

# Payoff Man of Slain Gambler 'Singing' on B'klyn Police Graft

By ARNOLD FISHER

Abe Babchick's "payoff man" yesterday gave Assistant Attorney General Amen's investigators "important leads" concerning police who allegedly received \$3,000 weekly to protect the Brooklyn gambling racket, according to an authoritative source.

Amen denied the "bag man" is in custody but persons close to the investigation insisted he is "singing" and providing information that will assist the two extraordinary grand juries in returning the presentment against "certain policemen" expected by Amen.

Police, meantime, announced they have a "definite line" on two men seen with Babchick at 3 a. m. Wednesday, approximately four hours before his body was found in a parked auto in Brooklyn.

### Pushed Into Car

Babchick's bodyguard and chauffeur, identified only by his nickname, "Zoo," was quoted by detectives as having seen "The Boss" "jostled" into his auto. This was across the street from the Dubrow restaurant, Utica Ave. and Eastern Pkwy., according to "Zoo."

In "Zoo's" words, as repeated by his questioners, the two were "giving Babchick the shoulder," as if forcing him to enter the car, though he apparently made no protest.

One took the wheel, but apparently was unfamiliar with the auto or an unskilled driver, because the car "jerked badly" in starting.

"Zoo" was quoted as having told police he had driven to the restaurant where "The Boss" had preceded him in another auto, which he parked in front of the East New York Savings bank.

The racketeer and his bodyguard talked briefly, then Babchick dismissed "Zoo" with the remark, "I won't need you any more tonight."

According to an informant, police are convinced from "Zoo's" description that the two men are racket hangers-on frequently seen in Brownsville.

### Breached Out

According to new information obtained yesterday, Babchick had extended his policy operation from Brooklyn to Manhattan, to North Jersey and finally to West Philadelphia. Several "politicians" in those areas were on his payroll as protectors, it was said.

Babchick, it was revealed, used numerous aliases and a longer police record than first supposed. He had been arrested four times since 1930 under the names of Belezak and Schartz, but was not convicted.

Amen said he requested the policemen who made the arrests to appear before him. He said he has no charge in mind against them.

## Face and Feelings Hurt. Asks \$10,000



MARY KIRK BROWN

Ex-husband and "rival" quarreled over her; \$10,000 suit results.

That little setto in the Queen Mary Restaurant Sept. 2, which resulted in Robert A. Kelly, Jr., getting a sizeable gash over his right eye, may cost Joe Anselmo, also known as Joe White, about \$10,000.

Anselmo, manager of the Queen Mary, was served at 1 a. m. yesterday with papers in a damage suit. Kelly charges the beating has left him scarred.

The battle allegedly started when Anselmo claimed Mary Kirk Brown was going to marry him. Mary is Kelly's former wife. Kelly objected to the announcement.

Kelly also contends that Anselmo told reporters he acted to protect Mary's fair name from her "ex." and that Kelly was a villain. As a result, Kelly claims he suffered humiliation and an injured reputation, plus a scar, and he estimates the whole to be worth \$10,000.

### Soon There'll Be Three



(International News)

Alice Faye of the movies, who became the wife of band leader Phil Harris four months ago, yesterday confirmed reports that there will be another mouth to feed soon. She will retire from the screen for a year, giving up a starring role in a picture which was to have been started immediately.

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## ICKES CAN FIND ONLY 5,192 FREE OIL TANK CARS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26 (AP)—Secretary Ickes, petroleum co-ordinator, said today a "factual inventory" had found a net surplus of only 5,192 rail tank cars available to haul petroleum to the Atlantic Seaboard.

This sharply disagreed with a contention by J. J. Felley, president of the Association of American Railroads, that 20,000-odd tank cars were available.

The survey Ickes quoted was made by the East Coast Transportation Committee of the oil industry.

The Senate Committee which investigated the oil situation in the East reported there was no shortage, that unnecessary alarms had been created, and suggested that restrictions on gasoline sales be lifted.

### Prison Cupid Gets Sweet LA PLATA, Argentina (AP)

Prisoners in Buenos Aires have now one get married without spending a cent, according to a new decree. Humberto, a prisoner was granted permission to marry, he had in his 25 years (about \$15) to cover expenses of the wedding party.

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anner will mark the finish on Oct. annual places in New Jersey, a nd so that one could shoot clay

rain or shine. The caretaker, his only companion, could release the clay birds from any of 40 stations by throwing electrical switches in a central control room. Three 60-foot steel towers provided variety.

Kress died last December and the tract will be sold by the executor of the estate, the Chemical Bank and Trust Co. of New York, for the widow and other heirs.