

# **ORDERS THUG TO NAME GAMBLER'S KILLERS**

## ***Court Hints at Heavy Sentence if Prisoner Fails to Obey***

The solution to the mysterious slaying of Abe Bebachick, Brooklyn policy king alleged to have paid police for protection, was demanded last night by Kings County Judge Samuel S. Leibowitz from a defendant just convicted of first-degree robbery and facing a possible maximum sentence of twenty-to forty years in prison.

"You know the killers of Bebachick," Judge Leibowitz asserted while shaking a stern forefinger at the prisoner, "and take it from me, you'll talk to the District Attorney about them if you know what's good for you."

The defendant, Sam Kovner, 27, of 5011 Eighteenth Avenue, Brooklyn, was convicted of holding up a bookmaker several months before his arrest that followed a free-shooting police chase through twenty-nine stories of a midtown hotel, resulting in the killing of a bystander and the suicide of another thug as the police closed in on him.

Bebchick was slain on Sept. 24 and his body was found in a car near the Empire Boulevard police station in Brooklyn. At the time he was wanted by Special Prosecutor John Harlan Amen for questioning in connection with Mr. Amen's inquiry into police protection of organized gambling.