



Dominick Ciaffone



Lorenzo (Chappie) Brescia



Frank Sherbicki

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### Hoods Are Obviously Elated After Last Night's Roundup

# Quiz 13 LI Hoods in DA Roundup

By Bill Van Haintze and Bob Greene

Mineola—A squad of 85 detectives knocked on the doors of 30 known hoodlums last night and brought 13 of them in for questioning by the district attorney about the operation of syndicated crime on Long Island.

Two other men—one the owner of Long Island's largest catering house—were also brought in for questioning. Neither had criminal records and Nassau District Attorney Cahn said they were asked only for information that they might have in cases under investigation. Cahn said that he plans to question 17 other hoodlums, many of whom were not at home last night, and at least one other witness within the next three days. Five of them were due to appear for questioning with their lawyers at Cahn's office at 2 PM today.

At one point last night, the anteroom to the district attorney's office in the county courthouse resembled a replay version of gangland's storied

partment of Justice by jailed mobster Joseph Valachi of New York.

"We wanted to know why these men came to Long Island and just what plans the crime syndicate has for this area," Cahn said. He said that all of the men quizzed last night either refused to answer questions or denied knowing Valachi or having anything to do with the syndicate. "The information we got was not particularly helpful," Cahn said, "but it served to warn these men that we know they are here and we are going to keep an eye on them. If this knowledge saves just one Nassau citizen from being victimized by one of these men, the entire roundup will have been worthwhile."

Mussaccio, who is married to the niece of East Islip's Joseph Magliocco, named as one of the 12 national syndicate bosses, hid his face from photographers as he entered Cahn's office. In the courthouse lobby, a beefy, unidentified companion of Mussaccio, sporting two black eyes behind a pair of sunglasses, threatened to punch a Newsday reporter and then raced from the courthouse with a suit jacket over his head. Another hoodlum, Louis Bongiorno, was asked by reporters if he knew Valachi, who reportedly has a \$100,000 gangland price on his head. "I don't know him," laughed Bongiorno, "but I'd sure like a piece of that \$100,000."

The only hoodlum to arrive with a lawyer was labor extortionist John (Dio) Dioguardi of Point Lookout, just three months out of prison and looking frightened in a black suit. Detectives said that Dio's lawyer, prominent Long Beach Republican Bruno Baratta, was at Dio's home when they got there. Cahn said Dio refused to answer all questions. In contrast to Dio were Lorenzo (Chappie) Brescia, former bodyguard to dead vice king Charles (Lucky) Luciano, who arrived looking tight-lipped and defiant but answered questions, and Lanza, who arrived smiling broadly and raising his hand in salute.

The roundups involved homes and businesses in Nassau, Suffolk, Queens, Brooklyn and the Bronx. —Continued on Page 90



John (Dio) Dioguardi



Alfred Faiccio



Louis Bongiorno



Vincent Mirabella

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gabfest at Apalachin, N.Y., in 1957. Ten mobsters, including such top luminaries as Long Island policy boss Salvatore (Sally the Shiek) Mussaccio, East River pier hoodlum Michael (Black Mike) Clemente and extortionist Joseph (Socks) Lanza, sat disconsolately in straight-backed wooden chairs, trying to avoid each other's side-long glances as newspaper and TV cameras popped and ground away.

Cahn later told newsmen that he had quizzed the mobsters, brought in on "request subpoenas," about the disappearance of garbage racketeer Vincent (Jimmy) Squillante and the New Hyde Park murder of union organizer Edward Lynch. He said that the raid was prompted by recent disclosures of a national crime syndicate labeled Cosa Nostra (Our Thing). The disclosures, including the fact that three of the 12 national rulers of the syndicate live on Long Island, have been made to the United States De-



Salvatore (Momo) Giancana  
A CIA Cloak and Dagger Man?

## Momo Certainly Does Get Around

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Chicago—Crime syndicate boss Salvatore (Momo) Giancana, the crime boss of the Midwest, has not always led a life of crime, it was revealed yesterday. Once, he played a more glamorous role: he was a middle-aged spy for the CIA.

Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) officials in Washington are not talking about their offbeat ex-employee, but probers said the CIA contacted Giancana after the 1959 Castro rebellion in an attempt to get information from Cuba through him. For several months in 1959 and 1960, it was disclosed, Giancana promised the CIA that he could obtain reports from Cuban hoods who operated gambling casinos in Cuba before the revolt.

This embarrassing intelligence came out in

the course of an FBI investigation of Giancana's dealings with "the Commission," a cozy group of arbitrators described as the national council of organized crime, the Cosa Nostra's supreme court. Giancana, who has ruled the Chicago crime syndicate for seven years with the ferocity worthy of a man whose boyhood idol was Al Capone, is one of 12 big-city gang chiefs who sit on the commission to settle disputes over rackets territory and other parochial underworld squabbles.

The Justice Department says that Giancana's contacts never came through with the promised intelligence, and government prosecutors believe that Giancana pretended to work with the CIA for his own very personal reasons. Perhaps, they say, Giancana hoped that a show of cooperation with a government agency might halt FBI surveillances.

If that was the dapper 53-year-old gangster's plan, it was wasted effort on his part, and two months ago he asked the United States District Court here to call off the FBI, who he said invaded his privacy. After a few days of heady triumph when Federal Judge Richard B. Austin ordered the FBI watch restricted, the sheriff's men took over the tail until Austin's restraining order was stayed pending appeal.

The late gangster Charles (Lucky) Luciano also tried his luck as an operative. He was pardoned in New York in January, 1946, by then Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, who said Luciano had cooperated with the armed forces during the war in obtaining information. The Army, Navy and Office of Strategic Services (OSS) issued denials, and Dewey did, too, before Luciano was deported to Italy.



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**AWAITS DA.** Phillip Perfetti of Bayville gestures as he talks with Nassau Det. Ted Popeleski as Perfetti awaits questioning by District Attorney Cahn early today.

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Cahn said that some of the hoodlums were living in other counties but believed to be involved in Nassau criminal activities with mobsters who live in the county. He said that more than 40 mobsters now live in Nassau alone. The identities of hoodlums brought in last night and those being sought by Cahn indicated to observers that his office is presently working on undisclosed cases involving syndicated bookmaking and labor racketeering.

A surprise witness brought in by detectives last night was Thomas Manno of Tappentown Lane, Brookville, owner of the Huntington Town House. Cahn said that Manno, who has no police record, was quizzed about "possible associates . . . alleged associates that he is reported to have." He said that Manno denied knowing the persons he was questioned about. On leaving Cahn's office, Manno told newsmen: "It's a disgrace pulling someone in like this." Another person classified as a witness by Cahn was Michael Adamo, who also has no police record, of 217 N. Chestnut St., North Massapequa. He said Adamo was questioned about possible relatives in the Long Island area. He said Adamo denied being related to the men that he was asked about.

## Four Top Men Not Home

Four of the top men who were not home when detectives went calling last night were Carlo Gambino of 34 Club Dr., Massapequa, named as another of the syndicate national leaders; Queens rackets boss Michael Miranda of Forest Hills; Long Island bookmaking czar John (Sonny) Franzese, and Dominic (Joe Pits) Petito of Brooklyn, believed by New York police to be the successor to murdered syndicate executioner Albert Anastasia on the Brooklyn piers.

Netted in the roundup which began at 8:40 PM and ended at 3:30 AM today—described by Cahn as the largest such police operation in county history—were the following:

Frank Sherbicki, of 1507 Marshall St., Elmont, longshoreman on Brooklyn piers, convicted armed robber. Questioned about Squillante.

Salvatore Badalante, 54 Mineola Ave., Point Lookout, convicted robber and bookmaker, owner of a Brooklyn fuel oil company, questioned about his friendship with Magliocco and other syndicate hoods.

Peter Kourakas, 65 Mellow Lane, Jericho; convicted policy banker, dope peddler, operates a Manhattan diner. He was quizzed about syndicate bookmaking operations in Nassau.

Salvatore (Sally the Shiek) Mussaccio, 2947 Murdoch Ave., Wantagh; has 22 arrests with convictions for policy. Syndicate boss of Long Island policy operations. Partner in Sapienza Bread Co., 555 Kirkman Ave., Elmont. Last night he didn't remember his partner's name.

Louis Bongiorno, 159 Chestnut Rd., Manhasset. Convicted counterfeiter, bookmaker. Works for Jersey City trucking firm. Close pal of bookie boss Franzese.

John (Dio) Dioguardi, 109 Freeport Ave., Point Lookout, thrice-convicted labor extortionist and syndicate enforcer. He said he has been employed for the past three months selling kosher hot dogs. He refused to say where or for whom.

Alfred Faiccio, 10 Latimer Ct., Rockville Centre, convicted killer, two homicide arrests, close pal of missing mobster Anthony (Tony Bender) Strollo. Close to Magliocco and jailed hood Vito Genovese.

Lorenzo (Chappie) Brescia, 91 Bay St., Long Beach. Convicted extortionist, mob enforcer, former Luciano bodyguard. Says he nets \$25,000 annually as a commission agent selling meat to the Stork Club, the Copacabana and other New York night spots for the Edward Davis Co., Manhattan. He couldn't remember most of his steady customers.

Dominick Ciaffone, 57 St. Pauls Pl., Hempstead, business agent of Local 1010 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Long record of convictions for robbery, gambling, other offenses. He sold a home in Westbury after being quizzed by Cahn in 1957 but later moved back to Nassau. Quizzed on Long Island gambling.

Vincent Mirabella, 28 Sherman Ave., Bethpage. Twice convicted bookmaker. Employed by a local

rubber company. Asked about his connections with a Nassau-Suffolk gambling combine.

Michael (Black Mike) Clemente, 36 Beech St., Point Lookout. He is the boss of the East River waterfront rackets; a convicted rapist, bootlegger and extortionist. Top mobster and friend of most of Long Islands' biggest hoodlums.

Joseph (Socks) Lanza, 80 Trenton Ave., Long Beach, boss of the Fulton Fish market rackets, convicted extortionist whose parole from prison caused a statewide scandal because of the politicians involved. Elder statesman of the syndicate. He said he is now semi-retired but makes \$1,000 a month selling Italian ices for the Venetian Ice Co., Brooklyn. He couldn't remember the firm's address.

Phillip Perfetti, 28 Jackson Ave., Bayville, bookmaking lieutenant of Franzese. He has three Manhattan gambling convictions.

Scheduled to appear in Cahn's office at 2 PM today are five men who were not at home last night or who refused to come to the office until they contacted lawyers. They are:

Petito, a trustee of a Brooklyn longshoremen's local, arrested twice for homicide and convicted once for policy. He lives at 128 73 St., Brooklyn.

Joseph Pizzo, shadowy labor relations man quizzed in the Tommy Lewis murder, of 23-17 Kingsland Ave., Bronx. He has no criminal record.

Joseph Schipani, of 94 Brookline St., Atlantic Beach, close pal of deported syndicate gambling boss Joseph (Adonis) Doto, a convicted policy operator.

Miranda, of 167 Greenway N., Forest Hills, Queens, top aide to jailed syndicate kingpin Vito Genovese.

Thomas (Tommy Dio) Dioguardi (no record), also of Point Lookout, brother of Johnny Dio and son-in-law of imprisoned syndicate dope czar Frank (Cheech) Livorsi of Atlantic Beach.

Still being sought for questioning are: Gambino, of 34 Club Dr., Massapequa, one of the three men labeled national syndicate rulers who live on Long Island. He was not at home last night.

Anthony Zappi, 30 Club Dr., Gambino's neighbor and close associate. The family firm makes mattresses. Not at home last night. Zappi has no criminal record.

John Del Mastro, Eckenkamp Dr., Smithtown. Owner of the Chain Link Fence Co., Commack, and Orlando Restaurant, New Street, Huntington. He has no record. Said Cahn: "We want to talk to this man regarding certain union activity affecting Nassau County."

Carmine Persico, 144 Sunset Dr., Hempstead, named by Newsday last week as the man given the contract by the syndicate to murder the remaining 16 Gallo mob members. He has a long record.

Andimo Papadio, 121 Eva Dr., Lido Beach. Dope peddler and enforcer for Thomas (Three Fingers) Brown in the garment rackets.

Frank (Machine Gun) Campbell, 117 Collins Ave., Williston Park, convicted armed robber and syndicate muscleman in the labor rackets.

Franzese, of 47 Shrub Hollow Rd., Roslyn (post office designation although law enforcement authorities say he lives in Herricks), bookmaking boss and labor racketeer.

Saro Mogavero of Manhattan and Bayville, listed on the national list of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, arrests for homicide, burglary and hiding two fugitive dope dealers in his Bayville summer home.

Nicholas Botta, 1412 L St., Elmont. No available information.

Thomas Grecco, 141 Bay Blvd., close associate of top-ranking syndicate hoodlums in Manhattan.

Cahn got mixed reviews from the mob on his roundup technique. Said Clemente: "I think the D.A. is a helluva fellow. He has his job to do and I am happy to accommodate him." Brescia was evasive. "Look son," he told a reporter. "I've got a family. He (Cahn) asked me a lot of questions." Asked about Valachi, Brescia looked pained and said: "Let's get away from that, huh?" Lanza, who alternately smiled, paced and dozed while waiting his turn on the grill, bubbled geniality as he left. "I think Mr. Cahn was very gracious," he said. And in the muggy, crowded anteroom, it was easy to distinguish mobdom's old pros from the rising young Turks. The pros smiled at cameramen and posed like benevolent executives at the office picnic. The newly arrived hot-shots snarled and covered up.

# LI Hood Linked To '59 Rubout Of Little Augie

Kew Gardens—A spokesman for Queens District Attorney Frank O'Connor said yesterday that three persons were present with Anthony (Little Augie Pisano) Carfano and Mrs. Janice Drake at a Jackson Heights motel just before the pair were found slain in a parked car. One has tentatively been identified as John (Sonny) Franzese of 47 Shrub Hollow Rd., Herricks. The other two men were not identified.

Newsday revealed yesterday that Franzese has been assigned control of Long Island bookmaking by gang boss Joseph Magliocco. O'Connor's spokesman labeled as "ridiculous" a published report that Little Augie had dined with racketeer Frank Costello the night of the killing.

The spokesman for O'Connor said yesterday that O'Connor will go to Washington to meet with United States Attorney General Robert Kennedy and other Justice Department officials to learn what mobster-turned informer Joseph Valachi knows about the 1959 killing of Little Augie. O'Connor's spokesman said yesterday that none of Valachi's revelations so far have shed any light on this gangland killing.

Meanwhile in Washington, Sen. John McClellan (D-Ark.) said yesterday that he went to Ft. Monmouth, N.J., Sunday to hear Valachi, the underworld's No. 1 "canary," and came away with enough revelations on organized crime to keep his Senate investigators busy for some time. But he didn't reveal what Valachi told him.

## Appearance May be Postponed

Because the new information needs further checking, McClellan said, Valachi's appearance before his Senate rackets subcommittee may have to be postponed. Valachi tentatively had been scheduled to appear next month before the subcommittee. McClellan gave no new date for Valachi's testimony.

McClellan, in confirming that he had gone to the New Jersey Army base Sunday, described Valachi as a "most valuable witness." Valachi has been sequestered under heavy guard at Ft. Monmouth to prevent underworld attempts on his life. McClellan's visit originally set off reports that Valachi was being moved to another hideaway.

That was because the base's airfield was kept under tighter guard than usual Sunday when the plane carrying McClellan, two subcommittee staff members and Deputy Attorney General William G. Hundley arrived there. The secrecy and the arrival and departure of the unidentified plane resulted in the speculation about Valachi's transfer.

McClellan said he found Valachi "friendly, cooperative and generally willing to talk . . . I didn't find him making any wild exaggerations. He was just a bit reserved. I think I was impressed that he appeared to be telling the truth."

A subcommittee source said of the "get-acquainted" meeting between Valachi and McClellan: "The senator did a lot of listening and did not attempt to pry for information Valachi seemed not willing to discuss. They will meet again later and then it will be in the nature of a real interrogation. Valachi impressed us as generally being willing to tell, maybe not everything he knows, but to give information without undue reservation . . ."