



GRILLED IN BORO MURDER—Two suspects seized after a hotel gun duel were questioned in connection with the slaying of Abe Bebachick by District Attorney O'Dwyer, left. They are Samuel Kablonsky, 23, center, and Samuel Kovner, 28, of 5811 18th Ave., right.

BEBCHICK KILLING SUSPECTS HELD IN BORO ROBBERY

**Two Seized in Hotel
Gun Chase Arraigned,
Hearing Set for Monday**

Sam Kovner, 27, of 5011 18th Ave., and Sam Kablonsky, 24, of the Hotel Abbey, Manhattan, suspects in the murder of Abe Bebachick, Brownsville racketeer, were arraigned today in Brooklyn Felony Court on a robbery charge.

Magistrate Ubrich held both men for a hearing Nov. 3. Kovner in \$25,000 bail and Kablonsky without bail. They were charged with robbing Albert Mitchell of 724 Howard Ave. at gun point of \$5.68 on Aug. 12 last.

Wounded Man Dies

The two men were seized yesterday during a police chase which occurred in and near the Hotel Abbey. William Ortman, 52, theatrical producer, was accidentally shot by a gunman, and died early today. The gunman, Abe (Joe Miller) Bitler, 23, of 2301 E. 23d St., was trapped but killed himself as detectives closed in.

Ortman, whose home is in Detroit, was staying in the Hotel Victoria, adjoining the Abbey. Hearing the sound of shots, he looked out of his window. Bitler, believing he was another detective, fired twice, hitting the producer in the chest and abdomen.

Boro, L. I. Gas Firms Plan Defense Link

**System of Inter-Company Tieups to Assure
Flow of Gas in Emergency Is Studied**

Four gas companies, serving Brooklyn, Queens and Nassau, are studying methods of supplying a continual flow of gas to consumers in the event of a defense emergency, it was learned today.

The plan under consideration entails inter-system connections, so that if the supply was terminated by an emergency in one area a substitute flow, furnished by firms in other areas, could give gas to consumers.

A hearing was called yesterday to consider the plan at the office of the Public Service Commission, 80 Centre St., Manhattan, by Milo R. Maltbie, commission chairman. Among those present were representatives of the Corporation Counsel's office, of the Brooklyn Union Gas Company, the Brooklyn Borough Gas Company, the Kings County Lighting Company and the Queensborough Gas & Electric Company.

Maltbie said that a precedent for an inter-system connection existed in that there are now tie lines among the various electric companies. He added that it would be theoretically possible to operate the companies more economically as one unit than as separate units, and also serve defense needs.

12 Negroes Die In Montclair Fire

Montclair, N. J., Oct. 29 (INS)—Twelve Negroes, ten of them children, were burned to death and eight others were injured, five seriously, when a fire early today swept a frame house.

Police, who said the blaze started from an exploding oil heater, expressed fear that additional bodies would be found among the ruins of the building.

None of the victims could be immediately identified, so badly were they burned, but most were believed to be members of the family of Edgar Boggs, 59, who, with his wife and 18 relatives, shared half of the building.

Firemen reported that the flames enveloped the building within a few seconds. Most of the victims were trapped in bedrooms on the upper floor. Panic-stricken, their escape