

Mafia kingpin jailed for Brilab involvement

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NEW ORLEANS — The sudden jailing of elderly mafia kingpin Carlos Marcello was a warning that no amount of money or power can raise a person above the law, U.S. Attorney John Volz said Saturday.

Marcello and Charles Roemer, former state commissioner of administration, were convicted of racketeering in the 1981 Louisiana Brilab trial. Marcello was jailed Friday to await the start of a 7-year prison sentence.

"Nobody is above the law," Volz, who served as chief prosecutor in the 19-week trial, said. "There have been those who said Mr. Marcello and Mr. Roemer would never go to jail. We've maintained all along that was incorrect."

"The system works for everybody. I think the thing it shows — I hope it shows — is that not only poor people have to be responsible for breaking the law," Volz said.

U.S. District Attorney John Sear, who presided

over the Brilab trial, gave Roemer 10 days to get his affairs in order before reporting for his 3-year term.

The reputed "Little Man" of Gulf Coast organized crime was ordered to turn himself in immediately because authorities feared he might try to flee the country before starting his term.

Marcello was processed by U.S. marshals and taken to the Community Correctional Center to await transfer to a federal prison.

Volz said he was uncertain how soon Marcello would be eligible for parole but added any such decision would be pushed into the future by an additional 10-year term handed down on a California racketeering conviction.

In Shreveport, Roemer said he was surprised by the speed with which the 5th Circuit turned down his appeal — ruling on 300 pages of legal briefs in five weeks rather than five months.

Marcello and Roemer were found guilty in the Louisiana

case in which undercover FBI agents posed as insurance salesmen willing to pay bribes for lucrative state insurance business.

Volz and Eades L. Hogue, head of the Justice Department's Organized Crime and Racketeering Strike Force in New Orleans, Thursday asked Sear to put the two men behind bars. The 5th Circuit earlier this week refused to overturn the men's convictions.

After the 5th Circuit rejected Marcello's appeal, his attorney, Arthur Lemann III, said he would seek a rehearing by a three-judge panel of the appeals court. If that bid failed, he said, he would seek a review by the entire 11-judge panel and would file a similar request with the U.S. Supreme Court.

Federal court rules dictate that after an appeals court upholds a conviction and jail sentence, it has 21 days to order the trial judge to sign papers ordering the convicted felons to jail.

Quadriplegic wins millions in out-of-court settlement

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LOS ANGELES — A college sophomore who has been a quadriplegic since he was run over by a car over five years ago won a \$4.5 million out-of-court settlement.

Court officials said Friday the suit is the largest personal injury case settlement ever handed in the North Central Superior Court District.

It hasn't really hit me yet," Keith Ritchie, 21. "Obviously I'm really happy."

Ritchie will receive the money from operators and managers of Northridge shopping center whose parking lot he was injured, under terms worked out in conference with Superior Court Judge Robert Schiffman.

The suit alleged the companies operating the Northridge Trade Mart were at fault because the parking lot was

poorly illuminated, lacked speed bumps and speed signs and had poor security.

Ritchie was 15 and a member of the Calabasas High School football team in 1977 when he and two friends were hit by the car in the mall parking lot. Ritchie suffered a broken neck, which made it impossible for

him to move his limbs.

His companions, Ted Leon and Michael Weiner, were awarded \$75,000 and \$25,000, respectively, for their injuries. Ritchie's mother, Marcia Ritchie, who came upon the scene minutes after the accident, will receive \$200,000 for emotional distress.

Senate Republicans bicker

Tax bills stalled by GOP

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WASHINGTON — The GOP-led Senate Budget Committee is deadlocked over how much to raise taxes next year, not because of Democrats' unwillingness to compromise, but because the usually unified Republicans are divided over Reaganomics.

In essence, the unruly Democrats and staid Republicans have exchanged roles, and Senate Republican leaders are not quite sure how to handle it.

On Tuesday, the committee will try again to reach a consen-

sus on how much to raise taxes next year, the last key component of the 1984 budget resolution the panel is drafting.

Democrats watched in amusement last week as two of the 12 Republicans on the committee heatedly argued in public whether supply-side economics, the basis of President Reagan's economic policy, is working.

"We've flirted with supply-side," Sen. Mark Andrews, R-N.D., told his Republican colleagues Thursday. "It doesn't work in the face of high interest rates. I think we have to increase

taxes if we're going to be honest with ourselves."

"The notion of supply-side is working fine," shot back Sen. William Armstrong, R-Colo.

He argued that lowering the federal tax burden on workers with Reagan's income tax cuts the past two years has led consumers to invest more money and stimulate the economy and, as a result, interest rates have fallen.

"Supply-side didn't bring the rates down," Andrews said. "It was that \$98 billion tax increase bill that brought interest rates

down 5 or 6 percent."

Committee chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., his teeth clenched, was forced to pound his gavel to end the bickering between the two.

But Andrews voted for a Democratic proposal to raise \$30 billion in 1984 by repealing the third year of the Reagan tax cut program, which is scheduled to take effect July 1. The plan failed on an 11-11 tie vote.

With the Republicans divided, all other tax plans failed also, and by nearly 2-to-1 margins.

Congress plans busy week

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Congress, stepping up its tempo, hopes to act this week on a nuclear freeze resolution, aid for jobless home-owners and a repeal of tax withholding on interest and dividends. But its 1984 budget timetable keeps slipping.

The Senate and House could advance each piece of legislation by the end of the week, but delays, scheduling problems and other roadblocks could just as easily produce a five-day treadmill.

The docket includes: the nuclear freeze resolution, housing, tax withholding and Nicaragua.

Once again on Wednesday, the House will take up a resolution calling for a mutual and verifiable freeze on nuclear weapons production by the United States and the Soviet Union.

Sponsors claim to have the votes to pass the resolution and

already have turned back four test votes on weakening amendments.

But still pending are other amendments that would delay final action, possibly throwing the vote into the following week.

The House also plans work on housing legislation, which it bypassed last week. The bill includes a \$760 million authorization to help pay the mortgages of unemployed workers facing foreclosure.

The fund would go into effect whenever the mortgage default rate exceeded 1.3 percent nationwide.

A similar bill has been approved by the Senate Banking Committee but is not scheduled this week.

Once again, the Senate is grappling with a proposal to repeal the 10 percent tax withholding on interest and dividends, a move strongly opposed by President Reagan.

Senate Republican leader Howard Baker has told sponsors of the repeal that he will permit only three attempts to end a filibuster against the proposal. The first comes Tuesday, and the backers believe they can muster the needed 60 votes — if not Tuesday, then Wednesday or Thursday.

If the repeal gets through the Senate, it will have more problems. House leaders oppose the legislation, and the bill will have to be brought up by a petition

discharging the Ways and Means Committee from jurisdiction, always a difficult process.

In the final stage, the question may rest on the ability of the Senate and House to override a promised Reagan veto.

Concern in Congress over U.S. covert activities in Nicaragua increased last week despite assurances from Secretary of State George Shultz and CIA head William Casey that no U.S. law has been violated.

Baker may call a secret session of the Senate to brief members on the situation in Central America. So far, briefings have been limited to the Senate and House intelligence committees.

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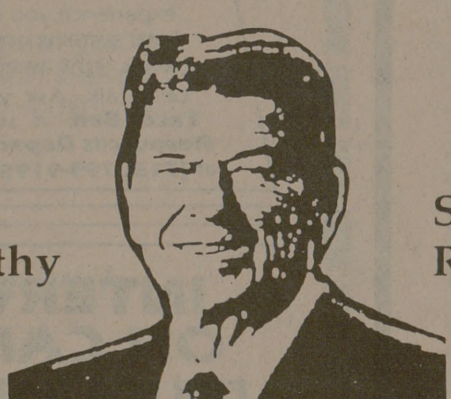
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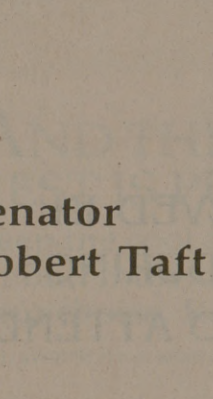
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