

Babchick's Brother Held In Raid on Policy Bank

5 Arrested and 35,000 Slips Seized in Brooklyn

A policy bank in the basement of a three-story brownstone house at 287 Hancock Street, Brooklyn, was raided at 6:30 p. m. yesterday by police and assistants of Special Prosecutor John Harlan Amen and District Attorney William O'Dwyer, of Kings County. Five men were arrested on charges of contriving a lottery, a felony. One of them is a brother of Abe Babchick, the policy operator, who was murdered in Brooklyn early on Sept. 24, while Mr. Amen was searching for him.

The brother, who had changed his name from Babchick, is Frank Balzak, thirty-eight years old, who would give no address. The other four are Morris Hacker, of 15 Herzl Street, Brooklyn; Warren Sauer, of 1572 Schenectady Avenue, Brooklyn; Sidney Lewow, of 1618 Lincoln Place, Brooklyn, and Nicholas Sillilo, of 13 Jefferson Avenue, Brooklyn. The five were locked up at the Gates Avenue police station, Brooklyn, and will be arraigned in Brooklyn Felony Court today.

The raiders reported that they found the five men seated around a table bearing 35,000 policy slips, which, they said, represented a daily take of \$1,000. However, there was no cash in the place. According to Edward A. Heffernan, Assistant District Attorney of Kings County, the numbers game for which the 287 Hancock Street basement was the bank, with Balzak supposedly the chief banker, used to be served by twenty-six drop stations where slips were deposited, but after Babchick's murder the number dropped to twelve.