

### Host of Gangster Convention Dies In N. Y. Hospital

Johnson City, N. Y. — (UPI) — Joseph Barbara, the "sick friend" of 60 gangsters dropped in to see at his Apalachin, N. Y., home Nov. 14, 1957, died of a heart ailment Wednesday night without revealing the secret purpose of that underworld convention.

Barbara's illness had prevented his questioning by state and federal investigators who have indicted and jailed a number of the nation's biggest "name" criminals for allegedly lying or refusing to talk about his hilltop barbecue party.

Barbara, 53, had been in Wilson Memorial hospital in critical condition since a heart attack on May 29.

**Wife at Bedside**  
At his bedside were his wife, the former Josephine Vivona of Endicott, N. Y., his daughter, Angelina, and his two sons, Peter, a University of Buffalo student, and Joseph Jr., who had been associated with his father in a soft drink bottling and beer distributing business and had attended the Apalachin meeting.

The sons said early today that their mother had been placed under sedation and that funeral plans would not be made until she is able to decide on them.

#### License Suspended

The Sicilian-born Barbara gave up both his business and his home after state police rounded up his guests, alleged by authorities to be the leading figures of a "who's who in the Mafia." The business went with the suspension of his state license as a result of the party. The home was sold last month for \$130,000 to a developer who announced plans to convert it into a tourist attraction.

Apalachin neighbors are protesting this plan as an offensive "shrine to crime."

### Russian Ballet Declared Unfair

Los Angeles — (UPI) — The Soviet Union's famed Bolshoi Ballet, which played to capacity audiences in Los Angeles last month, has been accused of unfair labor practices by the Musicians Guild of America.

The charges were filed Wednesday against nine defendants, one of them the Russian group. The guild said the Bolshoi discriminated against the employment of 10 local musicians in a video tape production of the ballet.

Local sources said the charges might be connected with a jurisdictional struggle between the guild and its bitter rival, the American Federation of Musicians.

The other defendants included two companies handling the taped performances of the ballet.

### Gloria Swanson Protests Tax Claim

Washington — (UPI) — Actress Gloria Swanson has filed a protest against government claims that she owes \$39,437.69 in back income taxes and \$5,829.91 in penalties.

Records showed today that a petition filed by her lawyers argued that the Internal Revenue Service should have allowed a variety of deductions claimed by Miss Swanson as business expenses for 1949 through 1953.

The petition noted the actress' movie comeback in 1949 in the film "Sunset Boulevard," and her ventures in plays, movies, benefit shows, TV programs, dress fittings, business conferences, interviews and dress designing.

These activities, it said, required "the conversion of practically all aspects of her life into a business venture."

### Beulah Fizzles As Hurricane

Brownsville, Tex. — (UPI) — Tropical storm Beulah fizzled as a hurricane but still managed to rumble angrily across the Mexican coast about 200 miles south of Brownsville Wednesday night.

The doughnut-shaped center of the storm at first appeared to threaten much of the South Texas Gulf coast. But it hovered harmlessly Tuesday night, and then, like a tired derelict, washed shoreward against a sparsely populated area of the Mexican coast. At last report, it was whipping the tropical region with winds up to 50 miles an hour.

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