

# Anastasia Mum On Murder, Inc., Weigh Contempt

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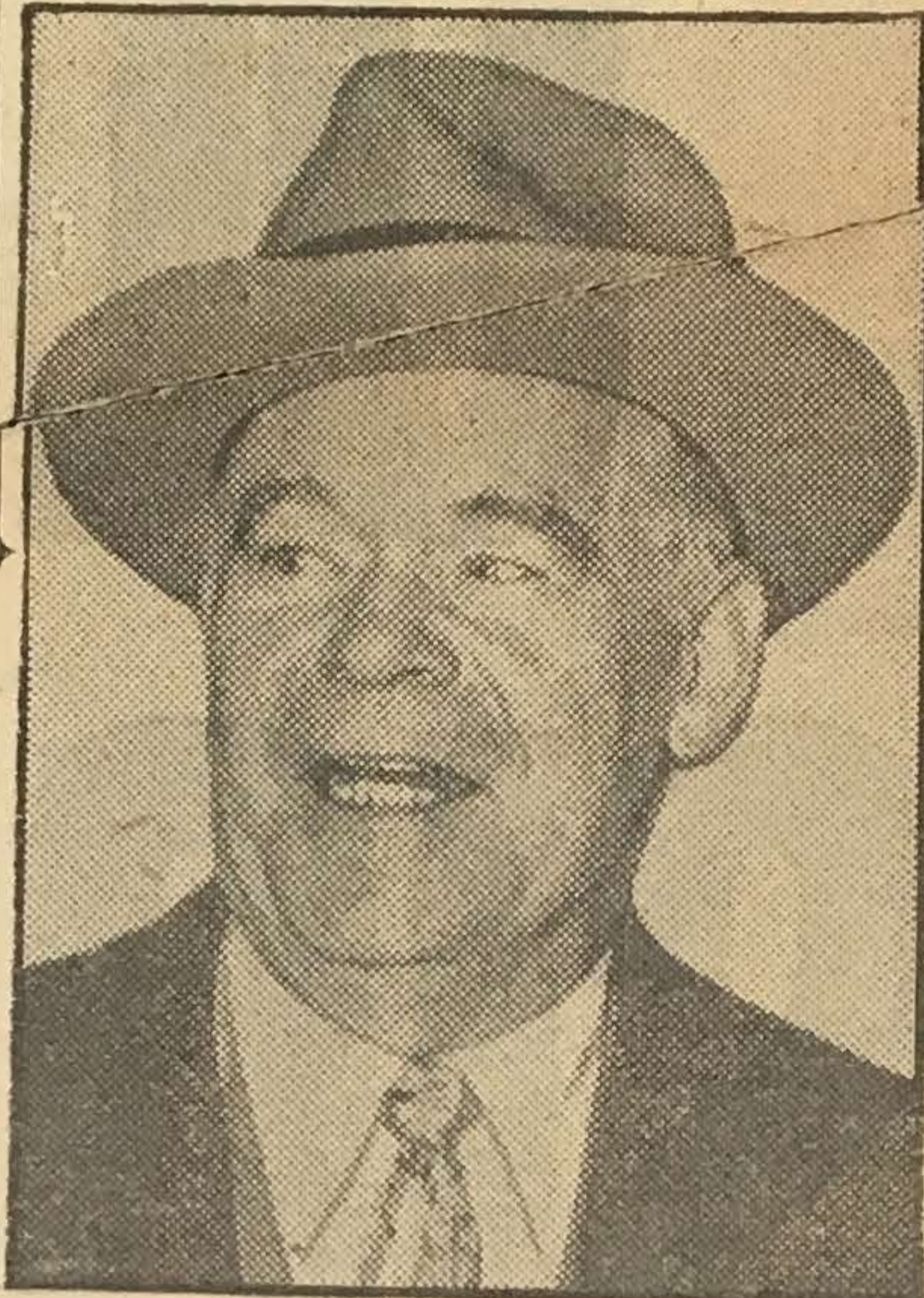
A contempt citation against one of its witnesses was being considered last night by the Senate Crime Investigating Committee after Brooklyn mobster Albert Anastasia clammed up on possible connection with a "series of Murder, Inc., murders" and waterfront crimes.

The balky Anastasia stood on his constitutional rights for fear of incriminating himself.

The disclosure came after the committee had turned the spotlight on gambler Frank Costello's relations with Tammany Hall and uncovered evidence showing how exiled vice-lord Charles L. (Lucky) Luciano still maintains contacts with his underworld aides here.

Committee chairman Sen. Kefauver said he would recommend the citation. He said Anastasia

## ONE OF EIGHT WITNESSES



Ex-Deputy Fire Comm. Moran ...on stand yesterday.

(Mirror Photo)



Ex-7th Deputy Police Comm. Frank C. Bals appears at probe-

"claimed his privilege" on many questions and one of those included refusal to name the contractor for his \$50,000 Palisades, N. J. home.

Anastasia, who headed the night parade of witnesses, told the committee he was a former partner of Benedict Macri, now

without making public the nature of the testimony obtained yesterday, commented:

"After listening to this sordid testimony of a certain class of people, we still suppose there must be some good people here. You see this rabble come before you and it's depressing. The ramifications of this thing jar you!"

Kefauver interrupted to tell reporters:

"There are some good officials and our observation is that conditions in New York are better, certainly not worse, than in other cities."

The presence of former Tammany Secretary Bert Stand and Clarence Neal, once chairman of the powerful Tiger Elections Committee, prompted reporters to ask Kefauver whether the committee was trying to link Costello with political chiefs. Costello is scheduled to report for more questioning at 9:30 a.m. today. He was directed to return two days ago

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Bert Stand Clarence Neal Called by crime quizzers.

In the Tombs in connection with the murder of union organizer William Lurye.

Sen. Kefauver (D.-Tenn.), chairman, declined to say how many of Tammany's 40 leaders have been linked to Costello since the secret hearings began in the Federal Courthouse here.

But Sen. Tobey, (R.-N.H.),

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