

# Italians Picket F.B.I. Office Here

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Joseph Colombo, the reputed head of one of the six Mafia "families" in the metropolitan area, led a picket line Thursday night that some of his friends and others not associated with the Mafia continued in front of Federal Bureau of Investigation headquarters here.

The pickets were protesting both the arrest of Colombo's son on extortion charges and alleged anti-Italian discrimination on the part of the F.B.I.

Colombo, his wife and another son joined a score of other demonstrators outside the F.B.I. office at 69th

Street and Third Avenue two hours after the arrest on Thursday of Joseph Colombo Jr., 23 years old, in Brooklyn.

F.B.I. agents looking down from their windows said they could also see other associates of Colombo as the crowd grew.

"Next thing, they'll be coming after my daughter," the alleged leader of the Profaci family in Brooklyn is reported to have said.

Though Colombo had been expected to join the group again for yesterday's picketing, he was busy most of the day accompanying his son

at his arraignment in Brooklyn Federal Court.

Nat Marcone of Staten Island was in charge of those who were carrying picket signs during the day yesterday. Some were of high-school age and younger, and Mr. Marcone said they came from a variety of Italian organizations throughout the city.

He said the demonstration was called to protest what he declared as anti-Italian discrimination by the F.B.I., and was formed "on the spur of the moment, about 5 P.M. Thursday, at a meeting at which I was present."

Young Mr. Colombo was

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arrested at about 4:30 and his parents joined the pickets when they began demonstrating about 7, Mr. Marcone said.

The picket signs yesterday carried various messages: "President Nixon—Why only Italian-Americans involved in organized crime?" and "F.B.I. think twice, we can question your children and picket your home."

Mr. Marcone said, "The only thing Colombo did wrong was being born."

At his arraignment yesterday, Colombo's son was released in \$5,000 personal bond after being charged with two other men with conspiracy to melt \$500,000 in silver coins and sell the

resulting silver—which has more value than the face value on the coins—in ingots.

They were also charged with extorting money and other items of value from Richard Salomone, a coin dealer, at 8725 Fourth Avenue, Brooklyn.

The charges did not specify where they got all the coins, but the Federal complaint in Brooklyn said that Mr. Salomone's coin shop experienced financial difficulty and "was forced to curtail the further ordering of coins" after the alleged scheme, between October, 1968, and March, 1969.

The two others charged were Joseph F. Iannaci, 39, of 84 Bay 10th Street, and Rocco J. Miraglia, 43, of 1945 83d Street, both Brooklyn.

The elder Colombo, who is 47 years old, is believed to be a member of the commission that is said to govern the Mafia's nationwide activities.

Law-enforcement officials described his picket-line protest against the F. B. I. as extraordinary. They believe his action may be greeted with displeasure by his seniors, with possible detriment to his power.

According to law-enforcement sources, Colombo is relatively young to preside over a family that has been faction-ridden and contentious since the death of its former boss, Joseph Profaci.

In recent months Colombo has come under indictment on charges of evading Federal income taxes and lying to a New York State agency to get a real-estate license.

perhaps earlier stories also, (Later material on Colombo, this file, including attempted murder of him 28 Jun 71, filed under date of 29 Jun 71.)



Americans of Italian descent picketing the F.B.I. headquarters at 69th St. and Third Av

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