

# 136 Policemen Will Be Rehired To Aid Hunt for .44-Caliber Killer

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With 300 New York City police officers assigned to the hunt for the .44-caliber killer, and 75 more on an expanded search for terrorist bombers, Police Commissioner Michael J. Codd said yesterday that 136 laid-off police officers would be rehired today, and more later this month.

Samuel de Milia, president of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, said later that he had voiced the union's recognition of "trying times" and willingness to let men be rescheduled to work peak hours instead of regular shifts. This, he said, was in a meeting with Chief of Detectives John L. Keenan on Wednesday.

But Mr. De Milia said he objected to the program subsequently announced by the Police Department Wednesday night in which volunteering officers would be put on special unpaid assignments under supervision. Any officer accepting orders to work without pay, Mr. De Milia said, is "scabbing jobs for those 1,600 still laid off."

## Hundreds of Volunteers

The union president said "hundreds" had gone out on their own without formal assignment to help against the revolver-wielding killer known as "Son of Sam." To this, he said, there was "no objection—we want to rid the city of some psycho killing people."

But Mr. De Milia said the men now to be rehired were only among 400 initially proposed to be taken back last July 1, and still not yet returned. The re-hirings are to be with Federal Labor Department funds under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

This would still leave 1,200 laid off, Mr. De Milia said. He charged Mayor Beame's "priorities were all wrong," with policemen still out, while sanitationmen and firemen laid off in the fiscal crisis were all back.

The department issued a bulletin saying men offering to work could telephone the commander "of the area in which they would prefer to donate their services." The commander would assign them "only on those hours for which they volunteer." They would sign waivers of any pay claims and agree to be subject to supervisors during the time.

A spokesman for Governor Carey said he had phoned the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the state police to ask them "to cooperate in every way with the New York City Police Department, which he feels obviously is one of the best in the country."

The Governor, the spokesman said, was concerned both about the "Son of Sam" and bombing cases.

Thomas Locke, night supervisor of the F.B.I. office here, said the agency had been already helping on out-of-state leads. He said it was canvassing informants and accepting data that it relayed to the special police homicide task force, and had laboratory help available if needed.

Mr. Locke said there was no formal F.B.I. investigation because no Federal law was involved.

In White Plains yesterday, 80 leaders of Westchester County's 39 local police departments were brought together by Sheriff Thomas Delaney to confer with Lieut. John Power of the New York City special homicide task force and to coordinate precautions against any Westchester foray by the killer.

Ralph Purdy, president of the Tri-County Federation of Police, with members in Westchester, Putnam and Rockland Counties, said 20 to 25 officers had volunteered for such Westchester patrols. His federation announced a \$1,000 reward for information leading to arrest and conviction of the killer.

There are combined outstanding rewards of at least \$28,500, including \$1,000 from the Nassau County chapter of the Civil Service Employees Association and \$500 from Councilman Edward Rappaport of Brooklyn. A former chief of the Brooklyn District Attorney's homicide bureau, Mr. Rappaport said experience showed such rewards inspired witnesses.

Edward Morrison, chairman of the state's Crime Victim Compensation Board, said the board yesterday approved awards of funeral expenses of \$1,500 for families of each of three victims of "Son of Sam." They were on behalf of Virginia Voskerichian, killed in Forest Hills, Queens, March 8, and Valentina Suriani and Alexander Esau, shot to death in the Baychester area of the Bronx on April 17.

The New York Post published a report yesterday that Carmine Galente, as a Mafia chief of organized crime, had called for "5,000 soldiers" to find the killer, ostensibly to stop murders of "young girls" like Mr. Galente's daughters.

Police Commissioner Codd and Chief Keenan said their force's organized crime control bureau knew of no such action, attributed by The Post also to loss of business for mob-controlled entertainments because young people were staying home more, out of fear.

Mayor Beame, asked for comment, said he would "depend completely" on "the finest Police Department in the world, I have every confidence in them."

Commissioner Codd said he and his investigators, led by Deputy Inspector Timothy J. Dowd, had been "encouraged because of the quality of many leads we are getting from people."

Commissioner Codd said new telephone lines were being added to the special homicide task force number—844-0999—which has frequently been overloaded at the 109th Precinct in Flushing, Queens, since Sunday.

The public concern, Commissioner Codd said, has "revived interest in community controls, which can be a very valuable asset, using them in a constructive way, not as neighborhood busybodies, provided they do not become vigilante groups taking the law into their own hands." He said any vigilantism would not be condoned.