficiencies. There may be some discrimination, but I do not believe it is pervasive."

One area in which high-ranking Italians are conspicuously few is the Roman Catholic Church in the United States, in which the prominent Italians in the hierarchy are the Most Rev. Joseph Pernicone, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, and the Most Rev. Francis J. Mugavero, Bishop of Brooklyn.

"The Italians are not a sensitive people like our own," complained the Rev. B. J. Reilly in a letter to John Cardinal Farley on March 4, 1917. "When they are told that they are about the worst Catholics that ever came to this country they don't resent it or deny it. If they were a little more sensitive to such remarks they would improve faster. The Italians are callous as regards religion."

Some Italians think they still have not convinced the Irish of their devoutness.

First in 400 Years

"We still enter the church with the cloak of anticlericalism around us," said the Rev. Mario Zicarelli, assistant pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in the Bronx. "I am the first priest in my family in 400 years and when I did it, my uncle accused me of ruining the family name."

At any rate, Italians still control the Papacy, and the Irish here have observed that if an Irishman became Pope, an Italian would probably stand a greater chance of becoming a Cardinal in New York.

Italians and their descendants have apparently had more success in achieving hegemony in organized crime rivaling the Irish, Jews and Anglo-Saxons. But now an argument has arisen as to whether Italian criminals are a highly organized society that could be called the Mafia.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, after years of avoiding such a description, decided that Italian-organized crime could be called "Cosa Nostra," which means "our thing." Now they have been asked by the United States Attorney General not to use any labels.

Ralph J. Salerno, a retired New York police detective of Sicilian extraction who is frequently called a "Mafia expert," says that nothing that could be called a Mafia has existed in New York since 1931. However, he does think that Italian-organized crime is different from that run by non-Italians because it requires membership limited to people of Italian blood. He feels it could be called "Cosa Nostra."

Questions Labels

But District Attorney Frank S. Hogan of Manhattan, who has won a national reputation for battling organized crime, says that both "Mafia" and "Cosa Nostra" have no basis in fact. He contends that while Italians in organized crime maintain liaison with each other and with non-Italian criminals, there is not a tight-knit organization limited to Italians.

How has the Italian in America fared?

Dr. Faggi of Columbia's Casa Italiana feels that "they have begun to be prosperous, but not spiritually and intellectually."

And State Senator John J. Marchi says that the problems faced by Italians and other ethnic groups in New York are bound to occur in any heterogeneous society, but that they can be solved without special help or defense-group thinking.

In this transitional period for the Italians in New York, many of them remain hopeful about their future in America by taking comfort in the past, and in the enormous vitality the Italian people have shown over the centuries.

"We will endure," Mr. Popolizio said. "We can go to the Anglo-Saxon and say: 'You see this road in Scotland? We built it 2,000 years ago.'

"I look at a building and I see a Roman arch. I go to court and I know the law I practice stems from something the Romans started. We gave the fork to the French when they were eating with their hands. Even our humble pizza has become American. So, we will be patient."

Cards Will Replace a Library's Books

By McCANDLISH PHILLIPS

Max Celnik threw six valuable, out-of-print Civil War biographies on the floor. He stomped on them, ground them under his heel, then kicked them across the floor.

Conduct unbecoming a librarian? Perhaps, but Mr. Celnik was making a point.

After he had finished his calculated tantrum, he picked up the file-sized transparent card on which he had stomped. He snapped the card under a glass plate and flicked a switch, and the pages of the six biographies, photographed in microimages, began flashing on the screen of a machine about the size of a portable television set.

Mr. Celnik was demonstrating one of the advantages of the PCMI system of library keeping on the eve of its first installation. The system was developed by the National Cash Register Company of Dayton, Ohio, and Mr. Celnik is managing editor and library consultant of the company's Library Collections Service.

He is the first managing editor in the history of the concern, which has lately

to move 18,000 volumes out simply to free up shelf space for the new additions," he said.

The 3,500 new volumes will require no shelf space and take only one tray of a filing cabinet. An oddity of the system is that the Library of Congress catalogue cards that are shipped with the order weigh more and take up more space than the books they describe.

"This makes it very economical for us from the processing end," Professor Lane explained. "Usually we have to track down the card number and order the cards for the books coming in. This way, we do not have to catalogue each volume individually. That's done for us."

Made His Own Test

The librarian remarked that he had made his own test of the plastic-coated cards, which are heat-resistant but will melt under very high temperatures. "I stepped on them, tried to cut them, tried to rip them. They're tough," he said.

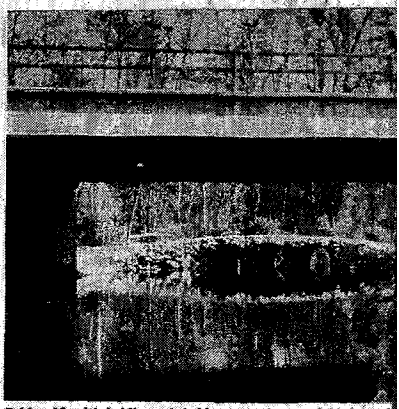
The company first made the system available in 1968, but only for industrial uses

cluding those at Harvard, Princeton, and Columbia. "Sometimes Harvard has two volumes, Princeton has one and Columbia another, and we get the four-volume set that way," said Dr. Henry Grinberg, senior editor for the system.

As of now, the company, which does not sell single cards, is offering five collections: American Civilization, Literature-Humanities, Science and Technology, Social Sciences and Government Documents. PCMI is its trademark for photo-chromic-micro-image.

A subscribing library pays $6,000 for the full service, gets one machine, 3,500 "books" and a full set of catalogue cards for that price. Six thousand books have been put on the transparent cards. That figure is expected to reach 50,000 volumes in five years.

Among the items available in miniature are the collected writings of Harriet Beecher Stowe (16 volumes, including "The Minister's Wooing" and "Life in Florida After the War") and what Dr. Grinberg called "a fine old edition, 70 volumes, in beautiful typography, of the Complete Works of Voltaire," published by Société Littéraire Typographique in Paris from 1785 to 1789. A coin-operated copying-machine attachment that can be bought with the system turns out a copy of the page on the screen in 10 seconds.



Bridge 18 with bridle path bridge in background. New York

Horsemen, Led by Woman, Win B

Special to The New York Times

GREENWICH, Conn., Nov. 8—The final chapter of "The Battle of Bridge 18" was written today as 250 horseriding enthusiasts cut a ribbon opening a bridle path between this community and an adjacent area in New York.

"The Battle of Bridge 18," which began in October, 1963, is the story of one woman's efforts to keep a trail system intact despite the need to build a superhighway —Route 87—over part of the area.

Mrs. Donald Knott of Cutler Road, Greenwich, waged the battle despite two vetoes by Governor Rockefeller of bills that would have protected the trails—bills that had supporters in the Legislature in Albany.

A major problem developed in May, 1967, when construction work on the highway resulted in widening the Byram River from 5 feet to 55 feet. Before that, horses on bridle

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Via NITEL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-6210)

ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE; AR.

INSTANT DATE, [redacted] b7C

[redacted] AMERICAN BROADCASTING COMPANY (ABC), NEW YORK CITY, ADVISED ABC RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL THIS DATE FROM INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING SELF AS OFFICIAL OF CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION. INDIVIDUAL STATED IF ABC TV DID NOT CHANGE ITS PLANS TO SHOW A MOVIE ENTITLED "THE BROTHERHOOD" ON SUNDAY, ELEVEN FIFTEEN NEXT, CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION WOULD PICKET ABC HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK CITY. INDIVIDUAL STATED PICKETING WOULD BEGIN THIS DATE OR ELEVEN THIRTEEN NEXT.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, "THE BROTHERHOOD" IS A MOTION PICTURE APPROXIMATELY TWO TO THREE YEARS OLD WHICH HAS AS ITS THEME THE ACTIVITIES OF A MAFIOSO ON THE ISLAND OF SICILY.

ABC HAS NOTIFIED NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT OF PROPOSED PICKETING.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (92-)(P)

ITALIAN-AMERICAN CIVIL LEAGUE, INC.
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On 11/12/70, [redacted] furnished the following information:

National La Cosa Nostra figures have organized the IACL, with headquarters in New York. It is located at 635 Madison Avenue 10022, telephone 212 486-9415. It now has organized groups in New York, Miami and Chicago. The Miami organizer and leader is PASQUALE ERRA.

The goal is to organize branches in over 40 cities throughout the United States, with Chicago expected to be the largest.

Annual dues will be $10 per person, with membership cards being issued. Membership will be open even to non-Italians; however, a very strong sentiment exists to exclude Negroes.

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The IACL will raise in excess of one million dollars, a journal will be published, and advertising will be sold. Informant said sufficient "persuasion" will be used to insure cooperation from prospective advertisers.

Upon receipt from the informant, copies of membership cards and other documents will be furnished.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-6210) DATE: 11/13/70 b7C

FROM : SUPV. [redacted]

SUBJECT: ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE

On 11/13/70, at approximately 3:55 PM, [redacted] who identified himself as [redacted] telephone [redacted] contacted the NYO telephonically. [redacted] stated that he [redacted] He stated he was calling from [redacted]

[redacted] to donate his services for a rally being held in Madison Square Garden 11/20/70 by captioned organization. [redacted] agreed to offer his services at this rally.

[redacted] is currently in NYC preparing for the aforementioned rally. [redacted] since arriving in NY, [redacted] heard numerous statements that captioned organization is "Mafia-controlled". [redacted] if this is true, [redacted] absolutely no intention of appearing at the rally.

[redacted] call the NYO & attempt to determine if, in fact, captioned organization was affiliated with organized crime.

[redacted] was advised that the FBI would make no comment regarding any alleged organized crime affiliations of captioned organization.

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On 11/12/70, informant advised as follows:

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He advised that he has recently determined that [redacted] are the heads of the numbers gambling operation on [redacted] and immediate area. He stated the [redacted] is the pivotal point for the operation. [redacted] NYC, takes single numbers action out of the [redacted] (see photo of UNSUB taken by SA [redacted] handles book out of [redacted]

[redacted]

numbers runner and goes to the [redacted]

[redacted] also goes to [redacted] and drops off the numbers action from [redacted]

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Informant advised there is an apartment directly across from the [redacted] which is rented by a [redacted] but is always vacant. This person has [redacted]

He stated he learned the man from [redacted] has been coming regularly at [redacted] he came at [redacted] and stayed only a couple of minutes. [redacted] was in the apartment at the time.

He identified the following pictures:

[redacted]
He stated it was a good likeness.

[redacted]
He stated [redacted] used to be a [redacted] however, he has not seen him lately.

[redacted]
He stated [redacted] hangs out occasionally at [redacted]
He has not seen recently.

[redacted]
He stated [redacted] is currently in [redacted]

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NYC
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He stated the Italian-American Legaue, [redacted] is participating in organized picketing of ABC Television Headquarters, NYC, either 11/12/70 or 11/13/70, to protest ABC's planned showing of the movie "Brotherhood" on Sunday, 11/15/70, at 9 p.m. The League is hoping for 1,000 participants.

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He stated [redacted] occasionally visits [redacted] at the [redacted]

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He stated that [redacted] is the [redacted] in NYC. He dates a girl who lives on [redacted] NYC. This girl hangs out at the [redacted] NYC. [redacted]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-6210)

SUBJECT: ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE
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On 11/13/70 [redacted] advised that he was recently in conversation with [redacted] and was advised of the following:

Approximately two to three weeks ago, [redacted] was in contact with one [redacted] located in the proximity of [redacted] employed.

Review of NYO indices indicates [redacted] a close associate of [redacted] He is alleged to be actively involved in [redacted] He has been the subject of [redacted] in the NYO and is carried as a known [redacted] by the [redacted]

[redacted] contacted [redacted] and requested that he [redacted] told him that the [redacted] was of extreme importance to captioned organization. [redacted] that he would do anything for him including [redacted] but he could not [redacted] stated that he is currently involved in [redacted] with [redacted] and did not wish to needlessly bring down any additional pressure on himself. [redacted] that he feared that if he [redacted]

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[redacted] he would be immediately [redacted] and would run the risk of [redacted] For this reason he [redacted] request.

According to [redacted] reaction to his request. [redacted] Informant stated that he [redacted]

It is to be noted [redacted] is identical to the [redacted] referred to in NYairtel captioned [redacted] aka; Bufile [redacted]

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM [redacted] IS SINGULAR IN NATURE AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD IT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU.

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Via TELETYPE NITEL
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TO Director
From New York 92-6210

SUBJECT ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE ANTI-RACKETEERING;

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU ELEVEN TWELVE SEVENTY

ON ELEVEN FIFTEEN SEVENTY WABC TELEVISION (AMERICAN BROADCASTING COMPANY NEW YORK CITY SHOWED MOTION PICTURE "THE BROTHERHOOD" AS SCHEDULED.

CONTACT WITH SECURITY OFFICIALS AMERICAN BROADCASTING COMPANY ON ELEVEN THIRTEEN SEVENTY DETERMINED THAT CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION PICKETED NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS OF AMERICAN BROADCASTING COMPANY ON ELEVEN THIRTEEN SEVENTY.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-6210)

RE: ITALIAN-AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE
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RENYAIRTEL NOV. FIVE LAST CONCERNING SCHEDULED VISIT OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION TO NYO [redacted] FOR CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION, CALLED OFFICE OF ADIC MALONE AND STATED THAT SINCE [redacted] IT WAS NECESSARY THAT MEETING BE CANCELLED. [redacted] MADE NO MENTION OF REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT AT FUTURE DATE.

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ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER WILL BE PROMPTLY BROUGHT TO BUREAU'S ATTENTION.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-6210)

SUBJECT: ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE
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ReNYairtel, 11/9/70.

Reairtel set out information that captioned organization was sponsoring a rally in the Felt Forum of Madison Square Garden, NYC, on 11/20/70. Through coverage provided by NYC news media and contacts with logical informants, it has been determined that the following entertainers will appear at the rally:

FRANK SINATRA

DO NOT DESTROY - PENDING LITIGATION

SAMMY DAVIS, JR.

CONNIE FRANCIS (singer)

FRANKIE VALLI & THE 4 SEASONS (singing group)

ED MC MAHON (Master of Ceremonies JOHNNY CARSON's "Tonight" Show) (WNBC TV)

JIMMY ROSELLI (singer)

GODFREY CAMBRIDGE (Negro comedian)

TRINI LOPEZ (singer)

JERRY VALE

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PAT HENRY (comedian)

VIC DAMONE (singer)

ROSS MARTIN (motion picture TV actor)

GUY MARKS (comedian)

DON COSTA (orchestra leader)

THE P.J.'S (female vocal duo)

MORTY STORM III (comedian)

Tickets for this event are priced at $100, $150, and $200. The advertisement for this event appearing in the NEW YORK TIMES 11/15/70 stated that the event was completely sold out.

Press statements attributed to NAT MARCONE, President of captioned organization, indicated that the proceeds of this event was expected to reach a net of $600,000. MARCONE stated that this money would be utilized to further the organization's plans to set up hospitals, welfare and scholarship programs for members of the organization. b2 b7D

On 11/13/70, [redacted] was contacted and advised that all entertainers appearing at the 11/20/70 rally had donated their services to the event. Informant stated that FRANK SINATRA was actually "ramrodding" the obtaining of talent, and that the entertainers had agreed to appear as a favor to SINATRA. Informant stated as he has previously reported SINATRA and JOSEPH COLOMBO, LCN boss, enjoy a close personal relationship going back a few years. Informant stated that he did not know the basis for this relationship, but it is as a result of this assocation that SINATRA has taken it upon himself to recruit talent for the event.

Informant stated that JOSEPH COLOMBO is throwing all his energies into captioned organization and specifically the 11/20 rally. Informant stated that COLOMBO has ordered all his "family" members to become actively engaged in assuring that the rally is a success. All members and associates of the COLOMBO "family" have been given quotas of tickets to dispose of and are also engaged in the sale of raffle tickets and the distribution of advertising material in connection with the rally.

Informant stated that COLOMBO's order that members become engaged in activities relating to captioned organization has begun to cause behind the scenes grumbling. Many COLOMBO members and associates would prefer to spend more time involved in illegal money making activities rather than activities concerned with captioned organization. These individuals consider it demeaning for LCN members to become involved in the type activities they are currently engaged in. It is to be noted that on 11/12/70 the NYO arrested COLOMBO associate FRANK FALANGA on perjury charges in connection with NY file 92-5791. At the time of his arrest, FALANGA had six $100 tickets to the rally in his possession.

The information received from informant regarding SINATRA's involvement in the planned rally was interestingly corroborated in a phone call received by the NYO on 11/13/70. On that date, one, [redacted] Several weeks ago [redacted] donate his services for the proposed rally of captioned organization. [redacted] agreed to appear.

[redacted] arrived in NYC to rehearse for the rally on [redacted] and upon arriving in NY, heard persistent rumors that captioned organization is "mafia controlled". According to [redacted] had no intention of appearing at this rally if these allegations were correct. [redacted] that his reason for calling the NYO was to attempt to elicit an authoritative statement as to whether captioned organization was, in fact, mafia controlled. [redacted] advised that the FBI would make no comment regarding any allegations of this sort.

On 11/16/70, [redacted] NYC, contacted the NYO and advised that through a source of his [redacted] placed a number of calls to unknon contacts of his to determine if captioned organization was mafia controlled.

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According to [redacted] who was scheduled to appear at captioned organization's sponsored rally and was concerned if, in fact, it were hoodlum controlled. [redacted] source stated [redacted] told him he was personally convinced that the organization was hoodlum controlled but [redacted] felt he was too deeply obligated to appear at the rally to back out at this point.

[redacted]

For this reason, [redacted] appear as agreed although he will do so hesitantly.

Posters advertising the 11/20 rally list the ticket prices as "donations". The NYO contacted IRS NYC and determined that captioned organization has applied for tax exempt status with IRS. This request is currently in the hands of IRS Headquarters, Washington, D.C., and no determination has yet been made as to the organization's tax status.

On 11/16/70, [redacted] advised he was in contact with [redacted] over the previous weekend, [redacted] captioned organization. [redacted]

NYO is following this matter closely.

Bureau will be advised of all developments.

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Italian-American Civil Rights League

635 MADISON AVE., NEW YORK, N. Y. 10022
TELEPHONE (212) 486-9415

I, the undersigned, hereby apply for membership in the ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE, INC., and agree to be bound by the LEAGUE'S Charter, By-Laws, Rules and Constitution, as at present inforce, and as they may be hereafter amended.

I desire the following membership:

Individual — $10.00 per person per year.

Name ..... Age .....

Address .....

City ..... State ..... Zip Code .....

Home Telephone ..... Business Telephone .....

Profession or Occupation .....

Other organizations .....

Give names, relationships and ages of other members of family

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Dated ....., 1970 .....
Applicant's Signature

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Sponsor Membership Committee

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

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NOTIFICATION AND MEMBERSHIP NUMBER .....

RECEIPT

Received $10.00 for membership into I.A.C.R.L.

..... Signature

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A I R T E L

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (92-2859) (C)

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ITALIAN-AMERICAN CIVIL
RIGHTS LEAGUE (IACRL)
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Title is marked "CHANGED" to submit the correct title as it appears captioned above, which was previously reported as the "ITALIAN-AMERICAN CIVIL LEAGUE, INC. (IACL)".

Re Miami airtel to Bureau 11/12/70.

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau, New York and Chicago are two xeroxed copies each of membership forms for the captioned organization.

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The Bureau and other offices will be furnished any further information when received from the source.

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Italian-American League Pickets A.B.C. Over Film

More than 100 members of the Italian-American Civil Rights League picketed the offices of WABC-TV last night to protest the showing by the station of a film and programs that allegedly link persons with Italian surnames to organized crime or make references to the term "Mafia."

Anthony Colombo, a league spokesman, said his organization opposed the showing of "The Brotherhood," a movie that he said defamed Italian-Americans by allegedly depicting the operations of "the Mafia" and by associating Italian-Americans with organized crime.

The film is to be shown Sunday at 9 P.M. on the network's "Sunday Night Movie."

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RE LA TELETYPE TO LA AND NY DATED NOVEMBER SIX LAST, CONCERNING PLANNED DEMONSTRATIONS BY AMERICAN ITALIANS.

ON NOVEMBER TWELVE LAST, SA [redacted] LA LIAISON WITH DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE STRIKE FORCE, LA, ADVISED THAT [illegible] THE FBI HAS RECEIVED UNCONFIRMED INFORMATION TO THE EFFECT THAT AMERICAN ITALIANS PLAN A MARCH IN NEW YORK CITY (NYC) NOVEMBER TWENTY NEXT, THAT IS ALLEGEDLY TO BE LED BY FRANK SINATRA AND DEAN MARTIN AND THAT ITALIAN AMERICANS IN LA AREA ARE POSSIBLY CONSIDERING A DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF THE FEDERAL BUILDING, DOWNTOWN LA IN ABOUT FEBRUARY SEVENTY ONE.

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FEDERAL AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT INTELLIGENCE DETAILS WERE IN ATTENDANCE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT (LAPD) WHOSE REPRESENTATIVE WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND THAT PARTICULAR MEETING. [redacted] [redacted] LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, INTELLIGENCE DETAIL, WAS CONTACTED APART FROM OTHERS AT THIS MEETING CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

NONE OF ABOVE HAD ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING NY OR LA DEMONSTRATIONS.

ON NOVEMBER THIRTEEN LAST, [redacted] LAPD, INTELLIGENCE DETAIL, WAS FURNISHED ABOVE INFORMATION BY [redacted]

ON NOVEMBER SIXTEEN LAST, [redacted] ADVISED HE HAD CONTACTED OTHER OFFICERS OF THAT DETAIL AND SOURCES OF HIS DETAIL IN THE LA COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPED NO INFORMATION TO SUBSTANTIATE THE ABOVE.

ALL AGENCIES ADVISED THEY WILL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THIS OFFICE UPON RECEIPT OF INFORMATION CONCERNING PLANNED OR POSSIBLE DEMONSTRATION BY ITALIAN AMERICANS IN NYC OR LA.

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FURNISHED NOVEMBER ISSUE OF "THE CHALLENGE" AND NOVEMBER ISSUE OF [redacted] NEWSLETTER. EITHER PUBLICATION MADE ANY REFERENCE TO PROPOSED DEMONSTRATIONS BY ITALIAN AMERICANS IN NYC OR LA.

[redacted]

[redacted] NOTHING HAS BEEN MENTIONED BY THEM CONCERNING POSSIBLE DEMONSTRATIONS BY ITALIAN AMERICANS IN NYC OR LA.

SD AND LV ADVISED AIRMAIL FOR INFORMATION.PENDING.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-6210)

SUBJECT: ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE AR

RENYARTEL, ELEVEN SIXTEEN SEVENTY.

BENEFIT RALLY FOR CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION DESCRIBED IN RE AIRTEL HELD ELEVEN TWENTY SEVENTY, IN MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, NEW YORK CITY, AS SCHEDULED. CAPACITY CROWD ESTIMATED AT [redacted] SEVEN THOUSAND PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE.

ENTERTAINMENT HEADED BY FRANK SINATRA AND SAMMY DAVIS, JR. ALL ENTERTAINERS LISTED IN RE AIRTEL APPEARED. EVENING DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO ENTERTAINMENT. NO SPEECHES PROMULGATING OBJECTIVE OF CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION OR DEROGATORY TO BUREAU [redacted] MADE.

NUMEROUS LCN MEMBERS, INCLUDING BOSS JOSEPH COLOMBO, IN ATTENDANCE. PROGRAM LASTED APPROXIMATELY TWO AND ONE HALF HOURS AND CONCLUDED WITHOUT INCIDENT.

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She fights bias

IT'S MORE THAN a little ironic that New York's Commissioner of Human Rights, a brilliant, black, 32-year-old woman lawyer, an ardent spokeswoman for women's liberation, can say that neither her color, sex, nor dissenting viewpoint were barriers to her professional life.

Mrs. Eleanor Holmes Norton, who was sworn in as the $20,000-a-year head of the city's main anti-discrimination agency by Mayor Lindsay last April, leaned back on the sofa in the living room of her West Side apartment as we chatted across the tape recorder early one morning. A slender, dramatic figure in mini skirt and Afro hairdo, she was articulate and enthusiastic as she spoke about her private life and work, which seem marvelously meshed in true women's lib style.

"My career has been relatively short," she said. "I was graduated from Yale Law School in 1964 and my first job was as a law clerk to a Federal judge in Philadelphia. The job usually goes to a man, but I didn't have any trouble getting it—your law school grades and recommendations are what count. The judge didn't discriminate against me because of my sex.

"Then I went to work for the American Civil Liberties Union, and they weren't about to discriminate against me as a woman," she smiled. "That brings us up to now."

How did she get the commissioner appointment?

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"That's what I want to know," she laughed. "When it was first rumored around, I thought it was the most remote possibility. I didn't see someone with my background as a government official. It was apparently a personal choice on the part of Mayor Lindsay, which makes it even more surprising, because I was the ACLU lawyer who argued in court against the Lindsay administration when it refused to let former Gov. George Wallace hold a political rally in Shea Stadium.

"I think perhaps what got me the appointment was my willingness to defend dissenters of any persuasion, of any political stripe, of any color. It's important in this city to have a commissioner who takes seriously, for example, the complaints of Italians, who believe they suffer discrimination."

A TV set suddenly blared in another room and Mrs. Norton explained, "That's Edward, my husband, watching that women's program while he gets ready to go to work. He's a lawyer, too, and he recently became executive assistant to Gordon Chase of the Health Services Administration, so we both work for the city now. And that," she said, getting up at the sound of a tiny cry from somewhere else in the apartment, "is my baby, Katherine. Be right back."

Having quieted the baby, Mrs. Norton settled down again and said, "If you were to trace the Human Rights Commission to its origin, you'd

have to go back to Mayor LaGuardia, but in those days 'human rights' didn't have the connotation it has today, and the staff was just a committee with one paid person. Today the commission has a paid staff of 100 and 14 unsalaried commissioners—I'm the only paid one.

"This city has the strongest human rights law in the country. On paper, the commission really has the power to do something about discrimination—we have subpoena power. We are a law enforcement agency in the discrimination field, just as the District Attorney is the law enforcement agency in the criminal field. If we lack anything, it's staff and budget, which is under $1,000,000, making us one of the city's smaller agencies, if not the smallest.

"The Human Rights Commission deals directly with the public. People come off the streets into our office at 80 Lafayette St. and file complaints. This apartment," she raised an encompassing hand, "is a perfect example of one of the ways in which it works. My husband and I saw an ad for this rent controlled apartment in the paper. We phoned and a man asked, 'Tell me something about yourselves.' When he heard that we were two lawyers and that we had no children, the man was delighted. 'Go around right now and leave a deposit,' he said.

"We did, and a few hours later the man called my husband and said he was sorry but someone else got the apartment. My husband said, 'Well, the next time you hear from us it will be through the Human Rights Commission,' and he went right down and filed a complaint. (This, of course, was before I was commissioner.)

"After hearing all the facts, the commission—

if the facts indicate probable discrimination has the power to post the apartment. This means that a sign goes on the front door saying the apartment is under adjudication and anybody that takes it does so under that risk. There is an immediate hearing so the landlord won't suffer financial loss in case he hasn't discriminated.

"We went to the Commission's offices the next day and we were told that we didn't have to attend any hearing, that the landlord was giving us the apartment. Like most landlords, he didn't want to be cited by the Commission.

"Our experience is typical of the Commission's remedy function—a wrong has been done, let's try to remedy it. But there are other functions that are just as important, such as the affirmative action part, in which, for example, we look at an employer's staff and see that he has very few or no minority group employes.

"We go to that employer and say, well, how come that in a big city like this the proportion is so uneven? We actually hammer out an agreement with the employer, who undertakes, over a certain period of time, to fill a goal of minority group people employment. We have gotten extremely good affirmative action agreements from diverse corporations all over this town, agreements which result in their going out to try to recruit minority group employes.

"Landlords present a contrasting picture. We have gotten some very good anti-discrimination agreements from large developments like Parkchester, for example. But some landlords believe that if minority group persons like myself and my husband, whose economic level is considerably above that of the average white family, move into an apartment, the value of the property will go down. With the tight real estate market in the city, landlords are using all kinds of discriminatory criteria in renting. They're using race increasingly, they're using ethnic origin—blacks, Puerto Ricans and Jews are finding it difficult to get into any apartment houses these days. The situation is intolerable in a city that calls itself sophisticated ethnically and racially. I'm terribly disappointed in the real estate people in contrast to industry.

"Of course," she continued, "housing and em-

ployment are probably the most important areas of discrimina~~tion, but~~ there are others..."

Where the others are concerned, going through Mrs. Norton's newspaper clipping file is convincing proof that she is no lip-service liberal—she has been speaking out, loud, clear and often, on a variety of discrimination issues from the day she was sworn in. Here's a sampling:

On June 7 she announced an investigation into "the poor minority hiring record" of the Board of Education.

On July 18 she ordered her staff to investigate charges that Italian-Americans were being harassed by the FBI.

On July 22 she promised swift action against violators of the sex discrimination law passed the day before by the City Council.

On Aug. 11 she issued a statement calling attention to the fact that a woman "was subjected to unusual harassment at McSorley's Old Ale House, and informed McSorley's that the city law required owners of public accommodation not only to give "all access to their services

and facilities to all, but also to provide these services in every respect in a fair and equal fashion."

On Sept. 23 she urged women to pressure Albany to extend the $1.85 minimum wage law to domestic workers.

On Oct. 7 she called on the Board of Education to permit a girl student to play on the all-boys Jamaica, Queens, High School tennis team.

There's more, which attests not only to Mrs. Norton's dedication but also to her seemingly endless supply of energy.

"In a period such as this," she said, "when people feel estranged from anything official, when they feel they have no place to be heard, how terrible it would be if those who feel aggrieved had no place to go—that's the need the Human Rights Commission tries to fill."

"Excuse me . . . late . . ." her husband, smiling, waved as he headed for the door.

Mrs. Norton smiled. "It gets pretty hectic around here some mornings," she said. "I take the baby to my husband's mother in Harlem every weekday—I have my personal day care

center in an extraordinarily enthusiastic grandmother.

"But how many working mothers have that?" she asked. "If you don't have some such arrangement, you're in bad shape. Of course, who knows that better than black women, who work in such large numbers to supplement their husband's salaries, and who often do so without adequate day care centers.

"My whole position on working women is that women ought to have choices. It's hard to work full time and run a family, especially since at this point in our cultural life men don't often assume equal responsibility for the home. There are couples who are willing to divide their lives, but even for those couples the women don't have the right to work in equal fashion.

"This is a point not often gotten across by the women's lib movement: that the cry should not be that women should work. The cry should be that women ought to have the choice of working or not working. That is not a choice available to women today. Without day care centers, without equal employment opportunities, the right for women to work is more mythical ~~than~~ real.

"My working was never a problem as far as my husband was concerned," she said. "When I met him I was already a lawyer. He was presented with a woman who had a law degree and he didn't expect to erase that from my way of life. I think my husband was attracted to me not in spite of this clear commitment to work... I think he was attracted to me because of it. He may be the only man I know who articulates his attraction to a woman based in part on the fact that he believes her to be accomplished. Yes, I know he's good-looking, too," she grinned, "but please don't let him hear you say that."

Last question: Any ambitions she'd like to talk about?

Shaking her head, she answered: "My training is as a lawyer for those who allege they are not getting equal treatment. It seems to me I'm in precisely the job that's best suited to my qualifications."

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Memorandum

TO : SAC New York ([redacted])

DATE: 12/1/70

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 11/24/70

Titles (Criminal and Racial Informants only) and File #s on which contacted

[redacted], IGB	182-139
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Purpose and results of contact

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Informant advised that Photos 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 16 are of [redacted]. He stated Photos 17, 18, + 19 are of [redacted] Photo 7 is a white male who lives next door to [redacted] NYC. Photo 8, 9, + 10 of W/m - Hippie who lives on [redacted] Photos 1, 2, 3 + 5 of W/m who resides [redacted] Photo #6 of [redacted] Photo 20 - not known. Photo 4 of W/F who lives on [redacted] He stated [redacted] he heard [redacted]

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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He stated he heard the wife who drives the [redacted] has been [redacted] on a daily basis from [redacted]. He stated he arrives at between [redacted] every day [redacted]. He stays only a couple of minutes & then [redacted]

He stated he heard [redacted] ([redacted] and others have been coming to [redacted] on a daily basis between the hours of [redacted]. He advised he has [redacted] on several occasions.

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Informant advised that [redacted], NYC, is no [redacted] of the Italian-American Civil Rights League. He stated there are numerous members of this organization, including legitimate women, men & children. Dues are $10. The [redacted] moved to [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 12/3/70

FROM : SAC, LAS VEGAS (92-3608) P

SUBJECT: ITALIAN - AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE, Inc.
870 7th Ave., Suite 2218,
New York City

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The Las Vegas Office has been contacted by [redacted] who has advised as follows:

[redacted] captioned organization. [redacted] The applicant [redacted] is supposedly quite thorough and states the applicant agrees to abide to all the by-laws as they now exist and any future changes; [redacted] the FBI had any future interest in this organization.

New York is requested to advise whether captioned organization is known to your office and whether you desire any action regarding this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted] DATE: 12/8/70

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted]

PC was contacted on 12/2/70, by SAS [redacted]

During this contact PC advised as follows:

He described [redacted]

As concerns [redacted] he said that he had not seen [redacted] some time and noted he was formerly of the [redacted]

PC described [redacted]

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PC stated he is acquainted with [redacted] and knows that he is not a [redacted]

PC stated that he does not recall the name [redacted] off hand but is acquainted with the [redacted] In that regard he noted that [redacted] and who [redacted] recently informed him (PC) that he had been in [redacted]

PC advised that [redacted] is known to him and [redacted] and also stated that he has heard that [redacted]

PC noted that his [redacted] who was formerly with the [redacted] PC described [redacted] being an old man who was still active.

As concerns [redacted] PC stated that the [redacted] According to PC [redacted] is a [redacted]

(It is recommended a new 182 case be opened and assigned captioned [redacted] UNSUBS; IGB.)

As concerns [redacted] PC described him as being [redacted]

As concerns the show put on by the Italian-American Unity League held at Madison Square Gardens on Friday, 11/20/70, PC stated that [redacted] told him that he [redacted]

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SAC, NEW YORK (92-6210)

ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL
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ReLVlet dated 12/3/70.

On 4/29/70, SAS of the NYO arrested JOSEPH ANTHONY COLOMBO, JR., son of LCN Boss JOSEPH COLOMBO of Brooklyn, NY, ROCCO MIRAGLIA, Capo in the COLOMBO "family", and JOSEPH LANACCI, close associate of COLOMBO, SR., on a Hobbs Act violation. Several hours after the arrest, a group of approximately thirty individuals lead by COLOMBO, SR. gathered in front of the NYO and formed a picket line claiming FBI harassment of Italian Americans.

The picketing continued on a nightly basis for a period of two months. Approximately one month after the picketing began captioned organization was formed by COLOMBO, SR. The organization had the avowed purpose of stamping out discrimination of Italian Americans. The officers of this organization who are still actively engaged in this organization are NAT MARCONE, [redacted] b7C [redacted] ANTHONY COLOMBO, another son of COLOMBO, SR. and CAESAR VITALE, a close associate of COLOMBO's sons.

The culmination of the picketing of the NYO occurred 6/29/70 when a group of 40,000 individuals gathered at Columbus Circle, NYC, for a rally featuring speeches by various political and entertainment figures. At the conclusion of this rally, the group marched on the NYO and after picketing briefly dispersed.

Since the formation of this organization, COLOMBO, SR. has kept himself in the background of all activities although it is obvious that he is deeply involved in all policy making decisions.

The majority of individuals involved in the administration of this organization are members of the COLOMBO

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LCN family and other individuals who while not members have long been identified as close associates of the COLOMBO group.

On 11/20/70, the organization held a rally in Madison Square Garden featuring FRANK SINATRA, SAMMY DAVIS, JR. and other well known entertainment figures. This event netted a profit of approximately $500,000 for the organization.

To date the organization is not known to have accomplished anything of a positive nature. Organization spokesmen have stated that long range plans call for the building of hospitals and the establishment of scholarship funds for Italian Americans. Initially the group announced a plan to obtain affidavits from Italian Americans alleging harassment by SAS of the FBI. With the exception of the production of one rather innocuous affidavit, this plan has not made any progress.

The NYO is conducting no active investigation of captioned organization. All information re this organization is being retained in a dead file. However, from time to time the NYO has been in receipt of information relating to the use of possible strong arm tactics by constituents of the organization in efforts to have various members of the citizenry abide by various policies of the organization. Wherever these instances have arisen and the possibility of a federal violation existed, the matters were investigated. In the case of [redacted] referred to in LV letter, LV should thoroughly analyze the facts relating to the nature of the [redacted] captioned organization. If this pressure is such that a federal violation can be established, the matter should be investigated, if not, the matter should be referred to local authorities, if this action would be deemed appropriate. If no violation of law exists, the complainant should be so advised.

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It should be stressed that the Bureau has no investigative interest in captioned organization as such, although a number of members of this organization are currently the subjects of active investigations primarily in the AR field. Informant informant consistently states that one of the primary objectives of COLOMBO, SR. and captioned organization is to embarass the FBI. For these reasons, all matter relating to this organization must be handled most judiciously.

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SA [redacted]

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On 11/24/70 the informant advised that on the previous Friday evening 11/20/70 he attended the Italian-American Civil Rights Rally at Madison Square Garden. He stated that the seats for the Rally were going for $10 .00, $150.00 and $200.00 each. He stated the rally was well attended [redacted] at the rally.

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SAC [redacted] 12/4/70

SA [redacted] #52

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The informant was contacted on 12/2/70, and advised as follows:

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The informant advised there is a [redacted] The informant gets the impression that [redacted] The informant further indicates that he gets the impression that [redacted] length of time.

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The informant has known [redacted] for several years but has not been in his presence or has not observed him in the last year or two. The informant knew him as a [redacted] At that time, [redacted] used [redacted]

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The informant advises there are [redacted]

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[redacted] The informant does not know the specific address of this building nor the specific type of [redacted] However, he is aware that [redacted]

JOSEPH COLOMBO
NY 92-1905

The informant continues to advise that the [redacted]

[redacted] The informant could not furnish the name of the [redacted]

The informant further advised that right near the [redacted]

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On 12/2/70, the informant noted the following [redacted]

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The informant advised concerning this [redacted]

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On 12/2/70, the informant stated that immediately

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[redacted] the Italian-American Civil Rights League.

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TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 12/14/70

FROM : SA [redacted] (#53)

SUBJECT: [redacted]

On 12/9/70, the CI furnished the following information:

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The CTE advised that [redacted] recently. The CTE did not know which [redacted] nor did he know the name of the [redacted]

The CTE advised that as recently as a month [redacted] The CTE advised that he [redacted]

The CTE advised that [redacted] He did not know the exact location of this [redacted]

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The CTE advised that he recently learned that [redacted] he does not know any details surrounding this [redacted]

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The CTE advised he recently [redacted]

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New league chapter

Flanking the seal of the newly-opened Chapter 11 of the Italian-American Civil Rights League are, left to right, Nat Marcone, president; Jack Aversa, vice president; Mrs. John Maffaro, treasurer; Mrs. Peter Spataro, secretary; Vincent Binafaro Jr., president of the Staten Island chapter; and Jay Cordo, public relations officer. A reception yesterday in the chapter's headquarters at 97 Guyon Ave., Oakwood, marked the official opening.

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SA [redacted] (# 53)

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On 12/16/70, the informant was contacted at which time he furnished the following information:

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CYE advised that [redacted] resides in [redacted] either on [redacted] or an adjourning street running off to [redacted] He assumes that he is in [redacted]

CYE advised that to his knowledge [redacted] has used aliases, in the past and may not be in [redacted] under his true name.

CYE advised that on [redacted] starting at about [redacted] which is located on [redacted]

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CTE advised that [redacted] He said that it is anticipated that there will be a large number of people at this gathering.

CTE said [redacted] would work for [redacted] under [redacted] He is in his [redacted]

[redacted]

AR
(MT 92-1505)

CTE advised [redacted] is, as far as he knows, still hanging out at [redacted]

CTE advised that he would normally be in this [redacted] night. He said Friday night would be the best night to see him there.

CTE said, in the past, [redacted] to keep a [redacted] and individuals coming to see him, to [redacted]

CTE advised that one of [redacted] is an individual known as [redacted] He said that [redacted]

CTE said that [redacted] was a guy who was a hanger on with [redacted] CTE did not know where [redacted] lived.

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CTE said that [redacted] was unknown to him.

CTE advised that [redacted] was in charge of [redacted] at one time.

CTE was unable to comment what [redacted] was doing at present.

[redacted]
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(NY 92-1416)

[redacted]
AR
(NY 92-3951)

CTE advised he recently heard one of the [redacted] He said that to his knowledge both [redacted] commonly known as [redacted] He did not know which one [redacted]

[redacted] aka
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(NY 92-1275)

CTE advised that [redacted] is a [redacted] to one of the [redacted]

CTE said that he would attempt to develop further information on this, but was confident that [redacted] was [redacted]

CTE pointed out had not [redacted] had a piece of this action, either [redacted] would have jumped in and taken

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ever [redacted] because it is in their neighborhood.

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AB
(NY 92-2873)

CTR advised that [redacted] advised him recently that [redacted]

At this time, [redacted] said efforts were made to [redacted]

[redacted] claimed that their efforts to "reach" this [redacted] were fruitless and [redacted] added that in his opinion [redacted] should have [redacted]

This information was furnished telephonically [redacted]

[redacted]

AB
(NY 92-2624)

[redacted]

AB
(NY 92-2623)

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CTE advised that [redacted] have a great deal of influence [redacted] He did not know where either of these individuals resided.

CTE advised that [redacted] is the one with the [redacted] CTE advised that [redacted] however, the informant only sees him in [redacted] which he has, in the past, used in a [redacted]

CTE said he knew very little about [redacted] other than he had [redacted] somewhere in the [redacted] probably in the [redacted]

[redacted]

AR
(MT 92-2081)

CTE, in the past, has furnished information concerning an individual he knows as [redacted] This individual visited the area on [redacted] he was observed to give [redacted] The informant is of the opinion that this is [redacted] individuals who had given their [redacted]

CTE again tried to get a license number from the car [redacted] however, he [redacted] CTE was unable to pick it up.

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FBI

Date: 12/29/70

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, NEW YORK (92-6210)

RE: ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE; AR

RENYAIRTEL NOVEMBER FIFTH, SEVENTY, WHEREIN BUREAU WAS ADVISED THAT ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE HAD AN APPOINTMENT TO COME TO NYO FOR FOLLOWUP CONFERENCE TO THEIR MEETING OF [redacted] RENYTEL NOVEMBER SIXTEEN, SEVENTY, ADVISING THAT ON MORNING OF [redacted] CALLED TO ADVISE THAT [redacted] AND THEREFORE THE MEETING WAS CALLED OFF. NOTHING FURTHER WAS HEARD FROM THE GROUP UNTIL DECEMBER TWENTY EIGHT SEVENTY AT WHICH TIME [redacted] CALLED AND ADVISED THAT ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE WOULD BE IN NYO FOR CONFERENCE WITH ADIC MALONE ON [redacted] WAS ADVISED ADIC MALONE WAS NOT IN OFFICE AND THAT HE WOULD HEAR FURTHER IN REGARD TO APPOINTMENT. ON DECEMBER TWENTY NINTH, SEVENTY, [redacted] WAS ADVISED THAT ADIC MALONE WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR CONFERENCE ON [redacted] BUT WOULD SEE GROUP ON [redacted] CALLED LATER AND STATED

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Approved: _____ Special Agent in Charge

Sent 6:16 P M Per _____

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HE WOULD BE IN OFFICE AT [redacted]

HE WAS ADVISED THAT ADIC MALONE WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE

UNTIL [redacted] AND HE AGREED TO BE IN OFFICE AT [redacted]

[redacted] BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF RESULTS

OF THIS MEETING.

Approved: JJMalone Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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SAC, [redacted] 12/29/70

SA [redacted] (53)

[redacted]

On 12/23/70, the C-TE was contacted at which time he furnished the following information:

[redacted] aka
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92-1398

C-TE advised he has been unable to come up with further information concerning [redacted] residence address.

C-TE advised that [redacted] to whom he has made numerous references in the past, last name is [redacted] He said this individual is about 50 years of age has [redacted] in the recent past. C-TE said [redacted] involved in the operation of the [redacted]

[redacted] aka
92-2001

C-TE advised that this individual was in [redacted] area during the previous week and he was [redacted]

[redacted] aka
92-1505

C-TE advised [redacted] who he previously reported as being [redacted] is living some where in [redacted] who he describes as being in [redacted]

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According to the C-TE, [redacted] C-TE said rumors have a story to the effect that [redacted] C-TE is under the impression [redacted]

C-TE advised that [redacted] whom he assumed originally came out of [redacted] NY and is closely associated [redacted] according to a story he heard [redacted]. C-TE advised that [redacted] presently and C-TE assumes that this [redacted] various members of the hoodlum element.

[redacted]

ETC
179-NEW

ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION
92-6210

C-TE advised that on Friday, the [redacted] was in charge of the [redacted] C-TE said this [redacted]

C-TE has heard that [redacted]

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[redacted]

An incident occurred during this [redacted] [redacted] According to the C-TE, [redacted] reportedly done similar things in the past. He is suppose to be very angry [redacted] because of the way [redacted] treated him in the past.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, N.Y. (92-6210) DATE: 12/30/70

FROM : SA [redacted] #52

SUBJECT: Italian - American Civil Rights League

On 12/30/70 SAs [redacted] and [redacted] observed the following individuals at a Jewish Defense League rally at Foley Square, NYC at 1:00 PM:

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Joseph Colombo

[redacted]

Caesar Vitale

[redacted]

Rocco Miraglia

[redacted]

Approximately 100 individuals representing the Italian Civil Rights League were in attendance at this rally which

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ended at 2:00 pm. Joe Colombo,

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Caesar Vitale were observed on the platform at the rally.

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Via NITEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-6210)

RE: ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE,
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RENYTEL DEC. TWENTYNINE LAST.

INSTANT DATE, [redacted] CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED ADIC NYO AND CANCELLED PROPOSED MEETING SCHEDULED FOR [redacted] NEXT. [redacted] APOLOGETIC AND STATED SOMETHING UNFORESEEN HAD DEVELOPED WHICH WOULD MAKE MEETING IMPOSSIBLE. [redacted] REQUESTED MEETING NEXT WEEK AT CONVENIENCE OF ADIC. IT WAS SUGGESTED TO [redacted] THAT HE [redacted] CONTACT ADIC'S OFFICE WED. OR THURS. NEXT WEEK TO SET UP DEFINITE APPOINTMENT. IT IS TENTATIVELY PLANNED THAT MEETING [redacted] WILL BE HELD [redacted] NEXT.

INSTANT DATE, [redacted] CTE CONTACTED AND ADVISED LCN BOSS JOSEPH COLOMBO DISTRAUGHT OVER FBI SEIZURE OF RECORDS CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION AND HIS CONVICTION IN STATE COURT FOR PERJURY. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, COLOMBO FEELS THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THREATEN FOUNDATIONS OF CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION AND HE IS DESIROUS OF MAKING ALL OUT EFFORT TO SAVE ORGANIZATION.

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ACCORDING TO SOURCE'S CONTACTS [redacted] b7C

REQUESTED [redacted] MEETING WITH ADIC NYO TO PROTEST SEIZURE OF COLOMBO'S BRIEFCASE INCIDENTAL TO ARREST OF COLOMBO CAPO ROCCO MIRAGLIA DEC. 16 LAST [redacted]

INSTANT DATE, APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING SELVES AS MEMBERS OF CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION JOINED MEMBERS OF JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE IN DEMONSTRATION AT FOLEY SQUARE, NEW YORK CITY, PROTESTING PERSECUTION OF JEWS IN THE SOVIET UNION. AMONG INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED PARTICIPATING WERE LCN BOSS JOSEPH COLOMBO, HIS WIFE, SONS ANTHONY AND JOSEPH JR. NAT MARCONE, ROCCO MIRAGLIA AND CAESAR VITALE. NEW YORK NEWS MEDIA PROVIDED COVERAGE THIS DEMONSTRATION. BUREAU TO BE ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS.

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SAC [redacted] (P) 12/30/70

SA [redacted] #53

[redacted]
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On 12/28/70, informant advised as follows:

[redacted] aka;
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NY 182-139

Informant advised that [redacted] was at [redacted] NYC, at 3 p.m., 12/25/70.

On 12/28/70, [redacted] came into [redacted] NYC, at about early afternoon, and [redacted]

Informant stated he has not seen the white male who drives the [redacted] NYC, in the past two weeks.

CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE - NY AREA
NY 92-6210

Informant advised that plans for establishing an Italian-American Civil Rights League Club [redacted] has slowed considerably since news reports of the conviction of JOE COLUMBO. Also, the recent recovery by the FBI of list of members of the organization has soured prospective members on the club. The going price for membership is $10.00 per person.

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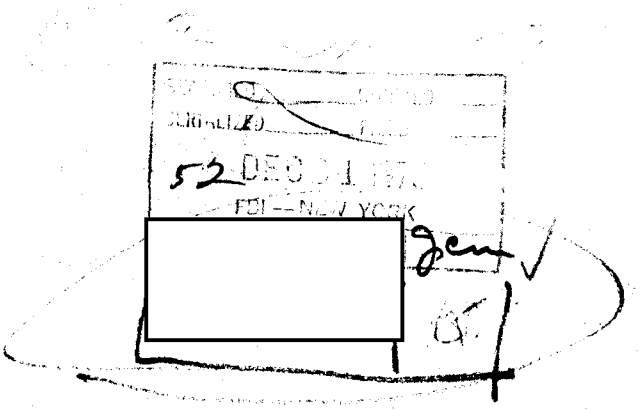

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TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 10/29/70

FROM : SA [redacted] #52

☑ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)
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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact
10/26/70

File #s on which contacted (Use Titles when File #s not available or CI positive info.)
92 - ~~1465~~ 6210 IACRL

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☑ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC

Informant advised that he understands that advertisements in the program for the Italian American Civil Rights League rally, to be held 11/20/70, cost, at a minimum, $500. He stated that the majority of "spots" presented by the various hoodlums are buying space in the program.

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 11/24/70

FROM : SA [redacted]

☐ TE ☑ CI ☐ SI ☐ R
☐ PC ☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R (Prob)
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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact
11/20/70

File #s on which contacted (Use Titles if File #s not available or when CI provides positive information)
92-~~1465~~ 6210 IACRL

Purpose and results of contact

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☐ NEGATIVE
☑ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC

Informant advised that an individual by the name [redacted] the Italian American Civil Rights League [redacted] the rally to be held at the Felt Forum 11/20/70. [redacted] informant understands, has [redacted]

Informant related that he has heard

Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or furnishing false information?

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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PERSONAL DATA

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that from advertisement subscriptions to the program for the rally the Civil Rights League has raised $250,000. They allege that this money will go toward the purchase of property on which a hospital will be built.

Informant further stated that JOE COLOMBO SR is demanding from Madison Square Garden officials a list of names of all Garden employees who will be working on the night of the Civil Rights League Rally as well as the names of every person not an employee who will be in the Forum that night other than those who purchased tickets to attend. Informant related that COLOMBO & the Civil Rights League are doing everything in their power to preclude covert law-enforcement surveillance of the rally. They have also assigned special marshalls as observers at the rally to spot any unauthorized person in attendance.

Informant related that he heard SAM GIANCANA is supposed to attend the

rally as is Mayor Joseph Alioto of San Francisco.

Informant stated that Frank Sinatra personally arranged for all the entertainment at the rally & that naturally none of the performers are receiving any compensation for the night's work. In addition, Sinatra is making available his private airplane to pick up several of the entertainers in various places in the country including Reno & Las Vegas Nevada & in California. Informant did not know who from the Civil Rights League or elsewhere made the initial contact with Sinatra

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Informant stated that last

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Informant added [redacted]

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VOC COLOMBO has met with them relative to the rally.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 12/29/70

FROM : SA [redacted] (#52)

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Informant was contacted on 12/22/70 and he furnished the following information:

JOSEPH COLOMBO
AR
NY 92-1965

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Source learned COLOMBO has become so aggravated in recent days what with his perjury trial, ROCCO MIRAGLIA's arrest and other problems that he has postponed most "family" business and contacts until after the holidays. People close to COLOMBO have not seen him in such a state of disturbance since [redacted] picketting of FBI started.

[redacted]

Source advised NYO should subscribe to the Brooklyn Home Reporter published weekly for 15¢ and relating to activities and familiar faces in Bay Ridge and Bensonhurst areas of Brooklyn.

[redacted]
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NY 92-6228

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1-182-NEW
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Source learned that [redacted]

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COLOMBO extremely disturbed over publicity surrounding FBI arrest of ROCKY MIRAGLIA in which his personal list of contributors were confiscated. Informant advised COLOMBO expanding League offices into Long Island, having recently opened one in Freeport, Long Island near Arnold's Men's Store.

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NY 179-277

[redacted]

[redacted]

IGB
NY 182-NEW

Source advised the [redacted] (It is recommended that a new 182 case be opened and assigned to Section 53).

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FRANK FALANGA
AR
NY 92-6227

FRANKIE THE BEAST still active as shylock. Source [redacted] Informant had no specific knowledge or instances to relate. (Above disseminated to [redacted] telephonically 12/28/70. No FD 159 prepared).

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NY 15-58323

Source learned nothing further re [redacted] and did not know a [redacted] He did note, however, that the fact that [redacted]

Informant learned that [redacted]

[redacted]
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NY 92-4850

[redacted]

Informant advised [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC, N.Y. [redacted]

DATE: 12/29/70

FROM : SA New York

SUBJECT: [redacted]

1ACRL
92-6210

On 12/29/70 Inft. advised that on that date the 1ACRL advised they would protest the Russian treatment of Jews in Russia in support of the American Jewry at 11 am at Foley Square -

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-6210)

SUBJECT: ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE
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ReNYtel, 12/30/70. b7C

Retel advised of proposed meeting for week of 1/4/71 requested by [redacted] captioned organization, and ADIC, NYO.

On 1/5/71, [redacted] called ADIC's office and requested meeting between [redacted] & ADIC, NYO, for 11 AM, Friday, 1/8/71. This time is convenient for ADIC NYO, and as a result, definite appointment was set up for a meeting on 1/8/71.

[redacted] indicated [redacted] probably meet with ADIC alone but if he is accompanied by anyone, it would only be by [redacted] of captioned organization.

It is noted [redacted]

Bureau will be kept advised of the results of the above-described contemplated meeting with [redacted]

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1971

Don't Say 'Mafia' Anymore

WASHINGTON (GNS) — Mafia? Who said Mafia?

The answer is nobody did at a meeting on "organized crime law enforcement" being conducted this week by the Justice Department's Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

At a similar meeting in Georgia a year ago, Justice Department officials had stressed that there was no difference between the Mafia, La Costra Nostra ("LACN", the policemen's abbreviation for La Cosa Nostra) or organized crime. The terms were interchangeable, they said.

But last year Mafia leader Joe Columbo began picketing FBI headquarters in New York City, contending tha the agency was harassing Italian-Americans. This mushroomed into a demonstration protesting the identification of Italian-Americans with crime. Some 10,000 people participated.

As a result, Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell, Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York, police officials in New Jersey, The New York Times and others all directed that the words "Mafia" or "Cosa Nostra" be dropped.

Now, at this conference, the speakers are resorting to such euphemisms as "the mob," "the syndicate" and "organized crime." But the names of the main characters are the same as they were last year, when the old labels were used.

And what does "organized crime" mean? Here's a definition that a group of law enforcement experts concocted after a day and a half devoted to nothing else: "A self-perpetuating continuing crime conspiracy for profit and power utilizing fear and corruption and seeking to obtain immunity from the law."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Author:
Editor:
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Submitting Office:

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-6210)

SUBJECT: ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE
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ReNYairtel, 1/5/71.

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Reairtel advised of proposed meeting at 11 AM Friday 1/8/71 between [redacted] captioned organization, and ADIC, NYO.

Morning of 1/8/71, [redacted] contacted office of ADIC, NYO, and advised [redacted] out-of-town and would be unable to keep his appointment. [redacted] stated [redacted] would return to NYC on Monday, 1/11/71, at which time he would be in contact with ADIC and request an alternate date for appointment.

Bureau will be kept advised of pertinent developments in this matter.

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SAC (92-2671) 1/13/71

SA [redacted] #52

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On 1/12/71, [redacted] advised that [redacted]
[redacted]
JOE COLOMBO probably made a mistake initially by being prominently in the limelight with the Italian-American Civil Rights League.

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SAC [redacted] 1/14/71

SA [redacted] (#52)

[redacted]

The informant was contacted on 1/12/71, and advised as follows:

[redacted]
182-267

There is [redacted] known to the informant as [redacted]

Re Italian Civil Rights League (ICRL)
NY 92-6210

The informant advised he heard that the ICRL Club located at [redacted]

The ICRL Club located [redacted] is under the direction of [redacted] who looks to be in his [redacted] The informant advises that not too long ago several associates [redacted]

Re JOSEPH COLOMBO
NY 92-1965

The informant heard that regarding COLOMBO's friend [redacted]

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1- 92-1965

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Bensonhurst (Established 1652) Is Flourishing as a Little Italy

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

"New York Daily News"

1/17/71

Brooklyn
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Date: 1/17/71
Edition: Sunday
Author: Tom McMorrow
Editor:
Title: Bensonhurst

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Fruit and vegetable open-air markets flourish, even in mid-January, along 86th St. in Bensonhurst, as they have for generations.

By TOM McMORROW

IN 1652 Cornelius van Werkhoven of the Dutch West India Company came to "Breukelyn" and bought land from the Indians, using shirts, shoes, scissors and combs as barter. His purpoe was to keep the English from taking over the area now known as Bensonhurst.

Old Cornelius could have saved his drygoods. Not only are the Dutch and the English long gone from the area, but succeeding waves of immigrants, including Scandinavians and Germans, have departed, leaving the territory to yet another group, the Italians.

"The neighborhood was a mixture of Scandinavian, German, Jewish and Italian when my father was a broker here," says a longtime Bensonhurst real estate broker. "But since World War II, most of the others have moved out, and the population is 85% Italian. And my real estate sales run even higher—I'd say 99% of them are to Italian-Americans."

The area has produced one borough president, Sam Leone, one good semi-pro baseball team, the Bay Parkways, and one star performer for the Italian-American Civil Rights League, Joe Colombo. Colombo organized the massive Italian-American Unity Day rally in Columbus Circle last year.

A merchant of non-Italian descent, luncheonette proprietor Herb Schulman, says he never regretted moving his business from Sheepshead Bay into the area.

"This is still one of the better neighborhoods," he said. "They keep the streets clean and the people take care of their homes.." The only complaint he has about

Mrs. Ann Millaci donates to Hospital Fund.

The Italians Are Happy With Bensonhurst Home

86th St., the main shopping street, where he has his store, is that it lacks a modern shopping center.

The posters and emblems of the Italian-American Civil Rights League are displayed in store windows throughout the area.

The organization has a chapter office on 17th Ave. and another on Avenue X. Phil Dioguardi, a stout fellow of 23 in sport shirt and slacks, is vice president of Chapter 4 on 17th Ave.

He says he works without pay, making his living as general manager of the C&B Machine Corp. His chapter runs a roller hockey league in a closed-off street every Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Mrs. Ann Millaci has run a candy store next to the Chapter 4 office site for 49 years, and she is happy with her new neighbors. "I'm proud to be an Italian," she said as she stuffed a dollar into a five-gallon jug crudely labelled "Hospital Fund."

Along with 90 copies of THE NEWS, she sells about 25 Il Progresso, the Italian-language daily newspaper.

"We'ce placed $500,000 in escrow to buy land for a hospital," Dioguardi said. The money was raised at a recent Felt Forum benefit, starring Frank Sinatra, he said.

Mrs. Loretta LaRosa, who with her partner Fred Squarcino, runs the Bella Donna beauty parlor on 86th St., said her three boys, 13, 10, and 2, belong to the Junior League (not connected with the Junior League of New York or the Junior Leagues of America).

This Junior League demands that its youthful members take a pledge to do homework, obey parents, and

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NEWS photos by Tom Arma

Loretta LaRosa gives customer a comb-out.

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recognize all narcotics as evil, among other good-conduct vows.

The boys receive rings with the league's emblem, featuring No. 1 superimposed over the U.S., and the word "Captain."

"They're going to set up a bowling program," Mrs. LaRosa said. This was one of several programs mentioned that have yet to start.

In a storefront on Avenue X, two men set up a table tennis unit and in a back room, a boxer's speed bag had been hung from the ceiling, but the back wall was knocked out. It was the start of a clubhouse. "This used

Joe Columbo Phil DioGuardi

to be a bakery," said director Frank DeSapio. "We took out the oven, and when the warm weather comes, we're going to build a gym back here."

DeSapio said his unit conducts judo and karate classes Monday and Tuesday nights for all ages. He claimed 700 members, and Dioguardi said his chapter has 1,200.

Whatever other recreations they pursue, league members do not boost the rating of the TV program, "The FBI." That bureau is their pet hate. On the wall of Dioguardi's chapter, a bulletin board is dotted with snapshots under the heading: "Wanted By The IACRL."

Charge Harassment

"Who are those men in the pictures?" Dioguardi was asked.

"FBI men," he said, "photographed by our members."

The organization charges that the FBI is improperly harassing its members, especially Colombo, who has been convicted of perjury and is awaiting sentencing Feb. 25. He could get from two to five years on each of the two counts.

As a reporter and photographer made the rounds of the neighborhood, Natale Marcone, the organization's national pres-

Nat Marcone Dominic Ciociola

ident, introduced himself and asked for a show of press credentials.

"We have to be careful," he said, reiterating a theme heard throughout the day, "The FBI is harassing us constantly."

Marcone introduced a handsome, mod-dressed junior high school math teacher from New Haven, Conn. who has set up an anti-narcotics program in his local chapter. Dominic Ciociola, in Brooklyn to confer with IACRL officers, said his unit refers addicts to the Daytop rehabilitation program and has an answering service for those who call in at night.

A league member later ran up to Dioguardi and reported that "there are two FBI guys sitting in the parked car behind that truck."

And for the record, there was a car parked at the curb with its motor running, two men in the front seat, diagonally across the street from the real estate firm where Colombo has an office.

"Watch when the car drives away," a resident said. "Another car will follow it — that's ours. They harass us, we harass them."

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MAY 1962 EDITION
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC NEW YORK (92-6210) P

DATE: 1/18/71

FROM : SA [redacted] 52

SUBJECT: ITALIAN-AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE
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OO: NY

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ON 1/14/70, [redacted] AN ASSOCIATE OF JOE COLOMBO, REPORTED LCN LEADER AND BELIEVED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ITALIAN-AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE WAS OBSERVED IN A GULF SERVICE STATION, BAY 37TH AND 86TH ST BROOKLYN, NY. MEETING WITH A GROUP OF WELL DRESSED BUSINESS MEN.

FOLLOWING VEHICLES WERE OBSERVED AT THE GULF STATION:

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NY	8916 KW
NY	TCR-5
NY	7938 KG

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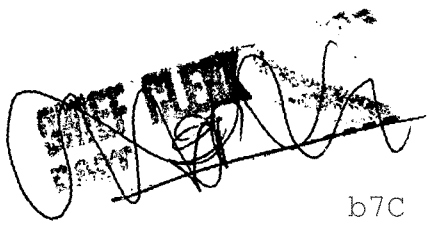

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK [redacted] DATE: JAN 2 0 1971

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FROM : SA [redacted] (#54) b7C

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SUBJECT: [redacted]
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On 1/15/71, the above-captioned informant was contacted in Brooklyn, New York, at which time he furnished the following information:

JOSEPH COLOMBO
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Informant stated that on the evening of 1/13/71, a dinner was held in the Chez Royal in Brooklyn, sponsored by the Italian-American Civil Rights Union at which anywhere from 200 to 250 people attended. The dinner was sponsored and run by JOE COLOMBO and the express purpose of the dinner was to honor and to raise money for Bishop PENACHIO from Toms River, New Jersey. The purpose, according to the informant, was to raise money so that the Bishop on 1/15/71 could put down a down-payment for property on which to build a new church for his congregation. Informant stated that JOE COLOMBO acted as the Master of Ceremonies and it was he, JOE COLOMBO, who made the presentation of the money raised to the Bishop. Informant stated that the Bishop was given a check for $25,000.

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1 - New York [redacted] (#54)

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Informant stated that practically everybody who attended this affair and people in Brooklyn who contributed money and did not attend this affair all are under the impression that Bishop PENACHIO is a Roman Catholic Bishop. Informant stated that among the individuals attending it and making speeches were MARIO PROCACCINO, a fellow named SHERWOOD (first name unknown), a representative of Governor ROCKEFELLER's Office and MEADE ESPOSITO, a Democratic leader of the Borough of Brooklyn.

Informant stated that those attending the dinner that he recognized were:

In addition, the entire families of JOE COLOMBO, JOE COLOMBO, Jr., ANTHONY COLOMBO, and all of their relatives and in-laws, etc. attended.

Informant stated that outwardly, in his opinion, the affair seemed to be a success except he did hear numerous under-the-breath remarks among individuals attending this affair that it was getting to be too much this monthly contribution to the Italian-American Societies being forced upon people by JOE COLOMBO and his economic pressures, etc. Informant stated that businessmen who JOE has always been able to move for money are starting to murmur that JOE is going too far and that the whole thing is getting too expensive.

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Informant stated JOE COLOMBO now realizes that he has got to let up a little because he is taxing certain businessmen and people within his own organized crime family too much for this organization.

Informant stated that although the following

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SAC [redacted] 1/19/71

SA EUGENE F. FITZPATRICK (#52)

[redacted]

ITALIAN AMERICAN
CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE
(IACRL)
AR
NY 92-6210

The informant advised on 1/12/71 that [redacted] came around [redacted]

He advised that [redacted]

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SAC (92-6295) (P) 1/20/70

SA [redacted] (#52)

UNSUBS (5):
[redacted] aka-VICTIM
AR-HOBBS ACT
(OO:NY)

This case was opened when the victim came to the NYO on [redacted] and told of unsubs [redacted]

On 1/15/71, the writer and SA [redacted] #52, went to victim's store and [redacted]

On 1/15/71, the doorbells and mailboxes at [redacted] were observed by SA [redacted] and it appears the following persons receive mail and/or occupy the premises:

1. [redacted] possibly in one apartment.

2. The names [redacted] were on one mailbox indicating possibly two families reside in one apartment.

3. There was no name on the third mailbox.

[redacted] the Agents observed [redacted]

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At [redacted] SAs [redacted] located the victim at the [redacted] He advised he was originally scheduled to meet [redacted] but last night [redacted] called and told him to be here at [redacted] and he was here at that time but thus far [redacted] He said he did not see [redacted] He said he advised the [redacted]

During the afternoon of [redacted] the victim advised telephonically that he [redacted]

On 1/18/71, the writer and SA [redacted] went to the victim's store [redacted] Three bullet holes were observed, two through the front store window and one in the steel or aluminum beneath this window.

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The front door window was shattered, but the victim said he [redacted] although this was not clear from observation. Inside the store one bullet hole was observed high on the back wall and the victim advised that the [redacted] The victim further advised that [redacted]

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The assigned Agents on 1/18/71, had the victim [redacted] a 1967 Cadillac, white with black top, bearing NY tags [redacted] In the rear window was the insignia currently displayed by members of the Italian Civil Rights League.

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SAC [redacted] 1/25/71

SA [redacted] (#52)

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PC was contacted on 1/20/71 by SA [redacted] [redacted] and advised as follows:

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RIGHT LEAGUE
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NY 92-6210

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AR
NY 92-2895

[redacted]
AR
NY 92-2673

[redacted]
AR
NY 92-3185

[redacted]
AR
NY 92-6085

CRIMINAL INFLUENCE IN
[redacted] NY
AR
NY 92-

PC stated that the Italian - American Civil Rights League rally on 11/20/70 at Feld Forum, NYC, was a tremendous financial success in that approximately $500,000 was made as a result of attendance by FRANK SINATRA, PAT COOPER, JERRY VALE and other stars.

PC advised that there was talk that [redacted]

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1-92-6085
1-92-2673
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
NEW YORK	NEW YORK	1/28/71	4/29/70 - 1/18/71

TITLE OF CASE

JOSEPH ANTHONY COLOMBO aka

REPORT MADE BY [redacted] b7C

TYPED BY [redacted]

CHARACTER OF CASE

AR

REFERENCE

NY report of SA [redacted] dated 7/31/70.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR [X] YES [ ] NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS [ ] YES [X] NO

APPROVED SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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1-Strike Force, EDNY (Attn: DENIS DILLON)
1-Strike Force, SDNY (Attn: DANIEL P. HOLLMAN)
1-USA, EDNY
1-USA, SDNY
3-New York (92-1965 [redacted])
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ADMINISTRATIVE

The extended investigative period of this report overlaps that of referenced report in order to make this a more comprehensive and meaningful report.

This report pertains specifically to the picketing demonstrations conducted at the NYO during May and June, 1970 and the subsequent formation of the Italian American Civil Rights League (IACRL). It is submitted under the COLOMBO caption inasmuch as informant information specifically reflects that the picketing demonstrations and the IACRL were organized and directed by JOE COLOMBO.

A new case has been opened in the NYO captiond "IACRL; AR", (NY 92-6210) and future information on this organization will be submitted under this caption.

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On May 4, 1970, [redacted] to the NYO of the FBI at approximately 3:30 PM to speak with ADIC MALONE.

The purpose of their visit was to discuss the fact that [redacted]

After this subject was exhausted, ADIC MALONE asked whether or not [redacted] behind or supporting the current demonstration and picketing going on outside of the NYO. [redacted] he knew absolutely nothing about this picketing until Friday morning, 5/1. He said when he learned [redacted] ascertain the reason for picketing.

[redacted] several of the pickets and listened to their complaints. He said they were general in nature and nothing specific was alleged. He said they referred to harassment by the FBI but could give no specifics. [redacted]

[redacted] Bureau in order that an appropriate reply could be made to them.

ADIC MALONE went on to advise that the Bureau has responsibility for investigating laws within the jurisdiction, and if Italians become involved in violation of these laws, they are arrested not because they are Italians but because they have broken the law. ADIC MALONE advised that under no circumstances has the Bureau ever or intends in the future, to harass Italians or persons of any other ethnic group.

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He further advised that these individuals had the right to demonstrate anywhere they chose including the office of the FBI in NY as long as they demonstrated within the law.

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[redacted] advised that if Bureau employees were harassed or impeded in their operation, they would be dealt with accordingly by an appropriate law enforcement agency.

[redacted]

ADIC MALONE advised he was appreciative of their offer but that the matter was well in hand.

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ADMINISTRATIVE CONTINUED

On 5/12/70, [redacted] advised on the previous [redacted] COLOMBO insists he will have the support of all fine NY families in this connection and [redacted] busload of "wise guys" from the Lower East Side participate in the picketting.

[redacted] he learned the following: [redacted] that COLOMBO desires to picket all the NY papers because of their lack of coverage at the NYO and because they are involved in discrediting Italian - Americans; that COLOMBO intends to keep enlarging the picketting for approximately three weeks to give him an opportunity to organize one massive march from city hall to the NYO which will "cap-off" the demonstrations honorably; [redacted] to obtain current information.

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On 5/18/70, [redacted] are thoroughly disgusted with COLOMBO's insistence that they continue their picketing as well as furnish others to participate. JOE COLOMBO has made it apparent [redacted] that he is "on the spot" and cannot stoppicketing until he can accomplish something significant.

[redacted] COLOMBO advised he has been approaching various labor leaders in NYC who are sympathetic to Italian - American rights and is attempting to organize them with "shutting down NY" by leaving their jobs for a massive demonstration.

COLOMBO advised they have sought the assistance of the ACLU who are presently investigating allegations of harassment by the FBI. [redacted] they publicize the fact the picketing will stop pending the outcome of this inquiry. COLOMBO said that deals have been made with the Sons of Italy as well as other Italian - American groups that if proof of harassment can be obtained, these groups will galvanize with COLOMBO. [redacted] he can not stop his demonstration since it will be that much more difficult to start it again. [redacted] no doubt that COLOMBO is "calling all the shots" and continues to refer to it as "my" demonstration.

[redacted] COLOMBO has been keeping a "head count" of all those attending and is angry at those who haven't shown regularly. [redacted]

[redacted] COLOMBO complained that the demonstration was costing him a great deal of money and that he had discontinued the daily arrival of a food truck.

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COLOMBO people have begun a door-ringing campaign in Brooklyn encouraging Italian people to get involved in the demonstration. [redacted] COLOMBO is greatly annoyed that he has been unable to get newspaper coverage [redacted]

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[redacted] that over the weekend he had been approached to make a donation for the pickets at the FBI building in NYC. [redacted] the sum of the donation he was asked to make was $100.00. [redacted] he did not make a donation but he has heard that a number of people have made donations to the above pickets.

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[redacted] June 29, 1970 as "Italian Unity Day" and hopes to generate enough of a following to have a rally at Columbus Circle, New York City, which will end with a march to the New York Office. Allbusinesses owned by Italians-Americans will be asked to shut down on this day as a show of unity. Further, it is contemplated that petitions will be submitted to the United States Congress asking for an investigation of the Justice Department for allegedly defaming Italian-Americans by constant reference to the Mafia. Public officials allegedly will be invited to participate in Italian Unity Day, and all elected officials of Italian descent will be asked to speak out against Italian defamation. [redacted] forming clubs throughout the United States to combat defamation and discrimination against Italians.

COLOMBO advised that if the rally generated enough interest and participation, he would then abandon demonstration at the New York Office.

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For many years, the Spanish language newspaper "El Tiempo" oned and operated "The Long Island Post", 148-08 Hillside Avenue, Jamaica, New York, as a weekly publication with a limited circulation in the Queens section of NY.

In late 1969 or early 1970, "El Tiempo" decided to sell "The Long Island Post", but desired to retain some part of the paper [redacted] strong pressure from COLOMBO to publicize the Italian - American picketing of the NY FBI Office. COLOMBO demanded that the paper devote its editorial column (eekly) to attacks on the FBI [redacted] such actions would not go well with the readers and the paper could lose hundreds of subscribers in Queens. It was then decided that the paper would continue to publicize the FBI problem but in a much muted tone.

COLOMBO has indicated the picketing of the NY FBI Office would continue until 6/29/70, when Italian Unity Day will be celebrated in Central Park, NYC. Following this affair, COLOMBO intends to wait for a period to determine if FBI "harrassment" has stopped. If not, picketing will begin again - not only in NY but in Boston, Philadelphia, Trenton and Newark. COLOMBO also intends to get assistance and support from California "families" in his campaign against the FBI.

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[redacted] the big rally on 6/29 in Columbus Circle and stated that they expected some very big names to show up to show their support of Italian origin. [redacted]

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ADMINISTRATIVE CONTINUED

[redacted] COLOMBO himself is pleased with the fact that he has been able to sustain the demonstrations as long as he has. [redacted] he plans on continuing the demonstrations [redacted] that some of the early opposition to COLOMBO [redacted] who originally thought that the demonstrations were foolish and ridiculous now have changed their minds in some degree and believe that JOE may have done the correct thing.

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ADMINISTRATIVE CONTINUED

On 6/12/70, SA [redacted] made a pretext call to the Italian American Civil Rights League, telephone number 247-8000, extension 2218. A female answered the phone and gave the writer information concerning the rally which would take place on 6/29/70, and the fact that a nightly rally was held between 4 - 7 PM at 69th Street and 3rd Avenue.

SA [redacted] asked for further information concerning the problems, and the female placed him in contact with one who identified himself as [redacted] stated that their organization was against the abuse of Italians, and they expected to show this through their demonstrations. [redacted] also stated he was [redacted] years of age [redacted] and was actively involved in the demonstrations. [redacted] stated these are some of the methods in which people are harrassed by law enforcement, especially the FBI:

1. On one occasion, Mrs. COLOMBO was driving along the Belt Parkway at 50-60 mph and was being pursued and cut off by 16 Federal Agents in four Government cars. This caused Mrs. COLOMBO to become involved in a collision and she had her young child in the car.

2. Federal Agents visited the school where the seven year old COLOMBO attends and interviewed him in an automobile and asked him what his father did last night and other information concerning his father.

3. Mr. COLOMBO does not have to have his garbage picked up because every night the IRS (Federal Agents) come by, pick up his garbage cans, and empty them into the trunk of their cars.

4. One of the buses was loaded with individuals in front of a social club in Brooklyn to come to the rally at 69th Street and the police of the 62nd Precinct headed by and directed by Agents [redacted] entered the bus and the police arrested those eleven persons pointed out by

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SAS [redacted] In court, it was determined by the Judge that seven of the eleven had no prior arrest records. Some of these individuals were represented by PHIL VITELLO.

It is to be noted that [redacted] stated that all of the above allegations could be documented.

[redacted] was queried as to why fellows with reputations such as COLOMBO and [redacted] were permitted or allowed to take part in the demonstrations. He stated that perhaps Mr. COLOMBO had a legitimate gripe in that he has no arrest record and in that he and his "family" have been greatly harrassed by Federal Agents.

[redacted] asked that if the caller could not attend the rallies and understood that he may not be able to attend the rallies at 69th Street, that it would be most appreciated if he at least attended the Italian American Unity Day on 6/29/70 where they expect crowds in the amount of 200,000.

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[redacted] to speak at the Italian American Unity Day rally scheduled to be held at Columbus Circle, NYC, on 6/29/70.

[redacted] among other speakers at the Columbus Circle rally will be Congressman MARIO BIAGGI and Reverend GIGANTE, a Roman Catholic priest from the Bronx, NY, who is running for election to Congress.

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[redacted] the last week or so there has been great activity [redacted] regarding not only the nightly marches at the FBI Building but more so recently the mass rally to be held on the 29th of June. [redacted] COLOMBO [redacted] looking forward to having in excess of 100,000 people at this rally. He stated he has gone so far as to advise all of the merchants dealing in his neighborhood that he expects them to close their businesses on the 29th and to urge their employees to attend the rally. [redacted] he will have individuals at the rally checking up, taking attendance, on those present. [redacted] economic pressures and boycotts could and would be taken against merchants who do not close and establishments whose employees and owners do not attend the rally.

[redacted]

[redacted] COLOMBO's people visited all the merchants in the area and also have contacted through his own people and people of other families in New York, numerous businesses requesting donations to cover the expenses of this rally and that the response has been very very good, that they have received a large amount of money [redacted]

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In regard to attendance at the rally, [redacted] there has been a lot of arguments and dissention over the fact that people should attend this meeting. For instance, in one business [redacted] one of the employees of a certain person stated he would not attend the rally, that he was a loyal American, and did not believe he should have to attend this against his will. [redacted] many other individuals working in this business have approached him and given this individual an extremely hard time over his attitude. [redacted] this has become common [redacted] and that it has produced a lot of bad feelings.

[redacted] when JOE COLOMBO started his picketing against the FBI, there was considerable feelings in his own family and in the other families in the NY area that JOE had committed a serious blunder. [redacted] come out of all this in better shape than he went in. [redacted] he has been able to sustain the march against the FBI and to have what appears to be a very successful rally planned for the 29th of June.

[redacted] COLOMBO has been extremely upset since the commencement of the drive because of the lack of publicity he has received from the news media but is generally pleased with recent publicity he has received in regard to the mass rally on the 29th. [redacted] very pleased with the fact that he is now receiving very good cooperation and support from the GENOVESE family, in particular in his efforts regarding the FBI and the mass rally. [redacted] very grateful for the continued support and very active participation by the GENOVESE family.

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[redacted] a large quantity of throw-aways and signs to distribute [redacted] relating to the Italian-American Unity Day. [redacted] no one is to report for work on 6/29/70 and everyone is to go up to Columbus Circle for the demonstration.

[redacted] following the demonstration there will be a mass parade over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation headquarters.

[redacted] many of the Italian store keepers [redacted] have received orders to close on this date [redacted] the Italian store keepers have been threatened with bodily harm if they do not close. [redacted] told he would have both legs broken if he tried to open up on 6/29/70.

[redacted] the day off will be at the employees expense and there will be no reimbursement from the unions or the employers.

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ADMINISTRATIVE CONTINUED

[redacted] JOE COLOMBO and his group had put great pressure on businesses in the garment area to insure that they are closed on Monday to support Italian American Unity Day. [redacted] throughout Brooklyn the COLOMBO crowd had asserted pressure on all the local businessmen to insure that they did not open on Monday and those who were thinking about opening were warned of the dire consequences if they did. [redacted] COLOMBO and his group felt that if enough people turned out on Monday that it would bring pressure for an investigation of the FBI and FBI tactics and if this did not materialize then a massive march on Washington would be staged in order to force a Congressional investigation of the FBI.

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ADMINISTRATIVE CONTINUED

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Also on 6/30/70, SA [redacted] was advised of this information, and he in turn notified [redacted] Bureau of Special Services, NYCPD.

[redacted] was not in a position to obtain any additional information regarding this matter.

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[redacted] the picketing of the NYO, the rally at Columbus Circle [redacted]

[redacted] COLOMBO was very pleased with the outcome and felt that he has scored an impressive success in being able to sustain picketing of the FBI for eight weeks and climaxing this with a rally. [redacted] many of the COLOMBO "family" members who initially thought that the boss had made a mistake, now agree that COLOMBO has made his point. [redacted]

[redacted] COLOMBO expects to raise a lot of money and anticipates celebrating Italian Unity Day on an annual basis.

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ADMINISTRATIVE CONTINUED

[redacted] although COLOMBO [redacted] expended large amounts of money, [redacted] COLOMBO was able to recoup these expenses through the sale of various Italian paraphernalia and the receipt of "all kinds of contributions". [redacted] AID will be discontinued as an organization and the balance of his treasury transferred to COLOMBO's new organization. [redacted]

[redacted] estimated that the crowd at Columbus Circle totaled 75,000 to 80,000 people and that [redacted] COLOMBO gave strict orders beforehand to the individuals who were supervising the canvassing of neighborhood stores and handing out of Unity Day posters not to use any coercion or threats whatsoever and that everyone had strict orders to maintain order at all costs at the Unity Day Rally. [redacted] groups of "young punks", particularly from East Harlem, getting out of hand while in the vicinity of the NYO [redacted] some marchers had water dropped on their heads from the apartments on 69th Street and that this may have initiated incidents that followed. [redacted] individuals involved in the stabbing of the policemen.

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ADMINISTRATIVE CONTINUED

With regard to prominent individuals in the COLOMBO "family" who were conspicuous by their absences during the eight weeks of picketing, COLOMBO stated publicly recently that "those friends who are not out there supporting this demonstration are to be considered enemies".

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[redacted]

COLOMBO was very fearful that the rally would culminate in a free for all and that all his work of the past eight weeks would be nullified by a display of violence. [redacted] COLOMBO as "very excited and extremely nervous" at the rally's end and he advised the crowds to dispurse without any further incidents.

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ADMINISTRATIVE CONTINUED

On 6/30/70, an individual whoidentified himself as [redacted] the Huntley - Brinkley NBC Show called the NYO to advise that a member of his staff interviewed JOE COLOMBO, SR., [redacted] concerning allegations of harrassment on the part of FBI Agents. He stated that the allegations were specific but that he did not want to put them on the air unless or until they could be substantiated or disproved. He wondered whether or not he could interview a representative of the FBI to discuss these allegations with a view to putting these results on the Huntly - Brinkley Show. He was told that this could not be done. He was advised that if any member of the COLOMBO family or his friends had any such complaints they can bring them directly to the attention of the FBI.

[redacted] advised, however, that if he cared to make the allegations available to the FBI with the complete understanding that there would be no commitment or obligation on the FBI to make any comment whatsoever to him or any respresentative of the Huntley - Brinkley Show, he should feel free to do so. Whereupon [redacted] that he would make the allegations available tomorrow morning 7/1/70, where they will be picked up at NBC by a special agent from the NYO.

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ADMINISTRATIVE CONTINUED

On 7/1/70, the information referred to by [redacted] the Huntley Brinkley NBC Show, was picked up by a SA of the NYO. This material consists of a transcript of 3 tape recordings which cover the interviews conducted by an unidentified interviewer with [redacted]

The place and time of the interviews is not stated but is would appear that they were conducted prior to the rally of Italian Americans held 6/29 last in Columbus Circle. It may be noted these interviews are not what [redacted] purported them to be, since he had stated the interviews were conducted of JOSEPH COLOMBO, [redacted]

During the interviews of the foregoing [redacted] broad sweeping allegations were made such as the FBI having [redacted] No specifics were furnished in support of these allegations as to names of agents, names of some of the purported victims or times and places.

In addition, a number of totally irresponsible statements are made which on their face could not pertain to agents, such as in response to interviewer's question [redacted]

At another point, [redacted]

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It is obvious from reading the transcripts that the reporter permitted those interviewed to ramble as they please and did not confine them to any particular area nor make attempts to pin them down.

The allegations made by the interviewees appear to be the result of their pent up frustrations, resulting from the intensified investigation of the Bureau and other law enforecement agencies and are irresponsible and do not permit a logical evaluation.

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ADMINISTRATIVE CONTINUED

On 7/11/70, [redacted] the Italian-American Unity Day rally on 6/29/70 at Columbus Circle. [redacted] everyone was well pleased with the turnout at the rally and at the FBI Office.

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Report of: [redacted] b7C
Office: New York, New York

Date: 1/28/71

Field Office File #: 92-1965 Sub H
Bureau File #: 92-5509

Title: JOSEPH ANTHONY COLOMBO

Character: ANTI - RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Picketing demonstrations, organized and financed by subject, were conducted at the NYO of the FBI during May and June, 1970. Demonstrations culminated in an Italian American Unity Day Rally on 6/29/70, at Columbus Circle, NYC, and attended by an estimated 45,000 to 50,000 people. The Italian American Civil Rights League (IACRL), which was formed as an outgrowth of this rally, subsequently held mass rally at Madison Square Garden, NYC, 11/27/70. A Special FGJ investigating COLOMBO's activities with IACRL scheduled to begin 2/3/71.

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DETAILS:

On April 30, 1970, following the Federal Bureau of Investigation's arrest of subject's son JOE COLOMBO, JR., and others, picketing demonstrations organized and financed by subject were conducted at the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Demonstrations were held each week night during May and June, 1970, from approximately 4:00 PM to 11:00 PM with an average of 200 persons attending, including numerous COLOMBO "family" members.

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On the evening of April 30, 1970, SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] exited 201 East 69th Street, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Headquarters in New York, with JOSEPH ANTHONY COLOMBO, JR., in their custody. In front of the entrance, a crowd of about thirty to forty people had gathered, some of whom were carrying placards which stated [redacted] live to put Italians in jail", [redacted] is a frame artist", "FBI persecutes Italians" as well as other placards referring to SA [redacted]

[redacted] ran into the middle of the street approximately ten feet from where the agents were entering a Bureau vehicle with the prisoner, took off his jacket and challenged the arresting agents to a fight. [redacted] was restrained by [redacted] who appeared to be holding him back. [redacted] taunted the arresting agents by name, challenging SAs [redacted] to a fight by menacing gestures and verbal offer. Mrs. JOSEPH COLOMBO, mother of the prisoner, was screaming "Give me my son back." The arresting agents noted that the following individuals participated in the boisterous demonstration:

JOSEPH COLOMBO
[redacted]
Mrs. JOSEPH COLOMBO
[redacted]
FRANK FELANGA
GREGORY LCARPA
CESAR VITALI

On 4/30/70 at NEW YORK, NEW YORK File # NY 92-1965-Sub H

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On May 1, 1970, [redacted] COLOMBO had "flipped" the previous night over the arrest of his son and had picketed the Federal Bureau of Investigation. COLOMBO is now attempting to recruit members of other "families" to continue his activity, [redacted]

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[redacted] the individuals taking part in these demonstrations were doing so because they had been specifically directed by COLOMBO's organization. [redacted] these individuals were actually embarrassed to take part in these demonstrations, but felt that they had to do it because of COLOMBO's power.

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On May 4, 1970, [redacted] have been discussing COLOMBO's recent picketing activities and have concluded he "flipped his lid". It is seriously believed that COLOMBO has gone crazy since he is calling people all night long requesting that they picket Federal Bureau of Investigatin Headquarters and bring their friends and children with them.

COLOMBO has advised that his pregnant daughter-in-law is being continually harassed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that his son was being prosecuted for a crime on the books that was discontinued six months ago.

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On May 4, 1970, an unknown white male was observed on the east side of Third Avenue between 69th and 70th Streets, exhorting a number of demonstrations in that area to return the next night at 4:00 p.m. This unknown male used a hand carried battery powered megaphone in delivering this message.

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[redacted] took this megaphone from the unknown male and held it for one or two minutes at which time [redacted] took the megaphone from [redacted] and requested persons in the area with signs to bring them to the northeast corner of Third Avenue and 69th Street. At this point, FRANK FALANGA was stacking the posters in a pile, resting the pile on a police barricade. One other unknown male was placing the posters in a brown Buick station wagon parked on the west side of Third Avenue between 69th and 70th Streets.

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On May 4, 1970, [redacted] was observed on the northwest corner of Third Avenue and 69th Street, New York, New York.

[redacted] was watching a group picketing on the east side of Third Avenue between 69th and 70th Streets.

[redacted] approached Special Agents [redacted] and entered into conversation with them regarding the conduct of the demonstrators saying that at least the Italians were orderly and that they were demonstrating in this manner to show their opposition to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) harrassment of Italian-Americans.

He also said that the Mafia does not exist and that this was a story made up by the government and FBI in an attempt to harrass the Italian people. He also said that the Italians would keep any undesirables such as hippies or left wing groups out of the demonstrations.

[redacted] also said that the FBI would soon find out in the courts that they could not further harrass the Italian people and that they would continue to demonstrate indefinitely.

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On May 4, 1970, at approximately 9:15 p.m., Special Agents (SA's) [redacted] were standing on the southeast corner of Third Avenue and 70th Street, New York City. A moderately large crowd was carrying pickets on the east side of Third Avenue between 69th and 70th Streets, up to about 60 feet from the 70th Street curb.

While so standing and facing away from this crowd, [illegible] flew from the direction of the crowd striking a fire [illegible] box approximately three to six inches away from [redacted] head. [redacted] Shield Number [redacted] [illegible] Patrol Force, who was in the immediate area summoned his lieutenant by radio. When the lieutenant and several other patrolmen appeared on the scene a "take-out" type container containing a milk shake or similar drink was thrown from the crowd, missing the Special Agents and patrolmen by several inches.

Following this, the crowd of demonstrators proceeded to shout obscenities and make obscene gestures to Agents [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/13/70

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The individuals named below were observed participating in a demonstration against the Federal Bureau of Investigation on Third Avenue between 69th and 70th Streets on the east side of the avenue:

[redacted] b7C

JOHN "MOONEY" CUTRONE
ROSARIO NASTASI

Also observed was a bus marked "City Wide Transportation Company." This bus, Number 740, discharged people who then participated in the above-mentioned demonstration.

A catering truck parked at the southeast corner of 69th Street and Third Avenue. This vehicle contained sandwiches and beverages for the demonstrators. This vehicle had New York license B-53632.

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At 3:45 p.m. [redacted] was observed at the corner of 69th Street and 3rd Avenue, New York City, by Special Agents [redacted] As Agents [redacted] crossed 69th Street intersection [redacted] screamed out [redacted] we're here for you, come and get me. Did you arrest anybody today? [redacted] come on, I'm ready for you".

[redacted] was observed making menacing gestures by raising his right hand in a clenched fist fashion. [redacted] speech was hoarse.

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Date 5/13/70

1 The individuals named below were observed participating in a demonstration against the Federal Bureau of Investigation on Third Avenue, the east side of the street between 69th and 70th Streets:

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[redacted]

ROSARIO "BLACK SAM" MASTASI
MODESTO "DUKE" SANTORO
JOSEPH [illegible]
FRANK PAPARNA
[redacted]
ROCCO MIRAGLIA
[redacted]

Also observed were green and white buses with the name "City Wide Transportation Company, Incorporated," which discharged participants in the above-mentioned demonstration between 5:40 p.m. and 5:05 p.m.

The buses are described as follows:

Bus #692
Bus #[illegible]77 - New York license [illegible], with sign on rear of bus, "[illegible] - Genoa"
Bus #664 - New York license [illegible]
Bus #[illegible] - New York license [illegible]
Bus #[illegible] - New York license [illegible]
Bus #733 - New York license [illegible], had sign "Mulberry Street, Little Italy"
Bus #585
Bus #777
Bus #[illegible]
Bus #631
Bus #639
Bus #711
Bus #715
Bus #716
Bus #754
Bus #[illegible]
Bus #754

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by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] b7C MXS/ccs Date dictated 5/8/70

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Also observed at 10:32 p.m. was a red panel truck proceeding north on Third Avenue at 69th Street. This vehicle had 1970 New York license 959-066 and was operated by a white male in his twenties wearing blue jeans. A sign was on the rear of the truck, "FBI - America's Gestapo."

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[redacted] COLOMBO was mad because the demonstrations were not getting the proper amount of publicity from the news media. He stated that the demonstrations planned for May 9, 1970 was supposed to be large.

[redacted] rumored that COLOMBO was going to try to close down the Brooklyn Waterfront and trucking companies which are owned or run by Italians. He added that COLOMBO also wanted to extend this strike or slow-down to all waterfronts and trucking companies accross the United States which are owned or controlled by Italians.

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On May 8, 1970, [redacted] New York City Police Department, advised that [redacted]

On May 11, 1970, [redacted] New York City Police Department furnished the following information to Special Agent [redacted] No other persons were charged in connection with this matter. [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 5/12/70 b7C

While standing on the Northeast corner of East 69th Street, Manhattan, Special Agent [redacted] was approached by two individuals, one was [redacted] and one believed to be [redacted] began speaking to SA [redacted] and stated the following:

"How does it feel to be a low life?
Do you know you're lower than a pimp.
How does it feel to frame your mother?
You creep!
I wonder what makes a guy join the FBI. I'm going to send all your photographs to China."

On 5/8/70 at New York, New York File # NY 92-1965 - [redacted]

by SAs [redacted] b7C RM:lpc Date dictated 5/11/70

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On May 11, 1970, [redacted] to take part in the demonstrations at the FBI building at 6:30 PM, this date.

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On May 12, 1970, [redacted] COLOMBO upset as a result of lack of media publicity. [redacted] COLOMBO intends to continue protest as long as possible and is attempting to start similar drives in other sections of country. [redacted] COLOMBO is getting support from businessmen and average citizen types because they sincerely feel Federal Bureau of Investigation and Government as a whole has been unfair to Italian - Americans in investigation and newspaper publicity.

[redacted]

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During COLOMBO family demonstration at New York Office one of the individuals in constant attendance (white male, heavy set, casual dresser, walks with a limp, appears to be about twenty years old, usually stands with [redacted] was observed entering a vehicle and when it's registration was checked at the Department of Motor Vehicles it was learned that it was issued to [redacted]

On May 12, 1970, IC [redacted] checked the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York through [redacted] and learned a [redacted]

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On May 13, 1970, [redacted] the picketing of the New York Office Federal Bureau of Investigation Office by the Italians is apparently financed by the Mafia. [redacted] some Italian demonstrators after they had finished picketing at the Federal Bureau of Investigation Office [redacted] were overheard to say they were being paid $35 a day for picketing in front of the New York Federal Bureau of Investigation Office.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 5/15/70

A group of individuals participated in a demonstration on the East side of Third Avenue between 69th and 70th Streets from approximately 5:00 p.m. to 10:45 p.m. They carried signs in opposition to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The following individuals were observed at this demonstration:

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MODESTO SANTORO

[redacted]

FRANK FALANGA
CAESAR VITALE
JOE BRANCATO

[redacted]

JOHN CUTRONE

[redacted]

ROCCO MIRAGLIA

[redacted]

GREGORY SCARPA

[redacted]

Several buses from City Wide Transportation arrived with demonstrators. One yellow bus from Transit Coach, Incorporated, arrived there.

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On May 18, 1970, [redacted] COLOMBO is deeply concerned over the demonstrations at the Federal Bureau of Investigation Office in New York. He has requested all friends and button men under him to attempt to get as many people, including themselves to attend these demonstrations to show that the Federal Bureau of Investigation "picks on Italians".

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On May 18, 1970, [redacted] JOE COLOMBO [redacted] will not stop the demonstrations at the New York Federal Bureau of Investigation Office and is attempting to start similar type demonstrations at Federal Bureau of Investigation Offices in other major cities. COLOMBO said that a big march is being scheduled for June 15th and all stores in sympathy with the Italians will be closed.

[redacted]

[redacted] COLOMBO stated that the demonstrations will continue indefinitely and that they are not going to take any harrassment from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He also noted that as a result of the demonstrations by his men, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has made no arrests, no Italians have been subpoenaed, and there has been no harrassment of Italians.

COLOMBO also said that he has pictures of numerous agents and that their pictures will be put up in every bar, pool hall and social club over which COLOMBO has control or friends. Furthermore, he will put so much pressure in the agent personnel, that they will be transferred since they will loose their effectiveness. Also he is going to force the City of New York to pay millions to the New York City Police Department as a result of continued demonstrations, and is going to show the Federal Bureau of Investigation that he cannot be pushed around. COLOMBO further said that he has a number of young guys who would tear up the Federal Bureau of Investigation Office and the agents if he so commanded.

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[redacted] demonstrations. COLOMBO claimed he has received cooperation from various unions [redacted] who would participate. [redacted] COLOMBO's intention is to increase the size of the demonstrations to about 10,000 persons daily.

[redacted] demonstrations are being planned to take place at the White House, Washington, D. C., and at Federal Bureau of Investigation offices in the major East Coast cities. [redacted] persons demonstrating on that day at the New York City Federal Bureau of Investigation building. [redacted] to insure adequate converage by all facets of the news media.

[redacted] COLOMBO has insisted that the demonstrations remain peaceful. He is attempting to get assistance from underworld figures from other cities, and [redacted]

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On May 19, 1970, at approximately 8:20 PM, [redacted] was observed on 68th Street between Lexington and 3rd Avenues, having just parked his car, a black/brown Oldsmobile, New York Plate KL 887, in the parking lot on this block.

[redacted] was with an unknown white male and was walking in the direction of the New York Office, apparently to participate in the picketing of the office by COLOMBO supporters. [redacted] a member of the GAMBINO family.

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On May 19, 1970, [redacted] the demonstrations at the Federal Bureau of Investigation Office, New York, are sanctioned by JOSEPH COLOMBO and CARLO GAMBINO. [redacted] COLOMBO is determined, and forces as many people as possible under him to attend the demonstrations.

[redacted]

Informant stated that most of the individuals are not desirous of demonstrating but only do so because they are ordered to by COLOMBO.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1.

Date 5/25/70

The individuals listed below were observed participating in a demonstration on the East side of Third Avenue at 69th Street. These demonstrators carried signs indicating that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was unfair to Italian Americans.

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[redacted]

CAESAR VITALE
JOE BRANCATO
JOHN CUTRONE
MODESTO SANTORO

[redacted]

GREGORY SCARPA
JOE COLOMBO, SR.

[redacted]

FRANK FALANGA
ROSARIO NASTASI
ROCKY MIRAGLIA

[redacted]

A brown station wagon with New York license VW 4710 was parked on Third Avenue between 69th and 70th Street. This vehicle contained signs which were later distributed to the demonstrators.

A vehicle with New York license 809YY double parked and [redacted] among others, unloaded leaflets from the trunk.

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Date 6/1/70

The individuals listed below were observed participating in a demonstration on the east side of Third Avenue at 69th Street, New York City. These demonstrators carried signs indicating that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was unfair to Italian Americans:

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[redacted]
JOE COLOMBO, SR.
CAESAR VITALE
FRANK FALANGA
ROSARIO NASTASI
[redacted]
JOE BRANCATO
[redacted]
MODESTO SANTORO
GREGORY SCARPA

Five buses from the A and M Coach Lines, Yonkers, New York, arrived and discharged demontrators. One bus from Mount Kisco Coach lines also discharged people who participated in the above mentioned demonstration.

Reverend GIGANTE, who is running for Congress in the 21st District, addressed the demonstrators. He praised them for demonstrating. The son of HOWARD SAMUELS, who is running for Governor of New York also spoke.

Approximately 150 individuals participated in this demonstration and it was estimated that 60 per cent of these people were teenagers and younger.

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by SA [redacted] dmb b7C Date dictated 5/28/70

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On May 28, 1970, [redacted] in connection with the recent demonstrations at the New York Office by the COLOMBO "family" of La Cosa Nostra, the word on the street was that the lack of publicity concerning the protest was hurting the demonstration. [redacted] rumor that some type of "deal" will try to be made by those in charge of the demonstrators with "someone", the apparent inference being the deal involving a stop to the demonstrations for certain consideration.

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On June 1, 1970, [redacted] the five La Cosa Nostra "families" in the New York City area are engaged in the picketingof the Federal Bureau of Investigation Office at 69th Street and 3rd Avenue, in Manhattan. [redacted] this picketing has the complete approval of CARLO GAMBINO. In regard to GAMBINO, [redacted] there was a small demonstration recently on Court Street in Brooklyn, New York, which was the result of several individuals being arrestedby Kings County District Attorney's Office. [redacted] that CARLO GAMBINO and one of his son's visited the picket line at Court Street as a token of his backing of this movement. [redacted] the COLOMBO "family" and other La Cosa Nostra members of other families are planning to conduct demonstrations through Brooklyn neighborhoods with the intention of getting several neighborhood groups of Italian descent to appear in a large demonstration in Manhattan in a few weeks.

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[redacted] a rally was held on Saturday morning, May 30, 1970, in Carroll Park, Carroll and Court Streets, Brooklyn, for the purpose of informing all Italian-Americans in the neighborhood and those employed on the Brooklyn Waterfront that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is a threat to their livelihood. The rally was addressed by ANTHONY SCOTTO, Local 1814 President, and by ANTHONY MENNELLA, Maritime Port Council Executive Director; the park is one block south of Brooklyn ILA Headquarters.

[redacted] the rally was attended by CARLO GAMBINO, JOE COLOMBO, JOE COLOZZO and all the Brooklyn ILA officials but that GAMBINO, for one, did not leave the old car in hich he arrived, which was described as a 1958 Chevrolet [redacted] The rally was a kind of command performance for all longshoremen of Italian - American abstraction and that as a result, there was a big turnout.

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[redacted] heard that NEIL DELLACROCE was one of those pickets at the Federal Bureau of Investigation Office on one occasion.

The Newark Office furnished the following information by communication dated June 3, 1970:

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[redacted] General Services Administration, Federal Building, Newark, New Jersey, advised that about 25 men and women demonstrated in front of the Federal Building from 8:00 PM until 9:00 PM, June 3, 1970. The pickets carried signs stating the Federal Bureau of Investigation is anti-Italian and Italian Americans are being harrassed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

By communication dated June 5, 1970, the Newark Office advised:

On June 4, 1970, [redacted] General Services Administration, Federal Building, Newark, New Jersey, advised that approximately 30 pickets carrying placards alleging Federal Bureau of Investigation discrimination against Italian - Americans conducted a march in front of the Federal Building from 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM, June 4, 1970. b7C

The picketing was conducted in a quiet and orderly manner, and no incidents or arrests occurred.

On June 8, 1970, a hearing was held before Judge GEORGE STARR, New York State Supreme Court, Part I, 60 Centre Street, New York, New York, requiring the Ad Hoc American Italian Unity Committee to show cause why they should not cease and desist using bullhorns and loudspeakers in their picketing of the New York Office. LEON BRICKMAN, Attorney, representing a group of neighborhood residents near the New York Office who obtained the show cause order, also requested Judge STARK to require the demonstrators to cease picketing at an earlier hour.

BARRY SLOTNICK, attorney representing the committee argued that the demonstrators were within their rights in using bullhorns and loudspeakers and that the normal 10:30 PM termination of the demonstration was not unreasonable.

Judge STARK reserved decision in this matter and said he would appear at the New York Office tomorrow evening to view the demonstration and determine for himself the merits of this argument.

Approximately 250 persons demonstrated at the court house before and after this hearing and received considerable coverage from the news media. Observed at this demonstration were JOE COLOMBO [redacted] "Capo" ROCCO MIRAGLIA; "soldier" JOE BRANCATO, [redacted] GREG SCARPA, JOHN CUTRONE, ANTHONY AUGELLO, MODESTO SANTORO and [redacted]

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some of the other members of the organized Italian criminal element have strongly suggested that the Italians participate in the picketing of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Office.

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[redacted] the June 29th Italian - American Unity Day rally at Columbus Circle and march of protest to Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters; he is also pushing the nightly picketing of the New York Office [redacted]

[redacted] allegedly participated on one or two nights at the COLOMBO family demonstrations at the Federal Bureau of Investigation Office in New York City.

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On June 11, 1970, [redacted] recently heard that individuals are collecting $1,000 to $1,500 per person for support of the demonstrations at the Federal Bureau of Investigation building, New York City.

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On June 11, 1970, [redacted] it is rumored that COLOMBO or someone working for him is going to, or has, approached one of the United States Senators from New York to intercede with the Justice Department to have the Federal Bureau of Investigation lay off the investigations of COLOMBO and his friends. [redacted]

On June 13, 1970, approximately fifty members of the Italian-American Civil Rights Committee picketed NBC-TV. NAT MARCONE, spokesman for the demonstration, advised that they were protesting NBC's presentation of a show captioned "THE BOLD ONES", which depicted the story of a fictional Mafia member.

MARCONE stated that this story was an insult to all Italian Americans in that it inferred that all Italians are criminals.

On June 15, 1970, New York State Supreme Court Justice GEORGE C. STARKE issued decision in "show cause" hearing brought against demonstrators. Judge STARKE's decision requires the demonstrators to cease "not later than 9:00 PM", and to dispense with the use of "amplified and magnified sound" and to "stop engaging in tactics designed to create excessive noise".

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The following information was received from [redacted]

[redacted] JOE COLOMBO stated the demonstrations by Italian - Americans in the vicinity of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Office at 201 East 69th Street, New York City, will continue until June 29, 1970, when a massive demonstration will be held. COLOMBO stated the demonstration and parade will start at Columbus Circle, 59th Street and Columbus Avenue, New York City, at 1:00 PM on that date. The parade will then march to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Office for a large demonstration scheduled to start there at about 2:00 PM. He estimated that approximately 100,000 people will take part.

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[redacted] to COLOMBO. He is determined to have the demonstrations whatever the consequences.

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to the picketing of the Federal Bureau of Investigation building, that the other families in New York were sending the "flunkies" to picket the Federal Bureau of Investigation office rather than the actual "button men".

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[redacted] JOE COLOMBO stated the demonstrations by Italian - Americans in the vicinity of the Federal Bureau of Investigation office at 201 East 69th Street, New York City, would be cancelled for the evening of June 23, 1970 in view of the primary election being held in the city. The demonstrations would resume on the evening of June 24, 1970 and continue until the massive parade and rally to be held on June 29, 1970.

With regard to the rally on June 29, 1970, present plans call for assembly in the Columbus Circle area at 12:00 noon that date, followed by a mass march east on 59th Street to Third Avenue, then north to the vicinity of 69th Street. [redacted] subject and his associates are calling for a rally of some 200,000 demonstrators, but actually expect about 40,000 to 50,000 to show up.

[redacted] mail urging support for the June 29, 1970 demonstration. They also have printed 500 arm-bands for "parade marshalls" and reportedly have engaged in some training of the selected marshalls.

COLOMBO indicated that he has information that the Federal Bureau of Investigation will arrest ten leaders of the demonstrations - probably himself included - on Sunday night June 28, 1970, in an effort to remove the leadership from the scene. He stated they could arrest 100 leaders and still not stop the rally. [redacted]

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On June 23, 1970, [redacted] the big anti Federal Bureau of Investigation parade which will take place on Monday, June 29, 1970. This parade is being organized by JOE COLOMBO [redacted]

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[redacted] in connection with the Italian American Unity Day to be held at Columbus Circle on June 29, 1970. [redacted]

[redacted] buses will be utilized to transport [redacted] to the Unity Day Celebration on June 29, 1970.

It is noted that [redacted] are all buttons in the GAMBINO "family". [redacted] are local hoods who have been operating [redacted] and are very close and friendly with [redacted] and also [redacted]

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On June 26, 1970, [redacted] learned from various individuals that the JOE COLOMBO faction of La Cosa Nostra was in fact attempting to obtain the support of Labor Unions (including negro members) in the demonstration of Italian Unity Day on June 29, 1970 in New York City. [redacted]

[redacted] the COLOMBO faction has been putting intense pressure on local merchants in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn to insure that they support Italian Unity Day by closing their places of business. [redacted]

[redacted] the many establishments (mostly small candy stores) in the borough of Manhattan have been contacted by COLOMBO supporters, who have insisted that they close on Italian Unity Day. [redacted] most if not all of these places prefer to remain open, but may close due to concern of their personal safety.

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By communication dated June 27, 1970, the Philadelphia Office advised [redacted] Pennsylvania, this date advised a group from Pittston, Pennsylvania, just chartered a bus for a trip on June 29, 1970 to Columbus Circle, New York City.

Bus will leave Pittston [redacted] and leave New York City for return trip about [redacted]

By communication dated June 27, 1970, the Philadelphia Office advised:

On June 27, 1970, NY T-14 advised that RUSSELL [redacted] Pennsylvania, who has been identified [redacted] has been attempting to organize a bus trip to New York City [redacted] Italian-American Civil Rights League. Bus was allegedly leaving Pittston, Pennsylvania, [redacted] To date Philadelphia has been unable to identify bus company.

[redacted] in obtaining persons to make New York trip.

Philadelphia will attempt to discreetly identify individuals making trip from Pittston, Pennyslvania.

By communication dated July 2, 1970, the Philadelphia Office advised at approximately 7:45 AM, June 29, 1970, Martz Bus left Pittston, Pennsylvania, with approximately 16 to 20 passengers. [redacted] a close associate and employee of [redacted] appeared to be in charge of group going to Columbus Circle. b7C

La Cosa Nostra members [redacted] identified as part of group.

Bus returned to Pittston, Pennsylvania at 10:35 PM same day. Two of passengers believed to have remained in New York City with [redacted] who allegedly paid for bus trip and furnished passengers with food and drinks in New York City.

[redacted] believed to have traveled by car to New York City on June 29, 1970.

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By communication dated June 17, 1970, the New Haven Office furnished the following information:

[redacted] that fifty to one hundred individuals of Italian extraction plan to meet [redacted] to protest the Attorney General and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for "picking on the Italians". [redacted]

Local authorities were notified. Developments will be closely followed.

By communication dated June 20, 1970, the New Haven Office advised at 7:00 PM on evening of June 19, 1970, picketing of the New Haven Office resumed by approximately 17 individuals. Number of pickets increased until approximately 8:45 PM, when 75 participants were counted. During demonstration, pickets chanted "Federal Bureau of Investigation's gotta go".

At 8:45 PM, individual identified as NAT MARCONE, Attorney from New York City, addressed group by means of sound equipment. He called for an end of harrassment of Italian-Americans by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, particularly the wives and children of such individuals. He repeated substantially statements set forth in "New Haven Journal Courier", above, and stated that demonstrations would culminate with mass rally, to be held at Columbus Circle, New York City on June 29, 1970. MARCONE stated that his group was not calling for an end of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, but merely an end of the harrassment inflicted on Italian-Americans by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. MARCONE stated that picketing of the New Haven Office would be resumed on Monday, June 22, 1970.

Following MARCONE's address, the demonstration was terminated, at 9:15 PM.

By communication dated June 24, 1970, the New Haven Office advised at 7:00 PM on June 22, 1970, picketing of the New Haven Office was resumed by approximately nine individuals. These persons were same individuals who marched on picket line during evening of June 19, 1970. They displayed American and Italian flags and carried identical signs, as reported in New Haven teletype to Bureau dated June 18, 1970.

During demonstration, sound equipment transported by automobile was utilized to play tape-recording apparently prepared by individual identified as NAT MARCONE, Attorney from New York City. This tape recording called for an end of harrassment of Italian Americans by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and indicated that a group of individuals, not named, were going to call for a Congressional investigation of Federal Bureau of Investigation discrimination of Italian Americans. The tape recording also pointed out that demonstrations against the Federal Bureau of Investigation would be culminated with a mass rally, to be held at Columbus Circle, New York City, on June 29, 1970, at which one million persons were expected to attend. The tape recording was played over and over and the number of participants increased until they numbered approximately sixty to sixty-five. The demonstration resulted in no incidents and was terminated at 9:15 PM on June 22, 1970.

At 7:00 PM, on June 22, 1970, eight individuals gathered in front of the New Haven Office and began picketing, utilizing the same procedure as described above. The tape recording was played through loud speakers mounted on the automobile roof. The picketing continued until approximately 9:10 PM when it terminated, at which time fifty-five persons were participating in the demonstration.

During the demonstration two incidents occurred which resulted in the arrest of the demonstrator. At approximately 8:00 PM, on June 23, 1970, [redacted] b7C a white male, [redacted] years of age, was arrested for "reckless use of a highway by a pedestrian", and for "throwing injurious articles of trash on highway". This individual was attempting tohand out hand-bills in the middle of Church Street, New

Haven, to passengers in passing automobiles. When told to terminate this procedure, he threw approximately fifty hand-bills into air and onto the street. He was arrested for this action. b7C

Following the arrest of [redacted] a white male, [redacted] years of age, who resides at [redacted] pointed to two Negro observers standing in the area and stated that the police should arrest them because they are "Niggers". As a result of this statement, [redacted] was arrested and charged with "Breach of Peace".

No additional incidents occurred during the course of the demonstration.

By communication dated June 27, 1970, the New Haven Office advised at 7:00 PM, on June 24, 1970, picketing of the New Haven Office was continued by eleven individuals, in same manner as previously reported. American and Italian flags were displayed, as were posters claiming harassment of Italian - Americans by the FBI. Picketing continued until 9:20 PM, when 45 participants were observed. No incidents and no arrests took place.

On June 25, 1970, picketing continued and demonstrators varied from ten, at resumption of demonstration at 7:05 PM to approximately 47, when demonstration was terminated at 9:10 PM.

On June 26, 1970, picketing of the New Haven Office was resumed 7:00 PM, however, apparently due to heavy rain, participants varied in number from 11 to 14. Sound equipment mounted on automobile was utilized to play recording previously prepared on tape by unidentified male. Listeners and participants in demonstration were thanked for having taken part in picketing of the New Haven Office for "the past seven days". It was pointed out that within the United States, there are thirty four million persons of Italian extraction and that in the even these individuals unite, they would constitute a force to the reckoned with. Harrassment of the Italian-American community within the United States by the Federal Bureau of Investigation was charged and interested persons were requested to participate in Italian Unity Day, to be held at Columbus Circle, New York City, on Monday, June 29, 1970.

This tape was played repeatedly during the demonstrations until it was terminated at 9:15 PM. No incidents occurred and no arrests were made. Apparent leader of demonstrations, CHARLES DE MARTIN, long-time associate of RALPH "WHITEY" TROPIANO, who is incarcerated La Cosa Nostra member of COLOMBO family, stated that picketing would be terminated with the June 26, 1970 demonstration; however, if harrassment of Italian- Americans by the Federal Bureau of Investigation was continued, picketing of Federal Bureau of Investigation Offices would be resumed and would be continued for indefinite period.

During May and June, 1970, the following listed automobiles were observed in the vicinity of the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 201 East 69th Street, New York, New York, during the time picketing demonstrations were being conducted:

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The following information was made available to SE [redacted] during June and July, 1970 by [redacted] New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, Albany, New York:

Plate Number	ABC 881
Name	ABC Carpet Company, Incorporated
Residence	881 Broadway New York, New York
Automobile	1968 Cadillac
Color	Black
Violations	1 Conviction

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Plate Number	KX 411
Name	[redacted]
Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Date of Birth	
Height	
Sex	

Plate Number	3506XG
Name	Alfa Sales Corporation
Residence	375 Great Neck Road Great Neck, New York
Automobile	1970 Chevrolet
Color	Green

Plate Number	4069 JH
Name	[redacted]
Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Sex	
Date of Birth	

Plate Number	YW 9478
Name	At-Your-Service Car Leasing Corporation
Residence	449 60th Street West New York, New Jersey

Automobile	1970 Cadillac
Color	Maroon
Plate Number	5981 YR
Name	At-Your-Service Car Leasing Corporation
Residence	449 60th Street West New York, New Jersey
Automobile	1969 Lincoln
Color	Orange
Plate Number	VW 4710
Name	B and C Cleaning Corporation
Residence	7409-11 13th Avenue Brooklyn, New York
Automobile	1970 Buick
Color	Brown
Plate Number	YY 1831
Name	[redacted]
Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Date of Birth	
Sex	
Height	
Violations	
Eyes	
Plate Number	KK 4008
Name	[redacted]
Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Date of Birth	
Sex	
Height	
Violations	
Eyes	
Plate Number	188571
Name	[redacted]
Residence	

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Automobile	1957 Ford
Color	Red
Date of Birth	10/10/01
Sex	Male

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Plate Number	2328 RB
Name	
Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Date of Birth	
Sex	
Height	
Violations	
Eyes	

Plate Number	SV 1919
Name	
Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Sex	
Date of Birth	

Plate Number	KR 905
Name	
Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Date of Birth	
Sex	
Height	
Violations	
Eyes	

Plate Number	8043 DY
Name	
Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Date of Birth	
Sex	
Height	
Violations	
Eyes	

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Plate Number	QT 1104
Name	[redacted]
Residence	[redacted]
Automobile	[redacted]
Color	[redacted]
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Sex	[redacted]
Plate Number	457 YY
Name	[redacted]
Residence	[redacted]
Automobile	[redacted]
Color	[redacted]
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Sex	[redacted]
Height	[redacted]
Eyes	[redacted]
Violations	[redacted]
Plate Number	7175 RB
Name	[redacted]
Residence	[redacted]
Automobile	[redacted]
Color	[redacted]
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Sex	[redacted]
Plate Number	BP 4604
Name	Cement and Concrete Workers Union Local 6A
Residence	3 7 Union Square New York City, New York
Automobile	1965 Oldsmobile Sedan
Color	Maroon
Plate Number	5L 7819
Name	[redacted]
Residence	[redacted]
Automobile	[redacted]
Color	[redacted]

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Date of Birth Sex	[redacted]
Plate Number Name Residence	8870 YY [redacted]
Automobile Color Date of Birth Sex Height Eyes Violations	
Plate Number Name Residence	5469 VZ [redacted]
Automobile Color Date of Birth Sex	
Plate Number Name Residence	1818 WQ [redacted]
Automobile Color Date of Birth Sex Height Eyes Violations	
Plate Number Name Residence	RH 9225 [redacted]
Automobile Color Date of Birth Sex Height Eyes Violations	

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Plate Number	EV 6151
Name	
Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Date of Birth	
Sex	
Plate Number	LB 6260
Name	
Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Date of Birth	
Sex	
Height	
Eyes	
Violations	
Plate Number	8789YY
Name	
Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Date of Birth	
Sex	
Height	
Eyes	
Violations	
Plate Number	LZ 2267
Name	
Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Date of Birth	
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Plate Number	4232 BV
Name	[redacted]
Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Date of Birth	
Sex	
Height	
Eyes	
Violations	
Plate Number	VW 2957
Name	[redacted]
Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Date of Birth	
Sex	
Plate Number	4270 RB
Name	[redacted]
Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Date of Birth	
Sex	
Height	
Eyes	
Plate Number	1091 KZ
Name	[redacted]
Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Date of Birth	
Sex	
Height	
Eyes	
Violations	

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Plate Number 853632
Name
Residence

Automobile
Color
Date of Birth
Sex
Height
Eyes
Violations

Plate Number 1800 KT
Name
Residence

Automobile
Color
Date of Birth
Sex
Height
Eyes
Violations

Plate Number 809 YY
Name
Residence

Automobile
Color
Date of Birth
Sex

Plate Number 3956 VZ
Name
Residence

Automobile
Color
Date of Birth
Sex

Plate Number C 2896
Name
Residence

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Automobile

Color
Date of Birth
Sex
Height
Eyes
Violations

Plate Number 8K 2187
Name
Residence

Automobile
Color
Date of Birth
Sex

Plate Number 9057 YL
Name
Residence

Automobile
Color
Date of Birth
Sex
Height
Eyes
Violations

Plate Number 3L9313
Name
Residence

Automobile

Color
Date of Birth
Sex
Height
Eyes
Violations

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Plate Number	900 AZ
Name	
Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Date of Birth	
Sex	
Plate Number	7237 RB
Name	15th Street Service Station Incorporated
Residence	2815th Street Brooklyn, New York
Automobile	1969 Cadillac Two Door Sedan
Color	Green
Plate Number	7370 QS
Name	
Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Date of Birth	
Sex	
Height	
Eyes	
Violations	
Plate Number	QE 9435
Name	
Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Date of Birth	
Sex	
Height	
Eyes	
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New Residence	

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Plate Number	9164 EN
Name	
Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Date of Birth	
Sex	
Height	
Eyes	
Plate Number	1252 KW
Name	
Residence	
Automobile	
Date of Birth	
Color	
Sex	
Plate Number	5639 KN
Name	
Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Date of Birth	
Sex	
Height	
Eyes	
Violations	
Plate Number	MB 8013
Name	Getty's Auto Repair Corporation
Residence	213 Statin Road Mineola, New York
Automobile	1969 Cadillac Sedan
Color	Grey

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Plate Number KB 1325
Name
Residence

Automobile

Color
Date of Birth
Sex

Plate Number OU 2020
Name
Residence

Automobile
Color
Date of Birth
Sex

Plate Number 8L 3350
Name
Residence

Automobile
Color
Date of Birth
Sex

Plate Number YK 1588
Name
Residence

Automobile
Color
Date of Birth
Sex
Height
Eyes
Violations

Plate Number 7925 WS
Name
Residence

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Automobile Color Date of Birth Sex Height Eyes Violations	[redacted]
Plate Number Name Residence	2D 83QR [redacted]
Automobile Color Date of Birth Sex Height Eyes Violations	
Plate Number Name Residence	SOC 12 [redacted]
Automobile Color Date of Birth Sex	
Plate Number Name Residence	YK 319 [redacted]
Automobile Color Date of Birth Sex Height Eyes Violations	
Plate Number Name Residence	526181 Howard Brothers Incorporated 599 Joseph Avenue Rochester, New York
Automobile	1962 Ford

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Plate Number 544029
Name
Residence

Automobile
Color
Date of Birth
Sex
Height
Eyes
Violations

Plate Number 1318 QN
Name
Residence

Automobile
Color
Date of Birth
Sex

Plate Number BK 2187
Name
Residence

Automobile
Color
Date of Birth
Sex

Plate Number 2755 QV
Name
Residence

Automobile

Color
Date of Birth
Sex
Height
Eyes
Violations

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Plate Number	6768 KN
Name	
Residence	
Automobile	
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Plate Number	5237 KT
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Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Date of Birth	
Sex	
Height	
Eyes	
Violations	
Plate Number	KT 1548
Name	
Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Date of Birth	
Sex	
Height	
Eyes	
Violations	
Plate Number	6L 9902
Name	
Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Date of Birth	
Sex	
Height	
Eyes	
Violations	

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Plate Number	5036 CR
Name	
Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Date of Birth	
Sex	
Plate Number	VZ 9036
Name	
Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
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Sex	
Height	
Eyes	
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Plate Number	6603 KK
Name	
Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Date of Birth	
Sex	
Height	
Eyes	
Plate Number	129186
Name	
Residence	
Automobile	
Plate Number	GL 1234
Name	
Residence	
Automobile	

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Color
Date of Birth
Sex
Height
Eyes
Violations

Plate Number SU 7735
Name
Residence

Automobile
Color
Date of Birth
Sex
Height
Eyes
Violations

Plate Number QZ 9921
Name
Residence

Automobile
Color
Date of Birth
Sex
Height
Eyes
Violations

Plate Number 9K 2112
Name
Residence

Automobile

Color
Date of Birth
Sex
Height
Eyes
Violations

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Plate Number 8001 RG
Name
Residence

Automobile

Color
Date of Birth
Sex
Height
Eyes
Violations

Plate Number 2733 YY
Name
Residence

Automobile

Color
Date of Birth
Sex

Plate Number QY 4764
Name
Residence

Automobile
Color
Date of Birth
Sex
Height
Eyes
Violations

Plate Number BK 6956
Name
Residence

Automobile
Color

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Date of Birth Sex Height Eyes Violations	[redacted]
Plate Number Name Residence	4K 2384 [redacted]
Automobile Color Date of Birth Sex Height Eyes Violations	
Plate Number Name Residence	8551 XE Mott Haven Truck Parts Incorporated 429 Bruckner Boulevard Bronx, New York
Automobile Color	1968 Oldsmobile Sedan Gold
Plate Number Name Residence	7526 XN [redacted]
Automobile Color Date of Birth Sex Height Eyes Violations	
Plate Number Name Residence	WW 3975 [redacted]
Automobile Color Date of Birth Sex	

Plate Number	126933
Name	New Amsterdam Motor Transportation Corporation
Residence	545 West 25th Street New York, New York
Automobile	1966 GMC
Color	None

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Plate Number	VW 2350
Name	[redacted]
Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Date of Birth	
Sex	

Plate Number	YL 6798
Name	[redacted]
Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Date of Birth	
Sex	

Plate Number	BP 5630
Name	[redacted]
Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Date of Birth	
Sex	
Height	
Eyes	
Violations	

Plate Number	3Y 3806
Name	[redacted]
Residence	

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Automobile Color Date of Birth Sex	[redacted]
Plate Number Name Residence	YG 671 [redacted]
Automobile Color Date of Birth Sex	
Plate Number Name Residence	4D 4845 [redacted]
Automobile Color Date of Birth Sex	
Plate Number Name Residence	8199 VZ [redacted]
Automobile Color Date of Birth Sex Height Eyes Violations	
Plate Number Name Residence	QJ 7267 [redacted]
Automobile	
Color Date of Birth Sex Height Eyes	

Plate Number	727834
Name	Richmart Trucking Corporation
Residence	150 47A 12 Road Whitestone, New York
Automobile	1968 Dodge Van
Color	Green

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Plate Number	QC 1832
Name	[redacted]
Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Date of Birth	
Sex	

Plate Number	1452 YY
Name	[redacted]
Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Sex	

Plate Number	KL 5028
Name	[redacted]
Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Date of Birth	
Sex	
Height	
Eyes	
Violations	

Plate Number	LEN 10
Name	Rosco Labs Incorporated
Residence	214 Harrison Avenue Harrison, New York
Automobile	1970 Buick Sedan
Color	Green

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Plate Number	7818 XX
Name	
Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Date of Birth	
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Plate Number	4668 KU
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Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Date of Birth	
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Violations	
Plate Number	BY 3300
Name	
Residence	
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Color	
Date of Birth	
Sex	
Height	
Eyes	
Violations	
Plate Number	YR 1909
Name	
Residence	
Automobile	
Color	
Date of Birth	
Sex	
Height	
Eyes	
Violations	

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Plate Number	QW 8005
Name	[redacted]
Residence	[redacted]
Automobile	[redacted]
Color	[redacted]
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Sex	[redacted]
Height	[redacted]
Eyes	[redacted]
Violations	[redacted]
Plate Number	6K 9264
Name	[redacted]
Residence	[redacted]
Automobile	[redacted]
Color	[redacted]
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Sex	[redacted]
Plate Number	332357
Name	Suffolk Construction Corporation
Residence	764 or 264 Middle Country Road, Selden, New York
Automobile	1950 International
Plate Number	6C 6241
Name	[redacted]
Residence	[redacted]
Automobile	[redacted]
Color	[redacted]
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Sex	[redacted]
Plate Number	VW 5507
Name	[redacted]
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Automobile	[redacted]
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Date of Birth	[redacted]
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Plate Number	959066
Name	[redacted]
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Plate Number	YR 5191
Name	[redacted]
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Plate Number	2770 MD
Name	[redacted]
Residence	
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Plate Number	2K 7525
Name	Weitz Express Corporation
Residence.	671 Park Lane North Woodmere, New York
Automobile	1968 Ford Two Door Sedan
Color	Green
Plate Number	8508 KB
Name	[redacted]
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On June 12, 1970, [redacted] there is a great degree of apprehension among legitimate store owners [redacted] in Brooklyn, as a result of the COLOMBO Mafia demonstrations at the Federal Bureau of Investigation Office in New York. The legitimate merchants despise COLOMBO and the Mafia however, they have a great fear of his power. [redacted] there is a general feeling among legitimate businesses [redacted] that the Mafia - particularly COLOMBO is starting to feel the pinch from pressure asserted upon him by law enforcement. [redacted] pressure being exerted on store owners to close June 29, 1970 for Italian Unity Day.

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During a physical surveillance on June 12, 1970 at Fort Hamilton Parkway and 69th Street, Brooklyn, New York, Special Agents [redacted] observed an unidentified individual at about 6:05 PM distributing placards advertising the rally for Italian Americans on June 29th. At one point, the individual was observed carrying a baseball bat in one hand. One of the placards was placed in the window of [redacted] It is noted that this store is owned partly by [redacted] and [redacted] was observed in the store at the time that the individual entered.

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On June 15, 1970, [redacted] signs announcing Italian-American Unity Day on June 29, 1970, are being displayed in stores of businesses all over the Gravesend Neck, Bensonhurst and Bay Ridge sections of Brooklyn, New York. Persons who display this sign in their businesses agreed to remain closed on June 29, 1970, in interest of Italian-American Unity Day. [redacted] that most of the people who have the signs displayed have taken them voluntarily and were not coerced [redacted] by JOSEPH COLOMBO or any of COLOMBO's associates.

[redacted] a small boutique located [redacted] Brooklyn, New York, had been shot up and that the windows of this store were filled with bullet holes. [redacted] the local police precinct was on the scene investigating the incident. [redacted] perhaps the owner of this store had refused to display an Italian-American Unity Day sign, and had the windows of his store shot up as a result.

[redacted] Special Agents [redacted] interviewed [redacted] Brooklyn, New York, concerning the windows of his store which apparently had been shot full of holes sometime during the early hours of [redacted] he had no idea as to who would want to damage his store or why anyone would. He said that he definitely did not think it had anything to do with Italian-American Unity Day, since he explained that he had a sign supporting this endeavor displayed in his store window for over a week and he intended to close on June 29, 1970, in support of Italian-American Unity Day. Continuing, [redacted] the New York City Police Department is investigating this incident, which according to him, occurred at approximately [redacted] He explained [redacted] shots were fired through the windows of his store and that the Police Department said that the weapon used was a [redacted] He also learned from the Police Department that other such stores as his have been attacked or vandalized within the past few weeks in the Brooklyn, New York, area.

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[redacted] June 16, 1970, that many stores are being closed on the 29th of June and JOE COLOMBO's family is doing all the work. He stated that it is obvious to everybody in the neighborhoods of Bath Beach, Bensonhurst and Coney Island that if the stores do not close someone will get his head broken. [redacted]

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On June 18, 1970, [redacted] numerous small stores along 13th Avenue, 14th Avenue, Bath Avenue, 86th Street and 72nd Street, Brooklyn, New York, will close on Monday, June 29, 1970, for the rally to be held in conjunction with recent demonstrations at the Federal Bureau of Investigation building. Stores closing are also being asked to donate money for the rally [redacted]

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It was noted that a sign reading:

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"In Honor of Italian-American Unit Day
This Store Will close, Monday, June 29",

was displayed in the window of [redacted] From 12:05 PM--12:30 PM, Special Agent, (SA), [redacted] was present in this establishment.

The owner-manager of this establishment is a white, male, [redacted] years old, 5'8" tall, 170 pounds, black hair with long side burns. From 12:05 PM--12:30 PM, this individual was engaged in a conversation with a patrolman, New York City Police Department assigned to Traffic A and having badge number [redacted] The owner called the patrolman [redacted]

At 12:20 PM, the patrolman said to the owner:

"I see you're going to be closed the 29th".

The owner replied, "Of course. If I don't close these guys will but my windows in".

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On June 19, 1970, [redacted] Italian Unity Day sign is currently being displayed in the window of [redacted]

[redacted] has agreed to the display of the sign, but has openly stated [redacted] will remain open, June 29, 1970.

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[redacted] stated it had been decided to display an Italian Unity Day poster as a result of the fact that 75 per cent of the store's clientele was of Italian descent and it was considered "smart business" to display this poster. He stated the sign had been displayed for approximately one week.

He advised the sign had been brought to the store by an unidentified white male whom he could describe only as being short and stocky. This individual left the sign in the store requesting that it be displayed in the window if possible. [redacted] had any objection to displaying this sign. No force or threats were exerted upon him to induce him to display this sign.

He is aware of the location of the Cantalupo Realty Company but has never been inside this establishment. He is not personally acquainted with JOSEPH COLOMBO or anyone named ROCKY or ROCCO who is associated with COLOMBO. He specifically denied knowing or ever having been contacted by ROCCO MIRAGLIA.

[redacted]

At the conclusion of this interview, efforts were made to contact [redacted] with negative results.

[redacted]

years ago. With regard to the display of the Italian Unity Day poster in the window of his store, he provided exactly the same information as that provided by [redacted] He denied being personally acquainted with JOSEPH COLOMBO or ever having had any contact with him. He likewise denied knowing or ever having had any contact with ROCCO MIRAGLIA. He advised he was acquainted with the location of the Cantalupo Realty Company, but denied ever having been in the offices of that company.

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At approximately [redacted] two unknown subjects came [redacted] and asked [redacted] if he was going to close Monday, June 29, 1970, for Italian Unity Day. [redacted] told Unknown subjects he intended to stay open and they showed him a poster which urged all store owners to close for that day. Unknown subjects did not threaten [redacted] merely suggested that he also close for the day.

In discussing this matter with other shop owners in the area, [redacted] come to the conclusion that other shops are closing only because they fear retaliation by hoodlums if they stay open. [redacted] not know of any shops which have actually been threatened but he has heard rumors that some owners have been threatened.

[redacted]

He advised that he intended to remain open June 29, 1970 and

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On June 25, 1970, [redacted] was interviewed and advised he could provide no further information of a specific nature than previously furnished.

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him and an unidentified white male came into his store with Unity Day signs and asked him about closing his store and placing a sign in the window. He advised [redacted] did all the talking and he told [redacted] his objections to closing unless all the other merchants did the same. [redacted] told him he represented the Italians and since [redacted] was one of his kind, he should go along with the closing. [redacted] he knew who [redacted] was by reputation, so he decided to go along with [redacted] and close [redacted] on June 29, 1970.

[redacted] denied he had been threatened in any way to close or put a sign in his window and stated no threats had been made by the above individuals against himself, his family, or his business. He advised his [redacted] was a party to the conversation.

On the same date, [redacted] advised he was present during the above conversation, and at no time did he hear [redacted] or his associate make any threats against [redacted] family or business, or was he himself threatened by these men in any way.

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On June 24, 1970, [redacted] will be closed on June 29, 1970 for Italian-American Unity Day. This will be an official closing so that none of the [redacted]

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[redacted] on June 26, 1970 that two unknown subjects have been visiting retail stores in [redacted] Brooklyn, New York, and threatening them by stating that the stores will be blown up if they do not close on June 29, 1970 in celebration of Italian - American Day. [redacted] has stated he will not close on the 29th. Two unknown subjects [redacted]

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[redacted] that the store owners [redacted] were being forced to close on June 29, 1970, for Italian-American Unity Day. This store [redacted] was forced to close also and made the statement that if he didn't close, he would have all his windows broken. [redacted]

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[redacted]
a representative of the Italian Unity Day tell [redacted]
that they better close their shop next Monday "or else".
[redacted]

[redacted] stated that his home phone is [redacted]
and he resides at [redacted]

[redacted] he saw the man who made the threat
and described him as a [redacted]

[redacted] he does not want to close next
Monday because he will have to [redacted]
[redacted] He said that he was afraid that if he did not close
that he would have his windows broken etc. He stated that
[redacted]

Based on above information, separate investigation
was conducted and reported under case captioned [redacted]
[redacted] VICTIM; AR - HOBBS ACT".

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[redacted] is to be closed [redacted] for Unity Day on June 29, 1970.

Further that [redacted] had refused to close and as a result has been visited by unknown individuals on more than one occasion and told if they do not close, will have windows broken in the store.

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[redacted] whether he planned to close his business on June 29, 1970, because of that day being Italian-Unity Day. This man said he understood many of the other businesses in the neighborhood planned to close. [redacted]

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brought Italian-Unity Day posters to the store and asked that these be placed in the window. [redacted] these men left without any verbal threat. [redacted]

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[redacted] visited by a few men with the Italian-Unity Day posters who suggested to him that he display these posters and close his business on June 29, 1970. Following that visit the [redacted]

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[redacted] visited by a few men with the Italian-Unity Day posters who suggested to him that he display these posters and close his business on June 28, 1970. Following that visit the [redacted]

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[redacted] he was not pressured into closing on June 29,1970, in support of Italian-American Unity Day, but closed mainly because everyone else in the neighborhood was closing so he did also in order to avoid trouble. He talked to other [redacted] in the neighborhood and these persons said they also intended to close in order to avoid any possible trouble. [redacted]

[redacted] This person handed [redacted] a Italian-American Unity Day poster and told him to close on June 29,1970. [redacted]

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[redacted] These signs advised the reader that the store in which the sign was placed would be closed on Monday, June 29, 1970, in honor of Italian Unity Day.

[redacted]

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[redacted] he was not pressured by anyone into closing his place of business and merely closed because everyone else was closing. He [redacted]

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[redacted]

He gave this matter further thought and concluded that inasmuch as the neighborhood in which his business is located is predominantly Italian in origin, it would be in his best economic interests to close. He thereupon requested [redacted] to obtain an Italian lady by the name [redacted] obtained a sign from an unknown source and he displayed it in his window and it last closed his business June 29, 1970.

He was not in any way subjected to any coercive or strong arm tactics regarding his closing June 29, 1970.

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that he closed his business on June 29, 1970, since most of his customers near [redacted] are of Italian descent and he thought it would be better to lose one day of business than to jeopardize any future business that he might have with his neighbors.

He added that he was not intimidated in any way and said that he closed [redacted] voluntarily. Concerning

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[redacted] he was visited by two men [redacted] who handed [redacted] "Unity Day" signs and told him to close on June 29, 1970. [redacted] was visited by [redacted] two individuals and was given a "Unity Day" sign and was forced to close on June 29, 1970. [redacted]

[redacted] however, that no threats were made [redacted] in fact he was apparently not approached by the two individuals previously mentioned.

Observations were made at [redacted] both of these establishments were closed in support of Italian Unity Day on June 29, 1970.

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who stated that he closed on Italian Unity Day, June 29, 1970, not because he was forced or pressured to do so by anyone but because he chose to do so and mainly because many of the establishments were closed and would not be He stated, however, that he had heard that the may have been threatened in some way concerning the events of June 29, 1970.

regarding Italian Unity Day, and he stated that he closed on June 29, 1970, by his on choice and that he was not in any way forced, threatened or coerced into closing his shop on that day. He said that he closed because many other of the merchant's in the area were closing on that day. He took an Italian Unity Day sign from a single person described by him only as a white male in his mid- Two persons were not mentioned nor was there any mention of persons

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[redacted] had suffered window damage, possibly in connection with Unity Day closing June 29, 1970.

[redacted] advised that he was closed June 29, 1970, and verified that [redacted] and businesses contacted by Unity Day canvassers. He denied any threats or intimidation and disclaimed any connection between the broken window and the Italian-American Rally.

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The area in which his store is located is predominantly Italian in ethnic origin. During the month of June, 1970, he noticed a great many businesses in the area displaying Italian Unity Day signs announcing they would close June 29, 1970. No

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[redacted] reasoned it would be better to lose one day's business than risk having his "Windows smashed and store burned". As a result, he [redacted] obtained a Unity Day sign, and displayed it in his window [redacted] He remained closed June 29, 1970.

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[redacted] picketing at the Federal Bureau of Investigation Office in New York City. [redacted] Many establishments in [redacted] were requested to close on June 29, 1970 in honor of the Italian Unity Day. They were requested to contribute money towards the expenses for this day. There was no threat involved but by the tone and phraseology used by the individuals making the request, a threat was clearly implied and many businesses honored the request. [redacted]

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[redacted] placed a sign in his window indicating that his store would be closed on Italian American Unity Day on June 29, 1970. He subsequently got a telephone call from a young male telling him his health would be affected if he did not close his store. [redacted]

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stated that he closed [redacted] voluntarily since he was in full support of Italian Unity Day, and denied vehemently that he had been forced to close on that day. He also denied making any contribution to anyone to help defray the cost of Italian Unity Day.

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[redacted]

From local neighborhood newspapers he observes that many businesses [redacted] closed June 29, 1970, because of Italian Unity Day. The word on the street is that all the stores [redacted] had to contribute anywhere from [redacted] to help defray the costs of the demonstration.

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National Broadcasting Company (NBC) Television, advised that approximately two weeks ago NBC Television was picketed by a group of Italian Americans protesting NBC's presentation of a show captioned: "The Bold Ones", which depicted the story of a fictional mafia member. [redacted]

At approximately 11:00 AM, June 29, 1970, a group estimated at 20,000 was observed in the area of Columbus Circle. The crowd was estimated to be at a maximum of approximately 35,000 at 1:00 PM.

At 12:00 Noon, various speakers and singers began to address the crowd. Among the speakers and entertainers were such personalities as MARIO PROCACCINO, Deputy Mayor RICHARD R. AURELIO, PAT HENRY, Representative MARIO BIAGGI, THOMAS GLEASON, ANTHONY SCOTTO, CAESAR VITALE, ROCKY GRAZIANO, BOB CHESE Orchestra and singer JIMMY ROSELLI. None of the speakers were heard to make derogatory references concerning the Federal Bureau of Investigation. However, it is noted that MARIO BIAGGI stated that he has recently spoken to J. EDGAR HOOVER who had assured him that any discriminatory practices by his Agents would be looked into and administrative action taken.

At approximately 2:40 PM, the group began to dissipate in the area of Columbus Circle and a sizeable faction began to move toward the Federal Bureau of Investigation building.

At approximately 3:15 PM, a large group of persons, estimated to be 2,000 in number, were observed to be moving north on Second Avenue from the vicinity of 67th Street. When this group reached 69th Street, they were stopped by the New York City Police Department traffic barricades which had been placed in the intersection and across the sidewalks of 69th Street at Second Avenue. These barricades were being manned by several New York City Police Officers. As the crowd mounted in number, the barricades were pushed over, the officers brushed aside and the crowd surged down 69th Street toward the Federal Bureau of Investigation Building. On the corner of Second Avenue and 69th Street the demonstrators began to pound on a parked bus and at least one unidentified demonstrator was observed on top of a green 1964 Chevrolet which was parked in front of the bus. It is noted that considerable damage was done to the roof of this vehicle as a result of demonstrators standing on the roof.

As the crowd began to moe toward Third Avenue, a glass panel was broken in the door front of 219 East 69th Street. The group was then observed moving to the barricades which had been placed in front of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Building, where they were stopped by New York City Police Officers.

The crowd began to thin out and leave the area at approximately 4:10 PM and no further incidents were observed.

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At approximately 3:10 PM, Special Agents, (SAS), [redacted] were observing the Italian-American Unity Day Demonstration which was being conducted at the FBI Office, 201 East 69th Street, New York, New York.

Approximately 12 uniformed policemen were dispatched to man the police barricades which were set up at the intersection of East 69th Street and Second Avenue. Said barricades were positioned to keep all traffic and demonstrators from proceeding east on 69th Street from Second Avenue.

A group of approximately 2,000 demonstrators reached this point at approximately 3:20 PM, and subsequently overturned the barricades and began running west on 69th Street, from Second Avenue, towards the FBI Office. A police officer and a demonstrator were then observed struggling with one another, and both were then pushed into the front entrance of 219 East 69th Street by a group of approximately 50 demonstrators.

The remaining demonstrators continued running towards the FBI Office. Police re-enforcements and barricades were hastily dispatched from the corner of 69th Street and Third Avenue to an area approximately 30 feet east of the front entrance of the FBI Office. Sporadic fighting between police and demonstrators erupted at the barricades, and one demonstrator was observed at this time being placed under arrest by the police. The demonstrators continued their efforts to overrun the police barricades and storm the front entrance of the FBI Office.

At approximately 3:25 PM, ANTHONY COLOMBO appeared at the scene and directed the demonstrators to return east on 69th Street to Second Avenue and approach the main body of demonstrators via 72nd Street. The demonstrators heeded COLOMBO's instructions and left the area shortly thereafter.

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[redacted] massive Unity rally held [redacted] JOE COLOMBO was very well pleased because he received excellent publicity, which he was very much after.

[redacted] the contributions requested from merchants and people all over the city, businesses and individual people, was so good and the money collected was far more than JOE COLOMBO ever anticipated. [redacted]

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[redacted] that on June 29, 1970, [redacted] attended the Italian Unity Day at Columbus Circle, New York City. He only attended the ceremony but did not go to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Office afterwards.

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[redacted] he recently heard certain La Cosa Nostra (LCN) figures are displeased with [redacted] did not have a sign in his place of business [redacted] advertising the recent Italian Unity Day demonstration.

[redacted] any further demonstrations or if there is to be a march on Washington, D. C. etc., protesting discrimination against Italian Americans by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and others.

[redacted] was present at the recent Unity Day Rally. Further buses used to bring demonstrators to Columbus Circle for the Unity Day demonstration were Varsity and Brothers Coach Buses. No City Wide Buses were used [redacted]

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[redacted] COLOMBO was extremely upset over an article that appeared in the "New York Times" last Sunday and is considering picketing and issuing a boycott among Italians against the "New York Times" because of this article and past articles.

By letter dated July 27, 1970, the Chicago Office advised it was able to ascertain from established sources and informants no leaders or prominent members of organized crime travelled from Chicago to attend the rallies and demonstrations which were put on by the Italian-American Civil Rights Committee, which was held at Columbus Circle in New York City on June 29, 1970.

[redacted] due to the recent article in the New York Times on JOE COLOMBO, the Times newspaper will be picketed at 65th Street and 11th Avenue, New York City, starting sometime Wednesday through Friday, July 29 - 31, 1970. Informant has been told that JOE COLOMBO is behind this picketing.

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[redacted] WOR-Radio, 1440 Broadway, New York City, advised he received a telephone call from a male individual claiming to be [redacted] This individual stated that the Italian-Americans demanded equal time to defend their cause on WOR-Radio and, if same was not forthcoming, the Italian-Americans would picket WOR-Radio.

This individual claiming to be [redacted] stated he would call [redacted] back in a few days.

[redacted]

During November, 1970, the New York news media gave considerable publicity to a rally being held November 20, 1970 at Felt Forum, Madison Square Garden, sponsored by the Italian American Civil Rights League (IACRL). Name entertainment allegedly appearing at this rally include FRANK SINATRA, SAMMY DAVIS, JR., and TRINI LOPEZ, who reportedly are donating their services for free. Tickets reportedly are being sold at prices between $100 and $200 and the IACRL expects to raise over $600,000 from this rally.

Felt Forum, Madison Square Garden, reportedly can accommodate up to 10,000 people and a capacity crowd is anticipated.

Posters advertising the November 20 rally list the ticket prices as "donations". The New York Office contacted Internal Revenue Service, New York City and determined that captioned organization has applied for tax exempt status with Internal Revenue Service. This request is currently in the hands of Internal Revenue Service Headquarters, Washington, D. C., and no determination has yet been made as to the organization's tax status.

Tickets for this event are priced at $100, $150 and $200. The advertisement for this event appearing in the New York Times November 15, 1970 edition stated that the event was completely sold out.

Press statements attributed to NAT MARCONE, President of IACRL, indicated that the proceeds of this event was expected to reach a net of $600,000. MARCONE stated that this money would be utilized to further the organization's plans to set up hospitals, welfare and scholarship programs for members of the organization.

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[redacted] all entertainers appearing at the November 20, 1970 rally had donated their services to the event. [redacted] FRANK SINATRA was actually "ramrodding" the obtaining of talent, and that the entertainers had agreed to appear as a favor to SINATRA. [redacted]

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[redacted] JOSEPH COLOMBO is throwing all his energies into IACRL and specifically the November 20 rally. [redacted] COLOMBO has ordered all his "family" members to become actively engaged inassuring that the rally is a success. [redacted]

[redacted] COLOMBO's order that members become engaged in activities relating to captioned organization has begun to cause [redacted] grumbling. Many COLOMBO members and associates would prefer to spend more time involved in illegal money making activities rather than activities, conerned with IACRL. These individuals consider it demeaning for La Cosa Nostra members to become involved in the type activities they are currently engaged in. It is to be noted that on November 12, 1970 the New York Office arrested COLOMBO associate FRANK FALANGA on perjury charges. At the time of his arrest, FALANGA had six $100 tickets to the rally in his possession.

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IACRL. COLOMBO stated if IACRL does not continue to grow, it will die.

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the IACRL Rally at Madison Square Garden. He stated that the seats for the Rally were going for $100.00, $150.00 and $200.00 each. He stated the rally was well attended and

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During May and June, 1970, daily contact was had with DENIS DILLON, Attorney in Charge, Strike Force, Eastern District of New York regarding possible Hobbs Act violations involving stores which were pressured to close June 29, 1970 for the Italian Unity Day Rally. It was Mr. DILLON's opinion that although the above described complaints indicate that many store owners were pressured into closing, successful Hobbs Act violations could not be clearly established, and that it would not be to the best interest of the Government to proceed on the relatively isolated instantances noted above.

On August 20, 1970, the facts regarding an alleged scheme to "frame" two Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation were discussed with DANIEL P. HOLLMAN, Attorney in Charge, Strike Force, Southern District of New York. Mr. HOLLMAN advised that he did not feel that the above facts could be substantiated to allow for successful prosecution in this matter. He noted that inasmuch as no "frame" attempt was in fact made in this matter, the Government could merely present the testimony of [redacted] b7C [redacted] against [redacted] and his unidentified b7D associate. Mr. HOLLMAN advised he did not feel it was to the best interest of the Government to peruse this course of action.

On December 16, 1970, ROCCO MIRAGLIA, a "capo" in the COLOMBO "family" of La Cosa Nostra was arrested by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, on perjury charge in another matter. At the time of his arrest MIRAGLIA had in his possession a brief case, belonging to JOE COLOMBO which contained a detailed list of financial contributors to the IACRL. This list bore the names and contributions of over 50 COLOMBO "family" members and associates. A copy of this list was duplicated by the New York Office before it was returned to COLOMBO.

On January 18, 1971, the recovery of this list was discussed with DENIS DILLON, Attorney in Charge, Strike Froce, Eastern District of New York, who advised that he felt this list would form an excellent basis for Federal Grand Jury investigation under Title 18, Section 1962, United States Code, which makes illegal the investment of funds derived

from racketeering activities in any enterprise affecting interstate commerce. As a result, a Special Federal Grand Jury investigating COLOMBO's activities with the IACRL as slated to begin February 3, 1971.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York
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Title Joseph Anthony Colombo

Character Anti - Racketeering

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above at New York, New York.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 12/23/70

FROM : SA [redacted] #52

☐ TE ☑ CI ☐ SI ☐ R
☐ PC ☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R (Prob)
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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact
12/21/70

File #s on which contacted (Use Titles if File #s not available or when CI provides positive information)
92-1965
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Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☑ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC

there were no political figures at the Toledo American Civil Rights League Rally.

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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SAC, NEW HAVEN (92-New)

ITALIAN AMERICAN
CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE-Chapter 20
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Enclosed for Bureau and New York, 1 copy of IACRL Pamphlet, Chapter 20, New Haven.

On 1-21-71 a meeting of the Italian American Civil Right League was held at the Red Lobster Restaurant, West Haven, Conn., from 7:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. This meeting was attended to by approximately 150 persons for the purpose of signing up membership in the above captioned organization.

During the course of this meeting, various personages gave speeches concerning the harassment of Italian-Americans by the FBI and the fact that this League is determined to continue to put pressure on the FBI by means of demonstrations throughout the country. The speakers were introduced in the following manner; President NAT MARCONE, Vice-President ANTHONY COLOMBO, (LCN member of COLOMBO Family,) Secretary-Treasurer-CAESAR VITALE, FRANK R. VELARDI, President of New Haven local chapter of IACRL and ALBERT L. MOSCHETTE, committeeman.

In cooperation with local PD's meeting covered and several local residents identified.

In view of the above, a new anti-racketeering case has been opened by the New Haven Office and further developments concerning captioned organization will be followed by New Haven.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-6210)

SUBJECT: ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE
(IACRL)
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RENYTEL CALL INSTANT DATE, NYTEL CAPTIONED "JOSEPH ANTHONY COLOMBO", ONE NINETEEN LAST.

APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN AM, INSTANT DATE, CONTACT OF NYO AT ASSOCIATED PRESS (AP) ADVISED PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE (IACRL) CONTACTED AP ADVISING IACRL REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE HOLDING PRESS CONFERENCE AT NYO ELEVEN THIRTY AM AND WOULD SEEK MEETING WITH ADIC MALONE.

APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN THIRTY AM, INSTANT DATE, TWELVE DASH FIFTEEN INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING IACRL APPEARED AT NYO LED BY NATALE MARCONE, PRESIDENT IACRL, CAESAR VITALE, JOSEPH DE CICCO, AND ANTHONY COLOMBO, SON OF LCN BOSS JOSEPH COLOMBO. REPRESENTATIVES OF NEWS MEDIA ALSO PRESENT.

MARCONE REQUESTED MEETING WITH ADIC, NYO. MARCONE ADVISED ADIC ~~NOT AVAILABLE~~ OUT OF OFFICE AND INQUIRY MADE AS TO WHETHER MARCONE WISHED TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVE OF ADIC. MARCONE STATED HE WISHED TO MEET ONLY WITH ADIC.

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FEB 5 '71
FBI—NEW YORK

Approved: _____ Special Agent in Charge

Sent 520 P M Per _____

MARCONE ADVISED IACRL HAD BECOME EXTREMELY UPSET BY ARTICLE APPEARING STATEN ISLAND, NY, "ADVANCE" (DAILY NEWSPAPER), TWO THREE LAST, AND FOR THIS REASON HE WAS DESIROUS OF MEETING WITH ADIC TO MAKE COMPLAINT. ARTICLE REPORTED BEGINNING OF FGJ EDNY, PROBE, TWO THREE LAST, INTO FINANCIAL INTERESTS OF JOSEPH COLOMBO IN IACRL. ARTICLE RESTATED MUCH INFORMATION APPEARING PREVIOUS ARTICLES RE SEIZURE BY FBI OF COLOMBO'S RECORDS OF IACRL INCIDENTAL TO ARREST OF COLOMBO CAPO ROCCO MIRAGLIA TWELVE SEVENTEEN LAST.

MARCONE ADVISED IF SATISFACTION COULD NOT BE OBTAINED PICKETING OF NYO BY IACRL WOULD MOST PROBABLY RESUME.

MARCONE DEPARTED ADVISING HE WOULD CONTACT ADIC TO ARRANGE MEETING. UPON DEPARTURE, IT WAS NOTED NEWS MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WERE INTERVIEWING NUMEROUS MEMBERS OF IACRL CONTINGENT INCLUDING ANTHONY COLOMBO. TENOR OF STATEMENTS BY IACRL MEMBERS WAS FBI ALLEGEDLY HARASSING THEIR ORGANIZATION.

IF REPRESENTATIVES OF IACRL CONTACT NYO FOR MEETING, APPOINTMENT WILL BE MADE AT MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TIME.

BU TO BE KEPT ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS.

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December 18, 1970

The Italian-American Civil Rights League
17th Avenue and 85th Street
Brooklyn, New York 11214

Dear Sir:

I notice from the newspapers today that agents of the F.B.I. illegally seized an attache case from Mr. Joseph Colombo and that the agents have informed the newspapers that they have copied lists of members of the Italian-American Civil Rights League and of the contributors thereto which were contained in the attache case. The implication, of course, is the same implication that was prevalent during the days of Senator Joseph McCarthy, namely that guilt is proven by association.

I am enclosing herewith my personal check for $10.00 as a contribution to the Civil Rights League and I am sending a copy of this letter to the F.B.I. just in case my name is not already on the list. I am also sending a copy to the Civil Rights Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York requesting that they take appropriate action in this flagrant case.

Very truly yours,

[redacted] b7C

AJP/ad

cc: Federal Bureau of Investigation
201 East 69th Street
New York, New York

The Association of the Bar of the City of New York
Civil Rights Committee
42 West 44th Street
New York, New York

Mrs. Mary Sansone
Congress of Italian-American Organizations
1451 59th Street
Brooklyn, New York 11219

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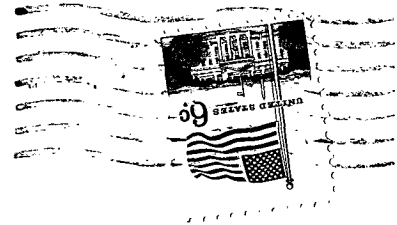

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201 East 69th Street
New York, New York

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Subject: Joseph Colorado

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THE FIRST STEPS WERE TAKEN HERE

The mortar that holds together the great cities of this nation has been moistened by the sweat of the Italian immigrant. Many of our laws, which assure us our freedom, trace their ancestry to the Romans. Our culture has been enriched by the contributions of the Italo-Americans. And every battlefield in every corner of this planet has been stained by the blood of the Italian-Americans, who fought and died to keep our cities standing, and to preserve our laws of freedom, and to perpetuate our culture. The Italian-Americans are as vital a part of our democracy as any other ethnic group.

And yet . . .

On an unseasonable cold April night, a small group of Italian-Americans, parents and relatives of a wrongly accused young man, in desperation, began the fight to have their Civil Rights restored.

That small group, on that cold night, gathered at 69th Street and 3rd Avenue, the New York Headquarters of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to protest.

They protested against the FBI's inhuman harassment of Italian-Americans. They protested against the FBI's threats of arrest on framed charges, and they protested in the name of human decency, and the next night the small group grew larger.

Word of the struggle, being waged by the courageous few, spread, and others who had been harassed and defamed joined the march. Soon the small group grew to thousands, and each nite, tired after a hard days work, they came and took their place on the picket line.

Some of the demonstrators asked why Italian Organizations formed to fight discrimination had done nothing. The answer was simple, they didn't protest, they merely suggested we turn the other cheek. But this was the time for the Italian-American to stand up and fight, we had run out of cheeks to turn.

And fight we did . . .

For two months the protest continued. The people came and gave their time and the people came and gave their money. And there, on the streets of New York was born the Italian-American Civil Rights League. And on these same streets, The Italian-American Civil Rights League sired Italian Unity Day.

AND WHAT A DAY IT WAS . . .

June 29, 1970, dawned brightly and Columbus Circle came alive with Red, White and Green bunting swaying in the gentle breeze. The statue of Cristoforo Colombo, the great discoverer, held the place of honor in the center of the circle, and the sun, God's contribution to Italian Unity Day, was the giant brilliant spotlight.

The people started arriving hours before the appointed time. They came by train, and by car, and they came by bus and those that lived close, walked to Columbus Circle. The day was festive, and those present heard speakers of all nationalities and all walks of life, extol the virtues of the Italian-Americans. And 30,000,000 Italian-Americans throughout the country heard the echo of the 250,000 at Columbus Circle shouting, Uno, Uno, Uno and they knew that no Italian-American need ever stand alone again.

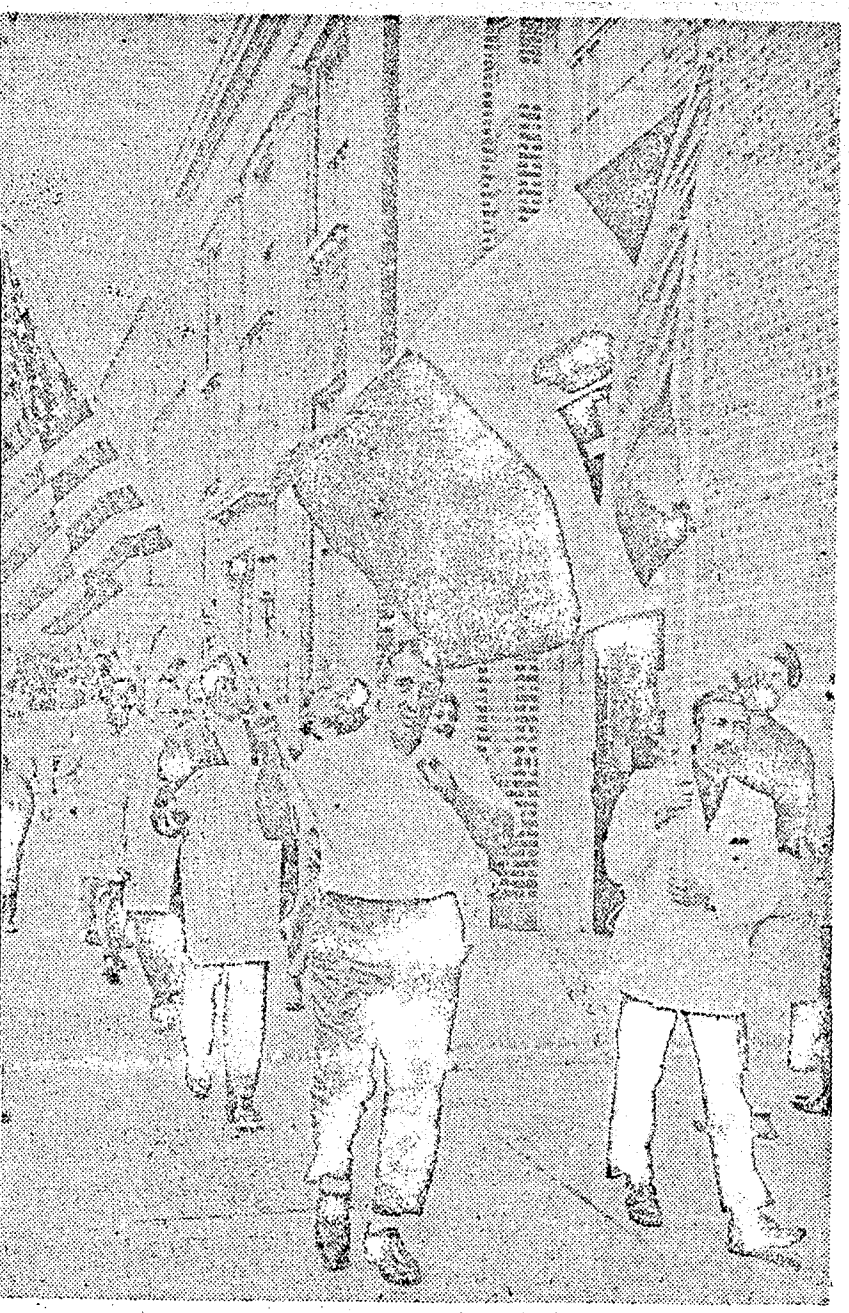
The future plans of the Italian-American Civil Rights League are ambitious, ambitious but vitally necessary.

An Italian Hospital will soon be a reality. A narcotics program is being formulated. A Youth Center will be erected as well as a home for the aged. Athletic programs are presently being sponsored and others are planned. Twenty-four hour legal service for those who have sufered discrimination has been available since the Leagues inception. Committees to assist and advise have been formed and are functioning. The Italian-American Civil Rights League has many goals, and each will be attained.

To you here tonight, the Italian American Civil Rights League says "Thanks". Your participation insures the success of all the League Aims.

And to the performers . . .

The undying gratitude of 30,000,000 Italian-Americans is yours forever.



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Italian-Americans on the march Thursday.

Italians Picket FBI

By GARY J. McTROTTES
Journal-Courier Staff Reporter

Charging harassment by the Federal Bureau of Investigation members of New Haven's Italian-American community began picketing the local FBI office on Elm Street Thursday night.

The FBI, according to a spokesman who refused to identify himself, is maligning the Italian-Americans by relating them to infamous criminal organizations of Italy.

Approximately 25 to 30 pickets carrying American and Italian flags, began marching around the New Haven headquarters shortly after 8.

The picketing reportedly is part of a national effort of Italian Americans to draw public attention to the harassment by the FBI.

"When the FBI speaks about such organizations as the Cosa-Nostra, Mafia, and Italian criminal syndicate, he is speaking about organizations that do not exist," the spokesman said.

The FBI according to the spokesman, infiltrates other criminal organizations, but has been unable to infiltrate these organizations if they exist.

The spokesman for the marchers stressed these points: the picketing will be "non-violent," is strickly patriotic, is not political in any way, and should it become political, it will be disbanded.

"We are proud to be Americans, we are also proud of our native land and we feel the FBI is hurting the minds of our children by publicizing Italians in a bad light," the spokesman said.

If the FBI is certain these organizations exist, why are the members of the organizations not exposed and arrested, the spokesman noted.

Reportedly vehicles with sound equipment have been cruising through Italian sections of the city in an effort to get more people to join the demonstration.

According to the spokesman, the picketing will resume this evening, and continue through to next Friday. Picketing will be done in the early evening hours because most of the pickets are "hard working people", who cannot afford to loose a day's pay.

The spokesman said anyone of any nationality is welcomed to join the picketing, if they support the Italian-American civil rights cause.

If 10 per cent of Italian-Americans are allegedly involved in these mythical organizations, why should the other 90 per cent of Italian descent be made guilty by association, the spokesman charged.

Demonstrations against the FBI began approximately three weeks ago in New York City and have, to date, spread to Boston and now New Haven, according to the spokesman.

FBI officials refused to comment on the charges and the picketing and also refused to make any statement about the national movement.

By 9:30 Thursday night, the pickets had broken up and began returning home, but will return today shortly after 7 p.m.

THE ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS

I The Beginning of the League

Q Why was the Italian American Civil Rights League formed?

A To insure and guarantee the civil rights and constitutional liberties of all Italian Americans.

Q When was the Italian American Civil Rights League formed?

A In the latter part of May 1970.

Q How was the Italian American Civil Rights League formed?

A When a small but courageous group of Italian Americans picketed the FBI and demanded that the FBI and the mass news media end the harassment and discrimination against the Italian Americans.

Q Was the Italian American Civil Rights League necessary to carry on this fight against discrimination and defamation?

A Yes! Because of the ineffectiveness of other Italian American organizations with regard to the safeguarding of an individual's constitutional rights.

Q Is the Italian American Civil Rights League an outgrowth of A.I.D. (Americans of Italian Decent)?

A No! The League is an outgrowth of a grass roots populas, who were denied help from other Italian American organizations designed to combat defamation and discrimination.

Q What is the Italian American Civil Rights League's association with A.I.D. (Americans of Italian Decent)?

A The League is completely separate and totally independent from, and in no way associated with, A.I.D.

II Unity Day - June 29th, 1970

Q What was Unity Day?

A Unity Day was a day in which approximately 250,000 Italian Americans united at Columbus Circle to demonstrate a new awareness and pride in their Italian heritage.

Q What accounts for the massive turnout of approximately 250,000 people on Unity Day?

A Unity Day clearly justified the claims of the small, courageous group of protesters, that Italian Americans had indeed been the objects of defamation and discrimination; and that they would no longer passively tolerate such action in the future.

Q Who sponsored and organized Unity Day, June 29th, 1970?

A The Italian American Civil Rights League.

Q What are some direct results of Unity Day?

A a. It helped foster a growing pride in being an Italian-American.

b. It helped to unite Italian-Americans in the on going struggle to obtain first class citizenship, and to gain true representation in all facets of life in the United States.

c. This show of unity was instrumental in bringing about federal and state directives prohibiting the uses of the terms "Mafia" and "Cosa Nostra" which for a generation have defamed, labeled and stigmatized millions of Italian Americans.

III The League: Officers, Programs and Goals

Q Who are the executive officers of the Italian American Civil Rights League?

A President - Nat Marcone; Vice President - Anthony Colombo; Secretary, Treasurer - Caesar Vitale; Organizer - Joseph DeCic

Q Does the Italian American Civil Rights League only help Italia

A No! We have given and will continue to lend support and help to any organization or individual's fight to promote just and humanitarian causes.

Q Is the membership to the Italian American Civil Rights League limited only to Italian Americans?

A No! Our membership, although primarily Italian Americans, consists of members from all racial, ethnic, and religious groups.

Q What programs has the Italian American Civil Rights League planned to help better the community?

A The following is an outline of our program and goals and

A 1. The purchase of a 10½ acre parcel of choice land which will house the following:

a. Non-sectarian, non-profit hospital.

b. A Narcotics Center and program of narcotics prevention.

c. A Youth Center and the development of a full recreational and sports program.

d. A home for the aged and administration building.

Q Does the League support or endorse political candidates or parties?

A No!

THE LEAGUE'S BASIC FUNCTION IS TO COMBAT, WITH ALL OF ITS RESOURCES, DEFAMATION, DISCRIMINATION OR HARASSMENT OF ANY ITALIAN AMERICAN, WHEREVER OR WHENEVER IT MAY OCCUR.

IV <u>National and Local Headquarters</u>

Q Where is the National Headquarters of the Italian American Civil Rights League located?

A The address is: 635 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022

Q Where is the New Haven chapter located?

A The address is: 127 Middletown Ave., North Haven, Ct. 06473

Q What are the business hours?

A Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. In cases of any emergency the officers of the League are available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. The Leagues number is 239-5628.

Q Does the League have other neighborhood Chapters?

A Yes, there are at the present time 30 neighborhood Chapters.

Q How many states does the League cover at the present time?

A At the present time we have League Captains organizing Chapters and memberships in 19 states.

Q What is a League Captain?

A The League Captains, both men and women and in cases of junior Captains (children), are the backbone of the Italian American Civil Rights League.

Q How many active Captains are in the League?

A There are approximately 1,400 hard working Captains who enthusiastically volunteer their time and services to help and to better their fellow Italian Americans and fellow Americans.

For any further information please call 239-5628

or

239-5629

HISTORY

The Italian-American Civil Rights League, which was founded in 1970, began with a group of Italian-Americans who were tired of the constant harrassment and defamation of Italian-Americans on the part of some newspapers and law enforcement agencies.

For too long Italian-Americans have endured the pain of discrimination and ethnic slurs - because of this we have never been truly unified.

But on June 29th, 1970 - 250,000 Italian-Americans and friends gathered at Columbus Circle in New York City.

This mass gathering culminated a three month demonstration of F.B.I. Headquarters in New York City and New Haven, Conn.

The results of these demonstrations were astonishing . . .

> President Nixon ordered Attorney General Mitchell to eliminate the words "Mafia" and "Cosa Nostra" from all government releases and publications.

But more than that, it was a beginning - a beginning of a unified effort by decent hard-working Italian-Americans who for too long remained quiet about the many injustices they were subjected to.

"Unity Day", as it was aptly named, will continue as long as there are people to return to Columbus Circle to uphold its principles.

PURPOSE

The New Haven Chapter of the Italian-American Civil Rights League is part of a national organization which, since its inception in New York City by a group of Italian-Americans on June 29th, has worked toward the following goals:

1. Unity
2. Hospitals
3. Drug Addiction Centers
4. Homes for the Aged
5. Youth Centers
6. Summer Camp Programs
7. Administration Buildings

Any American, whether of Italian descent or not, that is interested in helping us attain our goals, is eligible for membership.

Italian American Group To Open Office

NORTH HAVEN — The New Haven Chapter of the Italian American Civil Rights League is opening its area headquarters here.

Frank B. Velardi, president of the local league, said the headquarters will be at 127 Middletown Ave.

"It'll be business offices right now," he said, explaining that later it may be used to house league programs.

Velardi said the league picked the site because the property was suitable, being zoned commercial which would allow for a variety of uses.

An 18-month lease for the building, which is a former one-family residence, was filed in town hall this week. It was obtained from Lawrence N. Brockway of Wallingford, owner of the property, and includes an option to purchase.

The league is an affiliate of a nationwide federation organized earlier this year at the time Italian-Americans picketed and demonstrated against the Federal Bureau of Investigation for alleged slurs on their ethnic group and loose use of the terms of Mafia and Cosa Nostra.

There were allegations that the demostrations were encouraged by underworld figures and in some cities, such as New York, gang members were identified among the participants.

But the demonstrations gained a far larger following among members of the Italian-American community, and the pressure brought about an FBI decision to be more cautious in its use of the words Mafia and Cosa Nostra.

There were similar demonstrations in New Haven this past spring, with pickets in front of the FBI office there.

Recently the League has been involved in controversy in New Haven over a drug program it is operating in the east shore area. Its use of vigilante patrols to crackdown on drug pushers brought sharp criticism from New Haven Police Chief James Ahern, and his department hasn't sanctioned the program.

That row is continuing. The League doesn't plan to change its tactics, and Velardi countered the criticism, saying the program is "working out very well.

"We've got lots of calls, lots of volunteers coming to our support," he said.

The League president indicated he didn't want the hassle to continue. "We've got more important things to do," he said. "We want to work along with the community."

Besides the drug program, Velardi said the League would sponsor a Christmas social for the benefit of the New Haven Rehabilitation Center in December, at the Park Plaza Hotel.

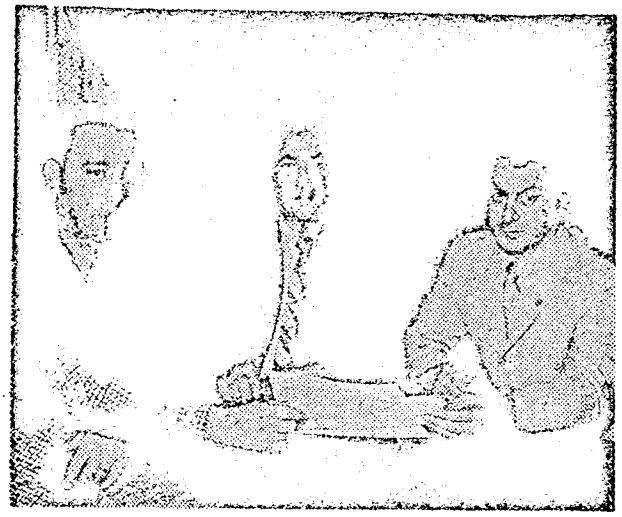
There were no special reasons for the League's locating its headquarters in North Haven, other than the suitability of the property, said Velardi.

The League president lives in Hamden at 151 Goebel Road.

Italian League Opens Area Headquarters

The New Haven Chapter, Italian American Civil Rights League, has opened headquarters at 127 Middletown Ave., North Haven. Its goals are: to fight defamation and discrimination, unity, hospitals, drug addiction centers and anti-drug programs, homes for the aged, youth centers, summer camp programs and administration buildings. The Chapter has established a working relationship with the New Haven Regional Center for retarded children and adults.

All interested in joining the Italian-American Civil Rights League should call 239-5628 or 239-5629. 12/11/70



Nat Marconi, center, president of the National Italian-American Civil Rights League, meets with local chapter president Frank Velardi, right, to discuss the local league's new anti-drug program. At left is committeeman Albert L. Moschette.

Italian-Americans Launching Anti-Drugs Campaign In City

The New Haven Chapter of the Italian-American Civil Rights League will institute "operation Morris Cove," an anti-drugs campaign, it was announced Saturday.

The announcement was made by Frank B. Velardi, persident of the local chapter of the IACRL.

Velardi said the campaign will be kicked off with a meeting of parents in the Morris Cove area Oct. 26 at the San Remo Restaurant. He also said the campaign was part of a nationwide program by the Italian-American Civil Rights League to "stamp out the use of drugs by our young people.

"Our purpose is to let the young men and women and their parents know that we, the committee, are interested in their welfare and our objective to to "locate and destroy the pusher who makes these drugs available to our young people."

According to Velardi, the New Haven chapter will set up a special telephone number that will be manned 24 hours a day to help combat drug addiction in the Morris Cove area. The committee will also patrol the area seven rights a week in cars designated "Italian-American Civil Rights League Anti-Drug Committee." The special phone number will be 562-3388.

New Haven will serve as a "pilot" program for the national Italian-American Civil Rights League. Similar drug programs are already being planned in Providence, Los Angeles, Chicago, Boston and Detroit.

The Oct. 26 meeting will be attended by Nat Marconi, president of the national organization. Marconi has appeared on several nationwide and regional television progrms concerning the league's anti-drug program.

Velardi said the local meeting will also be attended by drug experts and medical men to explain the effects of drugs on children.

The local committe is comprised of Frank DiLeito, William Iovanne, Mrs. Eleanor Carbone, Albert Moschette and Velardi.

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We, the Italian-American Civil Rights League caused controversy on the problem of drug abuse. We got results. Certain people called us Vigilantes. Many people are talking about this subject. The League created this to bring this problem of drug abuse out into the open. The issue was dying. Politicians feast on this subject because the elections are here. Other people use it to read their names in big print, but we the Italian-American Civil Rights League sincerely want to help and will help the Morris Cove area with their problem. We will coordinate our efforts with the Nathan Hale Neighborhood cooperation. They called for help from officials and other groups but to no avail. They tried and are still trying 100%. They are the ones to be congratulated, they and no one else. We will coordinate our programs with them as one. We, the league will supply their wants and needs. We will help get this organization a building in which to congregate and also, to have hand crafts to construct finer things. We, the league will sponsor athletic teams for them, so they can have a fair shake in life, they deserve it, for they are all beautiful. Is this being a Vigilante?

Let the police handle the police work and catch and prosecute the pusher. The league will destroy the pusher by curing, educating, and loving the one that takes drugs. Yes, we will patrol the Morris Cove area with members of our Anti-Drug Committee and willing parents, in order to inform the ones we love of our intentions to help them and that drug abuse must cease in this fine Morris Cove area.

CALL OUR SPECIAL TELEPHONE NUMBER

562-3388

THE ITALIAN-AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE

ANTI-DRUG COMMITTEE

Reprinted from the New Haven Register, November 2nd, 1970.

Due to alleged discrimination in one of New Haven's high schools, the Italian-American Civil Rights League worked with League Captain Achilles Generoso in helping to organize a boycott of classes by all concerned students.

Achilles Generoso met with students, administrators, the Board of Education, community leaders, newsmen and held press conferences until he made his point clear.

Victory finally came after picket lines were set up at the school and City Hall. The victory came when the City added a non-uniformed security guard and an additional Outreach worker to the school.

Following are some of the newspaper articles dealing with the incident.

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ORGE E. O' BRIEN
Courier Staff Reporter

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Barnaby said the boycotters would try to avoid picketing and other disruptive actions, but would send representatives to a meeting today with city education officials. He said the meeting had already been arranged.

The boycott was called, Barnaby said, after a Tuesday afternoon meeting with Lee Principal Robert Schreck and Secondary School Director William Iovanna produced no resolution of the white parents' and students' complaints. Barnaby said Supt. of Schools Gerald E. Barbaresi and Board of Education President Lawrence Garfinkel had not come to the meeting, although they had been asked.

Barbaresi was unavailable to the press Tuesday night, but Garfinkel said, "No one contacted me in relation to a meeting with a parents' group from Lee. I have every confidence in the ability of the Lee High School administrative team to handle any situations that develop at Lee," Garfinkel added.

The board president asserted charges made by the parents group that Schreck and other Lee High administrators urge students who are physically assaulted at the school not to press charges against their attackers are "absolutely not true. Bob Schreck to my knowledge has always taken action," he said.

Barnaby claimed his group had received "a runaround from Schreck right down the line" during its meetings with the Lee principal. Barnaby said he speaks for parents from Morris Cove, the Annex, the Wooster Square area and the Hill, and for a variety of organizations, including the Italian-American Civil Rights League.

The proposals developed by Lee parents and students (the student spokesman is Achilles Generoso) concern equalizing application of disciplinary procedures at Lee and tightening the school's security. Generoso said, "We feel the black people at Lee are dealt with differently from the whites."

Demands of the group included "definite change" and "a firm hand" in methods of discipline by faculty members. "The teachers are not standing up to the black students because they are afraid of retaliation," Generoso said. "We feel that when people do things wrong both black and white should be treated the same way."

One group called also for tightening of security procedures in the Lee halls, including an end to "passes being given out foolishly by teachers" allowing "both black and white to walk the halls and cause trouble." More hall supervision "to keep out visitors who come in and cause trouble" was also proposed.

The group urged women teachers be relieved of hall supervision duties "because they can't do anything when trouble starts" and that "men should be out there to cope with the situation when there is trouble."

At this time, Generoso said, "There is a definite need for supervision by outside police to keep visitors out of the school and keep peace." He called for the organization of "an in-school police force . . . which wouldn't have to carry badges and guns" to make reliance on city police unnecessary in the school.

Another proposal of the group was the addition of at least four outreached workers to the Lee staff to work outside the school "relating to the people in different sections of the city." Now, Generoso said, "The white kids have only one person that we can talk to": Ralph DePonte, a Lee outreach worker.

The group proposed the Lee High administration assume responsibility for seeing that all "acts of physical violence" be dealth with by law enforcement agencies. "A lot of attacks have been made, but kids are afraid to press charges. Its up to the school, but the administrators encourage people not to press charges," Generoso said.

Additionally, the group wants all Lee students to be issued identification cards to aid security measures at the school.

"We are not blaming the black community for this situation," Generoso said. "We are blaming the administration for permissiveness and for backing off. Whenever people back off sooner or later there will have to be a confrontation.

"This has been going on for four years and a few days ago it finally exploded," he added.

Barnaby said two students and two parents would meet today with Schreck, Barbaresi and Garfinkel and would report on the session's outcome tonight at 8 o'clock at Nathan Hale School. Barnaby, besides being Hale PTA president, is a member of the Citizens Committee to Develop Quality Education and the city PTA Council's

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White Student Boycott Hits Lee High School

12/9/70

By RUSSELL STONE
Register Staff Reporter

A boycott through non-attendance by white students has hit Lee High School following a series of events which started earlier this fall.

According to Principal Robert Schreck, 592 of the 1,652 student enrollment missed classes Tuesday and he expected that figure to rise today after parental endorsement of charges made by several secondary students.

The situation came to light Tuesday when Robert Barnabei, president of the Nathan Hale Parent-Teacher Association, visited Schreck and attempted to iron out problems which have been mounting at the city's newest high school.

The students and parents, who listed a number of demands to be implemented at the school, met Tuesday evening to discuss the situation and plan another such session at Nathan Hale School's auditorium tonight at 8.

According to the group, administrators have failed to act justly in dealing with disciplinary action, particularly with black students. Barnabei said, "The students asked for the boycott and got their parents' permission."

Since Tuesday's meeting proved fruitless, Barnabei was scheduled to meet Supt. of Schools Gerald E. Barbaresi and Schreck today at 3 p.m. to further discuss the potentially volatile situation.

The principal lauded Barnabei's efforts to solve problems through discussion when he said, "Mr. Barnabei is acting very responsibly, even though the actions of a few students were irresponsible."

The PTA president, who is acting as the boycotting group's leader, stressed that "race isn't any matter in this situation." He did say, however, that the administration has mishandled several cases.

Proposals developed by the students and parents demand an equalizing of disciplinary procedures and a stiffening of school security. A student spokesman, Achilles Generoso, said, "We feel the black people at Lee are dealt with differently from the whites. The teachers are not standing up to the black students because they are afraid of retaliation. We feel that when people do things wrong, both black and white should be treated the same way."

The group also claimed the issuing of passes was done foolishly by teachers, "allowing both blacks and whites to walk the halls and cause trouble." Boycotters demand more hall supervision to "keep out visitors who come in and cause trouble."

Additionally, the group has asked that women teachers be relieved of hall supervision duties "because they can't do anything when trouble starts. Men should be out there to cope with the situation when there is trouble."

Generoso added. "There is a definite need for supervision by outside police to keep visitors out of the school and keep peace." He asked for "an in-school police force . . . which wouldn't carry badges and guns."

The group also demanded the addition of four "outreach workers" to the staff to deal with community problems and interrelationships. Identification cards for all students was an-

The students and parents want the administration to assume the responsibility for seeing that all "acts of violence" be dealt with by law enforcement agencies. "A lot of attacks have been made, but kids are afraid to press charges. It's up to he school, but the administrators encourage people not to press charges."

Board of Education President Lawrence Garfinkel, who was in Washington today on business, said, "I want to make it perfectly clear that Bob Schreck and his staff have my complete confidence. He has proven over the last year and a half that he's a fair and competent administrator. He's established a great rapport with the students and teachers. This fact was established by the New England evaluation last year. They said the children had a great ability to live together."

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Lee Boycott To Continue; School Open For Classes

12/10/70

By GEORGE E. O'BRIEN
Journal-Courier Staff Reporter

About 350 persons Wednesday night voted unanimously to continue the white students' boycott of Lee High School, despite the plea by a school board member that the students return to school today.

Leaders of the boycott said they would arrange a meeting today with school officials in an attempt to bring about implementation of proposals dealing principally with discipline at Lee. A similar meeting Wednesday afternoon made little progress.

"We're going to stay out of school for the rest of the year if necessary, if they don't answer our proposals," Lee senior Achilles Generoso told an audience of parents and students at Nathan Hale School. His statement brought loud applause.

Board member Stephen Papa asked the group to send the students back to school. He promised he and board member Andrew Nastri, who was also present at the meeting, "will be on this situation tomorrow and we will stay on it until the whole situation is clarified."

Papa said he would call together as many board members as possible today for an "emergency meeting. We will work on it 24 hours a day," he said. He asked students to return to school for a week and "let us see what we can do about it." Papa's statement brought boos and a shout of, "What if somebody gets killed?"

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Supt. of Schools Gerald E. Barbaresi said Wednesday Lee would be open today regardless of the boycott. "I sincerely hope the youngsters return to school and help to resolve the problems in a sound, rational way," he said.

Of the Wednesday afternoon meeting with boycott leaders, Barbaresi said, "I'm sorry that the meeting was not as productive as it could have been."

He added he would await a call from Ronald Barnabei, Nathan Hale PTA president and a boycott leader, concerning today's proposed followup meeting.

Barbaresi said he would "discuss the group's six requests with the Board of Education on Monday night. We will respond when we have an answer."

The boycott leaders said in a statement Wednesday, "For four years white students in Lee High School have been intimidated, threatened and beaten. The administration of the high school has been unable to cope with these types of problems. White students totally frustrated with the administration's posture erupted Monday afternoon, smashed windows and left the school."

The group presented six proposed changes to school officials, including the organization of a "non-uniformed school police force to contain student problems and disorders in the school" and hiring of more neighborhood "outreach workers" for the school.

Generoso told the Wednesday night meeting these two were the most important requests, and that the boycott should not be ended until they were met. Of Papa's assertion that matters such as these, involving financial expenditures, would prove difficult to implement, Generoso told the audience, "They've got the money some place and they've got to dig it up. If they want it they can get a hold of it."

Numerous speakers at the meeting asserted that the conflict at Lee was definitely a racial issue, and that they wanted that point made clear.

One man said, "Race is very much the issue here. Very definitely it's black against white. Let's not hide this. If the people realize we have a race issue, then maybe we can solve it."

Generoso responded that the matter in his opinion was a racial issue, but that the group's argument should not be with "the black community." He said, "The administration would have taken steps to prevent these incidents."

Generoso said the list of demands, however, was not directed racially, but rather was intended to allow races to avoid conflict in the high school.

Another student said, "Race shouldn't be brought into this. Our demands and our proposals don't have anything to do with race. We should fight for our proposals and leave the race out of it." His speech was greeted with loud applause.

Even louder applause, however, went to another student when he described his use of a racial epithet during a confrontation with two blacks.

Al Moscette, a representative of the Italian-American Civil Rights League, addressed the group and said the league would provide legal counsel free of charge for six white students who were arrested following the incidents at Lee Monday.

Moscette singled out Papa and Nastri in the audience and said, "Let me tell you two gentlemen on the board that you had better be counted. We want you to be there for us. What I saw and what I heard and what I have on tapes would make your stomachs sick."

Moscette added, "God bless these kids because they were the ones who stood up, and they fought. They fought for rights. They did what we might consider wrong when they broke windows. but when guns and knives are flashed at them in the school, what are they supposed to do?

"If nothing is done now, then somebody's going to die there," Moscette said. He added that the league is "not standing up for only the whites. We will stand up for the blacks and the Puerto Ricans too. If there is an injustice against them, we will fight for them also," he said.

Barbaresi Wednesday, asked if he considered the complaints of the boycotters valid, replied, "I can't judge at this point how valid the complaints are. I have the greatest deal of confidence in (Lee Principal) Bob Schreck and the rest of the Lee staff that they can resolve the problems at Lee if allowed to in a sound and rational manner."

Regarding the request for a school "police force," the superintendent said, "I frankly think it's most undesirable, and I think the board would agree. If the issue is one of safety, then I think there are other ways we can resolve the problem," he said.

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SAA Backs Schreck

Lee Boycotters Set To Picket

By GEORGE O'BRIEN
Journal-Courier Staff Reporter

Picketing of Lee High School by white students and parents who are boycotting the school is scheduled to begin at 8:30 this morning, boycott leaders announced Tuesday night.

A sound truck cruised the Wooster Square, Annex and Morris Cove sections of the city throughout the evening urging parents to appear on the picket line with their children this morning.

At Nathan Hale School Tuesday night, Dominic Ciociola of the Italian-American Civil Rights League told an audience of Lee parents and students that "picketing is a last resort" for the boycotters in their effort to win concession to a number of proposals by the school board and city administrators.

Ciociola said picketing would begin after the start of classes and end before school dismissal "so there won't be any confrontation between us and the students who are going into the the school."

Wooster Square Neighborhood Corporation President Joseph Alfano told students not to "go down there figuring you're going to fight. If that's your attitude, stay home," he said.

Meanwhile, Tuesday, School Administrators Association (SAA) President Frank Altieri issued a statement of support for Lee Principal Robert Schreck and his fellow administrators at the school.

"The SAA believes the real issue is not the lack of administrative response to students, but the lack of understanding on the part of some parents and students of the complex operations of an urban high school," Altieri said.

"The past experiences of Bob Schreck, the administrators and the teaching staff (at Lee) have demonstrated clearly that they are capable and willing to work with all groups. We have every confidence that the Lee staff, with the cooperation of parents, can resolve this problem.

"We urge the parents of boycotting students to send their children to school," Altieri added.

The boycott leaders have presented to the school board proposals dealing principally with discipline practices at Lee. They

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have charged that Lee administrators discriminate against white students in these matters.

Two requests rejected by the board in a closed session last week were the organization of an unarmed, non-uniformed security force at Lee and the issuance of photograph-bearing identification cards to all Lee students. The board agreed to investigate the possibility of funding one additional outreach worker position at Lee.

At the board's public meeting Monday night, Robert Barnabei, a boycott organizer, blamed discontinuance this year of the Sherman Avenue Guidance Center program for the problems at Lee.

He asked for restoration of the facility to contain the "hard-core trouble-making element" of the city's high schools. In apparent reversal of the boycotters' request for the security force, Barnabei said re-opening the center could be coupled with keeping supervisory personnel at the high school to a minimum.

Speakers at the Nathan Hale meeting Tuesday night said picketing was necessary to dramatize the boycotters' complaints and to counteract statements made by Lee administrators.

Schreck Monday released a letter being sent to all school parents giving "the position of the administrative staff" and urging parents to send their children to school.

"They sent out a letter saying everything's fine when actually it's not," Ciociola said, adding, "There's trouble in the school."

Aliano and others criticized a news report's implication, in his words, that "Italian-Americans are so used to being treated specially that they can't stand being treated equally." He also questioned the veracity of a description of the school which said effects of the boycott were difficult to discern.

"That's supposed to mean it's hard to tell there's a boycott when 700 kids are out?" a woman commented on the passage in question.

One man, who received considerable applause for his statements, questioned the effectiveness of picketing the high school. "Why don't you go to City Hall where the mayor is? He hasn't said a thing on this yet. He's the one that's letting these jokers get away with this thing. Go after him," the man said.

Ciociola defended the school picket. "Maybe the mayor's not aware yet," he said. "If we picket in front of the school it will draw attention to the school. If the mayor isn't informed you can't expect him to act."

The man appeared unconvinced. "He can't read the papers?" he said of Mayor Bartholomew F. Guida, adding, "why isn't he out here checking to see what's going on?"

Alfano said of the suggestion Guida be approached, "If you scare him, he closes the doors and hides out. He won't talk to you. I think you have to scare the secondary people, who'll report to him."

The man countered, however, "If he gets scared when you talk to him, it's time that when the election comes around you get rid of him, and get some one in there who will talk to you."

Ciociola said the picketing would "begin at Lee High

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Boycotters Picket At Lee School

By RUSSELL STONE
Register Staff Reporter

Approximately 65 picketers — ostly students — assembled utside Lee High School today demonstrate their continued ssatisfaction with the school dministration and its policies.

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It marks the first overt dis ay by boycotters near school ounds since the boycott of asses began last Wednesday. e white youths claim the dministration discriminates ainst them by favoring blacks hen disciplinary actions are eted out.

The strikers carried placards ring their vigil which began approximately 8:45 a.m.

The boycotters decided upon e action Tuesday night as a

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"last resort" in gaining demands submitted to the Board of Education last week. Parents and students decided to pace the chilly sidewalks surrounding the city's newest high school after classes had begun and were scheduled to leave prior to the day's dismissal. This tact was taken to avoid confrontations with other students.

Apparently about 250 students are involved in the boycott, judging by normal absenteeism compared to figures early this week. On Tuesday, 556 students were absent. Normally, approximately 250 miss school Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week.

In other boycott-related matters, the School Administrators Association; (SAA), headed by Frank Altieri, issued a statement supporting principal Robert Schreck and his staff Tuesday.

"The SAA believes the real issue is not the lack of administrative response to students, but the lack of understanidng on the part of some parents and students of the complex operations of an urban high school," Altieri said.

"The past experiences of Bob Schreck, the administrators and the teaching staff have demonstrated clearly that they are capable and willing to work with all groups. We have every confidence that the Lee staff, within the coopeartion of parent can resolve this problem.

"We urge the parents of boycotting students to send their children to school," the president added.

Dramatize Complaints

Speakers at the meeting Tuesday night in Nathan Hale School said the picketing was necessary to dramatize the students' complaints. Prime demands on the boycotters' list are the implementation of an unarmed, non-uniformed security force and an identification card system. Both proposals were rejected by the board.

The white students' original demands of our adding four outreach workers to the school's staff was refused, but the board promised to investigate the possibility of funding one more such position.

The administration reportedly sent out intermediaries to speak with the eight or nine parents present in the [illegible] 10 a.m. to assume new positions outside City Hall.

No major incidents have occurred at Lee since Dec. 7 when several windows were smashed and six whites arrested when the allegedly assaulted to black students.

Another group voiced its support of Schreck and his staff and called upon parents of boycotters to see the school for themselves and aid administrators personally. Joe Harris, executive director of the Balck Coalition, issued the following statement today:

Black Coalition

"In regards to the Lee High School situation the Balck Coalition feels that discipline does not start in the schools nor can it be solved in the schools. The problems come into the schools in the morning when the students arrive and leave with them in the evening.

"The problem is not a black nor a white one. It is not a half problem with just blacks nor a half problem with just whites. It's a whole problem with both blacks and whites. A few blacks and a few whites placing the blame on one side or the other never really deals with the problem because we never deal with where the problem comes from.

"Instead we deal with where the problem goes and what it compounds and corrupts as it passes. No student or parent is immune to the problem of discipline. One day it may be caused by a black student, the next day by a white student. If the problem is racially mixed the parent reacts to the racial aspect and not the problem. So the problem of discipline is never confronted by the cause of it.

"So the accusing continues and will continue until we close all schools or we face up to what the problems are.

"In the meantime the students' education goes down the drain. The situation at Lee High School can very easily get blown out of proportion by unfounded, irresponsible emotional charges, demands, actions and reactions.

"I hope that we all realize that out of 1,700 students at Lee High School there are a few trouble-makers, black, white and Spanish. But before anyone points a finger parents need to take a trip to places like the Chapel Mall and other places in the city to just observe [illegible]

"If they honestly accept what they see, then black, white and Spanish parents can begin to deal with the real problems in the school.

"There is a whole change o attitude and direction among the teachers and staff at Lee This has been done mainly by a few hard-working teachers and administrators who are working toward a fair and positive goa for the benefit of all students.

"The coalition feels it is tim that parents start working wit principal Robert Schreck an Lubie Harper (community coor dinator) and others to build o the positive gains made at Lee High School over the last two years and stop exploiting the negative aspect of the school's problem."

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LEE HIGH SCHOOL

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talian Group Applauds Lee High Solutions

GEORGE E. O'BRIEN
rnal-Courier Staff Reporter

Italian-American Civil s League Wednesday ap- ed the apparent solution of ms at Lee High School, arned administrators to avoid recurrence of con- t the school.

High was the object of a t by white students until shortly before the holiday recess. The students, who were supported by a number of adults and parents, complained of alleged discrimination against whites in discipline practices.

The league expressed gratification "that the administration of Lee High School recognized the validity of at least two of the proposals that were brought forth by the boycotting students." The boycott was halted after Lee administrators and the school board agreed to add an outreach worker and a "monitorial attendant" to the school staff.

The officials declined, however, to organize a non-uniformed, unarmed security force for the school or issue photograph-bearing identification cards to all students—two other proposals of the boycotters.

The league (which entered "into the conflict . . . to be of assistance to the neighborhood people in any way we could") Wednesday said, "We feel that the solutions reached at Lee High School are only temporary in nature and we believe that if more substantive policies are not instituted the problem that has occurred over the past weeks will undoubtedly occur at some time in the future.

"We charge the administration at Lee High School with the responsibility of initiating policies and approaches which will minimize the recurrence of this type of problem.

"We intend to work closely with members of the community in order that we may be certain that such an effort is made and maintained in the future."

We the leadership of the Italian-American Civil Rights League are gratified that the administration of Lee High School recognized the validity of at least two of the proposals that were brought forth by boycotting students there. The successful implementation of these two proposals will undoubtedly contribute to the process of improving student-administration and student-student relations there.

It would, however, be a great mistake to think that merely by realizing these two proposals that the general tone of the building and the quality of relationships will automatically be improved. The implementation of these two proposals is only a beginning!

During the time of conflict at Lee High School our organization became involved directly through requests made to us by residents of the Morris Cove and Wooster Square neighborhoods.

It should be emphasized at this time that these requests came not only from people of Italian ancestry, but rather did come from people of different ethnic and racial backgrounds which are represented in both the neighborhoods and the school.

The sole purpose of our organization in entering into the conflict which did ensue in the school was to be of assistance to the neighborhood people in whatever way we could. Because our organization is part of the community and because our membership is representative of the community we felt an obligation to the community in discussing this problem with the administration of Lee High School.

We feel gratified that we have been able to be part of the solution that has thus far been implemented and we offer our assistance and the full resources of our organization at any time in the future to any individual or community organization who feel that their problems have been ignored. We feel that the solutions reached at Lee High School are only temporary in nature and believe that if more substantive policies are not institued the problem that has occurred over the past weeks will undoubtedly occur at some time in the future.

We charge the administration at Lee High School with the responsibility of initiating policies and approaches which will minimize the reoccurrence of this type of problem.

We intend to work closely with members of the community in order that we may be certain that such an effort is made and maintained in the future.

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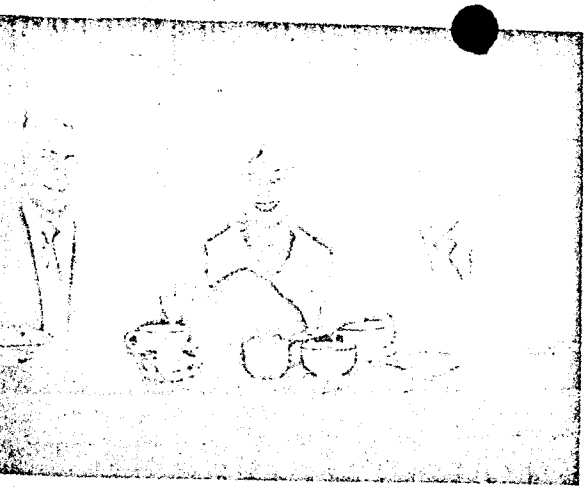
NEWS RELEASE

The Italian-American Civil Rights League, in its continuing effort to foster better community relations, held its first annual Christmas social for the residents and staff of the New Haven Regional Center. It was held on December 16th, 1970 in the main Ballroom of the Park Plaza Hotel. Continuous musical entertainment was provided throughout the night.



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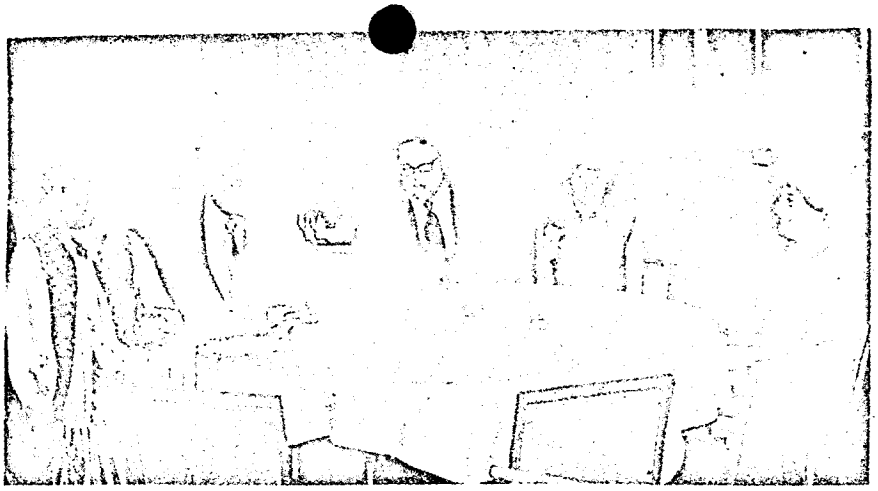

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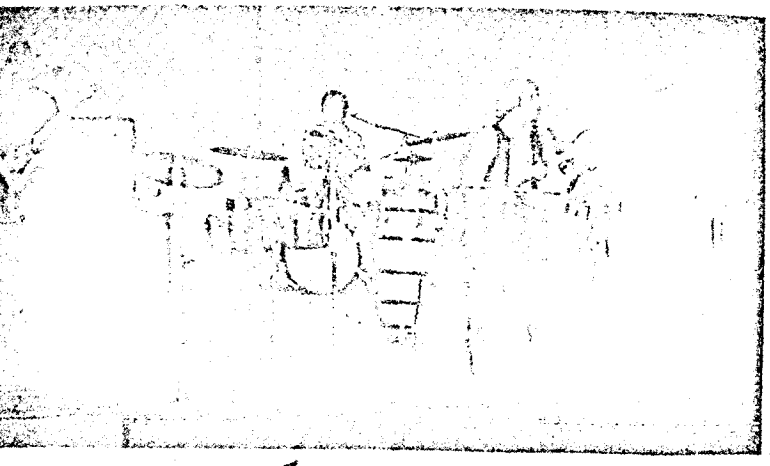

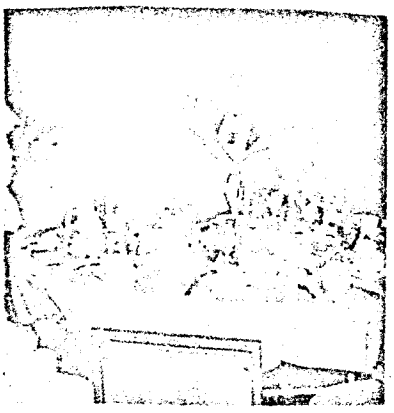

Mr. Wesley Perkins, Director of Residential Care & guest.

A great time was had by all!

CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF MENTAL RETARDATION
NEW HAVEN REGIONAL CENTER
455 WINTERGREEN AVENUE NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT 06515

January 18, 1971

Mr. Frank Velardi, President
Italian American Civil Rights League
127 Middletown Ave.
North Haven, Ct. 06473

Dear Mr. Velardi:

On behalf of the clients and staff of the New Haven Regional Center Work Activity Program I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the splendid Christmas party sponsored by the Italian-American Civil Rights League.

The affair was beyond my initial expectations and the clients who participated are still exclaiming what a wonderful time they had! This kind of experience for the group of mentally retarded young adults we serve is an invaluable one because it approached the normalization process which they so badly need.

My sincere thanks again, and please express our appreciation to all the members of the Italian-American Civil Rights League.

Sincerely,

Joseph J. Colombatto
Director
New Haven Regional Center

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Trayne-Mor School of East Haven, Inc.

Box 63 East Haven 12, Conn.

December 28, 1970

Mr. Frank Valardi, President
Italian-American Civil Rights League
North Haven, Conn

Dear Mr. Valardi,

Thank you so much for the wonderful party in the Park Plaza Ball room on December 16.

It was the nicest thing anyone could have done for the adult and teenage clients. They really enjoyed every minute of it and, I'm sure, they're still talking about it and remembering the wonderful time they had.

Speaking for myself, as a guest, and my daughter, Nancy, and all the teenagers from East Haven, we had the best time ever.

Thank you, again and we wish you all a very happy and successful New Year.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs Walter Johnson

On Wednesday, December 30th members of the Italian American Civil Rights League joined with various civic and church leaders in a two hour prayer vigil to protest the sentencing of eleven men convicted of attempting to hijack a Soviet airliner.

Some of those attending the vigil were Mayor Guida of New Haven, the Rev. David MacDonald representing the Archdiocese of Hartford, Paul Goodwin, President of the New Haven Jewish Community Council and Albert Moschette, Policy and Action Chairman of the League.

Following is a newspaper article relating to the vigil and a letter of thanks from Mr. Goodwin to Mr. Moschette.

NEW HAVEN JOURNAL-COURIER, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1970

650 Attend Prayer Vigil For Jews Held In Russia

By FRED GROSS
Journal-Courier Staff Reporter

WOODBRIDGE — About 650 Jewish residents from the New Haven area and several church and civic leaders held a two-hour prayer vigil at Congregation B'nai Jacob Wednesday night to protest the sentencing of 11 Russians — nine of them Jews — convicted of attempting to hijack a Soviet airliner to Israel.

The vigil, sponsored by the New Haven Jewish Community Council, was part of a worldwide outcry against the convictions. Two Jews were sentenced to death by firing squad and the nine others were given labor terms ranging from four to 15 years by a Soviet court in Leningrad.

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By Red Newsman—Page 3

Among those addressing the gathering at the synagogue was New Haven Mayor Bartholomew F. Guida.

"It is incomprehensible that n this day, one of the world's eading powers would revert to the infamous Stalinism of the 1930s and resort to the legal tyranny and oppression of Jews because of their religious beliefs and their desire to immigrate to their Promised Land," Guida said.

"Today, the leaders and the people of the world cannot, must not, turn their backs on the Jews," the mayor warned. "We cannot allow the atrocities that were committed against Europe's Jews during World War II to happen again."

The vigil, presided over by Rabbi Arthur Chiel, the synagogue's spiritual leader, began with a half-hour prayer service, and with the reverend cry of "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One."

Paul Goodwin, president of the council, said the 11 defendants were "mere puppets in the monstrous drama that the Russians are staging.

"This drama makes no sense unless it means that Russia is deeply disturbed, frightened even, that a good many thousands of Jews should have applied to leave the Soviet Union and go to Israel."

The Rev. David McDonald, who said he represented the Archdiocese of Hartford, remarked that it was his "privilege to offer the support of the Catholic Church in this vigil.

"May God grant us the privilege of eliminating all injustices and make us love each other in

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peace," Father McDonald said.

Another speaker was the Rev. Harold Clement, past president of the Connecticut Council of Churches. The clergyman, who stated he was speaking in behalf of the black community in New Haven, said, "We join with you in protsting the repressive measures suffered by the Jewish people in Russia."

The Rev. Mr. Clement told the assembled not to lose faith in humanity. He said that if God may be a little late in answering their prayers, they should give thought to a remark once made by comedian George Jessel: "God's delay does not mean God's denial."

Also addressing the gathering was Reverdy Whitlock, president of the Greater New Haven Council of Churches.

"All of us — Christians and Jews — must stand up and be counted," he said. "We cannot remain neutral, for the bell tolls for us as well as it tolls for the Leningrad nine."

Albert Moshette, a representative of the New Haven chapter of the Italian-American Civil Rights League, read a brief statement from the organization in support of the vigil.

"We denounce this type of tyranny and we join in prayers with our Jewish brothers," the statement said. "We must unite

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NEW HAVEN JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Executive Director: Arthur Spiegel

December 31, 1970

Mr. Albert Moschette, Chairman of the
Conn. Policy and Action Committee of
the Italian American Civil Rights League,
905 Mix Avenue
Hamden, Connecticut 06514

Dear Mr. Moschette:

I want you to know how personally appreciative I am to you for your having participated in our ecumenical vigil service last night at Congregation B'nai Jacob.

Your remarks were indeed meaningful and appropriate and, as you probably already know, our prayers have been answered in part.

With all best wishes to you and yours for a Happy and Healthy New Year, I remain

Cordially,

Paul Goodwin

PAUL GOODWIN,
President

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cc: Rabbi Arthur A. Chiel
Congregation B'nai Jacob

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THE NEW HAVEN REGISTER, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1970

No Decision Yet

Ahern Weighs Job Offers

Police Chief James F. Ahern said this morning he is still considering a number of job offers and probably won't have a public announcement until next week.

Ahern leaves his $21,000 city post at midnight Thursday under a $10,500 disability pension as the result of a neck injury suffered during his service as a patrolman.

Mayor Bartholomew Guida has said he will name Ahern's successor before Friday. He indicated this morning he is continuing to study the qualification of candidates for the job.

Meanwhile, the Italian American Civil Rights League has called on Ahern to submit to another physical examination at its expense.

Ahern's disability pension is based on independent reports by three doctors who examined him and confirmed the disability.

The group claims the chief plays handball and takes other physical exercise "involving physical duress."

League wants Ahern to submit to impartial examination.

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SUCCESS ! ! !

Ahern's Had Physical; Offered Another Free

By GEORGE E. O'BRIEN
Journal-Courier Staff Reporter

The Italian-American Civil Rights League Tuesday challenged Police Chief James F. Ahern, who is retiring with a $10,500 disability pension, to submit to a physical examination at the league's expense.

Shortly after the league's announcement, Ahern Tuesday afternoon made public a letter to him from Board of Police Commissioners President Dr. Luca E. Celentano, which said Ahern had offered "necessary medical evidence" to support his claim of "service connected physical disability."

In the letter, dated Dec. 23, Celentano also offered Ahern the board's "congratulations, our good wishes for continued success and continued good health."

League spokesman Frank Velardi addressed the organization's offer "to you, the taxpayers of New Haven. We offer you free of charge the services of six neutral doctors to examine your retiring chief of police.

"We will pay for their services and will inform this panel of his (Ahern's expertise in handball, which he plays regularly . . . (and) other activities involving physical duress." Velardi said the team of physicians would also be told Ahern's "vocational intentions," which the chief has not yet disclosed.

Ahern Tuesday night reacted to the league's challenge with disdain. "I am familiar with this group. It is the same one that picketed the Federal Bureau of Investigation, that also threatened to take the law into its own hands in Morris Cove concerning drug pushers and attacked the state police.

"I'm not at all surprised to have them attack me. But I wish they would give their medical help to somebody who needs it," Ahern added.

Ahern's Dec. 18 award of the disability pension was based on the claimed progressive nature of a neck injury he incurred during a 1957 motorcycle accident.

Celentano has said Ahern was examined by Drs. Louis W. Cappucci and Gilbert F. Hogan, members of the Board of Police Surgeons, and Dr. Saul Frankel, "a private and eminent neurosurgeon." The injury is said to cause pain and weakness in both Ahern's arms.

Velardi said the Italian-American Civil Rights League's doctor panel, if Ahern consents to be examined by it, will be asked to "evaluate the extent of his disability and award him accordingly.

"If he has close to one-half of a million dollars coming over a period of years, he should receive it. If he does not, then he should not receive it, and you should not permit it to happen," Velardi told city taxpayers.

"We challenge James Ahern to submit himself to a thorough examination. He owes it to you, who will pay for it for years to come," Velardi added.

Celentano's letter to Ahern described the proceedings of the police commissioners' meeting Dec. 18. "You presented your request for retirement due to service connected physical disability. Your request was supported by the necessary medical evidence.

"Before the board voted, a petition, signed by a leading citizens' group, was heard, to the effect that your request be tabled for 10 days. You chose not to do this and the board then voted unanimously to grant your request, effective Jan. 1 (Friday)."

Celentano also told Ahern, "your zeal, your willingness to work, your police know-how and your ability have brought you and the City of New Haven into national focus, as evidenced by many happenings, especially your appointment to Gov. Scranton's Committee on Campus Unrest by President Nixon.

"We wish to extend to you our sincere good wishes for continued success in whatever field you choose." Celentano also wished Ahern "God speed."

Ahern has said since his resignation that friction with some police commissioners influenced his decision to leave. The New York Times quoted him as saying criminals in New Haven knew the board was "breaking my heart."

Questioned this week, Celentano said, "The Board of Police Commissioners has not been breaking his heart. I personally feel that Jim Ahern is leaving here because $21,000 is not enough for the job he's doing."

Mayor Barthelomew F. Guida has promised to name Ahern's successor before the chief departs his office.

Wednesday Issue - New Haven Journal Courier - December 30th, 1970.

WE'RE ONE ! ! !

By GEORGE E. O'BRIEN
Journal-Courier Staff Reporter

Mayor Bartholomew F. Guida is expected to appoint a successor to retiring Police Chief James F. Ahern this morning.

Most frequently mentioned as the leading candidate for the post is Capt. Biagio DiLieto, head of the Police Department Communications Division. Other possible appointees include Asst. Chief James H. Heinz, Lt. William F. Farrell, a shift supervisor in the Patrol Division, and Lt. Edward Morrone, head of the Detective Division.

In a related development, it was learned Wednesday that DiLieto's brother is a high-ranking officer in the Italian-American Civil Rights League, which Tuesday challenged Ahern to submit to a physical examination to prove his right to a $10,500 disability pension.

Frank DiLieto, manager of the Park Plaza Hotel, is vice president of the New Haven chapter of the Italian-American Civil Rights League, sources in the league confirmed.

In response to the league's challenge that he submit to examination by a team of six doctors paid for by the league, Ahern said, "I'm not at all surprised to have them attack me. But I wish they would give their medical help to somebody who needs it."

Ahern was examined by three doctors who provided "necessary medical evidence" to support his claim of "service connected physical disability" before the Board of Police Commissioners accepted his resignation and awarded him the pension Dec. 18, Police Board President Dr. Luca E. Celentano has stated.

Ahern also said of the league Tuesday, "I am familiar with this group. It is the same one that picketed the Federal Bureau of Investigation, that also threatened to take the law into its own hands in Morris Cove concerning drug pushers and attacked the state police."

League President Frank Velardi Wednesday issued a statement of reply to Ahern's com-

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ments, in which he said picketing of the FBI expressed "total disenchantment with their use of Gestapo tactics," fighting drug sale in Morris Cove "got results but not through violence" and questioning "why four state troopers sworn to uphold the law allegedly shot two unarmed men in the back and received partisan treatment . . . did not attack the state police force."

In its original challenge to Ahern, the league said it would inform the doctors' panel "of his (Ahern's) expertise in handball, which he plays regularly . . . (and) other activities involving physical duress." The doctors would be asked, it said, to "evaluate the extent of his disability and award him accordingly."

Police Capt. DiLieto (not the league vice president) Wednesday was revealed to have spent considerable time on the department's disability list during the past two years because of injuries.

Guida, who said he is aware of DiLieto's absences, Wednesday said the city's new chief will be required to sign a waiver of rights to any disability pension based on an injury sustained before his appointment.

DiLieto, who in the past has been supported publicly by Democratic Town Chairman Arthur T. Barbieri, is said to be Barbieri's choice for the police chief job.

A possible obstacle to his appointment, however, is his failure to meet the five-year minimum city voter registration requirement stipulated in the New Haven City Charter.

Guida reportedly has sought legal opinions concerning the possibility of appointing DiLieto despite the charter requirement. An acting appointment has been suggested as one alternative.

Some observers have also said Guida's legal advisors may suggest to him the charter clause has questionable legality, and should be disregarded pending possible challenge.

Farrell, who is felt by many to be a leading candidate for chief, is not known to be associated with Barbieri. Some observers suggest his appointment would give the appearance that Guida is not, in fact, dependent upon Barbieri.

Farrell was the first head of the Gambling and Narcotics Squad when it was formed in 1967. He was removed from that post and transferred to the Patrol Division in May 1968, a few months after Ahern became chief.

Farrell openly opposed Ahern's decision not to allow New Haven police to adorn their uniforms with American flag patches.

Heinz joined the force in 1946. During his career he spent several years in a command position with the detective division. As assistant chief he has handled overall personnel operations of the department.

Morrone joined the force in 1957, left it in 1963 and was reappointed in 1964. Recently he was named head of the detective division, replacing Capt. William Holohan. Morrone had previously been head of the Gambling and Narcotics Squad.

DIRECTOR, FBI 1-25-71

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ITALIAN AMERICAN
CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE-Chapter 20
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Enclosed for Bureau and New York, 1 copy of IACRL Pamphlet, Chapter 20, New Haven.

On 1-21-71 a meeting of the Italian American Civil Right League was held at the Red Lobster Restaurant, West Haven, Conn., from 7:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. This meeting was attended to by approximately 150 persons for the purpose of signing up membership in the above captioned organization.

During the course of this meeting, various personages gave speeches concerning the harassment of Italian-Americans by the FBI and the fact that this League is determined to continue to put pressure on the FBI by means of demonstrations throughout the country. The speakers were introduced in the following manner; President NAT MARCONI, Vice-President ANTHONY COLOMBO, (LCN member of COLOMBO Family,) Secretary-Treasurer-CAESAR VITALE, FRANK B. VELARDI, President of New Haven local chapter of IACRL and ALBERT L. MOSCHETTE, committeeman.

In cooperation with local PD's meeting covered and several local residents identified.

In view of the above, a new anti-racketeering case has been opened by the New Haven Office and further developments concerning captioned organization will be followed by New Haven.

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U.S. probes Italian rights unit

By EVERETT R. HARVEY

The Brooklyn federal grand jury probing infiltration of legitimate businesses and institutions by criminal elements is turning its spotlight today on Joseph Colombo Sr.'s Italian-American Civil Rights League.

Federal interest in the league's leadership was sparked Dec. 18 when the FBI, arresting an aide of Colombo on a perjury charge, came across a briefcase containing a list of members and contributors to the IACRL.

The aide, Rocco Miraglia, 44, described by the Justice Department and police as a chauffeur of Colombo, was with Colombo at the time of the arrest, which took place in the parking space of a Supreme Court justice in Manhattan.

Colombo was so vocal in protesting the seizure of the records it attracted the attention of police, who issued Colombo a summons for illegally parking in the judge's spot. He was fined $25.

However, the FBI kept the briefcase, photocopied its contents, and returned the records later that day to Colombo's attorney.

An examination of the records allegedly disclosed the names of more than 40 "button men" or "soldiers" listed as members of the various metropolitan area Mafia families.

The records also reportedly

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Staten Island Advance

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U.S. jury puts spotlight on Italian rights group

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contain the notation of a $40,000 cash donation from Carlo Gambino, the ill and aging head of another of New York's five Mafia families.

Colombo has been regarded lately by organized crime observers in the Police Department and on the federal level as the young, vigorous contender for the "capo di tutti" (Boss of all bosses) slot once held by the late Vito Genovese.

As such, authorities say he has received the financial, physcal and moral support of all the Mafia families in New York in his public relations efforts, via the IACRL, to remove the ethnic connotation of "Mafia" and "Cosa Nostra" as linked to organized crime activities.

Another event that piqued the grand jury's curiosity was the FBI arrest Nov. 7 of Alphonso Pisacano, 47, of Manhattan, as one of 22 persons in an eight-state, multi - million-dollar sports betting ring crackdown.

Pisacano claimed that the $1,200 cash and a $25 check found in his possession, payable to the IACRL, were the property of the league, for which he was a "collector."

It is speculated that primary among the aims of the grand jury probe will be an attempt to determine the extent of the intimidation mob muscle exercised in the signing up of members, store owners, businessmen and, currently, a drive to sign up the 15,000 membership of the International Longshoremen's Association headed by Anthony Scotto.

Scotto has been identified in the U.S. Senate permanent sub-committee hearings on organized crime as a "capo-regime" (captain) in the Carlo Gambino family. He is married to a daughter of the late Albert Anastasia, who headed "Murder, Inc.," in Brooklyn some years ago.

The grand jury probe of the IACRL and other businesses and institutions, including a scanning of the private sanitation and carting industry, long reputed to be under Mafia control in the metropolitan area, is expected to take at least a year.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC N.Y. (92-)

DATE: 2/5/71

FROM : SA [redacted] #52

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SUBJECT: Italian-American Civil Rights League

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DATE: 2/5/71

FROM : SA [redacted]

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FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Captioned source was either contacted in person or telephonically on 1/27; 2/5/71

The source stated that recently information came to his attention that the Italian American Civil Rights League had formed two new chapters or locations in Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

One is located next door upstairs to Scappy and Peck Auto Repair, 1025 Old Country Road, Westbury.

The other is located at 412 West Main St. (Jericho Turnpike) Smithtown, L.I.

The informant stated both have large Italian Flags painted on their windows which is visible on the street.

He heard that this group is also trying to establish similiar locations in Rhode Island.

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ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE (IACRL)
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Confirming Butelcall you should not meet with representative of the IACRL, but instead should refer them to the office of the United States Attorney. Such procedure should be followed in view of the Federal Grand Jury inquiry concerning the IACRL for which a subpoena has already been issued to [redacted] b3

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TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: ADIC JOHN F. MALONE, NEW YORK

RE: ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE (IACRL)
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ReNYtel 2/5/71 and Bucall 2/8/71.

MARCONE advised by ADIC MALONE that matter he wanted to discuss with me should be discussed with United States Attorney of Eastern District of New York. It will be recalled that MARCONE wanted to meet with me to discuss an article appearing in February 3rd issue of Staten Island Advance, wherein it was indicated that the Federal Grand Jury of Eastern District of New York on February 3rd was beginning a probe into the financial interests of JOSEPH COLOMBO in IACRL. MARCONE said he would contact United States Attorney of Eastern District of New York. He added, however, that he would be stopping by later on to see me. He was told that when I saw him several months ago, at which time he was claiming harrassment of Italian Americans by the FBI, he was told to obtain notarized statements setting forth these allegations. He was reminded that we still have not received any allegations. He was told that if he had any allegations against the FBI to put them in writing and send them in, that to follow any other procedure would be wasting my time and his.

Bureau will be kept advised of any further developments.

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Memorandum

TO : ADIC John F. Malone, New York

DATE: February 10, 1971

FROM : Director, FBI

PERSONAL ATTENTION

SUBJECT: ITALIAN-AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE

Reference is made to the letter of 1/27/71 from captioned organization to this Bureau, a copy of which was designated for you. In light of the grand jury inquiry being conducted on the League, the Bureau is not responding. Please furnish the United States Attorney a copy of the letter and advise him the Bureau is not responding. Also point out to the United States Attorney that Italian-American is not one of the minorities concerning which the Civil Service Commission requires agencies to maintain employment statistics. Accordingly, we have no such statistics on employment of Italian-Americans. Italian-Americans are accorded the same opportunities for employment in the FBI as everyone else and the FBI follows Government regulations with respect to equal employment opportunity in Government contracts.

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Memorandum

TO : FILE (92-6210) DATE: 2/10/71

FROM : ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MALONE

SUBJECT: ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE (IACRL)
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This will record recent telephone calls from NAT MARCONE, who was attempting to set up an appointment to see me:

2/5 - At 11:25 AM, Mr. NAT MARCONE called and said it was urgent that he have an appointment to see me that date. He was told that I was out of the office and that no appointment could be made until I returned.

2/5 - At 11:33 AM, Supervisor [redacted] called from the lobby to a dvise that BARRY SLOTNICK, Attorney for the above group, was in the lobby stating he had an appointment with me. He was advised that I was out of the office. b7C

2/5 - At 12:48 PM, NAT MARCONE called and advised he wanted to come in to see me that afternoon. He was advised that I was out of the office but that he could come in and see Mr. BAKER. He indicated he did not wish to see Mr. BAKER unless I would also be present. He indicated he would c all on the morning of 2/8/71 to make an appointment with me.

2/8 - Mr. MARCONE called at 9:15 AM requesting an appointment to see me that day. When advised I was out, he stated he would call back around 4:00 PM.

2/8 - At approximately 4:15 PM, I spoke with Mr. MARCONE on the telephone and advised him, per Bureau instructions, that he should contact USA NEAHER, EDNY, and furnished him with telephone number 596-5600.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, N.Y. (92-6210) DATE: 2/11/71

FROM : SA [redacted] b7C

SUBJECT: Italian American Civil Rights League (IACRL) b7C

On 2/10/71 SA [redacted] observed the following vehicles in front of (IACRL) office located at Cropsey Ave & Bay 43rd St, Bklyn:

5634 BV -
1967 green Buick

9844 KN
1967 Rambler Blue

~~[redacted]~~ BV973
1969 Yellow
Cadillac

4K2735
1969 Black GMC Van

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TO : SAC [redacted] DATE: 2/17/71

FROM : SA [redacted] (#52)

SUBJECT: [redacted]

On 2/12/71, captioned informant furnished the following information to SAS [redacted]

FRED DE LUCIA
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NY 92-2674

SALVATORE D'AMBROSIO
AR
NY 92-2673

JOSEPH COLOMBO
AR
NY 92-1965

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FREDDY "RED" DE LUCIA was hit in November, 1970 along with SALVATORE "SALLY D" D'AMBROSIO as he just happened to be with D'AMBROSIO. [redacted]

1-92-2673 (SALVATORE D'AMBROSIO)
1-92-2674 (FRED DE LUCIA)
1-92-1965 (JOSEPH COLOMBO)
1-92-6210 (IACRL)
1-92-2895
1-92-160
1-92-4060
1-92-2793
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1-92-1096
1-92-3189
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LEAGUE (IACRL)
AR
NY 92-6210

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NY 92-2895

Source advised most of the hoods on the street are not to pleased with the IACRL and feel that JOE COLOMBO has caused much heat in Brooklyn. It is generally felt that COLOMBO will not be around very long for creating so much attention to himself and his many associates. Source [redacted]

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NY 92-160

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NY 92-4060

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CAUTION - ALL OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION SHOULD BE PROPERLY PARAPHRASED IF REPORTED IN DETAILS OF ANY REPORT SO AS NOT TO JEOPARDISE INFORMANT AS INFORMATION IS SINGULAR IN NATURE.

SAC [redacted] 2/12/71

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SA [redacted] (#52)

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ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL
RIGHTS LEAGUE
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JOSEPH COLOMBO aka
AR
NY 92-1965

PC advised on 2/4/71 [redacted] NAT MARCONE who is President of the newly formed Italian American Civil Rights League (IACRL). JOSEPH COLOMBO is the guiding force behind the IACRL and MARCONE and COLOMBO are known to be very closely associated.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

DATE: 2/19/71

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FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted]
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ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE
AR
NY File 92-6210

On 2/19/71, informant advised that the Italian American Civil Rights League is planning a demonstration at the Staten Island Advance, 950 Fingerboard Road, Staten Island, with an estimated 200 to 300 individuals expected to participate. Informant stated this demonstration has been planned because of a number of articles relating to La Cosa Nostra.

Dissemination of above made 2/19/71 to 120th Pct., NYCPD.

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—Journal

Italo-American Unit Stages Rights Rally

By DANTE IONATA

The big organizers of the Italian American Civil Rights League came up from New York City last night to tell a local rally in Providence that neither the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the police, nor even the newspapers will ever again with impunity defame or harass Italian-Americans.

Their message was welcomed with loud cheers and prolonged applause by the more than 400 persons who attended the League-sponsored rally in the downtown Holiday Inn.

Time and again the audience surged to its feet applauding and cheering fervently under the impetus of emotional rhetoric from Nat Marcone, league president; Anthony Colombo, son of the league founder, and league vice president and Vincent Gallo, an insider at the top of the league.

Joseph Colombo, reputedly a top boss of organized crime in Brooklyn, whose picketing demonstrations and protests against FBI headquarters in New York last spring gave birth to the league, was scheduled to appear here but was unable to make the trip.

The New York leaders, the Providence organizers and the people milling around in the Holiday Inn seemed in general to be unperturbed by the state troopers and Providence detectives who lounged in the lobby taking it all in.

Surveillance is one of the police activities against which the league protests most vigorously. One of the state policemen had a camera. Mr. Marcone said the organization's leaders had to dissuade some members from troubling the watching policemen. "We have nothing to hide," Mr. Marcone said. "Let them come inside and listen to what we have to say."

A Providence detective said officers went to the Holiday Inn just to look around and see what hoods were over there. "Now don't forget," the detective said, "there's a lot of good people over there and you can't classify them all in the same category. We really don't have any reason to go over there, but this thing is going to attract a lot of bad guys."

The president of the local chapter is Richard A. Callei, a Progress for Providence group worker. Callei has a criminal record dating back 15 years. He has been charged and convicted on a variety of counts, including breaks, assaults and robbery.

Last night, Mr. Callei complained that his criminal record has been inserted in news reports of league activities. Mr. Callei said his record is not pertinent to the league which, he insisted, "is nothing but good. It's not sinister."

Mr. Marcone was the first speaker. "We are all beautiful Italian Americans in this country, all 34 million of us and there politicans trying to convince ~~us that~~ we are only 20 million."

He outlined the "spectaculars" achieved ~~so far~~ by the league. Spectacular No. 1 was the eight-week picketing campaign against the FBI in New York which was prompted when "our people were being continually harassed, defamed, our phones tapped and our people being discriminated upon," Mr. Marcone said.

Spectacular No. 2 was "Unity Day" when 250,000 persons gathered for a league rally in Columbus Circle in New York last June and Spectacular No. 3 was the league fund-raising concert in Madison Square Garden featuring Frank Sinatra, "the greatest Italian in America," he added.

Italians, he said, have been taught to keep silent and turn the other cheek when insulted or attacked. "Those days are gone and buried. From now on, whenever anyone does anything to hurt Italians, they will hear from the Italian American Civil Rights ~~League.~~" Mr. Marcone

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Providence Journal
Prov. RI

Date: 1/5/71
Edition: AM
Author: DANTE IANATO
Editor: SENGELLON BROWN III
Title: RICHARD CALLEI
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had the crowd on his feet but he was just warming them up.

"No one can deny that we discovered America. No one can deny that more Italians have died fighting for America than any other ethnic group. Italians don't burn draft cards. Italians don't tear the flag." They cheered wildly.

On a 10½-acre parcel of land in Brooklyn recently bought by the league, a hospital, drug addiction center, home for the aged, youth center and other facilities will be built. He called it the "promised land."

Mr. Marcone launched into a condemnation of drugs. "No one can convince me the FBI does not know where the drugs are coming from. If you don't believe me ask any 15-year-old; he knows where the drugs are being pushed."

His voice rising steadily, he shouted, "Don't connect Italian Americans with drugs. We say death to any Italian American who feeds drugs to any American." Exuberant cheers again.

Guest speaker at Italian American Civil Rights League meeting, Nat Marcone, New York branch president.

He apologized for not being a good public speaker and gave way to Mr. Colombo.

Mr. Colombo raised the rhetorical tempo. The league picketed the FBI he claimed, because "we were tired of being slapped and slandered and harassed and slurred by agents who surpass the bounds, not only their authority, but of humanity."

He railed at everyone for "allowing" the television series "The Untouchables." He challenged members of the audience to defend their "human dignity." He shouted: Italian American children grow up to find themselves characterized as gangsters. His voice straining: "We cannot any longer tolerate these slurs, these defamations. We will no longer tolerate Mafia and Cosa Nostra." The audience cheered.

Mr. Colombo concluded, but not before apologizing for being a poor public speaker: "The League is to unite Italians and don't let anyone tell you that there are some bad Italians doing some bad things. We who are united in the league are all good Italians."

Mr. Gallo began by apologizing for being a poor public speaker. Before he finished he managed to reach into the audience and release whatever emotions the other two had not tapped.

His delivery focused on the bywords of the league: Good, Help and Respect. "Don't be ashamed of being Italian," he cried. "Don't admonish an Italian for not being able to speak English despite living in this country for 50 years. Praise him."

He switched to Italian speech and brought the house down. "You are the mother and father which I do not have. I'm your brother, drawing life from you. We are one family. I will feed you and you will feed me."

On behalf of the league, Mr. Marcone presented a captain's button to Raymond L. S. Patriarca Jr. to give to his father. The crowd rose to cheer Mr. Patriarca. "Tell your father", he said, "that we of the league have discussed his situation and we will do our damndest to see that he gets an appeal and walks out a free man as he deserves to be." Again the roars of approval.

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SAC, BOSTON (92-1207) (RUC)

JOSEPH ANTHONY COLOMBO, aka
AR

Re New York airtel 1/13/71.

Enclosed herewith are three Xerox copies of a newspaper article from the Providence Journal, a daily newspaper in Providence, Rhode Island, dated 1/5/71, concerning a meeting that was held at the Holiday Inn, Atwells Ave., Providence, Rhode Island, on 1/4/71.

This article is self-explanatory.

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For the further information of the New York Office, the following information was obtained concerning the Italian-American Civil Rights League:

On 11/20/70 [redacted] advised that [redacted]

According to informant, the headquarters for this League is in New York City.

According to informant, those who join will pay ten dollars, of which five dollars will go to the International in New York.

On 12/10/70, [redacted] advised that on 1/4/71 the Italian-American Civil Rights League is planning a meeting at the Holiday Inn, Atwells Ave., Providence, R.I. The local group has hired the main ballroom of the Holiday Inn for this meeting.

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On 12/3/70 [redacted] advised that on 12/2/70 the Rhode Island Chapter of the Italian-American Civil Rights League held its first public meeting at the Bridgham Junior High School in Providence, R.I.

RICHARD CALLEI was elected the President of this league at this meeting.

According to informant, [redacted] at New York.

According to informant, COLOMBO is the person who originated the picketing of the FBI office in New York City alleging the FBI framed his son and harrassed Italian-Americans.

Informant said the [redacted] Providence, R.I.

According to informant, about 100 people of Italian extraction were in attendance at this meeting and 97% were either bookmakers, junkies or thieves.

JOSEPH PATRIARCA, LCN member at Providence, and brother of RAYMOND L. S. PATRIARCA, does not approve of this league. His contention is that the league does nothing but limelight everyone in the newspapers and local television.

PATRIARCA has issued orders that he wants no one in the limelight and, most important, help their names out of the newspapers.

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On 12/20/70 [redacted] advised the Italian American Civil Rights League is planning a 1/4/71 meeting at the Holiday Inn, Atwells Ave., Providence, R.I.

Informant heard that [redacted] RICHARD CALLEI's leadership in the league in Rhode Island. [redacted] CALLEI because of the adverse newspaper publicity when the Providence Journal listed a number of CALLEI's arrests in the same column relating the formation of this league in Rhode Island.

On 2/11/71 [redacted] furnished the following information:

On the evening of 1/4/71 the Italian-American Civil Rights League of Rhode Island held a meeting at the Holiday Inn, Atwells Ave., Providence, R.I. About 200 people, mostly of Italian extraction, were in attendance.

The majority of people were local Providence hoodlums; however there were many people of Italian extraction who enjoy a good reputation in the community.

[redacted] further advised he observed [redacted] of New York at this meeting and that two other individuals from New York were also present at this meeting. [redacted] said he thought one of the two other individuals was [redacted] did not observe JOSEPH COLOMBO at this meeting.

[redacted] said he kept an eye on [redacted] because he knows him and [redacted] remained at the meeting all night and did not make any unusual contacts.

[redacted] said he did not recall the registration number of the car being driven by [redacted] but recalls it was a late-model blue Buick with a New York plate. He said that after he furnished this New York registration plate to the New York City Police, he threw his paper away; however, the New York Police told him the registration number was that belonging to [redacted]

[redacted] advised that the people from New York spoke at this meeting and expounded the rights of Italian-Americans. b7C b7D

The people from New York departed after the meeting and were not in Providence, R.I. on 1/5/71.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

FROM : SA [redacted] HS2

DATE: 2/22/71

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact 2/17/71

File #s on which contacted (Use Titles if File #s not available or when CI provides positive information)

92-6210 Italian American Civil Rights League
92-4321 [redacted]

Purpose and result

☐ NEGATIVE
☑ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC

another IACRL show will be put on in the main arena at Madison Square Garden

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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PERSONAL DATA

1- 92-6210 (Italian American Civil Rights League)
1- 92-4321 [redacted]
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK ([redacted]

DATE: 2/23/71

FROM : SA [redacted] #52

SUBJECT: [redacted]

PC was contacted on 2/22/71 by SA [redacted] and advised as follows:

ITALIAN-AMERICAL CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE
AR
NY 92-6210

JOSEPH COLOMBO
AR
92-1965

PC advised that the IACRL is planning to lease the Westbury Music Fair, Westbury, Long Island sometime in June or July, 1971 and have a large fund-raising event, similar to the one held last year at the Feld Forum in Madison Square Garden, NYC. The following individuals are scheduled to entertain free of charge:

FRANK SINATRA, STEVE & EDIE GORYME, SAMMY DAVIS JR., and many other popular stars. The tickets are going to sell from $20.00 up and the League expects to realize a large profit from this event.

PC further advised that JOE COLOMBO has been contacting various people on Long Island in an effort to open more IACRL chapters throughout the Long Island area, especially after successful openings of chapters in Westbury and Smithtown, Long Island. However, PC advised that the old-timers are still very leary of all this attention brought to members of the LCN and many are waiting to see exactly how everything turns out before the commit themselves to COLOMBO.

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PC advised that [redacted] continues to work at [redacted] the ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE. [redacted]

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Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 2/23/71

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted]

On 2/9/71 and 2/12/71, [redacted] was interviewed by SAS [redacted] and furnished the following information:

ROSARIO NASTASI
AR
NY 92-3208

JOE "RED" TRAINA
AR
NY 92-3903

NASTASI is close to JOE TRAINA but has had a falling out with JOE COLOMBO about the role of the Italian American Civil Rights League. NASTASI does not want his Social Club, The Belvedeere Club, 985 63rd St., Brooklyn, NY, used for Italian American Civil Rights activities. [redacted]

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-6210) DATE: 2/23/71

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE
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On 2/23/71, [redacted] Staten Island Advance, 950 Fingerboard Road, Staten Island, advised that this newspaper has been notified that captioned organization will picket the newspaper from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M., 2/24 and 2/25/71. He said that all news media have been notified by IACRL and are expected to be present with news cameras, TV, etc. [redacted]

It is noted that [redacted] JOE COLOMBO, and the IACRL.

The local police are aware of the above, and will be present to avoid any violence.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-6210)

SUBJECT: ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE (IACRL)
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Re NY TT 2/5/71

ON TWO TWENTY THREE SEVENTY ONE, [redacted] STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE NEWSPAPER, ADVISED THAT APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DEMONSTRATORS REPRESENTING THE ABOVE ORGANIZATION PICKETED THAT NEWSPAPER TODAY. THE DEMONSTRATORS WERE LED BY NATALE MARCONE, PRESIDENT OF ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE (IACRL) AND BY JOE DE CICCO, CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF MANY COLOMBO "FAMILY" MEMBERS. MARCONE ANNOUNCED THAT THE DEMONSTRATORS ARE PROTESTING THE NUMEROUS ARTICLES APPEARING IN THIS NEWSPAPER WHICH LINK ITALIANS TO ORGANIZED CRIME. [redacted]

THREE DEMONSTRATORS WERE INJURED SLIGHTLY BY TRUCKS PASSING THROUGH THE PICKET LINES ENTERING AND LEAVING THE NEWSPAPER OFFICES. THEY WERE TREATED AT ST.

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THE DEMONSTRATION WHICH IS EXPECTED TO RESUME TOMORROW.

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Italian league protests crime articles

Members of the Italian-American Civil Rights League yesterday picketed the Advance Building in Grasmere in protest of articles by Advance reporter Everett R. Harvey, who they claim is stigmatizing "all Italians by association."

The league is demanding that Harvey be fired and that the paper publish an editorial apology.

When the picketing began, it was primarily limited to an area across the street from the building; but by 10:30 a.m., demonstrators were marching in the roadway in front of the building, some of them blocking the driveway to the employe parking lot.

At this point, the league claims, three demonstrators were injured when an Advance employe drove his car through the picket line to get into the parking lot.

Following the incident, the demonstrators — about 50 or 60 strong at that time — stormed down the ramp toward the truck loading area, apparently in search of the Advance's employe.

Calm was finally restored by the eight policemen from the St. George Precinct and the demonstrators returned to their picket line. The injured demon-

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Staten Island Advance

2/25/71

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Demonstrators and police mill around the Advance's loading docks after the demonstrators chased an Advance employe down from the parking lot. They claimed the employe's car injured three of the marchers.

S.I. Advance photo by Robert F. Kuhn

Leaving the Advance parking lot is a sticky proposition for this car, as it was for several other cars yesterday.

S.I. Advance Photos By Robert Parsons

As an empty delivery truck attempts to leave the Advance to be fueled, a demonstrator leaps on the hood.

Italian league protests crime articles

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strators were taken in an ambulance to St. Vincent's Medical Center.

Joan Mondello, 40, of Brooklyn, complained of head and shoulder injuries. Frank LaRocca, 45, of Brooklyn, and Elizabeth Corello, 46, of Manhattan, complained of hip and left shoulder injuries.

Later, as an empty Advance delivery truck attempted to leave the lot to be fueled, several demonstrators threw themselves in the way.

The driveway was blocked for nearly half an hour. Fourteen additional policemen were summoned to help maintain order.

For the rest of the day, the demonstration was comparatively quiet, except for interference by several of the demonstrators with an Advance advertising employe as he tried to drive out of the upper parking lot.

Natale Marcone of Todt Hill, president of the league, claimed that there were as many as 300 pickets, including "70 alone from Smithtown, L.I."

They marched up and down in front of the building, resting occasionally in the nearby Harmony House restaurant or in a large IACRL trailer, complete with a bathroom.

Marcone said the league is unhappy with all of Harvey's stories on the Cosa Nostra and is particularly disturbed by a story about the league itself that Harvey wrote in the Advance Feb. 3. The story said that the league is being investigated by a federal grand jury in Brooklyn.

"This we found not to be true, but only a fictional part of Everett Harvey, to disunite the Italian-Americans and distort facts against the Italian American Civic Rights League," Marcone said.

He said he spoke with assistant FBI director John Malone, with U.S. Attorney Edward Meaher, and with an assistant in the office of U.S. Attorney General John Mitchell, and all three told him "this was not true."

Harvey denied being anti-Italian and defended the investigation story.

"All Mafia and Cosa Nostra stories have to be thoroughly and completely documented before we run them," Harvey said. "So there's no such thing as an extemporaneous story originated by me."

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On 2/25/71, informant advised that [redacted] above group and he was shocked to learn that very few people have any interest or enthusiasm left [redacted] Informant said he is now of the opinion that most of the people are beginning to realize now that COLOMBO used this organization as a vehicle for his own purposes and would now use the one million dollars he has collected as his private and personal "slush fund".

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An Italian-American Group Clashes With Police on SI.

Members of the Italian-American Civil Rights League clashed with the police yesterday outside the offices of The Staten Island Advance as the league picketed the newspaper for the second day in a row.

A dozen demonstrators were arrested but only one as a result of the fighting. The others were charged with disorderly conduct later for allegedly obstructing the flow of the newspaper's delivery trucks.

The league is protesting articles in The Advance about the Mafia and is demanding the dismissal of their writer, Everett Harvey, an Advance reporter. It is also demanding an editorial apology from the newspaper.

The fighting was triggered shortly before 11:30 A.M. when several pickets charged that a patrolman attacked two marchers with his nightstick and uttered an anti-Italian slur.

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New York Times

Pg. 68

Date: Feb 26, 1971

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S.I. Paper Gets Cop Escort

By DICK BELSKY

Police patrols were accompanying delivery trucks of the Staten Island Advance today in the wake of yesterday's beating of two employes and the burning of a truck carrying 10,000 newspapers.

Officers at the St. George Station said radio cars began following the trucks after the violence yesterday afternoon and would continue to do so today.

Both police and spokesmen for the newspaper, however, said they did not know whether the incident was related to the picketing of the Advance's offices this past week by members of the Italian-American Civil Rights League.

The pickets have been protesting the newspaper's use of the words "Mafia" and "Cosa Nostra."

Forced Off Road

Police said the delivery truck was forced off the road near Pouch Terrace and Olga Pl. in the New Dorp section by four men in a late model cadillac.

The truck driver, Joseph O'Sullivan, 32, and Michael Roskowinski, 22, a district circulation manager, were beaten with tire irons and forced to the back of the truck by the men, who then set fire to the papers with lighter fluid and fled, according to police.

O'Sullivan and Roskowinski escaped through the front of the truck and were treated for cuts and bruises at St. Vincent's Hospital and released. The truck, valued at $8000 and carrying newspapers amounting to about one-sixth of the afternoon [illegible] circulation, was de[illegible]

Court Order Issued

Meanwhile, Richmond County Supreme Court Justice Vito Titone has issued a temporary restraining order against the Italian-American Civil Rights League which enjoins them from any further picketing of the paper until a show-cause hearing on Tuesday.

The order also prohibits harassment of employes or visitors to the newspaper office. An Advance spokesman had charged that the pickets were delaying some delivery trucks by attempting to dissuade drivers from leaving the building on their routes.

A special detachment of police from the St. George Station has been on 24-hour duty at the newspaper office to watch over the 75-100 daily pickets.

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League in 5th day of picketing

The Italian - American Civil Rights League began its fifth day of demonstrations against the Advance this morning by 9:30 a.m. with the arrival of about 10 group members and the familiar trailer truck.

A spokesman for the IACRL promised that "more people would be coming later" but that "because it's a work day there will be less than were here on Saturday."

Four police sergeants and 40 patrolmen were on hand this morning. Advance delivery trucks were again escorted from the building by patrol cars.

The future of the IACRL's demonstration against the Advance will be decided tomorrow at a hearing in State Supreme Court.

The Advance sought a court action Friday against league members when all delivery trucks were delayed as they tried to leave the building.

Supreme Court Justice Vito J. Titone signed a preliminary injunction barring the IACRL from interfering with the operations of the newspaper. Tomorrow the court will ask the IACRL to show why their demonstration should not be restricted or halted altogether.

The president of a Long Island chapter of the IACRL said that "if there is court action prohibiting members from demonstrating then they won't demonstrate. We're always on the side of the law," he explained.

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On 2/8/71, the informant was contacted by SA [redacted] [redacted] and the writer and the following resulted:

JOSEPH GALLO
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NY 92-4123

Upon JOE GALLO's release from NY State Prison on 3/10/71, the informant expects him to reside with his mother at 652 East 4th Street and to make no moves to cause any trouble for anyone in Brooklyn. JOE GALLO will no doubt be very close to his brother AL GALLO and all of their mutual friends in the Presidents Street section of Brooklyn. The informant is aware there are all kinds of rumors rampant about a possible renewal of fighting between the GALLO crew and others in the COLOMBO family [redacted] He said he has heard no rumors or anything else to indicate such a war will resume and has heard nothing to the effect that COLOMBO [redacted] or anyone else are planning to strike first at the GALLO's in anticipation of a renewal of the wars upon JOE GALLO's release from prison. The informant said he can only guess what will happen but he subscribes to the theory that the relative peace existing between the GALLO crew and the rest of the COLOMBO group will continue. JOE GALLO will no doubt be given a "piece of the action". However, because he will be under the supervision of the Parole Board JOE GALLO will not be doing too much upon his immediate release except trying to adjust to being home and to avoid being returned to prison as a Parole Violator. In the latter regard, the informant pointed out at least one recent law change may be useful and that is the right for a person charged with Parole Violation to be represented by an attorney.

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One thing is certain, the informant pointed out, if anyone at all started any trouble with the GALLOs they could expect certain retaliation because he said the GALLOs "do what they have to do". Actually, anyone planning anything against the GALLOs would have more to worry about with AL than with JOE because the latter's main concern in the future will be to stay out of jail at all costs. However, the brothers will stand as one and to cause either one trouble would bring forth certain response from the other. He said if JOE GALLO in particular was "violated", AL GALLO would respond quick and sure.

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The informant said many people have the wrong idea about "our kind of life", thinking it is all easy and profit. In reality, according to the informant, "our life" brings headaches and various problems never encountered by people who on the surface appear less well off. He said money isn't everything - pride and self-respect are more important - and JOE GALLO is one person who was never overly concerned with maternal things.

Concerning, JOE GALLO's conviction of extortion for which he has been in state prison these past ten years, the informant states JOE GALLO was framed and contends GALLO did not even have a lawyer to represent him at certain key phases of that prosecution. By today's standards that case would have been dismissed and the informant also implied that even

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at the time of the conviction if the "right people" were concerned with making the "proper arrangements" JOEY GALLO would never have gone away.

However, JOE GALLO did go away and according to the informant did some long, hard time suffering many indignities at the hands of NY State Prison Authorities. The informant said he is aware that word was put out by someone that JOE GALLO had turned homosexual since incarcerated. Whoever, started that story is a liar according to the informant who is not sure whether it started with persons working in the NY State Prison System or with people on the streets of Brooklyn but it was certainly someone who wanted to pass off such a lie to discredit JOE GALLO.

A few months ago, JOE GALLO gave a display of heroics which indicates the type man he is according to the informant. It seems a disturbance was underway at Auburn State Prison wherein Negro inmates were in a state of semi - riot. The white inmates were taking no part in it and were staying off to one side. At one point one of the prison guards was injured and in obvious need of medical attention. He was first left on the floor in the midst of the Negro inmates and no one seemed to be willing to help him. At this point, JOE GALLO walked into the crowd and picked up the guard and carried him away to where he received medical attention. For this action, GALLO received a written commendation from the NY State Prison Authorities according to the informant, who understands this had a lot to do with GALLO getting released from prison in March rather than in May as originally scheduled.

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JOSEPH COLOMBO
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Regarding COLOMBO and the several weeks of picketing of the FBI Office the informant first said he was sick and that is why he did not participate. However, he later said he did not go for that tactic. He said COLOMBO is the kind of guy "who likes to be out front - a main guy - that's his bag" [redacted] He said he did feel there is Anti-Italian feelings on the part of all law enforcement in the NY area but questioned whether picketing was the way to offset it. The informant was anxious to know from the interviewing agents what they understood the thinking of "other good people" was with regards to COLOMBO's IACRL activity. The agents told the informant that he should be in a better position to know how others in organized crime feel about COLOMBO and his organization, the IACRL. However, common sense would lead to the following conclusions:

1. IACRL is a big money maker for COLOMBO.

2. The recent incident wherein COLOMBO's stooge ROCCO MIRAGLIA was arrested while carrying COLOMBO's briefcase full of IACRL records and contributors can't buy JOE COLOMBO anything but disrespect among other bosses and wise guys.

3. The type of individual used by COLOMBO in his picketing often times are unruly and fowl mouth in their cursing of FBI employees and their families and this can hardly bring any credit to COLOMBO or any Italian American cause.

The informant taking one of the above conclusions at a time made these comments:

He doesn't think COLOMBO or anyone else is fooling around with IACRL contributions since he understands all contributions are to be by check and good records are being kept. On Italian Unity Day, 6/29/70, all of the stores in the President Street area closed willingly as if they really wanted to be a part of the thing. The only mistake made there was in the choice of dates since the July 4th holiday was celebrated that same week and causing businesses to close twice in the same week really can work a hardship.

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He agreed carrying the records of any organizations (showing members and contributions) around the street is not a good idea.

The informant said he had no idea that anyone in the picket lines at the FBI Office had conducted themselves in such a fashion as to curse FBI agents and their families. [redacted] However, anytime any organization takes up picketing as a tactic various kinds of low life and characters join the ranks and it was no doubt people such as these who were out of order and their actions should not be held against "good guys" who were on the scene and no doubt resented such crude conduct on the part of these "nothing guys".

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-6210)

SUBJECT: ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE (IACRL)
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NY POST CARRIED ARTICLE IN EDITION INSTANT DATE REPORTING THAT CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION HAD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY THREE THREE LAST TO RESUME PICKETING OF THE NYO WITHIN TEN DAYS TO PROTEST CONTINUED HARASSMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE ARTICLE STATES THAT AT THE MEETING IN WHICH IT WAS DECIDED TO RESUME PICKETING, ANTHONY COLOMBO, SON OF LCN BOSS JOSEPH COLOMBO & VICE PRESIDENT OF CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION, URGED MEMBERS: "TO DO WHAT WE HAVE TO DO AGAINST THE FBI AND THE SPECIAL STRIKE FORCE AGAINST ORGANIZED CRIME". COLOMBO CONTINUED: "WE HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE FBI -- TO THE PLACE WHERE WE (THE LEAGUE) WERE BORN -- AND WE HAVE TO FIGHT AND STAND TOGETHER. WE WILL GET THEIR STRIKE FORCE AGENTS OUT OF NY".

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ITALIAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS
LEAGUE (IACRL)
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JOSEPH COLOMBO
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NY 92-1965

PC telephonically advised on 3/2/71, that he is

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was able to get into town for a personal meeting.

THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS NOT TO BE DISSEMINATED WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE WRITER.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5509)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK 92-1965) (P)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH ANTHONY COLOMBO
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ReNYlet to Bureau, 1/19/71.

In connection with records of Italian-American Civil Rights League belonging to JOSEPH COLOMBO and seized by the NYO incidental to arrest of COLOMBO cap ROCCO MIRAGLIA 12/10/70, [redacted] b3

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It is felt that the Bureau can capitalize on [redacted] Reliable sources have reflected mixed reaction to COLOMBO's IACRL and attendant publicity by other LCN figures who have adopted a "wait-and-see" attitude in this respect before fully support or censuring him. The latter is unlikely as long as the glare of publicity and presumed investigative efforts continue to be centered on COLOMBO.

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League To Picket FBI Anew

By MEL JUFFE

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK DATE: 3/6/71

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FROM : SA [redacted] (#55)

SUBJECT: PROPOSED DEMONSTRATION BY ITALIAN AMERICAN LEAGUE ON 3/8/71 AT NEW YORK OFFICE OF FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

[redacted] New York City Police Department, telephonically advised this writer instant date. [redacted] that the Italian American League would begin to picket the NYO on 3/8/71, at approximately 4:00 p.m.

[redacted] members of the Italian American League were today picketing the offices of a Staten Island, New York newspaper.

[redacted] NYCPD, [redacted] again contacted the NYO and advised that between 300 and 350 people will be picketing the NYO in the above matter, five days a week between 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

SAC'S, Division I and Division V, advised.

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SA [redacted] (#25)

PROPOSED DEMONSTRATION BY
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SA [redacted] US Bureau of Customs advised this date that the above organization had sound trucks touring the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn, announcing the proposed demonstration at the headquarters of the New York Office, FBI on Monday, 3/8/71. The announcement indicates that buses will be available to transport the people to NYC.

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STORM BECALMS ADVANCE DISPUTE

S. I. Picketing Is Put Off by Italian-Americans

By WILL LISSNER

The Staten Island Advance braced yesterday for a renewal of picketing and harassment by Italian-American groups but, although the pickets' command truck drove past the Grasmere plant, no pickets or other demonstrators braved the snowstorm.

The police maintained a heavy guard, ready to enforce Supreme Court Justice Theodore G. Barlow's preliminary injunction barring roving bands of men from loitering in the area and from attempting to intimidate employes.

The injunction also restricts legal picketing by the Italian American Civil Rights League to an area opposite the plant marked off by police barricades so as not to interfere with production.

The picketing followed reports in The Advance that a Federal grand jury was investigating the league. The league called the reports erroneous, but Denis E. Dillon, director of the Brooklyn-Staten Island Strike Force Against Organized Crime, confirmed them Wednesday.

The league voted at a meeting of 500 members at the Park Sheraton Hotel Wednesday evening to continue daily demonstrations outside The Advance begun on Feb. 24 and to stage a mass rally there tomorrow.

Strike Force Opposed

The organization also voted to resume picketing Federal Bureau of Investigation headquarters here in 10 days. Anthony Colombo, vice president of the league, linked the league's fight against the F.B.I. to his campaign against the strike force, which is directing a Federal grand jury investigation of actions of members of the league outside The Advance plant.

"We will get their strike force agents out of New York," said Mr. Colombo, the operator of a Brooklyn dry cleaning store.

His father, Joseph Colombo Sr., was a founder of the league. The senior Colombo is a reputed leader of organized crime in Brooklyn.

During the picketing and demonstrations last Friday at the newspaper plant, four armed men attacked two deliverymen with tire irons, beating them to the floor of their truck. The drivers said their assailants had threatened to shoot them if they got up, then set fire to the truck. The men fled, but the truck and its newspaper cargo was destroyed.

Asked if the case had been presented to a Richmond County grand jury, District Attorney John M. Braisted Jr., said yesterday that it was too early but that it would be. It was under investigation by city detectives, F.B.I. agents and his own investigators, Mr. Braisted said. He added that his office also was cooperating in the investigation of other acts of demonstrators at the plant.

Richard E. Diamond, associate publisher of The Advance, said he believed the campaign was begun because the newspaper had reported that 34 leaders of the Mafia had establish homes on Staten Island.

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New York Times

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM NEW YORK 92-6210

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OBSERVED AMONG PICKETS WERE:

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[redacted] JOSEPH BRANCATO, ROCCO MIRAGLIA AND [redacted] [redacted] MEMBERS COLOMBO LCN "FAMILY", AND [redacted] [redacted] AND CAESAR VITALE, CLOSE ASSOCIATES OF COLOMBO "FAMILY" MEMBERS.

PICKETING CONCLUDED APPROXIMATELY NINE FIFTEEN PM WITH ANNOUNCEMENT DEMONSTRATIONS TO CONTINUE MARCH NINETEENTH NEXT. 92-6210-10

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POSITIVE INFORMATION HAS BEEN DEVELOPED THAT IACRL WILL INSTITUTE PICKETING OF THE NYO AT FOUR PM INSTANT DATE TO PROTEST ALLEGED HARASSMENT OF ITALIAN AMERICANS BY THE FBI.

NYCPD NOTIFIED OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION & PROCEDURES BEING INSTITUTED TO INSURE SECURITY OF BUREAU SPACE & PROPER CROWD CONTROL.

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BP urges probe of league's tactics

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Borough President Connor yesterday became the third elected public official to criticize the protest tactics of the Italian American Civil Rights League, and called for a grand jury investigation of the events surrounding the four-day demonstration against the Advance.

District Attorney John M. Braisted Jr. said a few hours later that he would be "glad to" have a grand jury investigate the events of the last few days as soon as the facts come in.

His office, he said, "is ready to swing into action." He deplored the burning of an Advance truck and the injuring of two employes on Friday.

He promised the full cooperation of his office to investigations being conducted by the city police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Connor echoed sentiments expressed by State Senator John J. Marchi, who called the IACRL methods "preposterous and totally unacceptable" and Councilman Frank Biondollilo, who suggested that the league "call a halt to any further demonstrations that have already proven counterproductive."

Connor's statement read:

"I am appalled at the reports of violence and intimidation that appear to have arisen in connection with the picketing at the Staten Island Advance.

"There is absolutely no justification for the use of illegal force or threats of any kind in connection with picketing of any type. If the burning of a newspaper truck and the threatening of occupants is associated with the protest at the Advance it is reprehensible and cannot be tolerated.

"The maintenance of law and order in this borough is absolutely essential, regardless of whether it [illegible]

High School or the offices of the Advance, or anywhere else on Staten Island.

"Those responsible for the picketing should be aware that the cause suffers grievous and probably fatal consequences if they acquiesce to or fail to rebuff, repulse and strongly disavow any 'goon element' or strong-arm tactics that have already been involved in the picketing.

"I have conferred with the senior police officials and have reinforced the request of the management for adequate police protection to secure the safety of the employes and others who may visit the Advance offices, and requested that all necessary provisions be taken to insure that delivery personnel and trucks are not interfered with in the course of their rounds.

"I am recommending that a grand jury investigation be initiated to determine the facts in the matter and what [illegible]

"The type of behavior exhibited in connection with the picketing cannot and will not be tolerated in this borough."

Picketers, who arrived at the Advance at 10 a.m. yesterday were obviously pleased by the presence of several of the group's celebrities.

Police security in and around the Advance building was strengthened considerably yesterday. In a departure from Friday's practice, demonstrators were not permitted to stop delivery trucks and explain their actions to the drivers.

Joseph Colombo Jr., who was acquitted Friday in a U.S. District Court of a charge of conspiring to melt down silver coins, and his father, a reputed Brooklyn underworld leader, took an active part in yesterday's demonstration.

The younger Colombo spoke freely of his hearing while his father, in the background, swore in children as junior captains in the IACRL, warning

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them to set a good example for Italian children.

Pleased by the court's decision, Colombo Jr. stated that he hopes "the record of the trial is published so that people will understand that I was framed and the FBI was instrumental in doing it."

Even more than wanting to discuss what he feels were the injustices of the conspiracy charges brought against him, Colombo Jr. wanted to "tell the people what the IACRL is really doing for the community."

"In my neighborhood (Bensonhurst, Brooklyn) we bought a building where we've got a gym, where we give music lessons and hold bazaars. We're organizing a day care center and on Sunday we have the street turned into a play street so the children can play safely."

Estimating that perhaps 20 per cent of the people picketing the Advance are actually from Staten Island, Colombo went on to ask: "Why doesn't anyone mention that we've gotten a 10½-acre piece of land in Brooklyn where we're going to build a general hospital, senior citizens home and youth center?"

Spokesmen for the IACRL said that the Daily News which has repeatedly used the terms "Mafia" and "Cosa Nostra" in its stories and headlines will be the next newspaper to be picketed by the organization.

Asked why the Advance inspired such a strong response from the IACRL, Colombo Jr. explained that "it's a paper that reaches a small borough when a paper like the News or the Times hits more people and what they print gets digested quicker. What they say doesn't have the same impact."

One of the more vocal women who marched yesterday until 3:30 p.m., explained why she and a number of other members of the IACRL have become so actively involved with the group.

The hostilities was one of [illegible] homeowners in the Queens suburb of Corona who was threatened with losing her home when a school and athletic field were planned for the site.

"We tried every place to get someone to help us save our homes," the woman said, "and no one did anything but write letters until we got in touch with the IACRL."

Taking time from their marching and chanting, individual members of the league stopped to defend Italians and point out "how this country has discriminated" against them.

"Christopher Columbus, an Italian, who discovered this country. It's named after Vespucci, another Italian, "But what" they asked, "do you think of when you hear about Italians? You think about Mafia."

"The Mafia doesn't exist today. Cosa Nostra doesn't exist. If they did really exist," a Brooklyn member of the IACRL asked, "wouldn't the FBI have infiltrated them?"

"The FBI admits that they've infiltrated the Communist Party. They admit they've gotten into the Black Panthers. Have they gotten into the Mafia? No! Because there is no Mafia."

Seventy patrolmen and senior officers of the Police Department, under the command of Inspector Milton Jirak, remained in and outside of the Advance for the duration of the protest.

Every truck leaving the premises was escorted by patrol cars to prevent a recurrence of Friday's incident. Two Advance employes were assaulted and a delivery truck was burned.

Members of the IACRL left the Advance yesterday afternoon, promising to be back tomorrow.

"We're going to stop this discrimination against us," a member said, "and make it so our kids don't ask us if they're members of the Mafia just cause they're Italians."

Joseph Colombo Jr., wearing white jacket, talks with an Advance reporter outside Advance building while another marcher listens. Colombo's father, Joseph Colombo Sr., reputed Mafia leader, walks the picket line at right, wearing hat. Both Colombos are Brooklyn residents.

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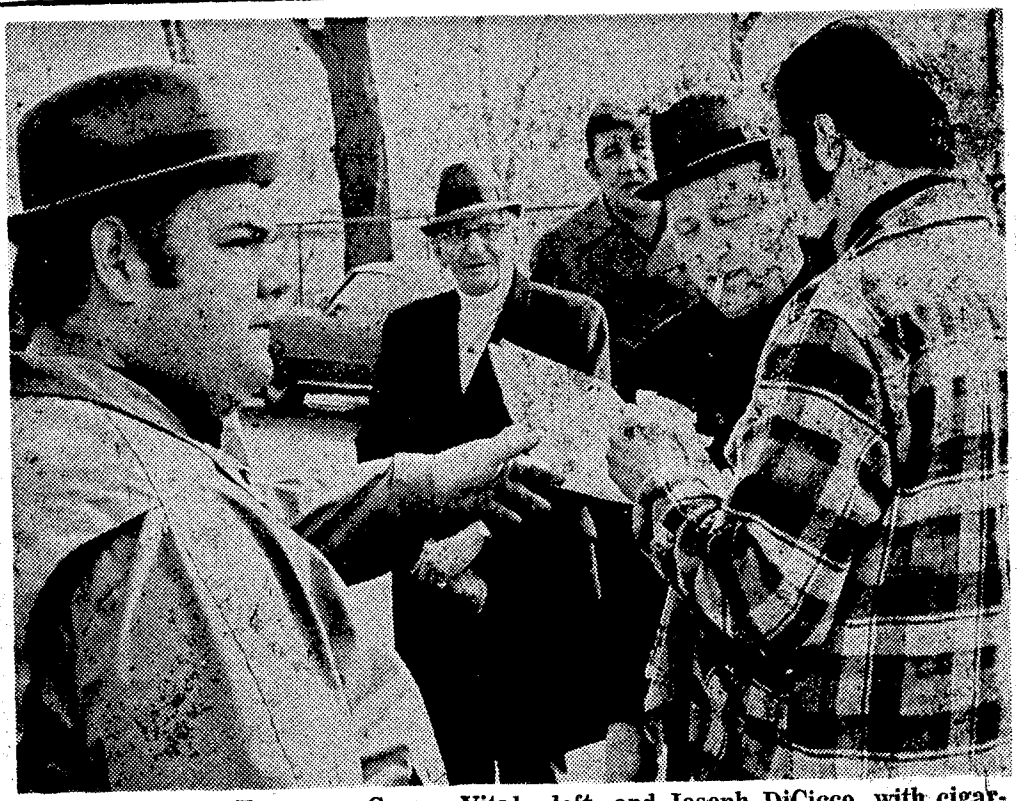
Picketers outside the Advance building shout, curse, and spit as delivery truck leaves the [illegible] under [illegible] police.



IACRL Secretary-Treasurer Caesar Vitale, left, and Joseph DiCicco, with cigarette, are served with a temporary injunction by process server David Rachnill right, during demonstration outside the Advance building. League president Natale Marcone was also served with the order, returnable in court Tuesday. The injunction bars interference with operations of the Advance.

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Scene shifts to court in picketing

Italian-American Civil Rights League demonstrators were at the Advance earlier than usual this morning but left by 9:15 a.m. to be in State Supreme Court in St. George by 9:30.

Today the league's president, Natale Marcone and two league officers, Caesar Vitale and Anthony Colombo, will have to explain to the court why the group should not be permanently prohibited from demonstrating at the Advance.

Two IACRL members were left behind as about 30 others packed into cars carrying American and Italian flags which they waved on the way to Supreme Court.

Joseph Colombo Sr. said that he expected all the league members to be in the courtroom and explained that the two men were left behind because "we never abandon the ship."

The major target of hostility for about 60 members of the Italian-American Civil Rights League who picketed the Advance again yesterday was a Federal Bureau of Investigation agent.

While league members and supporters continued to shout accusations and insults at the Advance, the most vigorous reactions were caused by the presence of Bernard Walsh.

League members claim that Walsh tried to have Joseph Colombo Jr. convicted of conspiracy to melt down silver coins by bribing an Island coin dealer, Richard Salamone, to testify against the younger Colombo.

Colombo Jr. was acquitted in U.S. District Court last week but Salamone was arrested and charged with perjury when he changed his testimony against Colombo.

Anthony Colombo, one of the three sons of the reputed Brooklyn underworld leader, Joseph Colombo Sr., spent several hours at a microphone asking Walsh to come out to the crowd.

Alternating between sarcasm and rage, Anthony Colombo reeled strings of rhetorical questions at Walsh, who was inside the Advance Building, spiking them with a variety of epithets.

As Walsh left the building to go to his car, the entire gathering of IACRL members rushed to the driveway which he would

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use to exit and joined in a raised-fist chant of "Sieg Heil" led by Anthony Colombo at the microphone.

While police successfully prevented demonstrators from getting very close to Walsh's car, a demonstrator did manage to toss a cup of coffee at him through an open car window.

Joseph Colombo Sr. renewed the league's promise that demonstrations would not cease until "the paper makes an editorial apology for saying that the league is under investigation.

"We don't frame," Colombo said, "and we don't want to be framed."

Colombo Sr. stressed his dissatisfaction with the Advance's coverage of an incident last Friday in which an Advance delivery truck was burned and two Advance employes beaten.

'DEPLORE VIOLENCE'

"The way it looked in the paper," he claimed, "was that the IACRL had something to do with that. We deplore violence and have never been involved in violent demonstrations."

"We think," Colombo said, "that the Advance did this to their own truck to try an put a blemish on the reputation of the IACRL. And if the Advance didn't do it then the FBI did."

Richard E. Diamond, associate publisher of the Advance, immediately labelled the charge by Colombo Sr. as "absurd" and "nonsense."

Diamond noted that the Advance is continuing to give its full cooperation to the city police and the FBI in their investigation of the incident.

Colombo cited other alleged distortions by the press in general: "They say I'm such a bad man. They say I got a torture chamber and that I do terrible things.

"I ask you," he said, pointing to demonstrators, "do you think these people would follow a man like that? Do these people look stupid?"

VISIBLY ANGERED

Although calm throughout most of the day, Colombo Sr. returned to the picket line visibly angered after a visit to Harmony House Caterers on Fingerboard Rd., next to the Advance.

"Our people can't go into that place," he shouted, "because the Advance has put pressure on them not to let us in like they did the other day. We have women and children on this line here, and they can't go in there to use the bathroom."

The elder Colombo claimed that he had been told by Sal Martinetti, manager of Harmony House, that there had been 30 canceled banquet reservations since it was reported in the Advance that IACRL members had used the facilities.

MANAGER'S VERSION

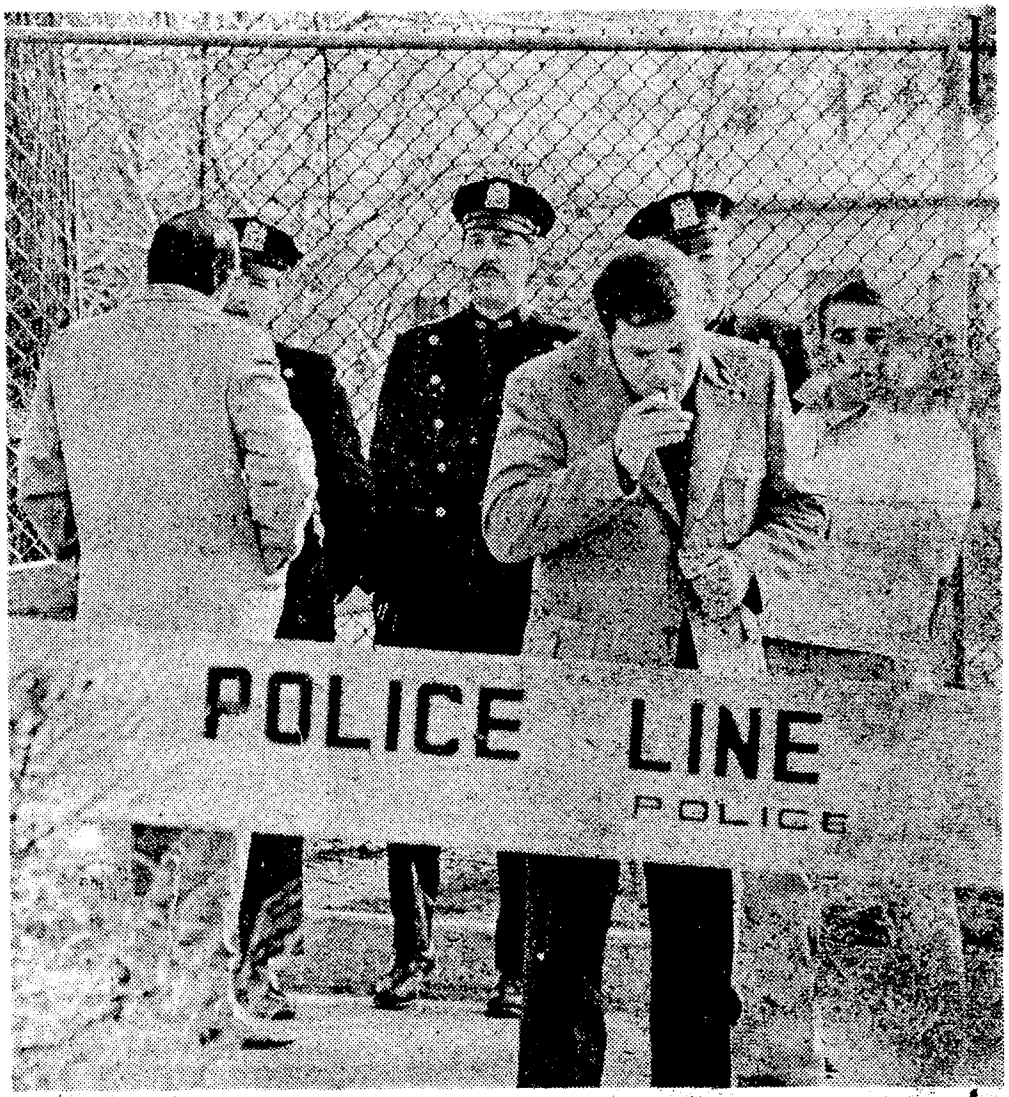
Colombo claimed that the bookings had been canceled by Advance employes, but Martinetti told a different version of the story.

Martinetti, in the presence of four IACRL members who would not allow him to speak to a reporter privately, said that there had been "10 cancellations by people who said, 'We didn't know you were with them (the IACRL)' and 20 calls from people who said that Harmony House was no longer a consideration" as a place to have a party.

Martinetti denied that he had received any requests from the Advance not to serve IACRL members and denied that the cancellations were from Advance employes.

—JANE KURTIN

Joseph C[illegible]ut[illegible]o Sr., a reputed Brooklyn underworld leader, stares out through the line of demonstrators outside the Advance.



IACRL sympathizers with police near the ramp used by delivery trucks at the Advance.

S.A. Advance photo by Hans Jung

Anthony Colombo, recovered from a bout with bronchitis, was well enough to speak to TV newsmen in the company of his fellow IACRL members, Natale Marcone, left, and Caesar Vitale, right.

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Pickets move on to assail the FBI

By WILLIAM HUUS

The Italian-American Civil Rights League called off its picketing of the Advance yesterday at 3 p.m. after Anthony Colombo, the league's vice president, told the marchers to direct their protests against the FBI.

Colombo said picketing would begin at FBI headquarters at 3rd Ave. and 69th St., Manhattan, tomorrow and that "we will be there every day from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. until the agents who framed my brother (Joseph Jr.) and my father (Joseph Sr.) are investigated."

Anthony's brother was found innocent of a charge of conspiring to melt down U.S. coins by a Brooklyn Federal Court jury a week ago and his father was arrested Friday on a Nassau County grand jury indictment which charges him with conspiracy and grand larceny in a 1968 $750,000 jewel robbery.

Mrs. Joseph Colombo Sr., who spoke bitterly about her husband's arrest, and Joseph Sr.'s sister, Mrs. Loretta LaRosa, were among the 200

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league members who marched without incident behind police barricades across the street from the Advance building yesterday.

Restrictions imposed on the demonstration by a preliminary injunction, which was signed Wednesday by Supreme Court Justice Theodore G. Barlow, were invoked by police. This prevented any of the incidents which marred earlier demonstrations by the IACRL at the Advance. Yesterday was their first day back on the line since the order was signed.

ORDERS GIVEN OUT

A process server distributed the court orders to those named as defendants in the case as they arrived yesterday morning. Among those specifically enjoined were Natale Marcone of Todt Hill, national president of IACRL, Anthony Colombo, and secretary-treasurer Caesar Vitale.

For several hours, the picketers marched single-file in an orderly fashion on the sidewalk opposite the Advance. Except for occasional slogan-chanting and a chorus of jeers each time a delivery truck left the plant, the demonstration was quiet.

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Most of the pickets were off-Islanders. They traveled by chartered bus and private car.

Anthony Colombo finally climbed to the roof of a sound truck at 1 p.m. and addressed the group.

He told the league members that, starting Monday, the demonstration would switch to the FBI headquarters and said the picketing at the Advance would end. "That doesn't mean we won't be back at some later date," he added.

The son of the reputed underworld boss told the crowd that the decision to picket the FBI was made at a league meeting Wednesday night and that it was to protest "the framing of my brother." Anthony said that Friday's arrest of his father was another "frame-up by the Justice Department" and added that it "is likely that a group of picketers will also be sent to Mineola" to demonstrate against Nassau County District Attorney William Cahn tomorrow.

ASSAILS OFFICIALS

Anthony blasted law officials for holding his father without bail, asserting that "murderers, pushers, rapists and junkies are let out on the streets on bail every day."

He explained the arrest by saying the FBI wanted to get his father off the street "to destroy the good will of the league. They're afraid because we're getting too much power," he said.

He told [redacted] members that it [redacted] the agents involve[redacted] his brother [redacted] themselves and tha[redacted] arrested on "tru[redacted]ges."

He sa[redacted]e of the nightly [redacted] FBI building would [redacted] call for an "immediate investigation of those agents who take money, make deals with witnesses and lie under oath just to convict an Italian, and then get away free."

IACRL picketers wave American and Italian flags and cheer in response to Anthony Colombo's statement that his father and brother "were framed" by the FBI.

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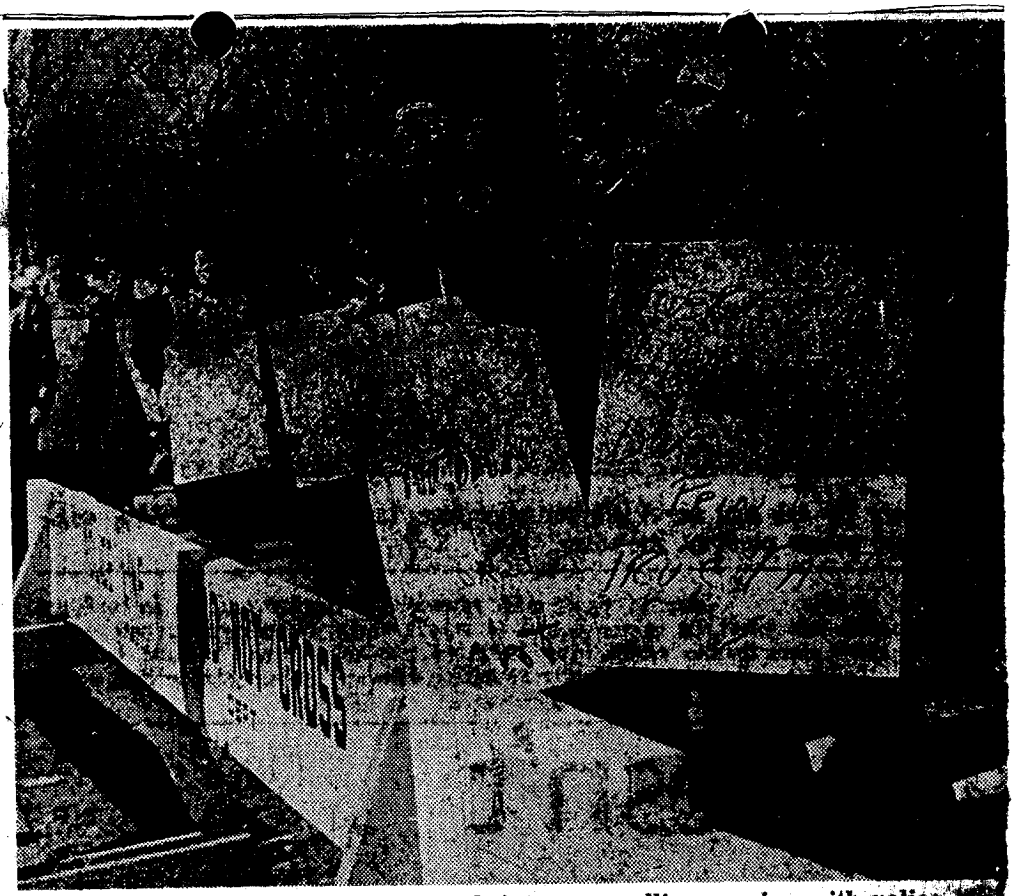
Anthony Colombo, at left, emotionally addresses the IACRL pickets from the roof of a sound truck while



A few IACRL marchers engage in a brief name-calling session with police officers during the otherwise quiet picketing.

Officers of the Italian-American Civil Rights League read about the restrictions placed on their picketing after being served with preliminary injunction orders at the Advance. Those served, from left, are Caesar Vitale, the secretary-treasurer; Frank Esposito; Anthony Colombo, the vice president; Natale Mu[illegible] the president, and Jack Ave[illegible]

Joseph Colombo Sr.'s sister, Mrs. Loretta LaRosa, at left, and his wife join IACRL picketers outside the Advance.

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Colombo, Released In Bail, Joins Group Picketing the F.B.I.

Joseph Colombo Sr., released on bail from the Nassau County jail yesterday afternoon, joined a group of demonstrators from the Italian-American Civil Rights League in picketing the Manhattan headquarters of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the early evening.

Colombo, described by Federal authorities as the head of one of New York City's Mafia families, showed up in a hooded parka at about 6:45 P.M. He joined about 50 demonstrators —the number later grew to more than 100—who were picketing the F.B.I. building at 69th Street and Third Avenue.

Marching along Third Avenue with Italian and American flags, the protesters carried placards. One said: "Hoover the anti-Italian vacuum."

Colombo was arrested and jailed Friday in the 1968 theft of $750,000 in jewels from the Long Island Diamond and Jewelry Exchange in Garden City.

County Court Judge Paul Kelly, who remanded Colombo to jail without bail at the request of the District Attorney, released him yesterday in $25,000 bail on the basis of a report from the County Probation Department.

His treatment is jail, Colombo said, was "all right," but "it was very unfair that they did not give me bail the first day." Colombo is to be sentenced Thursday on a perjury conviction.

Two of Colombo's sons, Anthony and Joseph Jr., were among yesterday's demonstrators. Joseph Colombo Jr. said they were protesting the tactics of the Federal Anticrime Task Force. He said the picketing would continue indefinitely each weekday from about 4 P.M., the time at which it started yesterday, until 9:30 P.M.

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Colombo in Protest at FBI

New York (AP)—About 250 members of the Italian-American Civil Rights League demonstrated last night near the FBI's New York City headquarters. Among the demonstrators on Third Avenue between 69th and 70th Streets were reputed underworld figure Joseph Colombo Sr. and one of his sons, Anthony. The elder Colombo was indicted last week in Nassau County on grand larceny and conspiracy charges in connection with a jewel theft. The marchers carried signs denouncing the FBI for allegedly trying to make the U.S. a "police state."

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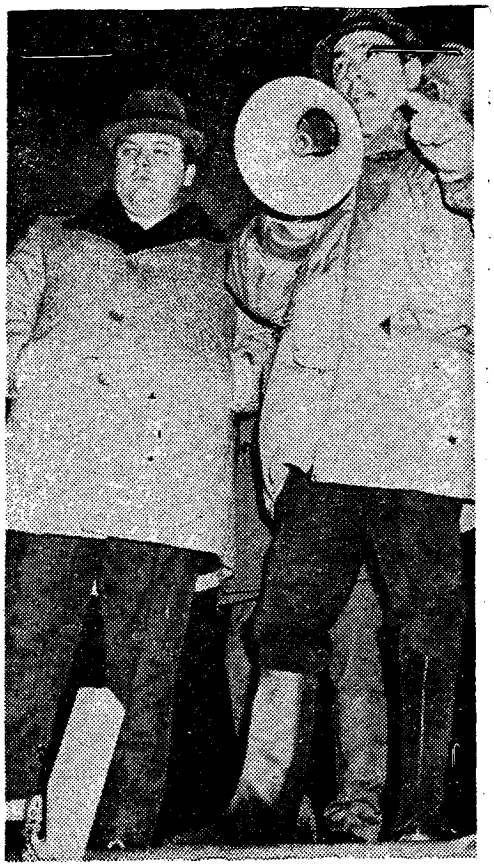

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Italian-American Civil Rights League demonstrators salute around Hitlerian effigy of FBI agents outside the FBI's local headquarters at Third Av. and 69th St. as Joseph Colombo, uses bullhorn to denounce alleged harassment by the agency. Colombo's son, Anthony, the IACRL's vice president, stands by father, who was released in $25,000 bail on Monday in Nassau County, where he faces grand larceny and conspiracy charges.

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2 cops hurt in melee at Advance

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12 demonstrators arrested

Twelve demonstrators from the Italian-American Civil Rights League were arrested yesterday in rows as members of the organization picketed the office of the Advance for the second day.

One arrest, on a charge of harassment, stemmed from a free-swinging melee between police and demonstrators in a driveway leading to the Advance's employe parking lot and loading platforms. Two patrolmen were injured.

Police said that a group of pickets surrounded a car that was leaving the parking lot and refused to let it pass. When a patrolman told them to move away and stop rocking the car, the demonstrators turned on him, according to police.

Several pickets charged that the patrolman struck two marchers and uttered an anti-Italian slur.

When the demonstrators became unruly, police said, an all-hands call for assistance was broadcast to all patrol cars in the area.

While scuffles broke out between cops and members of the league, two pickets also began swinging at each other. It was not determined what caused that dispute.

Arrested in the aftermath of the brawl was Joseph Periano, 44, of Brooklyn. Eleven other persons, arrested later when they stationed themselves in front of newspaper delivery trucks and refused to allow them to pass, were charged with disorderly conduct. Only one, Victor Corbo, 59, of 105 Seaview Ave., Dongan Hills, was a Staten Island resident.

The others were Louis Russo, 33, Peter Candarini, 55, Philip Dioguardia, 23, Joseph deCicco, 48, Caesar Vitale, 24, Angelo Fraggette, 37, Anthony Amato 45, and Sam Labora, 60,

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all of Brooklyn, and Thomas Stabile, 30, and Anthony Costa, 34, both of Queens.

They were booked in the St. George Stationhouse and were represented by Raymond Narral, a Manhattan attorney, at their arraignment in Criminal Court. Judge Eugene Canudo released them without bail pending a hearing March 19 after Assistant District Attorney Arthur Lewis made no recommendation concerning bail.

Patrolman James Howarth, 27, of the Tottenville Precinct, was struck and kicked while attempting to make an arrest, police said. He sustained a broken finger on his left hand and was treated at Staten Island Hospital.

Patrolman William Coursen, 39, of the New Dorp Precinct, was treated at the hospital for an arm injury, sustained while trying to restrain some of the demonstrators.

Police sergeants and leaders of the demonstration worked to cool off some of the more emotional pickets. Relative calm was restored shortly after noon, about 35 minutes after the initial fighting began.

The first incident centered around a Stapleton newsdealer's attempt to leave the Advance parking lot with papers in his car. Demonstrators blocked the exit and demanded that police issue the dealer a summons for using a private car for commercial purposes. No delivery trucks had yet begun driving out to deliver the day's edition.

When the trucks began rolling up the driveway, pickets gathered around each and spoke with the driver for several minutes, asking for "cooperation." By this, they explained, they wanted the drivers to "get the message to the boss." When a league spokesman was asked if he were telling the drivers not to deliver the paper, he said no.

TRUCKS BLOCKED

When asked why the trucks were being permitted to leave, Natale Marcone of 601 Todt Hill Rd., Todt Hill, national president of the league, said: "We have our reasons — there is a reason for everything we do."

Later, however, pickets began remaining in front of the trucks and refusing to move even after they were ordered to do so by police. It was then that the 11 were arrested on disorderly conduct charges.

Although the demonstrators are protesting the use of the terms "Mafia" and "Cosa Nostra" in articles about organized crime, which Marcone said unfairly implicate all Italians and Italian-Americans by association, the league president stressed one article as particularly objectionable.

The article, written by reporter Everett Harvey, said that the league is under investigation by the federal grand jury. Marcone claimed he had checked with the office of the U.S. attorney general and was told there is no such investigation.

But Harvey spoke this morning with Denis Dillon, chief of the federal strike force for the Eastern District of New York, operating out of Brooklyn. Dillon confirmed the truth of the story.

"What you said (in the story) is perfectly accurate, but I can't comment on what's going on before the grand jury," Dillon said. "After it's on, a statement will be forthcoming."

Harvey pointed out that his story didn't say that the IACRL is being singled out in the investigation. It's simply among the organizations and businesses being investigated, he said.

The league's demands of the paper include the immediate firing of Harvey who, pamphlets distributed by demonstrators charge, is "anti-Italian," and a published editorial apology for material published in the past which the league construed to be prejudicial against Italians and Italian-Americans.

Thirty to 40 pickets gathered outside the Advance Building at 950 Fingerboard Rd., Grasmere, about 9 a.m. The number of demonstrators reached a peak of 80 to 100 during the late morning and afternoon hours, and dwindled until all had gone by about 6:30 p.m.

A patrolman, center, is surrounded by scuffling demonstrators.

S.I. Advance Photo by Frank J. Johns

Leaders of the Italian-American Civil Rights League group demonstrating outside the Advance plant discuss their next move as a truck stands motionless in the driveway.

S.I. Advance Photo by Robert Parsons

Pickets harangue a driver as he attempts to leave the Advance plant with newspapers.

Representatives of the Italian-American Civil Right League rock the auto.

S.I. Advance Photos by Frank J. Johns

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Court bars mass picketing

By WILLIAM HUUS

While police searched for four men who beat up two Advance employes and burned their delivery truck yesterday, Supreme Court Justice Vito J. Titone signed a preliminary injunction barring the Italian-American Civil Rights League and its "supporters" from interfering with the operations of the newspaper.

The Advance sought the court action after league members delayed all nine of the newspaper's delivery trucks as they attempted to leave the driveway leading from the plant's loading ramp. Nine of the protesters were arrested on disorderly conduct charges.

Shortly after noon, two Advance employes operating a truck making deliveries on Hylan Blvd. near the S.I. Expressway were assaulted by four men, who beat them with tire irons and then ignited papers in the truck, destroying everything but the cab section.

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Police and FBI officials launched an immediate investigation into the incident. The FBI is also probing any possible link between the truck fire and the demonstration, which began Wednesday.

The national president of the IACRL, Natale Marcone of 601 Todt Hill Rd., Todt Hill, denied that his pickets had anything to do with the assaults and the fire, saying he thought the drivers "probably did it themselves in protest against their employer."

Some 100 marchers massed in front of the Advance Building on Fingerboard Rd. at 9 a.m. yesterday to begin their picketing.

Despite the fact that barricades were set up to contain the marchers and that some 80 patrolmen were at the scene when the first delivery truck attempted to leave at 11:30 a.m., two of the IACRL's organizers, Joseph DeCicco and Anthony Carusso, were allowed to roam at the exit area of the ramp.

The pair persuaded the police captains in charge to allow them to stop each truck and "talk to the drivers for a few minutes." As each truck would reach the end of the driveway, DeCicco would instruct a few men to stand in front of the vehicle, blocking its way, while he and Carusso leaned into the cab to talk to the driver.

Most of each discussion

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would center on Carusso trying to convince the Advance employes that the IACRL cause was just, but his attempts to solicit support fell on deaf ears.

Police officials would issue several warnings to the picketers in each instance, then tell those blocking the way they would be arrested if they did not move.

This procedure was followed without incident for the first three trucks. It was the third truck, which left about noon, that was sabotaged moments later on Hylan Blvd.

Richard E. Diamond, asociate publisher of the Advance, then demanded and received police escorts for the final six delivery trucks.

DeCicco and Carusso and their men continued to block each of these trucks temporarily as they attempted to leave, and on three occasions the men blocking the trucks refused to move when ordered to do so by police. Nine, including two Staten Islanders, were arrested.

Some of the demonstrators yelled, "Burn, burn," as the last of the trucks pulled out.

Arrested were Edward DeCicco, 55, of 2897 Amboy Rd., and Jack Aversa, 37, of 149 Cranford Ave., both New Dorp; Alphonso Russo, 38, of Kings Park, L.I.; Robert Scarpaci, 21, of Brooklyn; Augustus Corrao, 37, of Suffern, N.Y.; Matthew Caminiti, 40, of Brooklyn, and Frank DeGeorge, 37, David Huff, 36, and Philip Antanuccio, 28, all of Queens.

Arraigned in Criminal Court, they were all released without bail pending a hearing on the disorderly conduct charge March 19. That is the same date the 12 picketers arrested during Thursday's demonstration are scheduled to appear in court.

Marcone stayed across the street during all of the day's activities and never became actively involved in the picketing.

The 60 picketers, many of whom do not live on Staten Island, broke up soon after the final delivery truck left late in the afternoon.

Extra papers were printed and delivered to replace the 10,000 lost in the burned truck.

Marcone denied, before television cameras, that the IACRL was at all involved in the truck fire episode. In a private interview, however, the group's president said: "We're fighting for our lives, and we'll make anybody dance who threatens us."

Marcone said that "if the cops and the Justice Department think they are going to stop us, they're nuts. Our main purpose is to protect our Italian heritage—even if it means our lives."

Shortly after 5 p.m. Titone signed the court order barring the IACRL from further mass picketing at the Advance until the hearing Tuesday. An affidavit submitted by the Advance charges that four of its employes, including the two on the truck which was damaged, have been assaulted.

The order prohibits "the IACRL, its officers, members and supporters from gathering, massing or picketing in close formation about the plant." It also prohibits "threatening, ordering or intimidating any Advance employe or anyone entering or leaving the building" and bars "interfering with business procedures."

The order named Marcone; the group's vice-president, Anthony Colombo, and another officer, Cesar Vitale, among the defendants who must appear in Supreme Court Tuesday and show cause why they should not be ordered to permanently desist from demonstrating.

Advance truck burned; mass picketing barred

Advance trucks are halted throughout the day by demonstrating league members.

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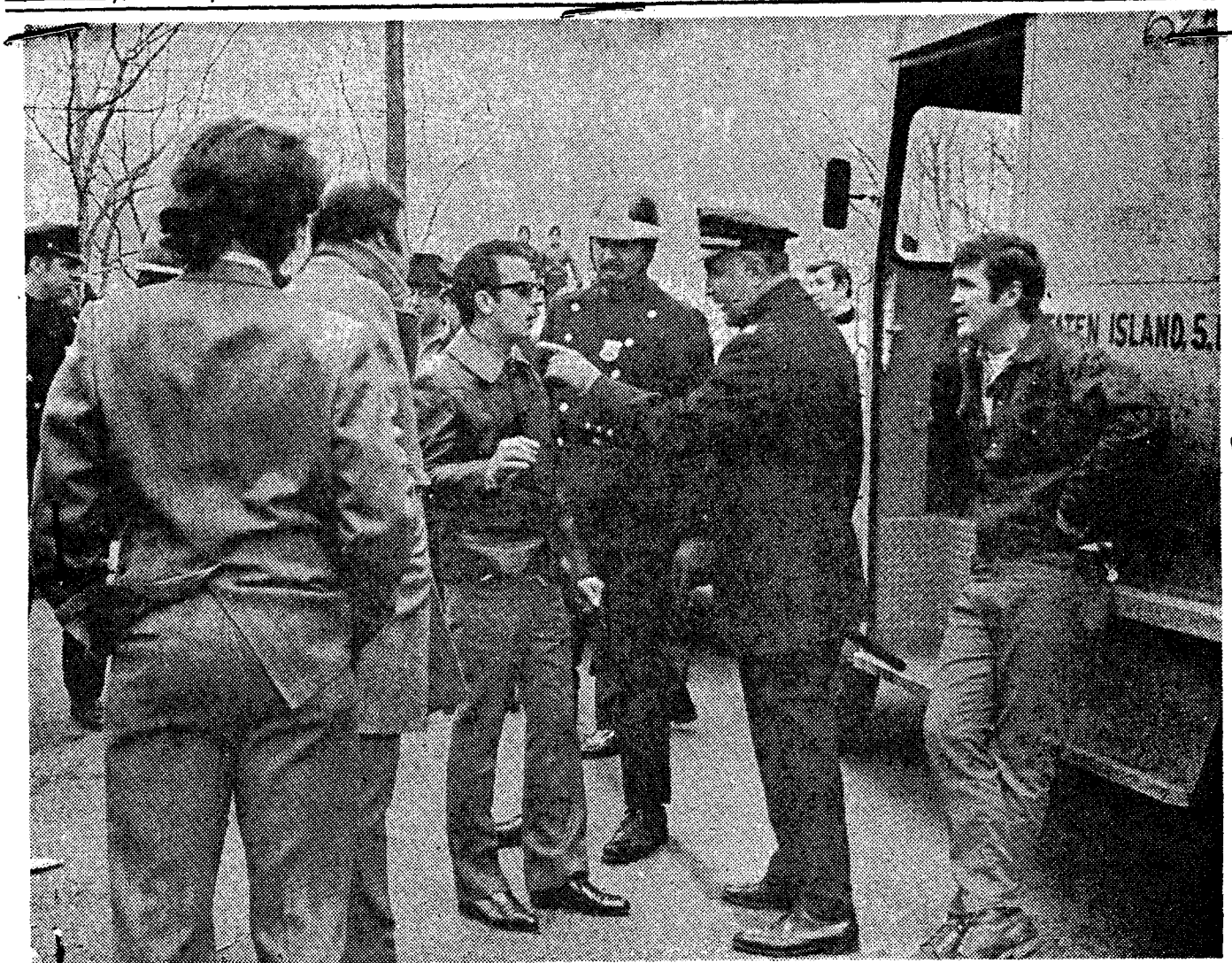

A police official warns a demonstrator while truck driver John Sullivan waits near his blocked truck before moving out for the ill-fated delivery run.

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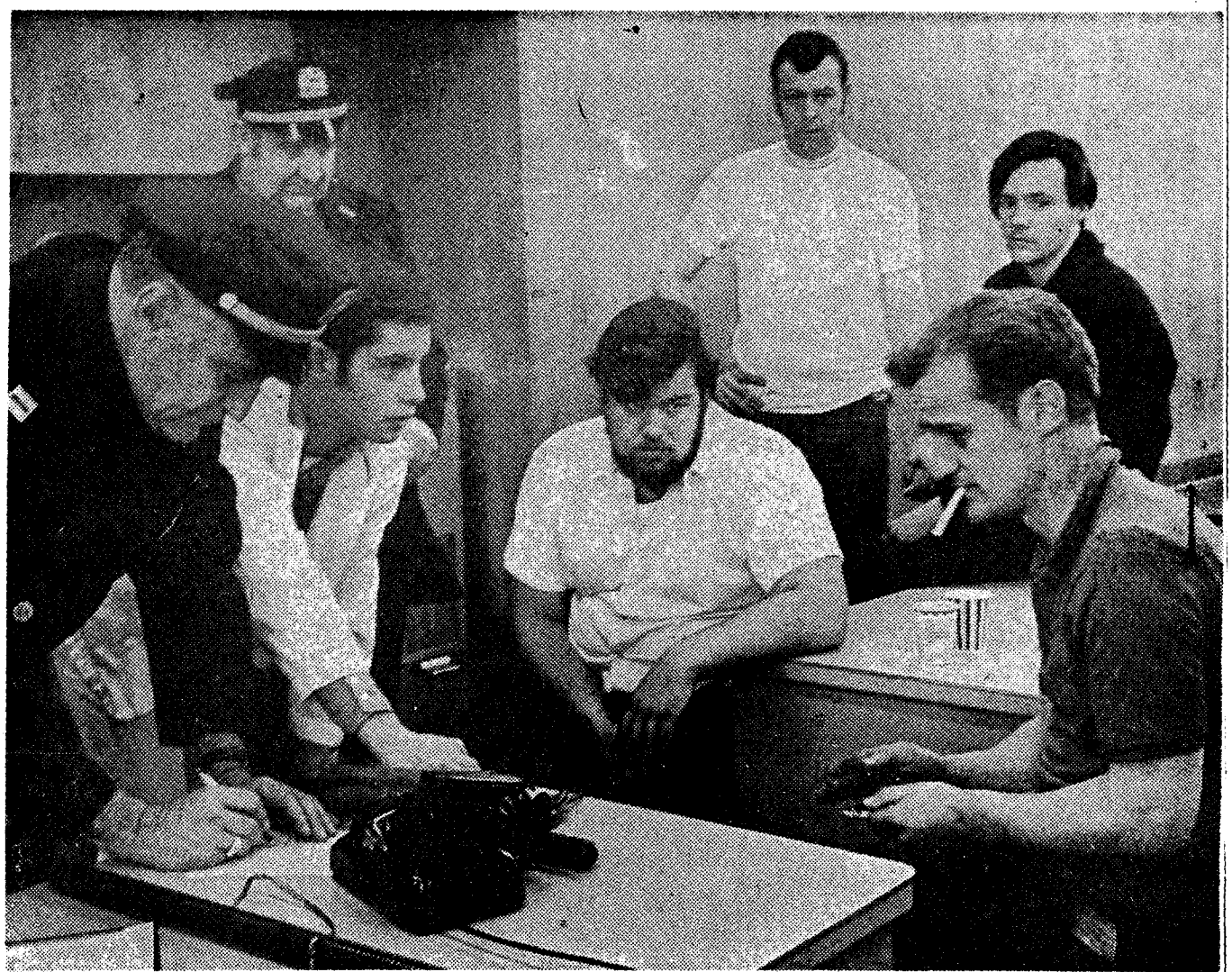

O'Sullivan, right, and Michael Roskowinski, center, a district sales manager, tell police the story of the daylight attack.

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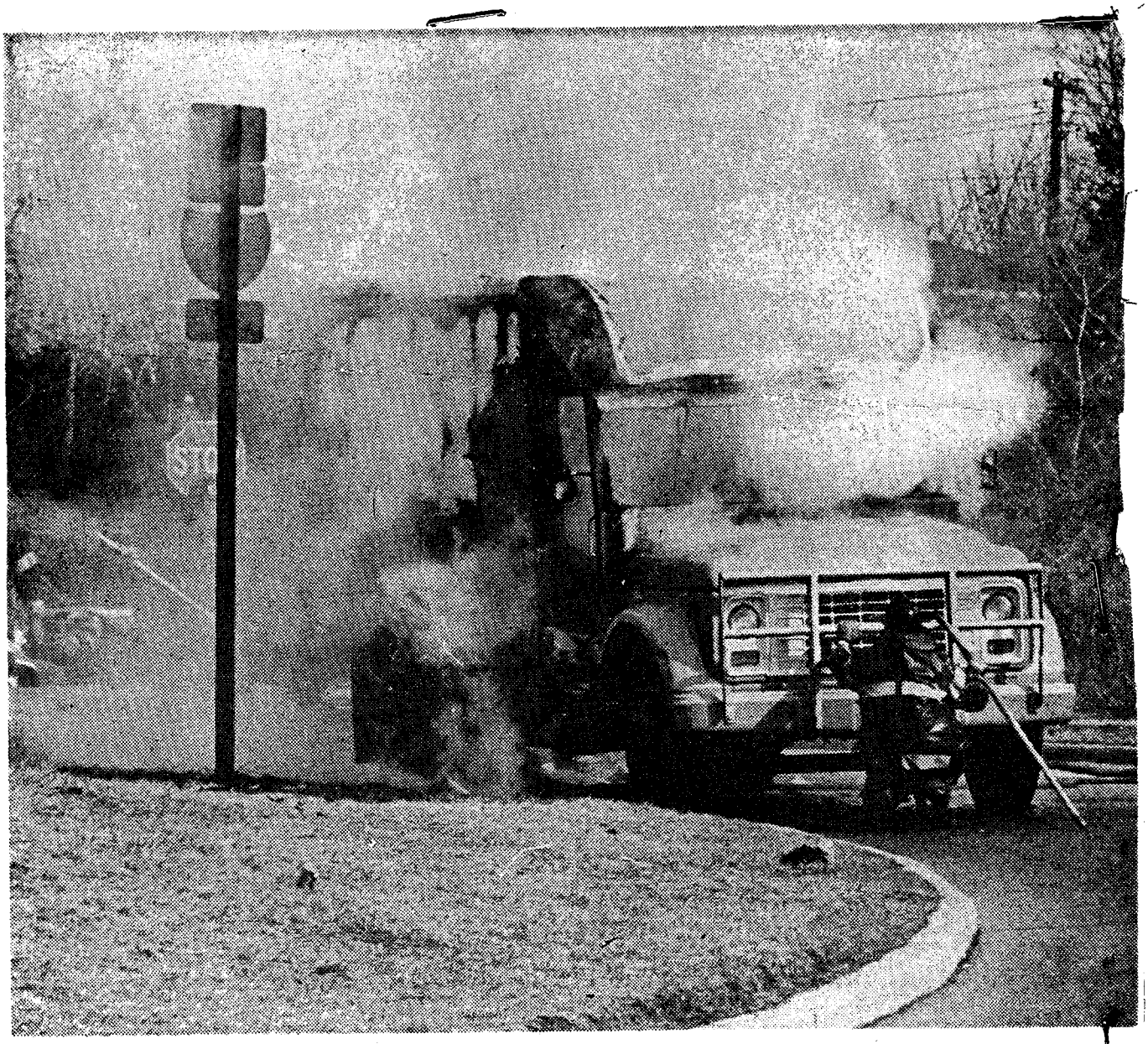

Smoke billows from the burning truck at Hylan Blvd. and Olga Pl., Grasmere.

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2 employes beaten with tire irons

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'Don't move — I've got a gun . . .'

"We stayed in the truck until the smoke got so bad we couldn't stand it anymore. Then I said to Mike, 'Let's get out of here!'. Then we ran for the door. We didn't know if they were still there or not."

Joseph O'Sullivan, 32, the driver of an Advance delivery truck which was stopped and set on fire by four men yesterday, later recounted the incident.

O'Sullivan and Michael Roskowinski, 22, a district sales manager for the paper, had left the Advance plant on Fingerboard Rd., Grasmere, around noon, about 10 minutes before the incident.

Roskowinski was riding in the truck to learn where the bundles of newspapers are dropped to be picked up by neighborhood carrier boys. He has been with the company for a week.

After making their first stop, O'Sullivan and Roskowski turned onto Hylan Blvd. In the vicinity of 600 Hylan Blvd., a brown, late model Cadillac cut in front of the truck.

After forcing it to the side of the road, four men jumped out and approached the truck.

"As I got up to get out, one guy pushed me back inside. There was a tussle and this guy swung at me with a tire iron," O'Sullivan said.

Meanwhile, a man boarded the other side of the truck, where Roskowinski was standing, and asked, "Are you a cop?"

"No," he replied as the man frisked him as if looking for a gun. He then pushed him backward over a bale of papers.

"As I went to get up, the one guy put his hand to his side and said, 'Don't move, I got a gun,' " Roskowinski related.

The men forced the pair into the rear of the truck and then sprinkled lighter fluid on the bundles and set them on fire, O'Sullivan said.

They were told to stay there, they said, but as the smoke got thicker they fled.

O'Sullivan said he was beaten several times by the men carrying tire irons.

"We couldn't see them too well," O'Sullivan said. "I saw one guy had a black leather jacket on, but that was about it."

The men did not give any reason for their action, nor did they take any money or other possessions from the Advance employes.

The truck, valued at $8,000, was a mass of flames. It took firemen about 20 minutes to extinguish the blaze, but by then the rear of the van was nearly destroyed.

Meanwhile, O'Sullivan and Roskowinski flagged down a passing car, which took them back to the Advance Building, where they were questioned by police.

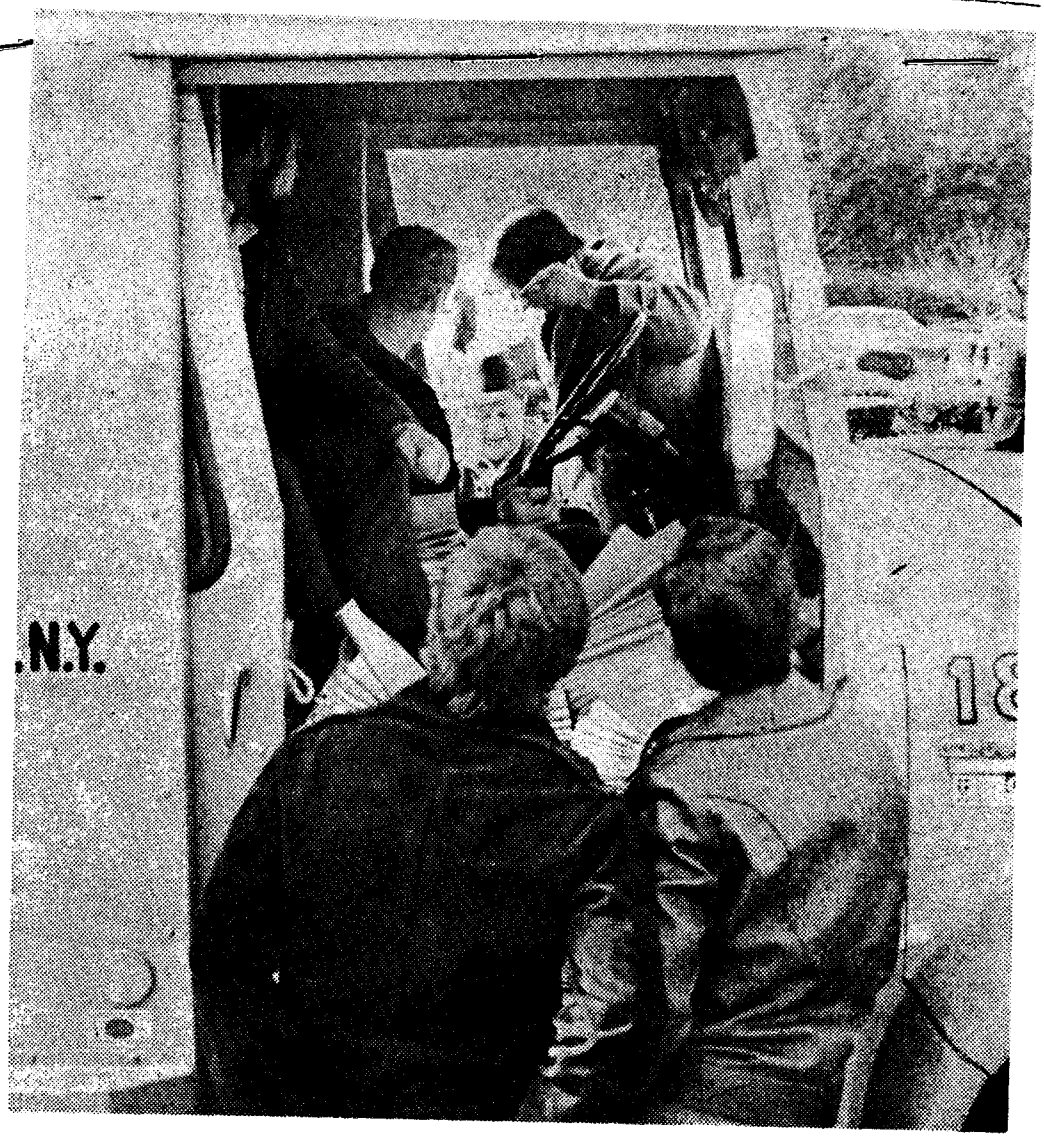
They were then taken to Staten Island Hospital, where they were treated and released.

Police are looking for the car in which the four men fled the scene.

Island police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are looking into the matter to see if there is any link between the fire and the demonstrations at the Advance office by the Italian-American Civil Rights League.

Ten minutes later and less than a mile away, the same truck became a burned out hulk after its driver and passenger were beaten.

S.I. Advance Photo by Barry G. Schwartz



A Staten Island Advance delivery truck is blocked at the plant driveway by members of the Italian-American Civil Rights League and the driver harangued before he's allowed to leave.

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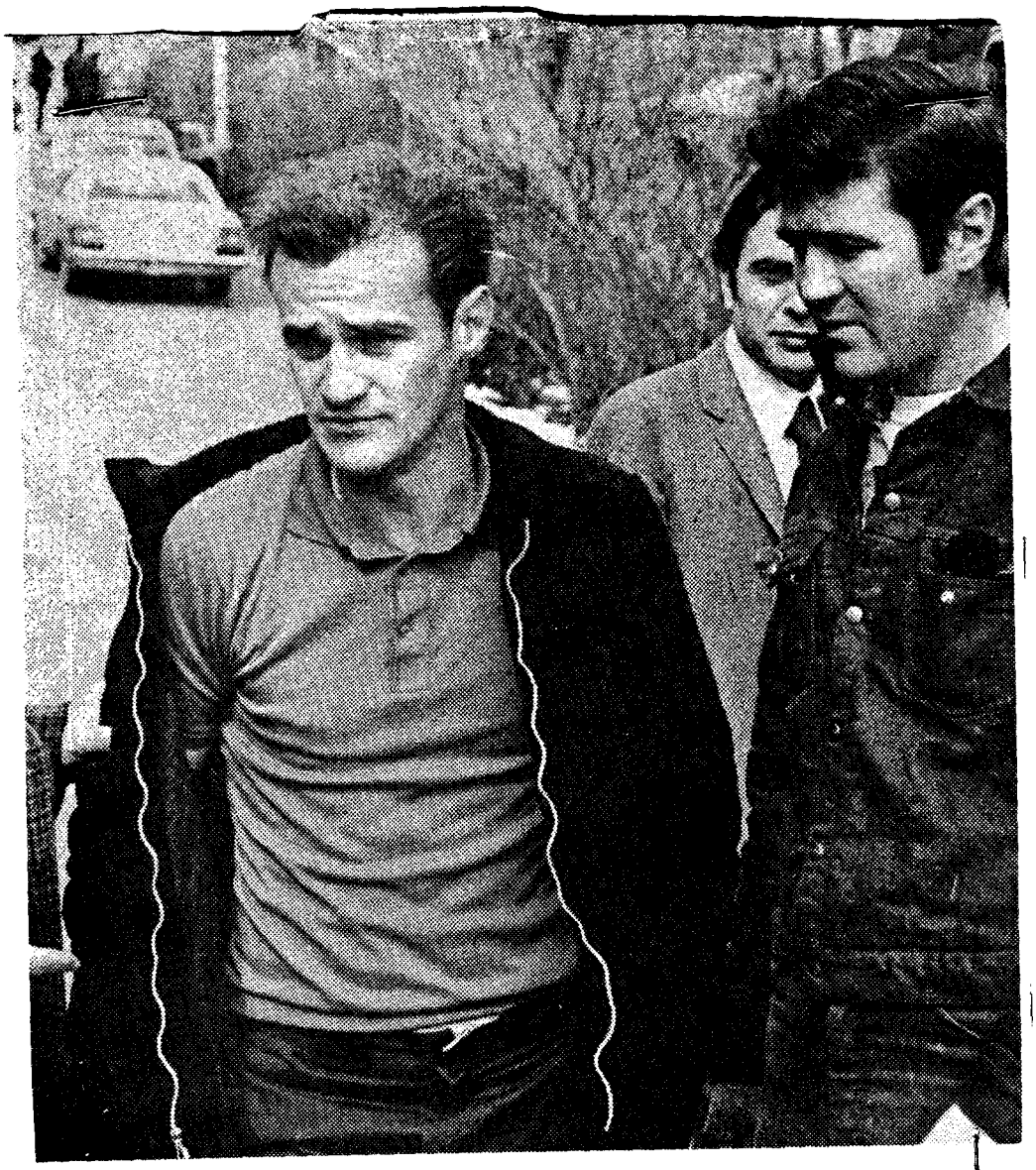

Truck driver Joseph O'Sullivan is aided by his brother, John, right, and others as he returns to the Advance after the daylight attack. His brother took out another truck later.

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In connection with the Federal Grand Jury's inquiry into the operations of the IACRL, you should consider discussing with the U.S. Attorney the [redacted] this organization so that he may have available a further avenue of inquiries concerning the [redacted] available to the IACRL.

Advise the Bureau promptly of any significant developments which your discreet investigation may reveal.

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On 3/11/71, informant advised as follows:

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NYC
NY 92-6210

Informant advised that people [redacted] are not going to demonstrate in the COLOMBO demonstration because they feel they only demonstrate when a "big shot" gets arrested and no concern is given to the small guy. [redacted]

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Informant advised they have not [redacted] by the FBI.

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Informant advised that as far as he can determine [redacted]

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On 3/2, 3/5 and 3/9/71, [redacted] was interviewed by SAS [redacted] and furnished the following information:

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JOSEPH COLOMBO
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The Italian American Civil Rights League (IACRL) headed by JOE COLOMBO intends to picket the FBI Office in NYC commencing at 4PM on 3/8/71. Also that evening at 8PM, a dinner will be held at Joe Major's restaurant, 4th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. This dinner is being sponsored by the Democratic Club of the 50th Assembly District, 476 76th Street, Brooklyn, NY. HARRY MORTIMER is the co-chairman of the Democratic Club. The purpose of the dinner is to obtain money for the purchase of airplane tickets for servicemen in Vietnam so they can return to the US when on leave.

JOE COLOMBO [redacted] b7C
JOE COLOMBO donated $2000 toward the purchase of airplane tickets for servicemen from the NY area. When the servicemen come to NY they will be greeted at the airport by the donor of the tickets. Publicity will be given to this by the Spectator and the Home Reporter, two local Brooklyn newspapers. COLOMBO donated the money on behalf of the IACRL.

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THE ABOVE INFORMATION WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY COMPROMISE THE INFORMANT, THEREFORE, EXTREME CAUTION MUST BE EXERCISED IN ANY DISSEMINATION OF THE ABOVE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC NEW YORK DATE: 3/16/71

FROM : SC JOHN JAMES GALLAGHER #12

SUBJECT: [redacted]
ITALIAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE
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On instant date, at 11 :40AM, captioned subject telephonically contacted this office. She stated that she [redacted]

The subject had previously contacted the writer, about a week ago. At that time she would not furnish her name, however, she did furnish the writer with her home address and telephone number. At that time she had [redacted] She was advised that [redacted] and that she would be contacted by representatives of this office if a need should arise, and that her conversation would be made amatter of record.

On instant date, she again advised that she [redacted]

The subject volunteered the following information about herself; Name - [redacted] Address - [redacted] tele. # [redacted] age [redacted]

During the entire conversation, she left the appearance of [redacted]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5509)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-1965)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH ANTHONY COLOMBO
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Re NYtel to Bureau, 3/10/71.

Enclosed to Boston are two copies of FGJ subpoe. b3 b6 b7C per DOJ

On 3/15/71, NY Strike Force Chief DENIS DILLON confidentially advised that subject.

The Strike Force anticipates making application to obtain a deposition from GAMBINO; BUFALINO is expected to appear 3/24/71 before FGJ, EDNY, having been served subpoena by U.S. Marshal.

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As outlined previously, the theory behind subpoenas to other LCN family figures is to highlight the fact that COLOMBO is the cause of their involvement with a Federal Grand Jury through his manipulation of his brainchild, the IACRL.

Accordingly, the individuals not already under subpoena will be subpoenaed by Bureau Agents to appear before FGJ 3/24/71 and 3/31/71 UACB.

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Additionally, it has been noted by [redacted] Efforts are being made to confirm this information [redacted]

In the meantime, all Agents have been notified of this possibility and have been advised to be extremely discreet [redacted]

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AT PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, Will serve enclosed subpoena on RAYMOND PATRIARCA, Jr., President of Providence Chapter, IACRL.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK, Will serve FGJ subpoenas on THOMAS REOLI, VINCENT CORRAO, JOSEPH STRACCI [redacted]

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League accepts court injunction

Judge's order to spell out the terms

By RAYMOND A. WITTEK

The Italian-American Civil Rights League which has been picketing the Advance's Grasmere plant for the past week, yesterday expressed its willingness to restrict itself to peaceful, lawful picketing.

The statement was made in Supreme Court after the Advance charged that the picketing by the league had been marked by violence and interfered with its business operations.

Justice Theodore G. Barlow granted the newspaper's motion for a preliminary injunction pending trial of an action for a permanent injunction after the league's attorney, Barry Ivan Slotnick, reading from a hand-written statement, said that the league "deplores violence and menacing."

Slotnick consented to the granting of the new order, which would prohibit illegal picketing, including the blocking of entrances and exits at the plant.

Barlow is expected to sign the order after the language in it has been agreed upon by Slotnick and the Advance's attorneys, Tobias J. Bermant and Bruce Berry.

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Barlow directed that a temporary restraining order which Supreme Court Justice Vito J. Titone granted in signing a show cause order Friday remain in effect until the preliminary injunction order is signed. The show cause order was returnable yesterday.

The Advance, in bringing the league into court, did not contest the constitutional right of the organization's members and sympathizers to assemble lawfully.

The wording of the order for the preliminary injunction will not be made public until Barlow signs it. After granting the motion for the preliminary injunction, Barlow yesterday afternoon visited the scene of the picketing to help him in defining the area of the picketing to be outlined in the order.

Legal sources said that if there are any violations of the new order the offenders may be held in contempt of court. The burden for carrying forth any contempt of court proceedings will rest with the Advance, which would have to institute a proceeding requiring the alleged offender to show cause why he should not be held in contempt. If, after a hearing or trial, the offender is found guilty, he may be punished with a fine, imprisonment or both.

Earlier in the day, Barlow heard arguments on the Advance's motion for a preliminary injunction.

Bermant said that since last Wednesday the Advance has been subjected to a "number of unhappy incidents" stemming from the picketing. He said the Advance has "undisputed evidence" of employes being beaten, kicked and terrorized, trucks being halted and their drivers harassed, and advertisers receiving letters

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asking them to boycott the newspaper.

The Advance has alleged in court papers that two employes were assaulted by pickets. Bermant also submitted additional affidavits yesterday by two other Advance employes who said they were beaten and their delivery truck set afire last Friday.

Police have arrested more than 20 demonstrators.

"This was no peaceable protest, by any longshot," Bermant told Barlow.

Slotnick offered no objection when Bermant offered for identification a number of photographs, which Bermant indicated documented the alleged violence.

Bermant said that if the alleged illegal acts by the pickets were permitted to continue the Advance would suffer irreparable damage for which it would be entitled to judgment.

He said that if the league had a grievance for a printed article, it had the right to redress in the form of a libel action. The league, however, did not have a right to impose censorship on pre-publication matter, resorting to "muscle" to accomplish its purposes.

Bermant reiterated that the league had a "constitutional right to peaceful protest."

Slotnick did not contest the Advance's allegations. He relied on the free speech, association and assembly guarantees of the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment. He said that the league was carrying out a "peaceful protest" against what he called the Advance's publication of articles with a "reckless disregard for the truth."

He said that five demonstrators have been injured by Advance employes driving through picket lines.

In asking the judge to deny the motion, Slotnick said the league is picketing to call public attention to its views.

"The right to dissent is the cornerstone of our American heritage," Slotnick said, adding that the "principle of free speech is overwhelming."

Bermant, however, in answering Slotnick, told Barlow that the league does not have an "unqualified right to protest."

While waiting in the courthouse corridor during the daylong proceeding, Joseph Columbo Sr., a reputed leader of organized crime in Brooklyn, reiterated many of Slotnick's statements, including the peaceful and law-abiding intent of the league.

DENIES HAND IN FIRE

He denied that the league or any person associated with it had a hand in setting fire to the Advance truck last Friday. Asserting that such action could only harm the league's purposes and goals, he indicated that he or the league would exact retribution if they learned the person or persons who started the fire.

During the afternoon, FBI agents served a subpoena on Slotnick as he was waiting in the corridor. The subpoena is returnable today in Brooklyn Federal Court. Slotnick could offer no explanation why he was being subpoenaed.

The league previously had indicated it was picketing the Advance to demand the firing of Everett R. Harvey, a reporter who has written a number of articles on organized crime and that the Advance publish an apology.

Columbo said yesterday that these were no longer the main issues. Now, he said, the league is primarily interested in learning where Harvey obtained a statement which was published last Friday regarding a previously published article in which it was reported that the league is under investigation by a federal grand jury.

Harvey said Friday that Denis Dillon, chief of the federal strike force for the Eastern District of New York, had confirmed the report.

Natale Marcone, president of the Italian-American Civil Rights League, in center, notes the Advance's account of the group's picketing while awaiting an appearance in Supreme Court yesterday. S.I. Advance Photo by Barry G. Schwartz

IACRL sympathizers gather in front of Borough Hall before walking next door to Supreme Court for hearings on an injunction directed against their recent demonstrations.

Joseph Colombo Sr. talks to reporters before entering Supreme Court room to view a hearing on a court order which would restrict the IACRL's picketing at the Advance.

S.I. Advance Photos by Barry G. Schwartz

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Action shifts on two fronts

By CHRISTOPHER M. COOK

Members of the Italian-American Civil Rights League alternated yesterday between their picket lines at the Advance plant in Grasmere, and the Supreme Court in St. George, where they heard their case with the newspaper disputed.

After gathering earlier than usual at the Advance Building, a group of approximately 45 picketers went to the St. George courthouse to hear their attorney, Barry Slotnick, answer a show cause order issued last Friday, calling on them to tell the court why they should not be restrained from further picketing.

Many of the protesters entered the building carrying both Italian and American flags, and wearing red, white and green berets and scarves, representing the colors of the Italian flag.

As they filed into the courtroom, one of the members jumped onto a window ledge in the back of the room and planted both the American and the Italian flags into the venetian blinds of the two massive windows.

After a while a court officer told the group that the flags could not be permitted and, on the order of one of the league's captains, they were taken down.

Shortly before the court convened, an officer entered the room and told the spectators that Justice Theodore G. Barlow, who was to preside, would not permit hand flags in the courtroom.

A league representative complied by collecting all the flags carried by the supporters and taking them outside.

Once the proceeding was under way, the packed courtroom was silent as the spectators listened to Tobias Bermant, an attorney for the Advance, present his case to

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the court.

At the front of the spectators' section sat the league's leaders: Natale Marcone, president; Caesar Vitale, secretary-treasurer, and Anthony Colombo, vice president.

Joseph Colombo Sr., reputed Brooklyn underworld leader, sat poker-faced in an adjacent row. He never cracked a smile or hardly said a word, even as his son Anthony came over for whispered conferences occasionally.

Smiles and muffled laughter, amused surprise and shifting in seats were evident as Bermant briefly described violence allegedly committed by the league's demonstrators in the first few days of protesting at the Advance last week.

Bermant read statements of two Advance employes stating that they had been physically abused last week.

Bermant brought up the matter of an Advance delivery truck which was badly damaged last Friday, when four unidentified men stopped it while it was making deliveries, and set it on fire after assaulting two men aboard with tire irons.

He said that although there was no indication that whoever burned the truck was con-

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nected with the picketing at the plant, it was still another indication of violence which had occurred recently.

Then Barry Slotnick, the league's attorney, spoke. The spectators in their brightly colored attire were even more silent. Some strained to hear him speak at the front of the courtroom.

They looked on intensely as Slotnick told the judge that all picketing at the Advance had been conducted peacefully and within their rights under the First Amendment of the Constitution.

After approximately a half-hour Judge Barlow recessed the court, saying that he would have a decision by 1 o'clock. Either he would call a hearing for that time, or he would decide whether the injunction sought by the Advance would be granted, he said.

The 45 or so picketers then left the courtroom and returned to march at the Advance, joining the small force of demonstrators left at the building earlier.

After lunch, served from a canteen truck which has been feeding the marchers since the protest began, they picketed until word was passed that there would be a trial at 2 o'clock.

Back at Supreme Court, they had to wait. The attorneys for both sides were called into the judge's chambers for a conference.

They stood around the hallways waiting for the court to convene. Some league organizers paced outside the judge's chambers, smoking cigarettes, nervously waiting for the lawyers to emerge. Some made phone calls from nearby booths, conferred with others or just waited patiently.

Finally the lawyers emerged and everyone crowded down the hallway questioning attorneys about what had been decided in chambers.

In the courtroom, all was silent again as the league's attorney told the court that his client abhorred violence and menace in any form and was willing to limit itself to legal picketing lines.

An agreement had been reached in chambers.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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Source stated that LCN members, [redacted] are really disgusted with the IACRL and have unquestionably withdrawn all direct support and sympathy with the picketting. They feel that the use of incompetent and immature individuals like CAESAR VITALE, JOE DI CICCO, ANTHONY COLOMBO, NAT MARCONE and PHIL DIGUARDI to make the day to day decisions for the IACRL has backfired on COLOMBO, especially with reference to the silver trial aftermath and the violence at the Staten Island Advance.

Indicative of the loss of support is the relatively small turnout at the second phase of the NYO picketting where the only people present, other than JOSEPH COLOMBO's sons and [redacted]

The primary purpose of the renewed picketting is to force the FBI to transfer agents TALLIA and/or WELSH and that should the Bureau back down on this, JOE COLOMBO will have received a tremendous infusion of prestige and support for backing the Government down again. [redacted]

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Source reiterated that COLOMBO is committed personally to the IACRL but has the wrong people dong and saying the wrong things.

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feeling is that JOE COLOMBO continues to use the league and news media as his personal vehicle.

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COLOMBO anticipates no problems with CRAZY JOEY, who is being released from prison this week.

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'Godfather' Film Won't Mention Mafia

By GRACE LICHTENSTEIN

At the request of the Italian-American Civil Rights League, the producer of the film "The Godfather" has eliminated all references to the Mafia and Cosa Nostra from the screenplay, which is based on the best-selling novel about a Mafia family.

Al Ruddy, the producer, also confirmed in an interview that proceeds from the premiere of the film would go to the league. The film begins shooting in 10 days and is expected to be released around Christmas.

Mr. Ruddy announced the changes at a news conference yesterday in the office of the league, at 635 Madison Avenue. He said the changes had come out of several meetings with league representatives, including Anthony Colombo, whose father, Joseph Colombo Sr., is a reputed leader of organized crime in Brooklyn.

"They wanted to sit down with us and see if the movie was going to be an anti-Italian film," Mr. Ruddy said. "We looked at the script together."

All that was removed, he added, were three mentions of the crime syndicate.

The screenplay was written by Mario Puzo, author of the book, with the help of Francis Ford Coppola, who will direct the film for Paramount Pictures.

Mr. Puzo did not participate

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in the negotiations with the league, according to Mr. Ruddy. "He has no feeling about it one way or the other," Mr. Ruddy said. "He feels he's done his work and any modification will be done without him."

All efforts to reach Mr. Puzo yesterday were unsuccessful. A spokesman for his publisher, G. P. Putnam's Sons, said he would not speak to the press. Mr. Ruddy said he understood that the author was at a weight-reducing clinic somewhere out of New York.

In an article that appeared in The New York Times Magazine in 1967, Mr. Puzo wrote:

"But do Italians and American-Italians control organized crime in America? The answer must be a reluctant but firm Yes. . . . Most of the operators in organized crime in this country will bleed Italian blood. That fact must be accepted, and such bodies as the American-Italian pressure groups . . . do everyone concerned a great disservice."

Mr. Ruddy said yesterday: "We did not have to compromise the book or the script to do what we felt they [the representatives of the league] wanted. I wouldn't do that for anybody."

Story of Don Vito

The words "Mafia" and "Cosa Nostra" appear throughout the novel, which was published in 1969. It tells the story of Don Vito Corleone, a Sicilian-born chieftain of an organized crime family with headquarters on Long Island.

Almost all the major organized crime figures in the book are of Italian descent The only exception is Don Corleone's consigliori, or counsel, a man of German-Irish background called Tom Hagen.

Mr. Ruddy said the carefully delinated ethnic flavor of the novel would be preserved in the film, which is to be shot on location in New York, Sicily, Las Vegas and Los Angeles. The Italian names of the characters have not been changed.

Scenes include a Sicilian wedding feast and the murder of one Italian organized-crime figure in an Italian restaurant in the Bronx by Don Corleone's son, Michael, as revenge for an attempt on his father's life.

In place of the words "Mafia" and "Cosa Nostra," the crime syndicate will be referred to in the film as "the five families" and other non-Italian phrases.

The godfather will be portrayed by Marlon Brando and his son, Michael, by Al Pacino. Other actors in the cast include Richard Castellano, Abe Vigoda, Gianni Russo, James Caan and Robert Duvall.

The hardcover edition of "The Godfather" sold more than 700,000 copies and was on best-seller charts for more than a year. Several million copies of the paperback have been sold.

It was also a best seller in Italy, France, Germany and Britain. According to Mr. Ruddy, Mr. Puzo was awarded an Italian literary prize recently by a critics' group in Rome.

"If you liked the book," Mr. Ruddy assured an interviewer, "you'll love the movie."

In the past, the Italian-American Civil Rights League has picketed organizations and businesses, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which it feels have discriminated against Italians by linking them as an ethnic group with organized crime.

The league also picketed WABC-TV last November when the station showed the film "The Brotherhood," a crime story with Italian characters in which the term "Mafia" is used.

Last June 29, tens of thousands of its supporters paraded in a rally at Columbus Circle organized by the league to combat the use of the term "Mafia."

As the result of the league's protest, Attorney General John N. Mitchell last summer ordered Justice Department officials to stop using the terms "Mafia" and "Cosa Nostra."

Yesterday, about 200 members of the league and other Italian-American organizations demonstrated outside the Board of Education headquarters building at 110 Livingston Street in Brooklyn from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M.

The demonstrators were protesting against what they regarded as the disproportionately small number of Italian-Americans serving as principals and supervisors in the city school system and the lack of Italian cultural programs in the schools.

They also complained that there was not an Italian-American on the five-member policy-making Board of Education nor the four-member Board of Examiners, which passes on the qualifications of applicants for teaching and supervisory positions.

George Lent, an information officer for the board, told leaders of the demonstration that he would convey their views to the members of the school board.

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Sunday Advance

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'Italians have been had'

IACRL, film pact derided by Marchi

By WILLIAM HUUS

State Senator John J. Marchi yesterday blasted Paramount Productions and the Italian-American Civil Rights League for the apparent agreement Friday to eliminate "Mafia" and "Cosa Nostra" in the filming of "The Godfather."

In an open letter to the film company, Marchi charged that producer Allen Ruddy had sold out to the league in changing Mario Puzo's best selling novel about organized crime for the film version.

Members of the IACRL announced Friday, while its members picketed the Board of Education headquarters in Brooklyn, that Ruddy had agreed to eliminate all references to the "Mafia" and "Cosa Nostra" in the production.

The senator's letter to Ruddy read:

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IACRL, film pact derided by Marchi

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"Yes, Mr. Ruddy, there just might be a Mafia. And if you have been reached, I have only the feeling that the Italian-Americans, as well as the larger community have been had.

"If 'The Godfather' is a put-on, then the possible charade should never be filmed.

"Your scalp on the league's belt may be a small price to pay for the rich dollar harvest the production may reap for Paramount.

"You should know, however, that your action amounts to a monstrous assault to millions upon millions of loyal Americans of Italian extraction who must deeply resent this assault on the right of free expression at their expense.

"Thanks for nothing. Sincerely, John Marchi."

Ruddy announced his decision after several meetings with Joseph Colombo Sr., the reputed underworld crime boss who is an organizer and leader of the league.

The league has repeatedly claimed that the Mafia does not exist and that references to it stigmatize all Italian-Americans as gangsters. The IACRL held a two-week demonstration at the Advance a month ago, claiming discrimination, and has since taken its fight to the FBI and the Board of Education.

Marchi said yesterday that he had no further comment on the matter, implying that the letter to Ruddy clearly expressed his feelings.

Author Puzo could not be reached for comment and a spokesman for the book's publisher, G.P. Putnam's Sons, said he would not speak to the press.

The filming of the book, which is based on the activities of a Mafia family, is to begin shooting within two weeks for a release around Christmas.

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED DEMONSTRATION BY ITALIAN AMERICAN LEAGUE ON 3/8/71 AT NEW YORK OFFICE OF FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SA [redacted] US Bureau of Customs advised this date that the above organization had sound trucks touring the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn, announcing the proposed demonstration at the headquarters of the New York Office, FBI on Monday, 3/8/71. The announcement indicates that buses will be available to transport the people to NYC.

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Colombo Sues CBS for $1M

Anthony Colombo, vice president of the Italian-American Civil Rights League, Inc., has filed a million-dollar suit against CBS for allegedly describing him as a "reputed Mafia leader" in a broadcast last June.

Colombo, in papers filed yesterday in State Supreme Court, said the alleged defamation has "held him up to public contempt, disgrace, ridicule and hatred, and as a result a substantial number of his community have been induced to harbor an unsavory opinion" of him.

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DROPPING OF 'MAFIA' ASSAILED BY MARCHI

State Senator John J. Marchi declared yesterday that the decision of Paramount Pictures to excise the words "Mafia" and "Cosa Nostra" from the script of "The Godfather" was a "monstrous insult to millions upon millions of loyal Americans of Italian extraction."

The Paramount decision, made at the request of the Italian-American Civil Rights League, was announced Friday by Al Ruddy, producer of the film based on a novel about a Mafia family.

Mr. Ruddy also said that proceeds of the premiere of the film, which is to begin production next week, would go to the league.

Senator Marchi, a Republican of Staten Island, has been an outspoken critic of the league. He released the text yesterday of an open letter he said he was sending to Mr. Ruddy.

"Apparently you are a ready market for the league's preposterous theory that we can exorcise devils by reading them out of the English language," Mr. Marchi said. "Yes, Mr. Ruddy, there just might be a Mafia and if you have been reached I have only the feeling that the Italian-Americans as well as the larger community has been had."

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RE: Newark letter to New Haven 2/5/71

Corporate Records, State House, Trenton, NJ indicate Paper Traders, Inc., 1091 Springfield Avenue, Irvington, NJ, was recorded as a corporation on 7/7/69. The two officers were listed as JOHN SICONOLFI, 267 Gregory Avenue, West Orange, NJ and FRANK MONTALTO, 1741 59th St., Brooklyn, NY.

For the information of the NYO, New Haven observed a vehicle with NJ license RHY 448 at a meeting of this league at New Haven on 1/21/71. [redacted] b7D

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On 3/21/71, source furnished the following information to the writer.

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Source stated that JOE COLOMBO is urging the other LCN families in NY to lend their full support to the IACNL but that word came down from other family bosses to sit tight and not get involved at the present time.

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On 3/23/71 at 7:11PM [redacted] the NYO appeared at the lobby complaint desk to furnish the following information.

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that on the evening of 3/24/71 (no specific time specified) the pickets are going to serve a list of demands on ADIC JOHN F. MALONE at 201 E 69th St. NYC.

[redacted] did not specify what the list of demands would consist of.

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Colombo Charges a Plot Against Italians by U.S.

By JERRY SCHMETTERER and HARRY STATHOS

Joseph Colombo Sr., a reputed leader of organized crime who has been sentenced to 2½ years in prison on perjury charges, charged last night that the Nixon administration is conspiring against Italian-Americans.

Speaking to reporters before a testimonial dinner in his honor attended by 1,400 guests who paid $125-a-plate in the plush Huntington Town House in Huntington Station, L. I., Colombo asked: "Why are so many obstacles put in the way of good?"

Joseph Colombo Sr.

"The Nixon administration is behind the conspiracy against Italian-Americans, Colombo said. "They're putting obstacles in our way. (U.S Attorney General John) Mitchell has a vendetta against Italians. And although we're of Italian heritage, we are Americans. They're covering their own sins by pointing to organized crime."

Colombo, who founded the Italian-American Civil Rights League, which has picketed the FBI's New York headquarters for alleged harassment of Italian-Americans, said he is not embarrassed by his conviction.

"I hope I will continue to do good, whether I'm behind bars or not," he said. "Jail isn't the worst place to be. If God meant it, that's the way it will be."

Colombo added: "God smiles on everything the league does. The league will protect everyone and let no one feel like an orphan."

Plan Health Project

Proceeds from the banquet will go to the Italian-American Civil Rights League Hospital Fund, which is seeking to raise $3.5 million to purchase 10½ acres of land off Shore Parkway in Brooklyn. The league plans to build a hospital, a youth center, a narcotics treatment center, a home for the aged and an administrative building for the league.

The elder Colombo received three awards last night. He was voted Man of the Year for 1970 by the Tri-Boro Post, a weekly newspaper which serves Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island. He also received an award from the Dyker Heights American Legion Division 1818 for services rendered to the legion. The third honor was a founder's award from the Italian-American Civil Rights League.

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Yes, Mr. Ruddy, There Is a...

To imply that any ethnic, national or racial group is particularly prone to criminal or antisocial deeds is despicable. It is also—as the melting pot of crime in America shows—simply not supportable by facts.

It is one thing, however, to oppose such irrational smears but quite another to deny that some illegal associations or rings are led or dominated by members of certain ethnic or nationality groups. This is why the efforts of the Italian-American Civil Rights League in fighting not the Mafia but all references to its existence are so deplorably misguided. The latest chapter in that incredible campaign to make the Mafia disappear by expunging the term from the American language is the league's success in persuading Al Ruddy, producer of the motion picture "The Godfather," to censor the forbidden word.

State Senator John J. Marchi of Staten Island showed both political courage and common sense in describing this hypocritical, craven act of "voluntary" self-censorship as "a monstrous insult to millions upon millions of loyal Americans of Italian extraction." What Senator Marchi clearly implied was that the overwhelming majority of Italian-Americans have no need to buy self-respect and the esteem of their fellow Americans by pretending that the Mafia never existed. As Mr. Marchi, of Italian extraction himself, put it: "Yes, Mr. Ruddy, there might just be a Mafia. . . ."

The league could render its most constructive service if it were to join with Americans of all nationalities and races in opposing the Mafia, instead of trying to render it invisible by making it unmentionable.

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Guest of Honor: 'I Was Framed'

By Ed Lowe and Joe Demma

Huntington—Joseph Colombo Sr. may go to prison today, but no man could hope for a more sparkling send-off than he got last night.

There were 1,450 cheering guests at the cocktail hour and dinner held at the Town House by the Italian-American Civil Rights League, which Colombo founded. There were not one, but two plaques for the 47-year-old Colombo, and—at $125 a plate—there was good food and drink for all.

Colombo, who has been accused of being a boss in organized crime, took the occasion to deliver a few judgments of his own. He accused the Nixon administration of "a vendetta against Italian-Americans." He vehemently denied being a crime boss and he pledged to work for the league, even in jail.

Colombo is under a Nassau County indictment in connection with a $750,000 robbery of a jewelry exchange. He is under a federal indictment for tax evasion. And, barring a last-minute appeal, he must appear today in State Supreme Court, Manhattan, to start a 12-to-30-month prison sentence on two perjury convictions for lying to the State Licensing Division while seeking a real estate license.

But last night, all that was in the future. The Town House parking lot was crammed with Cadillacs, Buicks and Oldsmobiles. Inside the building, guests in formal dress munched on filet of sole with baked salmon and champagne sauce during the cocktail hour. They dined on chateaubriand in bordelaise sauce and honeyed Belgian carrots. Then came the thunderous ovation for the guest of honor. He took it in stride.

"I don't know what's going to happen tomorrow," Colombo said. "But you're the people. You gave your opinion to the rest of the world tonight. You spent $125 to come here and a lot of our people can't afford that."

Earlier, the short, stocky Colombo gave his view of the nation:

"I say there is a conspiracy against all Italian-Americans. I feel that Mr. [illegible] is behind it . . . Mr. Mitchell (the attorney general), I believe, has a vendetta against Italian-Americans. But the Italian-American League will continue on, with or without Joe Colombo. It is under God's eyes and those who try to stop it will feel His sting."

Colombo denied being a figure in organized crime. "No, I'm definitely not a crime boss. They (the police) have been following me around for years. I am kept under such surveillance, I couldn't possibly do anything wrong if I wanted to."

Law enforcement sources have said that Colombo played a peacemaking role in at least two crime confrontations, the Gallo-Profaci gang wars and the power struggle between Joseph Bonanno and Giuseppe Magliocco, on one side, and, on the other, Carlo Gambino, Stefano Magaddino and Thomas Luchese.

Colombo's version last night was: "A couple of guys were fighting and I went into the middle and I said, 'Why fight among yourselves? Let's have peace and compassion for everybody.' Because I did that, because I was a peacemaker, everybody said I was a crime boss."

He said that he had learned "how to use all that notoriety and publicity to the advantage of my people . . . If you want a job, I go to somebody and say, 'Give him a job. I'm Joe Colombo.' And you would get a job because the papers give me such a big name."

He supplied a method to stop crime. "First you have to legalize narcotics and don't let anybody make a profit from it . . . this is the scourge of the earth . . . Then eliminate all the betting on horse races . . ."

Colombo got a 14-carat-gold plaque from the league and another plaque naming him Man of the Year for 1970, from the Triboro Post, a weekly newspaper covering Queens, Brooklyn and Staten Island. Proceeds from the banquet will go to a hospital complex the league plans to build in Brooklyn. Most of the guests were from New York City. They included comedian Tom Poston and singer Enzo Stuarti. Suffolk police and FBI agents were outside observing those attending, but refused to comment.

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Italian Rights Group Honors Colombo

By EMANUEL PERLMUTTER
Special to The New York Times

HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP, L. I., March 22—More than 1,000 persons paid $125 a plate tonight to attend a testimonial dinner for Joseph A. Colombo Sr., who has been called a Mafia leader by both a Senate investigating committee and the Justice Department.

The guests gathered at the Huntington Town House as the Italian-American Civil Rights League honored Colombo, a founder of the league, for "restoring dignity, pride and recognition to every Italian." A bronze plaque presented to Colombo said. "He is the guiding spirit of Italian-American unity."

Colombo, who says he is a real estate salesman, is free in bail on a perjury conviction in Manhattan in which he was found guilty of making false statements in 1966 when he applied for a real estate broker's license.

Colombo Defends Actions

He also faces trial in Nassau County, where he was indicated on a grand larceny charge for allegedly "mediating" between two participants in a $750,000 jewel robbery in Garden City. He is also charged with evading questions during an appearance before a grand jury investigating organized criminal activities in the county.

At a news conference tonight in the Town House room of the ornate and gilt-decorated restaurant and catering place located on a hill overlooking Highway 25, Colombo defended himself against charges that he was a Mafia member. He said, "I know of no such thing.'

Refering to his scheduled appearance ttomorrow in Criminal Court Manhattan in connection with his perjury conviction, Colombo said: "I will go with my head high. I will sleep very well tonight and my conscience is clear."

The dinner was both sumptuous and formal. Both the women and the men wore evening dress and the guests ranged from young children to the elderly.

Colombo spoke quietly, with his son Anthony at his side, during the news conference in which he accused the Nixon Administration of harassing Italians and of imperiling the democratic rights of all Americans by spying on them.

He said that his only effort was to teach people of all ethnic groups "that you need peace and brotherhood—that is all I seek."

A reception preceded the dinner. Music was provided by a 12-piece band, and cafe expreso and cordials were served after dinner in the lobby outside the dining room.

Mat Marcone, president of the league, welcomed the guests. He then introduced the Rev. Louis Gigante of the Bronx, chaplain of the league, who gave the invocation, including a blessing "upon Joseph Colombo for bringing Italian-Americans together." Tony Darrow, identified by Mr. Marcone as a captain of the league, sang the Star Spangled Banner.

The evening reached its climax midway through the dinner when Mr. Marcone went to the bandstand to intraduce the dignitaries and to present the plaque to Colombo.

First he introduced Colombo's wife, Josephine. The guests rose and applauded as she walked to the bandstand to acknowledge their applause.

He then introduced the officers of the league, leading off with Colombo's son, Anthony, who has been identified as vice president and action chairman of the organization.

The young man walked to the bandstand as the band played Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstances."

Mr. Marcone said, "This is the youth of our nation."

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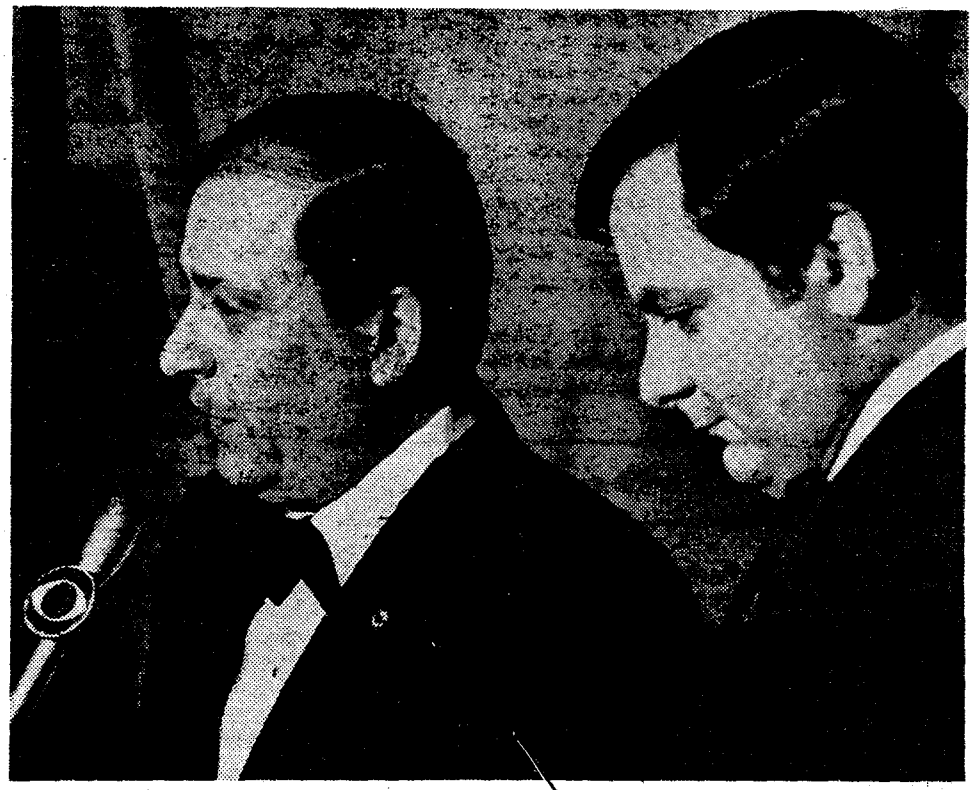
Newsday Photos by George Rubel

Joseph Colombo Sr. waxes sentimental at the dinner in his honor. The rose, he says, symbolizes the plight of Italian-Americans. From thorns, he says, a thing of beauty has grown. Colombo was to begin a prison term today.



Son Anthony listens to a fond farewell from Colombo

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Italian Rights Group Honors Colombo

By EMANUEL PERLMUTTER
Special to The New York Times

HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP, L. I., March 22—More than 1,000 persons paid $125 a plate tonight to attend a testimonial dinner for Joseph A. Colombo Sr., who has been called a Mafia leader by both a Senate investigating committee and the Justice Department.

The guests gathered at the Huntington Town House as the Italian-American Civil Rights League honored Colombo, a founder of the league, for "restoring dignity, pride and recognition to every Italian." A bronze plaque presented to Colombo said. "He is the guiding spirit of Italian-American unity."

Colombo, who says he is a real estate salesman, is free in bail on a perjury conviction in Manhattan in which he was found guilty of making false statements in 1966 when he applied for a real estate broker's license.

Colombo Defends Actions

He also faces trial in Nassau County, where he was indicated on a grand larceny charge for allegedly "mediating" between two participants in a $750,000 jewel robbery in Garden City. He is also charged with evading questions during an appearance before a grand jury investigating organized criminal activities in the county.

At a news conference tonight in the Town House room of the ornate and gilt-decorated restaurant and catering place located on a hill overlooking Highway 25, Colombo defended himself against charges that he was a Mafia member. He said, "I know of no such thing.'

Refering to his scheduled appearance ttomorrow in Criminal Court Manhattan in connection with his perjury conviction, Colombo said: "I will go with my head high. I will sleep very well tonight and my conscience is clear."

The dinner was both sumptuous and formal. Both the women and the men wore evening dress and the guests ranged from young children to the elderly.

Colombo spoke quietly, with his son Anthony at his side, during the news conference in which he accused the Nixon Administration of harassing Italians and of imperiling the democratic rights of all Americans by spying on them.

He said that his only effort was to teach people of all ethnic groups "that you need peace and brotherhood—that is all I seek."

A reception preceded the dinner. Music was provided by a 12-piece band, and cafe expreso and cordials were served after dinner in the lobby outside the dining room.

Mat Marcone, president of the league, welcomed the guests. He then introduced the Rev. Louis Gigante of the Bronx, chaplain of the league, who gave the invocation including a blessing "upon Joseph Colombo for bringing Italian-Americans together." Tony Darrow, identified by Mr. Marcone as a captain of the league, sang the Star Spangled Banner.

The evening reached its climax midway through the dinner when Mr. Marcone went to the bandstand to intraduce the dignitaries and to present the plaque to Colombo.

First he introduced Colombo's wife, Josephine. The guests rose and applauded as she walked to the bandstand to acknowledge their applause.

He then introduced the officers of the league, leading off with Colombo's son, Anthony, who has been identified as vice president and action chairman of the organization.

The young man walked to the bandstand as the band played Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstances."

Mr. Marcone said, "This is the youth of our nation."

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COLOMBO LAUDED: Joseph Colombo, center, receives awards as "Founder of the League" from the Italian-American Civil Rights League and as "Man of the Year" from the Tri-Boro Post. Making the presentation at the Colombo testimonial dinner in the Huntington Towne House are Nat Marcone of Staten Island, left, and Lou Bruno of Brooklyn.

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Four persons were indicted on charges stemming from an assault on a policeman during the Italian-American Civil Rights League's demonstrations at a Staten Island, N.Y., newspaper last month. Joseph Candorini of Brooklyn, N.Y., was charged with felonious assault and three others, including the league's president, were charged with obstructing government business.

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Corporate Rift in 'Godfather' Filming

By FRED FERRETTI

Negotiations designed to facilitate the New York filming of Mario Puzo's "The Godfather" have caused something of a corporate rift between Paramount Pictures and its parent company, Gulf & Western Industries.

Last Friday, Nat Marcone, president, and Anthony Colombo, vice president, of the Italian-American Civil Rights League, and Al Ruddy, the independent producer of "The Godfather," announced jointly an agreement whereby all "Mafia" and "Cosa Nostra" references had been eliminated from the film's script. In addition, Mr. Ruddy said, the proceeds from the film's world premiere next December would be donated to the League's hospital fund.

The best-selling novel told a story of how the Mafia operates in this country and abroad.

Yesterday, however, an executive of Gulf & Western said that Mr. Ruddy had no authorization to set up the press conference at which the agreement was announced nor the right to give away the opening night proceeds.

Entente on Staten Island

A Paramount Pictures executive said, however, that although it was true that Mr. Ruddy had acted on his own, "it was in line with Al Ruddy's efforts in getting help with the production here." In return for Mr. Ruddy's concessions, it was learned, the Italian-American Civil Rights League has been helping the producer establish friendly relations with Staten Islanders, where some of the film will be shot. A spokesman for the League said that the organization was in the process of finding a "funeral parlor in Brooklyn" to be used for other scenes, and with finding "character faces" to flesh out the film.

Mr. Colombo at La Scala Restaurant at 142 West 54 Street, where a preliminary agreement was made on the deletion of "Mafia" and "Cosa Nostra" from the film. A League spokesman said that Mr. Ruddy commented, "I'm Jewish so I know what prejudice and bigotry are" and was sympathetic to the suggestions.

"Additional changes" were also agreed upon, the spokesman said, including the concept of "other heavies who won't be Italian."

The League spokesman said that Mr. Ruddy volunteered the offer to the League's hospital fund. "We didn't ask him. He suggested it."

According to various sources, portions of "The Godfather" will be filmed in several sections of Staten Island. Todt Hill, where Mr. Marcone lives, has been suggested as one site. Grymes Hill has been suggested as another. Both of these areas are notable for their large well-to-do homes. Another suggestion has been that parts of the film might be made in Tottenville where there are middle-class homes, and possibly in Staten Island's Borough Hall.

The Paramount executive said that the League has been going to individual homes on Staten Island urging people to be hospitable to film production crews when they begin shooting, probably in about a week. A League spokesman acknowledged that "our captains have been helping to establish a friendly climate" on the island, as well as assisting in finding other locations.

Neither Mr. Ruddy nor Mr. Colombo was available for comment yesterday. Last night they were scheduled to participate in a $125-a-plate testimonial for Mr. Colombo's father, Joseph.

He was being honored as the League's "Man of the Year" for his "humanitarian efforts," according to a spokesman, at the Huntington Town House in Huntington Township, L. I.

Convicted of Perjury

On March 11 Joseph Colombo was sentenced to serve one to two and a half years for perjury. He was convicted of lying when he applied for a real estate brokers license. His previous convictions include 30 days for contempt in 1966, and two fines for minor gambling offenses.

The League has picketed several organizations and businesses as well as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, all of which the League contends, discriminate against Italian-Americans by linking them as an ethnic group with organized crime.

State Senator John J. Marchi, Republican of Staten Island, who on Saturday attacked the agreement between Mr. Ruddy and the League, repeated his concern yesterday that "Mafia" and "Cosa Nostra" would stay deleted from the film. He said that the League would receive "a psychological lift" from the agreement, that "it will undoubtedly get more members, because the whole presentation makes it look like the League came home with some prize."

"It was not a bad publicity stunt," he said.

Commenting on Mayor Lindsay's continued urging of New York as a film production center, Senator Marchi said, "Perhaps the Mayor has decided that the Mafia is good for the business climate."

He added that the League's efforts to help with "character faces" would "guarantee authenticity."

Mr. Puzo, author of "The Godfather" who also wrote the screenplay for the film, continued to be not available for comment. There was no answer to his phone in Merrick, L. I. His editor at Putnam, William Targ, said that he has been "besieged by a fistful of calls," and that he had relayed requests to Mr. Puzo, who reportedly is undergoing a physical checkup at a clinic near Duke University in North Carolina.

Mr. Targ said Mr. Puzo told him, "I will not talk to anyone from the press."

An associate of Mr. Ruddy said that he had spoken with Mr. Puzo about three weeks ago. "He'd finished the script and seemed happy about it. As far as I know, he's on standby if we need him for any rewrites," the associate said.

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The negotiations began after the League sent letters to numerous elected officials asking their help in persuading the motion picture concern not to use the offending terms. This resulted in a call to the League from Mr. Ruddy.

The Gulf & Western Paramount executives differed sharply on the announcement that the opening night proceeds would go to the League's hospital fund. The parent-company's spokesman indicated strongly that his organization greatly disapproved of the arrangement while the Paramount executive was not unhappy with the plan.

The Gulf executive, without elaboration, said that Mr. Ruddy's performance as producer of the film will be examined closely. He added that it was by no means certain that the proceeds would indeed go to the hospital fund. However, while he was upset about Mr. Ruddy's press conference, he said that his company did not find fault with the changes in the script.

Mitchell Order Cited

The Gulf & Western spokesman said that the deletions of "Mafia" and "Cosa Nostra" were consistent with Attorney General John N. Mitchell's order to the Justice Department that the words were not to be used and that there was no quarrel with that aspect of Mr. Ruddy's negotiations.

"We get a lot of flack from all kinds of groups," the spokesman said, "Hundreds of pressure groups come to us all the time. We can't succumb to everybody or we wouldn't be in business." He said, "When we did 'Goodbye, Columbus' you should have heard all the Jewish groups that came to us. However, we think that as long as the Attorney General goes along with this, it's all right. The flavor of the film is not impaired."

And as for the world premiere proceeds?

"There was no authorization for that offer."

Rift on Premiere Funds

The executive said that the portion of Mr. Ruddy's agreement was up in the air as far as he was concerned and that it was by no means certain that the League's hospital fund would indeed get the premiere proceeds.

However, the Paramount executive said that he thought Mr. Ruddy's donation of the opening night proceeds was "a nice gesture on Al's part to the League for helping us on the P.R. side.

According to various sources, the negotiations that led to the agreement between Mr. Ruddy and the League began a little over a month ago. The League sent out a mailing, according to a spokesman, "to every elected official in the country" on all levels of government, "particularly in Washington," asking them to "intercede with Bob Evans so that 'The Godfather' would not become a picture that would defame Italian-Americans."

"Bob Evans" is Robert Evans, senior vice president in charge of World Wide Production for Paramout. The League spokesman said that the letters to officials had been preceded by a letter to Mr. Evans.

Shortly thereafter, Mr. Ruddy called the League "asking to get together." He met with Mr. Marcone and

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TV's 'F.B.I.' to Drop 'Mafia' and 'Cosa Nostra' From Its Scripts

By FRED FERRETTI

The words "Mafia" and "Cosa Nostra" will not be heard on the American Broadcasting Company's television series "The F.B.I." when that program begins its new season in September, the Italian-American Civil Rights League said yesterday.

In an interview, Anthony Colombo, vice president of the league, said that a letter sent to Lee Iacocca, president of the Ford Motor Company, on Jan. 25 had brought assurances that the words that the league contends are defamatory would be deleted from the TV series.

Last Friday, Mr. Colombo, Natale Marcone, president of the league, and Al Ruddy, an independent producer, announced jointly that "Mafia" and "Cosa Nostra" had been removed from the shooting script of the movie "The Godfather."

Mr. Ruddy is producer of the film for Paramount Pictures. Taken from the novel "The Godfather," it depicts the activities of an alleged crime syndicate family. The novel was written by Mario Puzo.

Mr. Colombo wrote to Mr. Iacocca saying that the league considered the words "Mafia" and "Costra Nostra"—as they were used on the TV series, which is partly sponsored by Ford — defaming to Italian-Americans, since most of the gangsters portrayed as members of the crime syndicates had Italian-sounding names.

The New York Times

Joseph Colombo Sr.

On March 10, Mr. Columbo received a letter from H. H. Phillips, a corporate advertising and sales promotion executive for Ford, which noted the league's objections and said:

"We did, however, check with the network to determine the frequency of use of the terms 'Mafia' and 'Cosa Nostra' in the 26 original episodes produced for the current broadcast season.

"We were informed that the terms appeared in only three of the 26 episodes. Further, we were informed that the producer, Quinn-Martin Productions of Hollywood, does not intend to use the words 'Mafia' and 'Cosa Nostra' in the future."

The league has also protested to Swift & Co. the portrayal of "Tony" in a commercial as an Italian delicatessen owner who speaks broken English. A Swift vice president, R. D. Arney, wrote on March 16:

"We selected an Italian delicatessen owner because we know that the Italians have a

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reputation for making great food."

But he added: "We will certainly keep in mind the casting Tony as an Italian-American deli owner without the broken English. As you know, we update our commercials and will certainly do this in the near future."

Mr. Colombo said the league had protested to Miles Laboratories over an Alka Seltzer commercial that has a man saying "datsa somma spicy meatball," and had received a reply that it was being removed from TV "for business reasons."

A protest was sent to Schieffelin & Co. over the Cinzano ads in which "the Italian count looks like a fool." A reply said that the ads were no longer on television, but it did not attribute their discontinuance to the protest.

Mr. Colombo said that a protest to the Ragu Spaghetti Sauce manufacturers over a commercial in which the singer Enzo Stuarti says, "Datsa nice," had not been answered.

The concessions from sponsors to the league came as filming of "The Godfather" began yesterday on Fifth Avenue and as the quarrel over a donation promised to the league by Mr. Ruddy continued.

Stanley Jaffe, president of Paramount Pictures, said in a statement yesterday afternoon that Mr. Ruddy had no authority to commit the proceeds from the film's world premiere to the league's hospital fund.

He said that, in fact, there would be no proceeds, since the world premiere to be authorized by Paramount would be by invitation only. He said the premiere "would not involve this organization," the Italian-American Civil Rights League.

"There will be no money," the statement said.

Mr. Ruddy offered to give the money to the league last Friday. When told of Mr. Jaffe's statement, Mr. Colombo said it "didn't bother me a bit; we got what we wanted, and that was getting those words out of the picture."

And in yet another development, Joseph Colombo Sr., Anthony Colombo's father — who was honored at a Huntington, L. I., dinner on Monday night as the league's "Man of the Year" — won a stay of execution on a one-to-four-and-a-half-year perjury sentence. On March 11, Mr. Colombo, who has been described by Federal authorities as the head of one of New York City's Mafia families, was convicted of lying when he applied for a broker's license.

He was to have begun his prison sentence yesterday, but Supreme Court Justice Harold Baer in Manhattan set back the date until March 31 to permit Mr. Colombo's lawyer, Jacob Lefkowitz, to prepare appeal papers.

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It's your opinion

League leader outlines goals

Unity Day, June 29, 1970 brought together for the first time 250,000 Italian-Americans who cried out against the stigmatized "Mafia" and "Cosa Nostra." They demanded the deletion of these terms from any official speeches, press releases and statements, because they defame; and degrade millions of Italian Americans.

As a direct result of the massive attendance of Italian Americans and their supporters on Unity Day, the Attorney General of the United States, with the approval of the President, prohibited the words "Mafia" and "Cosa Nostra" to be used in any official speeches, press releases, and state documents.

My question to Senator Marchi is why does he insist on these words being used in the production of Paramount Pictures story of "The Godfather," which has already been agreed by the producer, Allen Ruddy, to eliminate "Mafia" and "Cosa Nostra," and use the words organized crime.

On Nov. 20, 1970, the Italian American Civil Rights League sponsored one of the greatest black tie concerts this country has ever seen. Mr. Frank Sinatra headed an all-star cast of entertainers, who generously donated their time, and talents, and helped raise $500,000. This money in part was used to purchase a ten-and-a-half acre parcel of land which will house the following: Non-sectarian, non-profit hospital, narcotic center, youth center, home of the aged, and an administration building.

The League Captains and members raised almost $7,000

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to help save the lives of Pakistan's children who are homeless and starving, because of the recent floods in Pakistan.

At the time when no organization would join the fight to save 69 Corona home owners from losing their homes; to the city, the Italian American Civil Rights League defended, demonstrated, and enlisted the aid of many prominent politicians and civic leaders to help the more than 150 families being evicted in Corona. The League carried the plight of the Corona 69 to Deputy Mayor Richard Aurelio, the City Council, and to the Secretary of State John LoMenzo. With the help of the above mentioned people and the concern Mayor Lindsay had for these people the League helped save these homes.

The greatest accomplishments of the League is the formation of over 25 neighborhood chapters, which have been helping the people of the community, in which the chapter is located. There have been numerous problems involving local Staten Islanders which have been corrected by the I.A.C.R.L. Chapter 11.

With the help of God and the support of the people, the Italian American Civil Rights League, will be able to help all Italian-Americans who will, at any time, call upon it for assistance. Although our organization is primarily Italian-Americans, we have helped and will continue to help, non-Italian-Americans in the communities, who ask our help. Our only requirement is that the cause be just and righteous.

What has Senator Marchi done for the Italian-Americans that voted him into office, besides use them for his own political gains? Our records show he has done absolutely nothing but criticize our trying efforts.

We as Italian-Americans are proud of our heritage. Mr. Marchi, are you?

JACK AVERSA,
President, Chapter 11,
141 Cranford Ave.,
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The Advance welcomes your opinion. However, letters will not be used without the signature and address of the writer. It also would be appreciated if letters were kept as short as possible.

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League chief sees 'plot' in his arrest

By RAYMOND A. WITTEK

Natale Marcone, president of the Italian-American Civil Rights League, charged yesterday that an indictment in which he and three league captains were named was part of an FBI "conspiracy" to destroy the league.

Marcone made the statement after he and the other three he identified as league members and captains were arraigned in Supreme Court on the indictment, returned Monday by a grand jury in connection with the alleged assault of a patrolman during the league's picketing of the Advance's Grasmere plant last Feb. 25.

When informed of Marcone's statement to an Advance reporter, District Attorney John M. Braisted Jr., who presented the case to the grand jury, said: "The FBI had nothing to do with the indictment."

Marcone and the other league members surrendered earlier in the day at the St. George stationhouse to Detectives Robert V. Dianora and William C. Nestel upon learning earlier of the indictment.

Justice Vito J. Titone paroled the defendants until tomorrow on the recommendation of Assistant District Attorney Anthony I. Giacobbe, who informed the judge that the four had surrendered on their own volition.

Titone put the case over to tomorrow for pleading after Joseph March, an attorney appearing on behalf of the league's lawyer, Barry Ivan Slotnick, said that Slotnick was unable to be present because of illness.

One of the defendants, Joseph Candarini of 2323 W. 12th St., Brooklyn, was temporarily detained to complete police fingerprinting procedures. He was the only one of the four to be charged with a felony crime — assault — in the indictment.

MISDEMEANOR COUNTS

Marcone, who resides at 601 Todt Hill Rd., Todt Hill, and the other two defendants— Candarini's father, Peter, of 1864 85th St., and Louis Malpeso of 1144 66th St., both Brooklyn— are named in two misdemeanor counts that accuse them of obstructing governmental administration and resisting arrest.

Malpeso was previously identified as Ralph Monda, alias Louis Russo, but the Malpeso name was placed on the indictment yesterday at Giacobbe's request. Police also had a different address in Brooklyn for him, but this also was corrected yesterday by law enforcement authorities.

Giacobbe said that although no fingerprint check had been made on Joseph Candarini to determine if he had been previously convicted of a crime —the only one of the four who

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was required to undergo this procedure — the FBI reported he had no previous record of convictions.

Marcone, a 57-year-old former union leader who now works full-time as the league's president, also reportedly has no previous record of convictions. It could not be learned immediately whether the other defendants have previous records.

The indictment charged Joseph Candarini with feloniously assaulting Patrolman James Howarth after Howarth had arrested him on a criminal trespassing charge during a league demonstration in front of the Advance Building on Fingerboard Rd.

The three other defendants allegedly helped Candarini to escape from Howarth, who suffered a broken finger and a cut forehead during the incident.

When questioned in the courthouse corridor following his appearance in court, Marcone said of the indictment, "It's very obvious that these tactics are to harass our league."

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Natale Marcone, president of the Italian-American Civil Rights League, enters the St. George stationhouse, followed by his attorney, Joseph March.

Joseph Candarini of Brooklyn, left, a captain in the Italian-American Civil Rights League, is escorted by Detective Robert Dianora in the St. George stationhouse after surrendering on a grand jury indictment that charged him with assaulting a patrolman.

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Italian American Civil Rights League,
(IACRL)
Anti-Racketeering

The Italian American Civil Rights League, (IACRL), was formed in New York City, during May of 1970, as an outgrowth of the picketing of the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The picketing was instituted and organized by Joseph Colombo, Sr., who has been publicly identified as the head of a La Cosa Nostra, (LCN), "family" in Brooklyn, New York, on April 30, 1970, following the arrest of his son, Joseph Colombo, Jr., and three other individuals on charges of Illegal Melting of Silver Coins. The picketing continued for two months and culminated in a rally at Columbus Circle, New York City, on June 29, 1970, which was designated Italian Unity Day. The New York City Police Department estimated the crowd at this rally at approximately 45,000 people.

Since April, 1970, Joseph Colombo, Sr. has been the subject of numerous television, radio, and newspaper interviews at which he openly takes credit for founding of the IACRL.

On March 23, 1971, Long Island Newsday, a daily newspaper published in Long Island, New York, reported that Colombo, Sr. had been honored by the IACRL at a $125.00 a plate dinner in the Huntington Town House, Huntington, Long Island, New York, and was awarded the League's founder's award in recognition of his work in the organization of the IACRL.

In literature distributed by the League the basic function of the League: "is to combat with all of its resources the defamation, discrimination, or harassment of any Italian American, wherever or whenever it may occur". The League states its immediate objectives as the purchase of a ten and a half acre parcel of land which will house a non-sectarian, non-profit hospital, a narcotics center and program of narcotics prevention, a youth center, a home for the aged, and an administrative building for the league.

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To further its basic function, members of the League have actively picketed and demonstrated against alleged harassment and discrimination of Italian Americans at such locations as the offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, New York City, Nassau County, (Long Island, New York), District Attorney's Office, Kings County, Brooklyn, New York, District Attorney's Office, the New York Times, the Staten Island Advance, (a daily newspaper published in Staten Island, New York), the New York City Board of Education, City Hall, New York City, National Broadcasting Company, and the American Broadcasting Company.

The national headquarters of the IACRL are located at 635 Madison Avenue, New York, New York. There are approximately twenty one local chapter offices of the League in the greater metropolitan New York City area. In addition, there are chapters in Providence, Rhode Island, and New Haven, Connecticut. In public addresses by the League officials there have been claims that the League is organizing chapters and conducting membership drives in nineteen states, however, there has been no actual substantiation of this claim to date.

The officers of the League since the time of its inception have been Natale Marcone, President, Anthony Colombo, Vice President and Action Chairman, Caesar Vitale, Secretary-Treasurer, and Joseph DeSieco, Chief Organizer, b7C

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Caesar Vitale, age 24, is a resident of Brooklyn, New York, and part-time furniture salesman.

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On December 16, 1970, Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested Rocco Miraglia in New York City on charges of perjury. Miraglia has been publicly identified as a member of the Colombo "family" of LCN. Miraglia was arrested in the company of Joseph Colombo. At the time of his arrest, Miraglia was carrying a briefcase belonging to Colombo containing records of the IACRL. The records dealt specifically with ticket sales for a rally sponsored by the League at the Felt Forum, Madison Square Garden, New York City, November 20, 1970. The rally was a fund raising affair featuring a cast of entertainers headed by Frank Sinatra. Among the individuals listed as having purchased tickets for this affair were: Carlo Gambino, Thomas Eboli, Russell Bufalino, Raymond Patriarca, Jr., [redacted] and Joseph Straci, all of whom have been publicly identified as members of LCN. These records also reflected ticket allotments [redacted] b7C

Since the date of the League's inception, the following political figures have appeared as speakers at various events sponsored by the League: Mario Procaccino, former Comptroller for the City of New York and unsuccessful Democratic candidate for Office of Mayor of the City of New York; Mario Biaggi, U.S. Representative from Bronx, New York; Brooklyn, New York Democratic Leader Meade Esposito; U.S. Representative Bella Abzug; and Howard Samuels, unsuccessful candidate for the Office of Governor, State of New York.

In brochures distributed by the League setting out its functions, the League states it does not support or endorse political candidates of parties. However, the October 19, 1970 edition of the Staten Island Advance carried an article headed: "The IACRL: Attack Marchi...Building Forces Raise Cash...Map Goals". The article reported that the League was active in political action through the Political Action Committee of Italian Americans, which was described as "an offshoot of the IACRL". This committee actively endorsed and supported the candidacy of Edward T. Pulaski, Democrat, in his campaign to unseat Senator John Marchi for the Office of State Senator in the November, 1970 election.

In this article President Natale Marcone is quoted as saying that one of the decisions of the League is to seek the defeat of Senator Marchi. The article reported that the League has branded Marchi everything from an Uncle Tom to "that clown from Staten Island". The League claimed Marchi had done very

little for Italian Americans. The article reported that Marcone stated, however, that the League could not oppose Marchi because it would jeopardize its pending application for tax exempt status.

The article further reported that during the elections of 1970, the Political Action Committee also endorsed the candidacy of Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York.

During the period immediately preceding the November 1970 Elections, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed numerous posters on display at local chapter offices of the IACRL in the New York City area. Among the posters displayed were those supporting Governor Rockefeller and Edward Pulaski as well as Richard Ottinger, unsuccessful Democratic Candidate for the U.S. Senate and Ronald Aiello, Candidate for Assemblyman.

During the week of February 22, 1971, the League picketed the Offices of the Staten Island Advance complaining of articles published by the Advance relating to the Mafia. The League claimed these articles were discriminatory to the Italian American population in general. b7C

Charges resulted from incident during the picketing of the Advance in which a New York City policeman attempted to restrain a demonstrator and was set upon by the four individuals subsequently indicted.

During the demonstration at the Advance pickets hindered the departure of Advance delivery trucks from the newspaper's plant. On March 26, 1971, an Advance delivery truck was stopped by three unknown males in an isolated section of Staten Island. Both the driver and his helper were beaten with tire irons by the three males and the truck, itself, was set on fire, the fire totally destroying the truck. The driver and his helper escaped with minor injuries.

The League has denied in press statements that the individuals involved in the burning in any way associated with the League.

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The New York Office is currently conducting an investigation to identify the individuals responsible for the truck burning and to establish if a Federal violation exists.

The March 23, 1971 edition of the New York Times reported that the IACRL had been successful in obtaining an agreement from the producer of the film, "The Godfather" to delete the terms Mafia and LCN from the film script. In addition, the article stated the League had been successful in obtaining an agreement from the Ford Motor Company, sponsor of the television show, "The F.B.I.", to delete the terms Mafia and LCN from the scripts of any of their forthcoming shows.

Further, the article stated that the League had contacted the various companies such as Alka Seltzer, Kraft Foods, Ragu Spaghetti Sauce, and the Cinzano Vermouth Company securing agreements from them to cease airing commercials on television and radio that, in the League's opinion, are offensive to the Italian American community.

On March 10, 1971, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that numerous members of the LCN "family" of Joseph Colombo were becoming disgusted with the actions of Joseph Colombo in connection with his dealings with the IACRL.

According to the source, it had become obvious to numerous persons that Colombo was utilizing the League for his own personal advantage, both financially and in an effort to intimidate law enforcement to the point where investigative efforts directed against Colombo would be minimized.

On March 11, 1971, a second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised

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On February 9, 1971, a third confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that

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Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and five copies of an LHM captioned and dated as above.

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On 3/5/1971, [redacted] checks on Trend Pictures Inc., Jamaica Avenue, Queens Village, NY was negative.

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'Mafia' Lies Dead on the Cutting Room Floor

Mafia, n. l. a secret organization of persons, mostly of Sicilian and Italian origin, allegedly engaged in smuggling, racketeering, trafficking in narcotics, and other criminal activities in the U.S. and elsewhere.
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"THE GODFATHER" is a book about the activities of Don Vito Corleone, ficitional Sicilian-born crime chieftain with headquarters on Long Island. Mario Puzo, the author, shies not at all from the use of the words Mafia or Cosa Nostra throughout the hefty volume. And when he wrote the screenplay based on his book, he included the terms several times.

Alas, this was a no-no to the family of reputed Mafia biggie Joseph Colombo Sr., and to the sensitive members of the Italian-American Civil Liberties League they founded in an effort to convince the world that Italian-Americans are law-abiding folk.

Puzo finished the script and vanished into the inner recesses of a North Carolina weight reducing clinic to count the $100,000 Paramount paid him for the screenplay. So the Colombos took up the objectional references with Al Ruddy, who is producing the film for Paramount. The ugly words were negotiated out of the movie, and Ruddy promised that the proceeds of the film's premiere would go to the league's hospital fund, which seeks money to build a hospital, a youth center, a home for the aged and a narcotics treatment center.

Meanwhile, Ruddy bought a table at a $125-a-plate dinner (the proceeds to go to the fund) honoring Colombo Sr. as a great humanitarian and a Man of the Year. Colombo, who faces a 2½-year ~~prison~~ sentence for perjury, used the occasion to accuse the Nixon

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administration of conspiring against Italian-Americans. In particular, Colombo lashed out at Attorney General Mitchell, who, he said, "has a vendetta against Italians." (Mitchell, incidentally, recently ordered the Justice Department to quit using the terms Mafia and Cosa Nostra.)

Ruddy's unilateral generosity pleased Paramount little, and on Wednesday, two days after the dinner, the film company expressed its displeasure and announced that the premiere would be invitational; there will be no money for the league, or anyone. Paramount agreed to keep the nasty words out, however, and filming was begun in and around New York. Release is expected around Christmas.

It was not the only success for the Italian league, which, among other things, has picketed the Federal Bureau of Investigation's New York headquarters for alleged harassment of Italian-Americans. Anthony Colombo, Joseph's son and vice president of the league, announced this week that ABC will delete the words Mafia and Cosa Nostra from any future installments of its FBI series. The league has also had considerable success in getting TV advertisers to picture Italian-Americans in a more favorable light.

It was, all in all, a good week for the Colombos. While all this was going on, Supreme Court Justice Harold Baer set back until March 31 the date for ~~Colombo Sr.~~ to begin his prison sentence to allow time to prepare an appeal. The term was to have begun Thursday.

Joseph Colombo Sr. (center) receiving Man of the Year Award from Nat Marcone (left), president of the Italian-American Civil Rights League, and Lou Bruno, editor of the weekly Tri-Boro Post.

Most observers will admit that Italian-Americans are a much-maligned group, the butt of many a joke. They also will admit that most people wouldn't know a Mafioso if they looked one in the eye. It was the irony of the Colombo affair that amused, or angered, many New Yorkers. One of these was State Sen. John Marchi, himself of Italian extraction, who said in a letter to Ruddy: "Yes, Mr. Ruddy, there just ~~might~~ be a Mafia; and if you have been reached, I have only the feeling that the Italian-American as well as the larger community has been had."

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On 3/29/71 SA. [redacted] accepted a confidential letter from [redacted] who stated the letter was a personal letter from the IACRL to Ass't Dir John Malone. [redacted] advised that he would furnish the letter to SA [redacted] if he would sign a receipt for the letter. SA [redacted] accepted the letter and brought it to Supervisor Desk 52.

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Italian League Out To 'Help Anybody'

By Ed Lowe

A lack of specific Italian-American civil wrongs has left the local branches of the Italian-American Civil Rights League looking more like new branches of the Rotary.

According to top officials of both the Smithtown and Westbury chapters of the league, the main goals of the local organizations thus far have been to raise money for drug abuse programs and to help anybody who seems to need help. As for specific Italian-American problems on Long Island, well . . . One was a woman who came into the Smithtown office at 410 W. Main St. recently and told the local president, Al Marolla, that he should be ashamed of himself. "She told me that we were all Mafia hoods and that she had people watching to make sure she came out of the building alive," Marolla said.

A second incident was related by another member of the Smithtown chapter: "Well, we had an Italian-American woman come to the league because her son had been put in a retarded children's class in school. The boy wasn't retarded. He just had emotional problems. We felt that the school was infringing upon the woman's civil rights. So, through different members of the league and some doctors and psychiatrists, we put the woman on the right track and got the kid put back in the right class."

Other than that, activities of both the Smithtown and the Westbury chapters of the 25-chapter league, founded by Joseph Colombo Sr., are essentially the same as those of any local service group. "We help anybody who needs help," Marolla said. "We don't care who they are. We have members, 205 of them, who are Black, Puerto Rican, Jewish and Polish. All people. These are people who are friends. It's a matter of friendship and belief."

On the civic level, the 5-month-old Westbury chapter, with offices at 1025 Old Country Rd., is planning a fund drive for county narcotics programs. The Smithtown chapter, established Feb. 28, claims 205 members, as compared with Westbury's 2,500, and is still concentrating on a membership drive.

Marolla said, however, that the chapter has started at least one civic enterprise: It has had 11 volunteers helping man the telephones at St. John's Smithtown Hospital on a 10 AM to 10 PM "hot line" counseling service for persons with drug problems.

District Judge Angelo Mauceri, chairman of the Smithtown Narcotics Guidance Council, said that about 100 volunteers in all have been working on the telephone service for about two years. And Mauceri took a dim view of the chapter's efforts. "I don't like any organization using the hot line for publicity," he said.

Mauceri was among a number of prominent Italian-Americans on the Island who said they did not—and would not—belong to the League. Det. Lt. John Biscardi of the Suffolk County Police Department, who is president of the department's Columbia Association, said: "I personally feel we're not being discriminated against in any way."

State Supreme Court Justice Frank DeLuca said: "I'm not interested in a group formed for personal gains for any ethnic group." Glen Cove Mayor Anthony DiPaola said: "I've been too busy being mayor of this city" to join the League.

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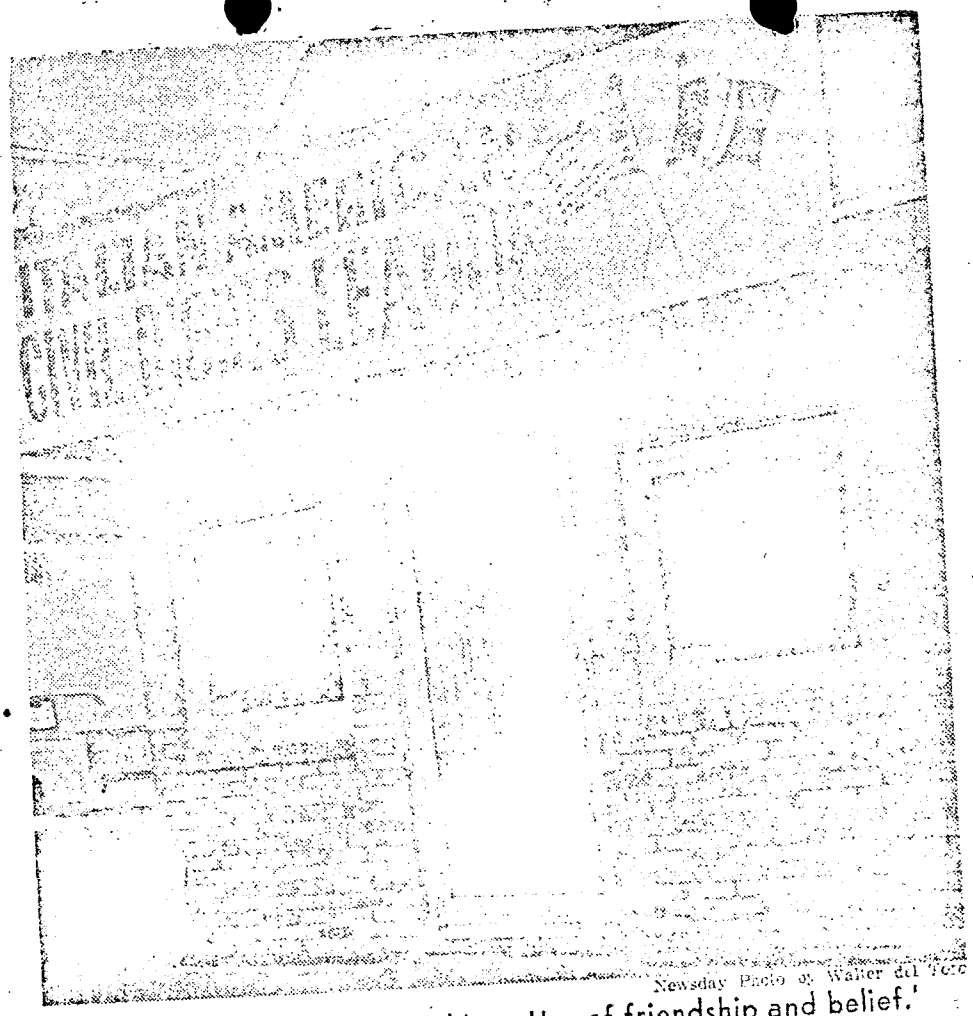

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Smithtown headquarters: 'A matter of friendship and belief.'

Colombo Wins a Delay

New York—Joseph Colombo Sr. won at least an eight-day delay yesterday in State Supreme Court for the start of his 12- to 30-month prison term on a perjury conviction.

Colombo, who has been cited by police sources as a prominent mob figure, was convicted of lying to the State Division of Licensing on two occasions in 1967 while seeking a real estate license. He was sentenced earlier this month and was to surrender himself in court yesterday to begin serving the sentence.

However, Colombo's attorney told Justice Harold Baer yesterday that he needed more time to prepare appeal proceedings. Baer adjourned the case to next Wednesday and continued Colombo free in $1,500 bail.

After the court appearance, Colombo said he felt that "God is on my side." The adjournment came hours after Colombo had been feted by 1,450 persons at a dinner sponsored by the Italian-American Civil Rights League, which Colombo founded, at the Huntington Town House Monday night. Colombo at the time accused the Republican administration of "a vendetta" against Italian-Americans and denied any connection with organized crime activities.

Colombo faces two other criminal indictments. He has been indicted in Nassau County on grand larceny and conspiracy charges in connection with a $750,000 jewelry exchange robbery in Garden City, and also faces a federal indictment on a five-count charge of tax evasion.

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Colombo's Crusade

Alleged Mafia Chief Runs Aggressive Drive Against Saying 'Mafia'

'Godfather' Film Cuts Word; Pickets at an FBI Office And Sinatra at a Benefit

Lawmen Take a Harsh View

By STANLEY PENN
Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

"The Godfather" is a movie-in-the-making based on a novel of the same name that told all about a Mafia family in New York. But all references to the Mafia or Cosa Nostra (Our Thing) have disappeared from the movie's script because the Italian American Civil Rights League objects to those words. The movie's producer, Al Ruddy, also has agreed to turn over the proceeds from the premiere next December to that league.

That's rather startling, but so is this: The founder of the league is Joseph Colombo, a Brooklyn real estate salesman who also happens to be, according to federal authorities, boss of one of five Mafia "families" in New York and a member of the Mafia's national council. Joe Colombo greets such accusations good-naturedly. "If I'm the head" of an organized-crime family, he challenges, "let them prove it."

Getting the Mafia out of "The Godfather" is just one of several concrete accomplishments of Mr. Colombo's Italian American Civil Rights League. The league has generated complaints that helped persuade some governmental agencies to stop using the objectionable terms in official statements. (League members object to the term because they say it implies that all gangsters are Italians.) The league has sponsored large and enthusiastic rallies attended by well-known politicians and other personalities. And it has raised large sums of money from dues and contributions despite the refusal of the Internal Revenue Service to grant it tax-exempt status.

The Lawmen's Perspective

Some lawmen take a harsh view of the league. They say Joe Colombo has duped well-meaning Italian Americans into joining it and is using it as a device to gain respectability and put pressure on crime fighters to quit investigating his other activities. "Colombo is using the league to build a power base," one lawman says. "He's trying to link up with other ethnic groups such as the (militant) Jewish Defense League. His ultimate aim is to influence public opinion and, beyond that, congressional policy."

Whatever Joe's aims, his role in the Italian American civil rights cause has made him easily accessible to the public, though any schoolboy knows a Mafia boss should shun publicity like the plague.

Each evening, 48-year-old Joe heads a noisy group of demonstrators picketing the Federal Bureau of Investigation headquarters on Manhattan's East Side. Here he is, happy to talk to anybody. One night last week he showed up about 7:15. First he went into a nearby delicatessen to chat with well-wishers. As he walked out, a woman said, "Hello, Joey," and hugged him affectionately. A man kissed him on the cheek and wished him luck.

"Call me Joe," Joe told a reporter and then offered him a piece of licorice candy. When a policeman complained that Joe and the reporter were blocking the sidewalk, good citizen Joe scurried to the curb.

Joe says the accusation that he is a Mafia chief is ridiculous. Why, then, doesn't he sue the government for libel? "What's the use," Joe shrugs. "They'll subpoena all my friends, and I don't want to put them through that." Is the picketing against FBI harassment of Italian Americans a success? "Definitely," Joe answers. "We have brought to the attention of all the people what is happening to Italian Americans."

Humanitarian Causes

At the interview's end, Joe invites the reporter to a black-tie testimonial dinner given him by the league in recognition of his "undying devotion to the Italian American people and all humanitarian causes."

Joe says funds from the $125-a-plate affair will go for a hospital and home for the aged the league plans to build in Brooklyn. The dinner was originally scheduled for tomorrow night, but it was moved up to last night because Joe may have to go to jail today. He was convicted of perjury in a New York court this month and sentenced to serve from one to two-and-a-half years.

The jail term arose from a charge that Joe didn't state the facts on an application for a real estate broker's license. He indicated he had no convictions, though court records showed he had been fined three times for disorderly conduct stemming from gambling activities. Recently, he was indicted by a Nassau County, N.Y., grand jury for larceny and conspiracy in a $750,000 diamond robbery in 1968. He also faces trial on an income tax evasion indictment brought by a federal grand jury in Brooklyn last year.

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torney John Fine said investigations showed he had been declaring annual income ranging from $7,000 to $23,000 in recent years, though in the same years his spending ranged from $80,000 to $100,000. Mr. Fine said Joe directed "criminal usury operations and loan-sharking in New York" and "gambling operations" in parts of New York and Nassau County, which is on Long Island. And Mr. Fine charged that Joe held meetings with leaders of organized crime in New York in 1966 and 1968.

The Staten Island Fight

Joe's organization of the Italian American Civil Rights League grew out of the FBI's arrest last year of one of his sons, Joseph Colombo Jr., on a charge of conspiracy to illegally melt silver coins into more valuable ingots. Joe Sr. protested the arrest. Last month, a federal jury acquitted his son after a prosecution witness recanted previous testimony.

The league has demonstrated against newspapers, television stations, and the courts as well as the FBI. The league recently organized picketing against a New York City newspaper, the Staten Island Advance, which uses the term Mafia in stories. Some persons think the picketing was really aimed at persuading the paper to stop printing stories about alleged Mafia members living on Staten Island.

Violence broke out last month. An Advance delivery truck was burned, and two drivers were beaten. "They were forced to lie face down in back of the truck," says Richard E. Diamond, the paper's associate publisher. "The hoodlums set the papers in the truck aflame with lighter fluid, closed the back of the truck and said if the two (drivers) tried to get out they'd shoot them."

But the assailants left and the drivers escaped. Police escorts protected Advance trucks until picketing ended recently. In Brooklyn, a federal grand jury is investigating the picketing to find whether any federal laws were violated. The jury also wants to know who burned the newspaper truck.

"We're investigating this ourselves," says Anthony Colombo, another of Joe's sons, who assures a reporter that pickets didn't take part in any violence.

Lawmen assert that some of the pickets had prison records. A similar charge has been made against pickets who last October protested what they claimed was harassment of an Italian American in a Nassau County grand jury investigation of organized crime. A source in the Nassau district attorney's office says, "We saw 15 guys with criminal records and members of crime gangs on that picket line."

Joe DeCicco, the league's full-time organizer, served a jail sentence for grand larceny, according to law enforcement officials. That was in the late 1940s. "He paid for his mistake," says Anthony Colombo. "He earned a job as an organizer and works hard for the league."

The league pays DeCicco $300 a week, the same salary received by 26-year-old Anthony Colombo, who is vice president, and by two other officers, president Nat Marcone and secretary-treasurer Caesar Vitale. Joe has no title in the league. Anthony says the league has more than 40,000 members and is adding 500 to 700 a week. Dues are $10 a year. So far the league has opened 25 chapters, mostly in New York. "We hope to have a chapter in every state," Anthony says.

The league has a knack for raising money. Soon to be issued is its first anniversary yearbook with advertising that already has brought in $200,000. Last November, Frank Sinatra headed a cast of big-name entertainers at a league benefit at Madison Square Garden.

Nearly $500,000 was raised from the sale of tickets, which cost $100 to $200 each.

Anthony Colombo says $350,000 in proceeds is earmarked for the down-payment on a 10.5-acre parcel of land in Brooklyn for a proposed hospital, home for old people and a narcotics addiction treatment center, the same facility that is supposed to benefit also from Joe Colombo's testimonial dinner last night.

Internal Revenue Service officials, however, are interfering with the league's charitable ambitions, Anthony Colombo claims. So far the league has failed to get tax-exempt status, which would free it from any tax worries and permit contributors to make tax-deductible donations. Anthony Colombo threatens a suit against the IRS. "We've been getting the runaround," he says.

Pulling Power

The league's influence on other officials has been stronger. Last June there was an Italian American Unity Day Rally at Manhattan's Columbus Circle that Joe Colombo takes credit for organizing. U.S. Congressmen, district political leaders, union officials and entertainers showed up. By New York Magazine's account, Joe told cheering thousands, "This day belongs to you—to you, the people." That was greeted with a roar of approval, drowning Colombo out and dissolving into a repeated locomotive chant of "one . . . one . . . one . . . one. . . ."

The league claims that the Justice Department's ban last July on the words Mafia and Cosa Nostra came about because of the Unity Day rally, which deplored use of those words. Attorney General John Mitchell, in banning them from speeches and releases by the FBI and other agencies, said the words offend noncriminal Italian Americans. New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller also has ordered state police not to use the words.

Some newspapers have curtailed the use of Mafia and Cosa Nostra. The New York Post is avoiding the terms for the time being, says Stan Opotowsky, managing editor. "We had complaints—readers with Italian names who objected to use of the words," he says. He adds that the Post has been substituting "mob," or "underworld," though it continues to use Mafia or Cosa Nostra in quoting a news source.

Paul O'Dwyer, a New York liberal who sought unsuccessfully the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senator recently, was a speaker at the Colombo-sponsored Unity Day Rally. That shocked some of his liberal friends, he says. But he argues: "The Italians are damned well burnt up, and I think they're right. There are millions of Italians in the U.S. and just a dozen or two dozen or a hundred hoods, and yet these hoods have become symbolic of Italian Americans. This kind of thing affects their children."

"Ethnic Paranoia"

Mrs. Fran Tortorici, a spokesman for the league's Chapter No, 2 in Manhattan, says she doesn't care what people say about Joe Colombo. "We had Mr. Colombo at our first meeting come down and explain how it (the league) started, how he put his head on the block and how strongly he feels for the Italian people, and that Italian American youth should walk in the right direction. He really convinced everybody," she says.

But John J. Marchi of Staten Island, unsuccessful Republican candidate for mayor of New York in 1969, sharply attacks the league. He urged a boycott of the Unity Day rally, a "futile exercise in ethnic paranoia." He defends the FBI's activities against gangsters and says they can't be construed as anti-Italian. "Like the lice, whether they bear Italian names or Russian or whatever," he says.

After reading of movie producer Ruddy's concessions to the league, Mr. Marchi wrote him a letter that said, in part:

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. . . Your action amounts to a monstrous insult to millions upon millions of loyal Americans of Italian extraction who must deeply resent this assault on the right of free expression at their expense.

"Thanks for nothing."

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The Impregnable Fortress

"The harmless-looking mall was an impregnable fortress."
—From "The Godfather"

~~By~~ JEAN CRAFTON

With a Plastic Wall

The bright yellow Cadillac slithered to a stop in front of the driveway at the side of the big brick house at 120 Longfellow Ave. and a chubby little kid jumped out in the bitter wind to open a wrought iron gate.

The woman behind the wheel, curious but distant, acknowledged that she lived at No. 120. But as soon as the word "godfather" was mentioned she shrilled: "I don't want any notoriety over this. The Italian-American Civil Rights League promised there wouldn't be any!"

A kind of tension has come to the subdued little dead end street on Staten Island's Emerson Hill—a mood that wasn't there before movie people came to transform the three Tudor houses at the end of the street into the "impregnable fortress" described in "The Godfather," Mario Puzo's novel.

Fifteen minutes after the yellow Cadillac lady flounced into her house, a second Caddy, this one black, turned into the windswept street and slowly cruised to the end.

"Are they from Paramount?"

"They're Not With Us"

The question was directed at the two red-nosed, chapped-lip construction workers standing where a six-foot plastic rock wall was being built to enclose all three houses into the compound where the domestic life of "The Godfather" would be recorded.

The construction workers shifted their feet uneasily, and the dark-haired one said, "No, they're not with us."

The second car pulled into the driveway across the street to turn around. Its direction reversed, it stood, idling smoothly, while its two cigar-smoking, ~~unsmiling~~ occupants surveyed the area.

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"THE GODFATHER" is a book about the activities of Don Vito Corleone, ficitional Sicilian-born crime chieftain with headquarters on Long Island. Mario Puzo, the author, shies not at all from the use of the words Mafia or Cosa Nostra throughout the hefty volume. And when he wrote the screenplay based on his book, he included the terms several times.

Alas, this was a no-no to the family of reputed Mafia biggie Joseph Colombo Sr., and to the sensitive members of the Italian-American Civil Liberties League they founded in an effort to convince the world that Italian-Americans are law-abiding folk.

Puzo finished the script and vanished into the inner recesses of a North Carolina weight reducing clinic to count the $100,000 Paramount paid him for the screenplay. So the Colombos took up the objectional references with Al Ruddy, who is producing the film for Paramount. The ugly words were negotiated out of the movie, and Ruddy promised that the proceeds of the film's premiere would go to the league's hospital fund, which seeks money to build a hospital, a youth center, a home for the aged and a narcotics treatment center.

Meanwhile, Ruddy bought a table at a $125-a-plate dinner (the proceeds to go to the fund) honoring Colombo Sr. as a great humanitarian and a Man of the Year. Colombo, who faces a 2½-year prison sentence for perjury, used the occasion to accuse the Nixon

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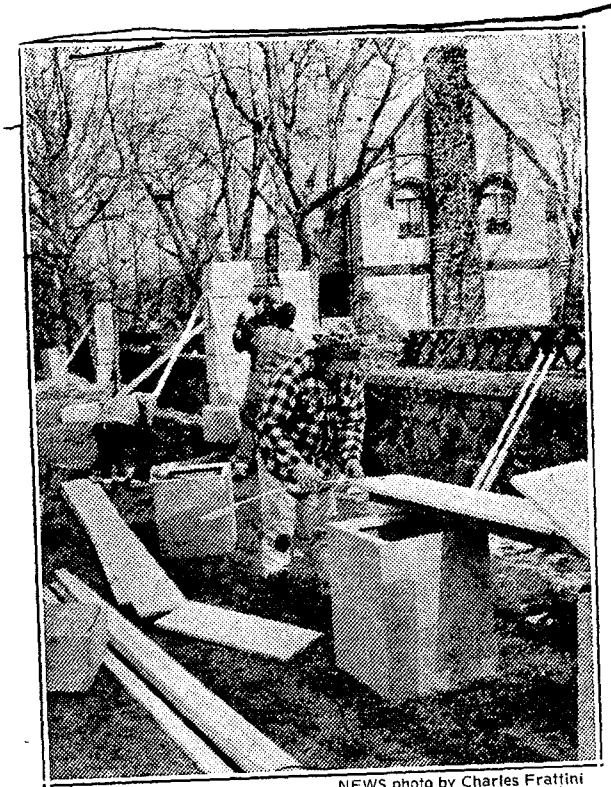

NEWS photo by Charles Frattini

Workmen prepare simulation of compound on location in Staten Island for "The Godfather."

Inside the green-carpeted living room of the middle house, Bob Sherwood, 26, sat in one of the green-velvet chairs and talked about the arrangement he and his brothers and sisters had made with Paramount for the use of the house they had inherited from their mother.

"Actually, we already had it on the market—and it's going up for sale again as soon as they're finished with it—so we were pretty willing to do it. We're going to move out of here in two weeks anyway."

"Norton," he nodded in the direction of 110 Longfellow Ave., "was pretty reluctant—you know. He thought there'd be a lot of curiosity-seekers and nuts hanging around."

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Sherwood's eyes crinkled in amusement. "I understand the American-Italian Civil Rights League had to talk him into it."

He excused himself to answer a telephone, then shouted that he had to "go call somebody to the phone."

"This was part of the deal I hadn't counted on," he explained on his return minutes later. "I've turned into an answering service for Paramount. They're going to have to make other arrangements. It's the phone and the bathroom, constantly, all day long."

The arrangement, he explained, was that the movie company will have use of the entire Sherwood house until they finish filming on Staten Island. The house will be used for dressing rooms and meals will be served there when the Sherwood family vacates.

"They're thinking about using this living room in the movie," Sherwood added. "That's kind of exciting."

May Work as Extras

And some members of the family may get to play in the movie as extras — particularly when they're shooting the wedding of the godfather's daughter.

Since he said his neighbors, the Edward Nortons, had agreed to the request of the Italian-American Civil Rights League, what did Sherwood think about producer Al Ruddy's agreement with the League to delete the terms Mafia and Cosa Nostra from the film?

Hesitation. "It's hard to say. I think I'd like to stay out of that part of it."

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Name on List Of Italo Group Is Questioned

What's a name like "Johnny the Wop" doing on a list belonging to a group that claims to be fighting defamation of Italian-Americans?

That is what the Organized Crime Strike Force in Brooklyn would like to know.

Joe Colombo Sr., founder of the Italian-American Civil Rights League, and a reported underworld boss, said earlier this month that he told a federal grand jury that the list, containing names and amounts, represented blocks of tickets distributed for sale for a league benefit concert at the Felt Forum last November.

Special attorney William T. Murphy of the strike force, a federal law-enforcement group told Brooklyn Federal Court Judge George Rosling yesterday that the lists might be loan-sharking records. That is why, he said, the government wanted two recalcitrant witnesses to talk to the grand jury.

The witnesses took the Fifth Amendment in the grand jury room.

Caesar Vitale, 25, did not care to tell the grand jury that he was secretary-treasurer of the league. Joseph DiCicco, 48, declined to say that he was its general organizer.

Advice From the Judge

In asking Rosling to order the pair to answer grand jury questions, Murphy mentioned "Johnny the Wop" and said:

"This is not the sort of name you'd expect to find in records of a society or organization dedicated to protecting the civil rights and fighting defamation against Americans of Italian heritage."

The judge declined to order the pair to answer questions but suggested they be more cooperative when they next appear before the grand jury Wednesday.

The lists in question were seized last December when the FBI arested Colombo and an associate on a perjury indictment while they were seated in a car outside the State Supreme Court building in Manhattan.

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administration of conspiring against Italian-Americans. In particular, Colombo lashed out at Attorney General Mitchell, who, he said, "has a vendetta against Italians." (Mitchell, incidentally, recently ordered the Justice Department to quit using the terms Mafia and Cosa Nostra.)

Ruddy's unilateral generosity pleased Paramount little, and on Wednesday, two days after the dinner, the film company expressed its displeasure and announced that the premiere would be invitational; there will be no money for the league, or anyone. Paramount agreed to keep the nasty words out, however, and filming was begun in and around New York. Release is expected around Christmas.

It was not the only success for the Italian league, which, among other things, has picketed the Federal Bureau of Investigation's New York headquarters for alleged harassment of Italian-Americans. Anthony Colombo, Joseph's son and vice president of the league, announced this week that ABC will delete the words Mafia and Cosa Nostra from any future installments of its FBI series. The league has also had considerable success in getting TV advertisers to picture Italian-Americans in a more favorable light.

It was, all in all, a good week for the Colombos. While all this was going on, Supreme Court Justice Harold Baer set back until March 31 the date for Colombo Sr. to begin his prison sentence to allow time to prepare an appeal. The term was to have begun Thursday.

Joseph Colombo Sr. (center) receiving Man of the Year Award from Nat Marcone (left), president of the Italian-American Civil Rights League, and Lou Bruno, editor of the weekly Tri-Boro Post.

Most observers will admit that Italian-Americans are a much-maligned group, the butt of many a joke. They also will admit that most people wouldn't know a Mafioso if they looked one in the eye. It was the irony of the Colombo affair that amused, or angered, many New Yorkers. One of these was State Sen. John Marchi, himself of Italian extraction, who said in a letter to Ruddy: "Yes, Mr. Ruddy, there just might be a Mafia; and if you have been reached, I have only the feeling that the Italian-American as well as the larger community has been had."

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On 3/22/71, the above-captioned informant was contacted in [redacted] at which time he furnished the following information:

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Informant stated that he attended the testimonial dinner given in honor of JOSEPH COLOMBO as Man of the Year last night at the Huntington Towne House, Huntington, New

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New York, sponsored by the Italian-American Civil Rights League. Informant stated he estimates there were from 1,300-1,500 people in attendance and that the tab for each person attending was $125 a plate.

Informant stated that the affair started around seven o'clock with hors d'oeuvres being served until 8:40 PM when dinner was announced and the guests went upstairs to the main dining room and all were seated at tables. Informant stated there was no dais at all and JOE COLOMBO and his family sat at a table in front of the banquet hall. Informant stated the affair lasted until around 4 AM and stated that the food, hors d'oeuvres, etc. were all excellent and the entertainment was lavish featuring two bands, comedian TOM POSTON, singer ENZO STUARTI and two Jewish comedians.

Informant stated there were no dignitaries present as far as politicians, judges, or anything like that and it was obvious that a lot of them stayed away not wanting publicity as attending a dinner honoring JOE COLOMBO, who has received bad publicity of late. It was announced that MEADE ESPOSITO, the Democratic leader in Brooklyn, sent regrets that he was not attending due to the fact that he was in the hospital sick.

Informant stated he understands from excellent sources that a lot of people did purchase tickets but did not attend and that there were a lot of freebees given away on the last day or two which swelled the crowd to its size.

Informant stated that halfway through the affair, JOE went into a private room where he talked to reporters and had pictures taken. Informant stated that this lasted approximately one hour.

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Informant stated he sat next to the table where [redacted] Informant stated he did not know who these individuals were. He also stated that naturally many many members of the Italian-American Civil Rights League were there headed by a table with JOE LA CICCO, NAT MARCONI and CESAR VITALE.

Informant stated that after dinner and the entertainment, JOE made a speech in which he denounced law enforcement groups and President NIXON, in particular, for launching a vendetta against the Italian people. He also stated that he had been arrested recently by Nassau County, that members of his family had been arrested by the FBI and that he had been convicted in Brooklyn Supreme Court. To all of these things he stated it was nothing but a frame and a lot of people were trying to get publicity by nailing the COLOMBO people. He stated he was never a crime boss and was not a criminal.

At the end of his speech, he received a gold plaque from the Italian-American Civil Rights League and another plaque naming him Man of the Year for the year 1970, which was presented to him by the Triboro Post, a weekly newspaper covering Queens, Brooklyn, Staten Island and New York City.

Informant stated that among the individuals he saw at this affair were the following. Informant stated that due to the crowd, it was not possible to get around the entire hall and stated he may have missed many individuals attending:

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In addition, a table of Chinese people who informant stated he did not know but that JOE seemed very friendly with them.

Informant stated that during the past week, the

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Marchi: IACRL's 'cure' worse than the malady

By ARTHUR SMITH

State Sen. John J. Marchi, appearing as a guest last night on a national television network talk show, renewed his charge that Paramount Pictures had yielded to pressure from the Italian-American Civil Rights League in its decision to delete the words "Mafia" and "Cosa Nostra" in the movie version "The Godfather."

Speaking on the Dick Cavett Show, Marchi said that while it "was ludicrous to relate crime to any ethnic group," omitting the references to the Mafia was like trying to "exorcise demons by saying they don't exist."

Marchi also said the deletions were an invasion of the rights of artistic expression of best-selling author Mario Puzo, who has remained unavailable for comment since Paramount announced its decision a week ago.

Segments of the filmed version of Puzo's novel on the activities of a Brooklyn crime family are scheduled to go into production Monday on Emerson Hill.

Turning to the subject of ethnic slander in general, the senator said that references to minority groups more often involved matters of taste and were not meant as ethnic slurs.

He said the IACRL had ~~objected~~ in which thousands of Italian-Americans protested alleged discrimination.

jected to a commercial, where a character is shown eating a plate of meatballs and makes a comment in dialect, on the ground that it slandered Italian-Americans.

"I didn't know they attacked the meatballs," replied the deadpan Cavett.

Marchi said that the league's assertion that the government and the FBI were "persecuting" Italian-Americans by investigating organized crime was "pure fantasy."

He said the IACRL'S claims should have been taken up in the courts not "on the picket line," referring to last summer's massive rally at Columbus Circle

Marchi appeared for a brief segment near the end of the nationally televised program.

The senator denounced the league's tactics in last month's picketing of the Advance over the use of the words "Mafia" and "Cosa Nostra" in stories dealing with organized crime.

"The cure is worse than the malady," Marchi said, adding that deletion of the words would not make the problem of organized crime disappear.

Marchi also attacked the IACRL leadership, noting that the league's Man of the Year, Joseph Colombo Sr., had been convicted of a perjury count and is appealing a jail sentence.

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NAT MARCONE
PRESIDENT
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CAESAR VITALE
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March 29, 1971

President Richard Nixon
White House
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Last June, the Italian-American Civil Rights League held its first Unity Day celebration at Columbus Circle. More than 250,000 Italian-Americans attended the event. The theme of the mass meeting was to end discrimination against Italian-Americans.

Immediately after this event, your office responded with a Presidential directive to all Federal agencies to delete the terms "Mafia" and "Cosa Nostra" from their speeches, press releases, etc.

On March 7, 1971, the League returned to its birthplace, the Headquarters of the FBI here in New York City, over the harassment tactics which are bieng used by the FBI's Organized Crime Strike Force. I am taking the liberty of enclosing a copy of a letter we are sending to Mr. John Malone, Bureau Chief of the New York office, outlining our grievances.

It is with this in mind, that we respectfully request that a delegation from our League call on your office and explain in detail our plight, and why we are calling for a Congressional Investigation into these tactics used by the Organized Crime Strike Force.

Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated not only by the Italian-Americans in this country, but every other minority group, who is being subjected to this same type of harassment tactics.

I remain.

Yours in Unity,

Nat Marcone 92-6210-169

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Nat Marcone,
President

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cc: John Malone, Bureau Chief of
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THE BAD GUYS

As everyone knows, there is no such thing as the Mafia. We also know that Joe Stalin was a great democrat, that the South Vietnamese won a famous victory in Laos, that Mario Procaccino is a candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize, that Franco and Chiang are part of the Free World, that William Rogers is the real Secretary of State, that Spiro Agnew is a Bolshevik, that Martha Mitchell has an I.Q. of 189, that the Hudson River flows north, and that the greatest defensive baseball player since Billy Cox was Marvelous Marv Throneberry. The latest proof of the fact that there is no Mafia involves the filming of Mario Puzo's "The Godfather."

"The Godfather," as you might recall, was a novel about a lot of law-abiding Norwegians who settled in a neighborhood called Little Norway. It was down near Mulberry Street. Now mister Puzo did give these Norwegians some rather strange traits. First of all, they loved pasta. Second, their names almost all ended in vowels. Some of them, obviously self-conscious about not knowing English, even talked to each other in Italian. A handful of them killed a lot of people, and went into something called "the rackets," and sold booze and drugs and things like that, but they had a marvelous thing going for them. They made believe they were Italians and called their gang the Mafia. This was such a great idea that J. Edgar Hoover never bothered them; he was chasing another gang, called the Communists.

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All of this would have been all right except that cops and newspapermen and novelists like Puzo seemed to give the impression that there really was a Mafia and that it wasn't Norwegian at all. A number of real Italian-Americans took offense at this and started something called the Italian-American Civil Rights League. Their main spokesman was one Joe Colombo, from Bensonhurst, who apparently got the job as spokesman because he never spoke to grand juries.

The group got a lot of good things going. They picketed the FBI every night, making it tough for all those guys on the upper floors who were trying to read the East Village Other and make sense out of the transcripts of Abby Hoffman's telephone conversations. They held a big rally at Columbus Circle, and claimed to speak for all the Italian-Americans in the country. All they seemed to talk about was the Mafia.

Well, some Italian-Americans didn't think Joe Colombo was a particularly good representative of Italian-Americans. They even believed that there was a Mafia. Oh, maybe they didn't call themselves the Mafia when they were sitting around cutting up jackpots. But they were there all right, 5000 of them scattered across the country, and they were criminals and killers, not offended citizens. They legitimate, but corrupt, businessmen. were the core of organized crime, associated with a cadre of Jewish accountants, a growing corps of Cuban and Puerto Rican franchise-holders (like Spanish Raymond from uptown), and, increasingly, a spreading number of legitimate, but corrupt, businessmen.

A number of Italian-Americans, most notably State Sen. John Marchi from Staten Island, felt that the true disgrace, the most terrible slur against the reputation of Italian-Americans in this country was the Mafia itself. Every Italian-American who worked for a living was being told that he was a fool. The mob guys move around the neighborhood with the Petrocelli suits and the diamond pinkie rings and the big cars, and the guy who works for an honest living is demeaned. The mob guys take their glossy blonds to the title fights, drink the best whisky, have the wife at home and the broad in the East Side apartment, and the working guy is asked to look the other way. Worse, he is asked to support Joe Colombo, a racket guy, against the people who want to put the Mafia in jail.

A few weeks ago, the Italian-Ameri-

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can Civil Rights League made its first sensible move since its foundation when it started picketing for better schools in Italian-American neighborhoods. That's where the fight has to be made, because a lot of those kids are being as severely mauled by the school system as the blacks and the Puerto Ricans. But that didn't last very long. In a day or two, they were back on the Mafia again. Joe Colombo doesn't like the word Mafia, and doesn't want it to appear anywhere—in print or on TV or on film. It's the way some Southerners feel about the Ku Klux Klan.

Now comes the saga of "The Godfather." The movie business in New York has been heavy with rumors ever since Paramount producer Al Ruddy came to town to try to get the film started. Actors were signed, and suddenly found that they had other commitments. Unknowns were guaranteed roles in the film by the pinkie ring guys in the Lower East Side joints, in exchange for lifetime cuts for the Mob. Then Ruddy bought a table for a $125-a-plate testimonial dinner for Joe Colombo, for the "humanitarian services" he renders the community between indictments. Ruddy had already announced that the words "Mafia" and "Cosa Nostra" were being removed from the script of the film.

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Nobody can blame Ruddy, who only wants to get his film made; if he were making a film in Formosa, I suppose he would say great things about Chiang Kai-shek. If the Mafia wanted to wreck the production of "The Godfather," it wouldn't take much. What is sad about all of this is that the Italian-American Civil Rights League is becoming a synonym for the Mafia. Italian-Americans are in desperate need of some organization that would ward off bigotry and exert political pressure on the system for a redress of legitimate grievances. All those hard-working Italian-Americans who paid their dues to the League in good faith should have received a better deal for their investment. They can still save it, but they will have to decide first to help put the animals from the Mafia in the cages where they belong.

Pete Hamill is enroute to Ireland and Israel. His columns will come from those countries in the next two weeks.

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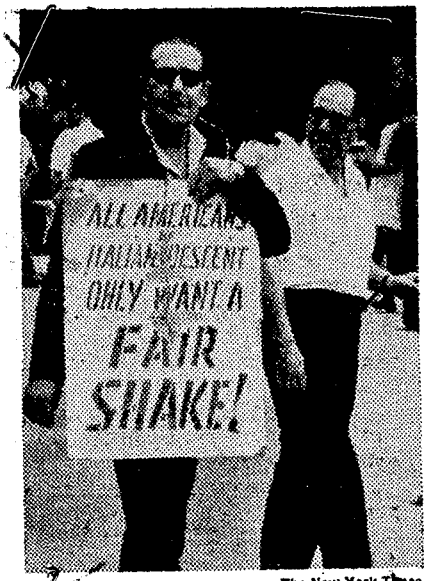

The New York Times

Think Dante, Not Mafia

To the Editor:

The Italian-American Civil Rights League may have rendered a public service in persuading the movie makers to eliminate all mention of the Mafia and Cosa Nostra. The implication that criminality is an Italian trait is perhaps too much to take each time the crime ring is mentioned.

Having achieved this, the League will not rest until every reference to anything Italian is erased from every public utterance, unless the League approves such reference. Thus we are presented with the absurd spectacle of the League insisting that actors cease speaking broken English on TV commercials.

The League does not understand that in real life most of us Americans of Italian descent accept broken English as a charming manner of speech. Our elders, who preceded us to this country, are endeared to us by this. To take offense at those who imitate this speech is to be super-sensitive.

BEN CALDERONE

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ITALIAN-AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE,
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On 12/14/70, inft. advised that on Sunday, 12/6/70, the Italian-American Civil Rights League opened its Staten Island Branch on Guyon Avenue, Oakwood, Staten Island. He noted open house was held but the great majority of the visitors were bookmakers or gamblers, and very few of the Italian-Americans residents attended. He advised a picube appeared in the Staten Island Advance of the officers of the Staten Island chapter. [redacted]

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Informant noted that many of the Italian-Americans in Staten Island, including construction workers and longshoremen, have refused to join the Italian-American Civil Rights League, and in fact he has heard that the Staten Island branch had to borrow money from the Brooklyn branch in order to pay the office rent.

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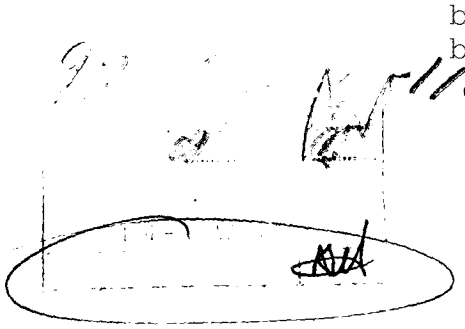

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Unwilling Witnesses Recalled in Loan-Shark Inquiry

Federal Judge George Rosling ordered two recalcitrant witnesses yesterday to reappear before a special Brooklyn grand jury investigating a list of possible "shylocking records" seized by the Federal Bureau of Investigation last December from from an associate of Joseph A. Colombo Sr., an alleged underworld leader.

The witnesses, Joseph Di Cicco, a general organizer of the Italian-American Civil Rights League, and Caesar Vitale, the league's secretary-treasurer, had pleaded Fifth Amendment constitutional privilege in remaining silent.

They had refused last Wednesday to answer questions related to a list of names purportedly belonging to Colombo and taken from Rocco Miraglia, who was with Colombo in an automobile parked at Foley Square.

Miraglia, 44 years old, of 1864 84th Street, Brooklyn, was on trial yesterday in another part of the Brooklyn Federal Court House on charges of giving false statements to a Federal grand jury. Judge Jack B. Weinstein declared a mistrial after Richard W. Salomone, the Government's chief witness, recanted his grand jury testimony.

Salomone, a former coin dealer was jailed for civil contempt. His recantation of testimony last month in the trial of Joseph A. Colombo Jr., accused of melting silver coins into ingots with a greater value than the coins was followed by a jury verdict of acquittal of the younger Colombo.

Miraglia was charged specifically with having lied testifying that he never visited Salomone in his Brooklyn coin shop to collect money alleged owed to young Colombo. The latter was said to have lent Salomone $20,000 to finance a scheme to melt $500,000 in silver coins.

William T. Murphy, a special attorney with the Strike Force against Organized Crime in Brooklyn, told Judge Rosling that the disputed list contained such names as "Johnny the Wop" and "Tony Gawk."

The elder Colombo has insisted that the list represented blocks of tickets sold for a league benefit concert last Nov. 20 at the Felt Forum, which realized $487,000 for the league he helped to organize.

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Dear Sirs,

We have just finished reading the article "Italian-American League's Power Spreads" in Sunday's New York Times (April 4th). We feel that the Italian-American Anti-Defamation League is replete with hypocritical motives and hope that your efforts to subdue the activities of the Mafia will not be harmed by their commotion.

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On April 2, 1971, during processing after arrest JOSEPH COLOMBO engaged Special Agent [redacted] in conversation stating that at 2:00 PM on April 2, 1971 the Italian American Civil Rights League (IACRL) had signed papers purchasing 10.2 acres of property in the vicinity of Korevettes on Bay Parkway in Brooklyn. COLOMBO advised the price of the property was $3,000,000.00 and IACRL was planning to build a narcotics and old age hospital on it. COLOMBO further advised that the Government was going to give $150,000.00 subsidy to IACRL for erection of the hospital. b7C

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