

Metropolitan Briefs

Death of Rikers Inmate Is 8th Suicide This Year

The death of a 29-year-old inmate in his cell on Rikers Island Wednesday night was the eighth suicide in the city's correctional institution this year, officials reported. Fernando Mota of 266 West 73d Street was found hanging from a bedsheet tied to the bars of his cell by a guard making a routine check at 11:30 P.M. He had been serving a 90-day sentence for attempted grand larceny and was scheduled for release next Thursday.

Seaman Wins \$250,000

A Brooklyn merchant seaman won \$250,000 in the Jersey Jackpot drawing of the state lottery, but he was unable to attend the drawing because he was at sea. The seaman, Frank Anderson, 57 years old, of 7301 Fourth Avenue, will receive 10 annual checks for \$25,000. His wife, Dorothy, was informed of her husband's winning by telegram and told lottery officials that it was her 57th birthday. She was at work when she received the news and declined to discuss how the couple would spend their winnings. The drawing was held in Jersey City at a Route 440 shopping center.

Capanegro Denies Guilt

A plea of not guilty was entered in Federal District Court in Manhattan for Michael J. Capanegro, a former Democratic Assemblyman from Queens, who was charged last week with embezzling \$37,000 from Local 1101 of the Communications Workers of America. Mr. Capanegro was the union's counsel in 1971-2, when the money was allegedly embezzled.

Court Suspends Sears

Harry L. Sears Jr., who carried a \$200,000 cash contribution from Robert L. Vesco, now a fugitive financier, to former President Richard M. Nixon's re-election committee in 1972, was suspended by the New Jersey Supreme



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Harry L. Sears

Court for three years from practicing law.

The court agreed with a county ethics committee that Mr. Sears, a former state legislator and gubernatorial candidate, had hoped to influence an investigation of Mr. Vesco's activities by the Securities and Exchange Commission, and that Mr. Sears was guilty of false swearing during subsequent investigations of the incident. The vote to suspend Mr. Sears was 4 to 1, with two abstentions, and with one justice dissenting, saying he had found Mr. Sears's conduct "pernicious." The justice voted to disbar him.

From the Police Blotter:

A couple in their 30's were found in their apartment in the Wakefield section of the Bronx with their throats slashed. The detectives of the Homicide Zone 9 began investigating after the bodies were found at 868 East 222d Street. . . . ¶Four males, one armed with a shotgun and one with a handgun, entered a branch of the Manufacturers Hanover Trust at 1242 Fulton Street in Brooklyn and made off with an undetermined amount of cash. . . . ¶A 30-year-old delicatessen clerk was shot to death during an attempted holdup of the store at 366 Second Avenue, at 21st Street. He was identified as Demetrius Lachanias, no address given. The assailants escaped.