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J. Criminal Control of Unions

Information has been set forth previously in the crime survey program as to the criminal element in the unions on the waterfront of the West Side of New York City. The situation has crystallized during the past six months in the following manner. The information was furnished by Captain THOMAS HAMILL of the New York City Police Department.

Information furnished was to the effect that on January 8, 1947 one ANTHONY HINTZ of 61 Grove Street, New York, N. Y., who was employed as a boss stevedore on Pier 51, North River, New York City, was shot on the stairway between the second and third floors of his home. HINTZ had been employed as boss stevedore and had been having difficulty with notorious hoodlums on the waterfront who were attempting to gain control of HINTZ's pier. On several occasions prior to January 8th efforts had been made to have HINTZ surrender his pier to these characters. This he refused to do. In addition, several days prior to January 8th HINTZ had noticed two or three men sitting in a car outside of his home. He recognized two of the men as ANDREW SHERIDAN and DANIEL GENTILE. On January 8th he left his apartment on the third floor of 61 Grove Street at about 7:40 AM and as he came down the stairway between the third and second floors he noticed three men standing on the landing of the second floor. These men were ANDREW SHERIDAN, DANIEL GENTILE and JOHN DUNN. Without any warning one of the men drew a gun and fired six shots at HINTZ. All six shots took effect. HINTZ was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital in New York City.

Subsequently, Acting Captain HAMILL advised that while at St. Vincent's Hospital ANTHONY HINTZ made a dying declaration in the presence of several witnesses and a stenographer in which HINTZ not only named SHERIDAN, GENTILE and DUNN as the gunmen but also gave descriptions of them.

JOHN DUNN was apprehended on January 8, 1947, by the New York City Police Department and is being held without bail. ANDREW SHERIDAN was taken into custody by the Hollywood, Florida, Police Department on January 24, 1947, and was subsequently removed to New York City under the Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution statute. He is being held without bail. At the time SHERIDAN was apprehended he was riding with one FRANK CANGA as well as with JEFF LAFORE.

By teletype dated February 11, 1947 the Salt Lake City Field Division advised that BARNEY BAKER, alias Lou Clayton, had informed Confidential Informant SIC 257 that he, BAKER, arrived in Las Vegas, Nevada, on the 10th of January for the purpose of hiding out. According to the informant, BAKER claimed he was wanted for murder by the New York authorities and that he was sent to Las Vegas by the New York Criminal Syndicate to contact BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL for the purpose of "cooling off". According to the Salt Lake City informant, BAKER had contacted MOE SENDWAY and HYMIE SIEGEL; he was then registered under the name of LOU CLAYTON at the El Cortez Hotel, Las Vegas, and arrangements were being made to move him to the Mac Carson Auto Court awaiting the return of SIEGEL from Los Angeles.

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Captain HAMMILL informed BAKER was wanted for questioning as a witness in connection with the murder of HINTZ, but that no efforts would be made to arrest him until he returns to New York City. It was subsequently determined that BAKER went to work at the Colonial Inn in Hollywood, Florida, as a driver of people who had won large sums of money gambling there. Information has been set forth in crime survey reports submitted by the Miami Office as to the ownership of the Colonial Inn by the LANSKY brothers.

NYC 91 advised DANIEL GENTILE, one of the salyers of HINTZ, associated with JACKIE ADAMS, a bookmaker in Long Island City, New York. ADAMS was at one time a vice president of the Varick Enterprises, now defunct, which supplied stevedores to various piers on the waterfront in New York City. He has also worked as a dealer in the Club Greenacres and the Club 86 in Miami, Florida, which are also alleged to be operated by the LANSKY brothers. VINCENT ALO alias JIMMY BLUE EYES, who has been mentioned previously in the crime survey program, is also alleged to have a "piece" in these clubs, as well as the Colonial Inn, mentioned above.

Captain HAMMILL also related EDWARD McGRATH, who has been mentioned previously in the crime survey program, may be tied into this case. It is noted VINCENT ALO is McGRATH's superior on the docks in New York City. ANDREW SHERIDAN made two trips to the Colonial Inn in Hollywood prior to the shooting of HINTZ, and apparently got instructions from ALO as to the shooting. JACKIE ADAMS, mentioned above, has gone to Hollywood and is presently back at the Colonial Inn.

On January 31, 1947, a New York County Grand Jury returned an indictment charging ANDREW SHERIDAN, DANIEL GENTILE, and JOHN DUNN with murder in the first degree.

It is noted GENTILE surrendered to the New York City Police Department after the indictment was returned. He formerly ran a policy racket in the Chelsea waterfront district in New York City.

It is further observed JOHN DUNN is business agent of the Terminal Checkers Union, American Federation of Labor, and ANDREW SHERIDAN was organizer for the Hoboken, New Jersey, local of this same union, until December, 1946.

THOMAS "TEDDY" CLEASON, organizer of the International Longshoremen's Association, American Federation of Labor, on April 3, 1947, was held in \$50,000.00 bail as a material witness in the murder

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