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Newsweek on Colombo Case

New York

The shooting a week ago of reputed underworld czar Joseph Colombo Sr. had the tacit approval of 72-year-old Carlo Gambino, the alleged "boss of all bosses" of the Mafia, Newsweek magazine reported yesterday.

Newsweek, in an article in the current issue, said "Mafia bettors" are giving 100-to-1 odds that Joseph (Crazy Joey) Gallo was behind the shooting of Colombo by a black man at the June 28 Italian - American Unity Day rally in Manhattan.

Police have linked the attack to underworld rivalry but have made no arrests. Colombo remained in a coma and in critical condition yesterday in a Manhattan hospital. He continued to show "slight improvement," however, the hospital said.

PLANS

The Newsweek article said Gallo, who was released from prison in February after serving eight years of a seven - to - 14 - year term on an extortion conviction, prior to the shooting "got an audience with Gambino and outlined his plans for an offensive," against Colombo.

"As long as you don't bother me, I don't care what you do," the magazine said Gambino reportedly told Gallo.

The article said Gallo had returned from prison "with grandiose plans for a new Black Mafia." It reported Gallo had made some "enthusiastic" black friends in prison and when they were released he sent them to his brother Albert (Kid Blas) "who got them jobs and kept them waiting for Joey."

MOBSTERS

The magazine said Gallo had put together a force of 15 to 20 black mobsters and had made no secret of "his dream of a huge black network eventually controlling all rackets in the Harlem and Bedford - Stuyvesant (Brooklyn) ghettos."

However, lacking the necessary money and men, Gallo has been forced so far to limit himself to one target—Colombo, the article said.

Colombo, Newsweek said, had been in disfavor among other underworld leaders because he reportedly neglected the rackets in favor of his Italian - American Civil Rights League and because

Kangaroo Heads In Big Demand

Brisbane

A taxidermist family in Townsville, 1,000 miles north of here, is seeking thousands of kangaroo heads to be stuffed and exported as souvenirs.

John Kreuger, who, with his father, brother and wife, stuff 12,000 kangaroo heads annually, said there was a strong demand for the heads among American and Japanese tourists.

Reuters

of the money the league is reported to have taken in.

Prior to the Unity Day rally, Newsweek said Gallo and Colombo met "at a restaurant in the heart of Gallo territory." The session, however, almost broke into a fight "and both men stalked out," Newsweek reported.

United Press