

New Repercussions Hinted in Reles Break

Valentine's Failure to Answer Specific Query Seen Implying Action Against Captain Bals

Failure of Police Commissioner Valentine to answer a query today gave added strength to rumors of further departmental repercussions in the Abe (Kid Twist) Reles escape attempt.

Newspapermen sent two questions to the Commissioner, to one of which he replied, leaving the other unanswered. The first read:

"Some newspapers are running a story to the effect that Mayor LaGuardia has directed you to transfer all police officers who are now connected with District Attorney O'Dwyer's office. Will you kindly deny or affirm this report?"

To this came the Commissioner's written reply: "Unfounded."

The second question read: "Perhaps the Mayor has ordered the transfer from Mr. O'Dwyer's office of any one officer or group of officers?"

No Answer Forthcoming

The question remained unanswered, at once strengthening a growing suspicion that Capt. Frank Bals, in charge of the men as-

signed to the Brooklyn District Attorney's office, was faced with punitive action because of the attempted escape in which the Brownsville killer died.

The three detectives and two patrolmen who comprised the detail guarding Reles and other O'Dwyer witnesses yesterday were demoted and transferred after a preliminary investigation. They must face departmental trial.

Probe All Clues

Meanwhile, delving into all possible clues to the reason that prompted Reles to seek freedom, District Attorney O'Dwyer's aides turned their attention to Mrs. Rose Gold, the 64-year-old grandmother of Brownsville, who had long been "treasurer" for Reles and at one time had \$150,000 belonging to him.

To her Saratoga Ave. candy store

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