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WAYNE THURMAN, Detective, North Miami Police Department, advised that on December 30, 1958, Circuit Judge PAT CANNON in Miami ordered the City of North Miami to continue paying the eight police officers whom the North Miami City Council sought to eliminate since October of 1958, claiming the metropolitan government of Dade County should take over part of the police and fire department functions.

KARL ENGEL, Chief of Police, North Miami, previously advised, as reflected in Miami letters to the Bureau, October 17 and 31, 1958, that the City Council of North Miami contemplated decreasing the police department budget by \$65,000.00 and advocated that certain departments, as well as eight police officers, be eliminated, stating that the metropolitan government should immediately take over this responsibility.

MM 673-C advised at a recent dinner in Miami, which was attended by Metropolitan Safety Director THOMAS KELLY, he heard KELLY state that he had considered resigning his position but that any consideration would depend upon reports submitted by his physician relative to a heart condition that he now possesses.

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GAMBLING

WAYNE THURMAN, Detective, North Miami Police Department, advised that after a two weeks surveillance, members of his department arrested MAX P. STERN, age 67, owner of a news stand at 581 Northeast 125th Street, and STERN's clerk, MARGARET TOSH, age 42, for engaging in a bookmaking operation at STERN's news stand on December 18, 1958. He stated TOSH would only accept bets at the news stand from individuals known to her and when a person unknown to her visited the news stand for the purpose of placing a bet, she would telephonically contact STERN at his home, 829 Northeast 160th Street, and STERN would then converse with the stranger over the telephone. He said that after STERN obtained the necessary personal history and background of the stranger, he would either reject or accept the stranger's bet. FLA. APPROX 1892

The Miami Beach Kennel Club opened its thirty-first season on December 31, 1958.

TOM PARKER, Investigator for the Florida Racing Commission, Miami, advised that the Florida Racing Commission again denied MORRIS WEXLER, also known as "MUSHY" WEXLER, a license to operate a racing stable in Florida. He stated that each year for the past three years, the Commission has refused to entertain WEXLER's request to enter the racing field in the state of Florida. He stated WEXLER is a well-known Cleveland underworld figure who in 1958 owned the Theatrical Grill, a night club and restaurant in Cleveland, Ohio, and was formerly operator of the Empire News, a race wire service firm. In 1955, WEXLER reputedly had an interest in the Thistledown Race Track, Cleveland, Ohio. FLA.

With reference to the efforts to have gambling legalized, MM 673-C stated that he learned of additional activities on the part of some individuals who were interested in having gambling legalized in Florida. He stated that DEAN ALFANGE, who acted as JACK DEMPSEY's attorney several months ago when legalized gambling was presented to the Dade County Commissioners, returned to Miami and was in the Miami area about five days in the middle of December, 1958. He also stated that while in Miami, ALFANGE N.Y. FLA.

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held some conferences with JERRY WEINKLE, an attorney, ^{FLA.} relative to making preparations for an appeal to the Supreme Court of Florida in their efforts to obtain legalized gambling casinos in the Miami area. He said ALFANGE also had a conference with HARRY LEVY, a former ^{FLA., N.Y.} New York gambler, who has been campaigning for legalized gambling in the Greater Miami area, claiming he has the backing of the Democratic Party on Miami Beach. This informant said LEVY is president of the Democratic Club of Miami. He further advised that LEVY previously had filed a petition with the Dade County Commissioners for a referendum "by the voters of Dade County" but it was ruled illegal by the Dade County Attorney.

MM 673-C stated he understands ALFANGE by filing his appeal expects the Florida State Supreme Court to reject the Dade County Commissioners' ruling which held that the appeal of this group for a referendum vote was illegal. He also related he was told that if ALFANGE and his group are unsuccessful, they intend to file petitions to force the referendum election.

This informant also stated that ANTHONY G. SWEET, ^{FLA.} FBI #317988C, a gambler who is secretary and treasurer of the La Bastille, a private club in Surfside, has also become the owner of the restaurant formerly operated by FELIX YOUNG, ^{FLA.} FBI #177827, in Bay Harbor, Island.

In addition, he stated that he recently spent a week end in Havana, Cuba, and learned that MIKE MC LANEY, ^{CUBA} in charge of the gambling casino at the Nacional Hotel in Havana, is the front man for FRANK ERICKSON, FBI #1762258, ^{CUBA} in this operation. He said the Havana Riviera Hotel is issuing credit cards to regular patrons of its gambling casino.

He also said when in Havana, he was introduced to one G. T. RICHARDSON, who appeared to have considerable ^{CUBA} authority around the Capri Hotel and Gambling Casino.

He said he also learned that NAT HARRIS, a gambler, has the title of administrator at the Capri Casino. ^{CUBA}

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This informant further stated that PHILLIP ~~YAWORSKY~~, also known as ~~JERRY BROOKS~~, FBI #220267, co- CUBA, FLA., owner of the Luau Restaurant, North Bay Village, and who owns a part of the Capri Gambling Casino in Havana, Cuba, had a heart attack and is presently in the Miami Heart Institute.

MM 509-C advised that ~~NATHAN PEARLMAN~~, an old- PA, FLA. time bookie from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is staying at the Sea Gull Hotel and will undoubtedly remain in the Miami area the rest of the winter season. He stated that PEARLMAN is a close friend of ~~JOE SILVERMAN~~, also known as WHITEY PA, FLA. ~~SILVERMAN~~, a bookmaker and numbers man from Pittsburgh, who is presently staying at the Sea Gull Hotel, Miami Beach.

He further advised that ~~JOE FISSELLI~~, a bookmaker, NY, FLA. formerly from New York City, who has been in the Miami area approximately fifteen years, has an established successful bookmaking business among the bellhops who are employed in the various hotels on Collins Avenue North of Lincoln Road. He mentioned that FISSELLI is a close personal friend of ~~MAX EDER~~, also known as ~~MAXIE RAYMOND~~, FBI #236413, a FLA. Miami Beach gambler and strong arm man.

MM 509-C also stated that ~~JOE BERGER~~, a bookmaker FLA, NY, and fence, who arrived in the Miami area from New York City the first part of December, 1958, recently left Miami to take a position as pit boss at the Plaza Hotel Gambling Casino, Havana, Cuba. With reference to BERGER, he stated that BERGER years ago purchased merchandise for a fencing operation operating from ~~JOE GANZ~~, Miami Beach Police Department #A20664, a burglar. FLA.

He further stated that he observed ~~SAM SHILLITONI~~, NY, FLA. also known as ~~SAMMY SHIELDS~~, New York Police Department #B43737, conversing with ~~JOE MASSEI~~, FBI #597894, the past FLA. week at the Carib Hotel, Miami Beach. He advised that MICH. SHIELDS still operates a floating dice game on Spring Street in New York City. MASSEI, a former Detroit hoodlum, now makes Miami Beach his residence.

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This informant said that he learned ~~DAVE MILLER~~, N.Y., FLA., a bookmaker from New York City, has been in Miami Beach about ten days. He said he did not know specifically where MILLER was residing but knew it was in the general vicinity of 23rd and Collins Avenue, Miami Beach.

MM 509-C also advised that he learned ~~MAX MUNTZ~~, N.Y., FLA., formerly a bookmaker from Brooklyn, New York, ceased his operations in that field because of poor health and presently resides at the Park Avenue Apartments, Miami Beach.

In addition, he commented that ~~ALBERT FRANK MANCINE~~, a past poster and bookmaker from Brooklyn, New York, who N.Y., FLA. operates as a gambler on ships and other forms of transportation with an individual known as ~~JOCKEY LEWIS~~ is presently FLA. in the Miami area and residing at 1154 Northeast 91st Terrace, Miami.

MARTIN DARDIS, Chief of Police, North Bay Village, advised that ~~RUBIN WIENER~~, FBI #244088, a bookmaker who was FLA., N.Y. very active in gambling circles at Miami Beach and North Bay Village the winter season of 1957-58, is presently in New York City engaged in a sizeable bookmaking operation. He also stated that WIENER's friends in the Miami area that season were ~~AL MIGDAL~~, FBI #841209B, and ~~BENJAMIN MALLAH~~, FBI #199559B, both burglars. He said he learned that MIGDAL and MALLAH are now acting as pimps for three girls who operate out of Peck A Rib Tavern on Seventh Avenue off Broadway, New York City. FLA., N.Y.

HOODLUMS IN THE MIAMI AREA

MM 673-C advised that ~~IRVING L. WEXLER~~, formerly ILL., FLA. from Chicago, Illinois and brother-in-law of ~~GEORGE SAX~~, FLA., owner of the Saxony Hotel, Miami Beach, now operates Muzak, a company which pipes music to business establishments and other sources. He stated that he had heard a rumor to the effect that WEXLER had some type of arrest record in Chicago.

In December, 1946, ~~A. LAMPHEIMER~~, owner of the FLA. Claridge Hotel, Miami Beach, advised he made a deal with IRVING WEXLER, then connected with the Globe Music Company

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and the Serenade Music Company whereby he, LAMPHEIMER, was to receive \$4,000.00 for permitting bookmaking in the lobby of his hotel. He said that after a down payment was made with reference to this agreement, WEXLER later came around and demanded \$200.00 for arranging the deal. LAMPHEIMER at that time stated that ultimately there was no bookmaking operation in the hotel lobby, as it then appeared that bookmaking was not going to be permitted openly in Miami Beach.

MM 673-C also stated that SAM ~~SCHANKER~~, FBI FLA. #272198, and co-owner of the Place Pigalle, a strip tease type of night club at Miami Beach, sold his interest to a Philadelphia syndicate headed by "SILVER DOLLAR" SID ~~MOSS~~, FLA., PA. a night club operator in Philadelphia.

He stated he was also told that SONNY ~~FACE~~, for FLA. years manager at the Gaiety Night Club, Miami, contemplates purchasing the interest presently possessed by DAVE ~~SHIFRIN~~, FLA. FBI #1400419.

SOL JAFFE, PCI, advised that HENRY ~~HERSKOWITZ~~ and STEPHEN ~~RADA~~, students at Temple University, as well as PA BURTON ~~BURKE~~, a student at Penn State University, and PA JACQUELINE ~~COURTMAN~~, a laboratory technician of Atlantic N.J., FLA. City, New Jersey, were arrested by the Miami Beach Police Department and Bal Harbour Police Department and charged with grand larceny and receiving stolen property. He stated that the police departments recovered jewelry and clothing from the above individuals that had been stolen from hotel rooms of the Sherry Frontenac, Sans Souci, Sea Gull, Saxony, Fontainebleau, Eden Roc, Casa Blanca and Americana. He said he learned this group would call for the keys of wealthy guests from the desk clerks and when the guests were not in their rooms, they would loot the rooms of valuables.

MM 509-C advised that AL ~~ROSEN~~, a fence who resides FLA., N.Y. in the vicinity of the 1600 block of Michigan or Pennsylvania Avenue and possibly at 935 Eighth Street, Miami Beach, recently returned from New York City. He stated ROSEN does business with ARTHUR ~~BLATT~~, FBI #608232-C, who operates the Blatt and Mayer FLA. Jewelry Company, Miami, as well as with LOUIS ~~SHAFKIN~~, owner FLA. of Shafkin's Jewelry Store, Miami Beach. He further mentioned

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