
Who the casino operators are

The world of casino operators brings together a seemingly unlikely alliance ranging from the wormy underside of corporate America to the haut monde of the Wall Street investment community. Our profile of some of the chief operators follows.

Resorts International

Recent efforts to remove Resorts International's casino gambling license in Atlantic City, New Jersey were defeated by pleas from the governor's office that widows and orphans would be the victims if the flow of tax money from Resorts' gaming tables was cut. That notwithstanding, Resorts International is intimately connected with organized crime both in the continental U.S. and the Caribbean, and has gone far already toward corrupting political life in New Jersey.

Resorts got its start in the Bahamas by "exposing" the organized crime ties of all the local competition and then moving in with financing deals from Meyer Lansky and his associates to buy up casino licenses. When in the early 1970s some additional financing was required for its gambling operations, Resorts came within a whisker of taking on the notorious swindler and dope smuggler Robert Vesco as a major partner. Vesco was declared "clean" by Resorts' highly touted security service, International Intelligence, Inc. (Intertel). Then he was indicted in the U.S. and jailed in Switzerland. At that point, the deal fell through. Intertel provided Resorts with similar "clearance" for some of its casino employees in the Bahamas. Its Paradise Island resort employed some of the most notorious heroin smugglers in the Western Hemisphere, members of the Montreal-based Cotroni family.

The record of Resorts in its Atlantic City, New Jersey operation has been no better. Campaign finance reports in the state show Resorts' contributions in the tens of thousands of dollars to numerous town and

county political organizations. Many sources claim these amount, in total, to more than a million dollars. However, Resorts, in its filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, reports for the same years that it made no political contributions. How does Resorts explain the anomaly? These were *lobbying* expenses.

Buying off sections of the New Jersey Democratic and Republican machines was not sufficient to ensure the introduction of gambling in New Jersey. The more recalcitrant local politicians were sent to jail by U.S. Attorneys and federal judges associated with Resorts' almost wholly-owned subsidiary Intertel. A grid of the careers of key Intertel employees and key prosecutors involved in "cleaning up" New Jersey would show that both got their start in the Kennedy Justice Department, particularly in the Organized Crime Strike Forces, and their predecessors.

The influence-peddling and politician-buying aspects of Resorts' operations were so blatant that the New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement, last year ostensibly investigating Resorts' fitness to receive a permanent gaming license, had great difficulty retaining any of its investigators—most quit in disgust. Finally, the Division of Gaming Enforcement limited itself *just* to presenting evidence of Resorts' open associations with members of organized crime!

Caesar's World

Even New Jersey's none-too-strict Division of Gaming Enforcement has difficulties with this planned new tenant of New York City. The Division required Clifford S. Pearlman, the chairman of the board of Caesar's World, to take a leave of absence until an investigation into his numerous ties to organized crime could be completed. On this condition alone was Caesar's World granted a temporary license to operate in New Jersey. Nonetheless, the division investigation will likely be a whitewash, as it was in the case of Resorts International: New Jersey Governor Brendon Byrne is apparently so confident of this that he allowed himself to be photographed rollicking with Pearlman, the man his gaming commission has under "strenuous investigation," during a recent boxing match at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas.

Caesar's Palace, the Las Vegas casino which generated the corporation known as Caesar's World, is otherwise a major component in the Kennedy-Zionist lobby wrecking operation against the Teamsters union. It was Teamster loans (engineered through organized crime figures Morris Shenker and Moe Dalitz, who

functioned as controllers for the wrecking operations against the union) which built the original hotel. Exposés of the habits of Caesar's Palace by the Fund for Investigative Journalism were then used to concoct the story of "Teamster links to organized crime."

Aetna Life Insurance Company has recently taken over financing for Caesar's World, with no shift in the Casino's dirty money operations. Aetna's own pedigree for such operations can be gleaned from the fact that Chicago Zionist doyen Phillip Klutznick's Urban Investment and Development Corp. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Aetna. Klutznick's connection to organized crime and intelligence operations as documented in the book *Dope, Inc.* (New Benjamin Franklin House, New York: 1978).

MGM and Hilton Hotels

MGM and the Hilton chain are the two "newest" gambling interests in Nevada, or so the story goes, with MGM's Grand Hotel and the Hilton making the highest profits in Las Vegas. Both came into town on the coattails of Robert F. Kennedy's reorganization of organized crime in the 1960s, and have extracted their massive profits on the basis of a public relations image as "clean leisure industries." Both are bidding for major shares of the New York gambling market.

A close look at both corporations however indicates that they owe their rise to organized crime's own brutal "labor" policies. Both are represented on their boards by top layers of the Zionist lobby who formerly employed a middle layer of mafiosi to take the heat for them in various "investigations" while gambling gained acceptance with the population. The directors of the corporations have now moved in to reap the profits directly for themselves, while the middlemen are sacrificed as "public" organized crime figures.

Conrad Hilton, the founder of Hilton Hotels, was a full Knight of Malta, the secret British intelligence order which has been involved in vice and drugs since the Middle Ages. Hilton, together with Henry Crown, who also sat on the original Hilton board of directors, and the Lindheimer Family of Chicago, virtually controlled the careers of Al Capone and other Chicago mobsters who set up the key national bookmaking operations in the 1930s. It was the original Chicago group of mafiosi who conceived and designed Las Vegas, after opening it as new territory for their book-making operations.

Hilton was heavily subsidized at its inception by money from the early motion picture industry, particularly Paramount pictures with Paramount Vice President Y. Frank Freeman sitting on its board. Hollywood at that time was a famous haven for mob money, and Paramount's participation in Hilton came at the same time as ex-bootlegger Joseph Kennedy was sinking funds into Paramount Pictures. The Lindheimer family of Chicago went on to directly inherit Capone's network of race tracks—the Hiltons have now moved directly into Las Vegas.

Barron Hilton, Conrad Hilton's son and the present heir to the family fortune, sits on the board of MGM—now Hilton's purported rival for the largest share of Nevada gaming receipts. Barron Hilton participated directly during World War II in British Intelligence's Special Operations Executive's operations in the United States. The Hilton and MGM Boards also interlock heavily through joint participation in a company called International Leisure Corp.

MGM now spends most of its time running casinos rather than making motion pictures, following a 1968 reorganization which was spearheaded by a large shareholder, Edgar Bronfman. Bronfman's relations to organized crime are also documented in the book *Dope, Inc.* The architect of its present operations is Kirk Kerkorian who is described by knowledgeable figures as a "creation" of Los Angeles lawyer Sidney Korshak. Coming full circle: Korshak began his notorious career as the chief defense attorney for the Al Capone mob in Chicago, and also served as legal counsel for Marjorie Lindheimer Everett and her Lindheimer-inherited racetracks in Chicago. Korshak has been and is currently under investigation by a number of federal agencies for his organized crime ties and his Las Vegas activities. Among other activities precipitated by Korshak to give organized crime a "clean" image was the use of monies by the Parvin-Dohrman Corporation and Foundation, which at one time owned two Las Vegas casinos, to fund Robert Hutchins's radical-liberal Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions in Santa Barbara, California.

Morgan Guaranty Trust Company

Prestigious Morgan Guaranty Trust Company, a proud institution that likes to keep so far from public view that it refuses to accept consumer accounts, has followed the lure of gambling profits to draw it a little

more into the limelight than usual. After an indignant Aetna Life Insurance (the current bankroller of Caesar's World) denied recently that it was funding the Del Webb Construction Company—Nevada's largest builder of casinos—and pointed the finger at Morgan, the giant bank's public relations director, Jack Morris, allowed recently that, yes, "hundreds of millions" of Morgan dollars had been made available to the Las Vegas-based firm. And, he conceded, Morgan is standing by with ready cash for construction firms once casino gambling becomes a reality in New York State.

For over a century, it happens, Morgan Guaranty has been the leading conduit of British policy and funds into the U.S. As the banker for U.S. Steel corporation Morgan was influential in helping to develop the company's "profits not steel" production emphasis.

Fittingly, its current Board Chairman Walter Hines Page III is the grandson of the ambassador to the Court of St. James during the administrations of Woodrow Wilson. Page was openly labeled a British agent in the U.S. press at the time.

Morgan Guaranty is also interlocked with the notorious narcotics-financing Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation through Lord Catto. Lord Catto, of Cairn and Catto—also a narcotics linked firm—serves as an officer for Morgan Grenfell, the banking house's London affiliate. Catto is also a member of the International Advisory Board to Morgan's directors.

ITT-Sheraton

With gambling expertise garnered from its hotel casinos in San Juan and Aruba, Dutch West Indies, the 400-hotel Sheraton chain is another poised to jump, according to Governor Carey's Casino Advisory Board, into the New York gambling market. The chain recently purchased New York City's giant Americana Hotel, substantially expanding its already substantial New York operations.

Sheraton was taken over 10 years ago by the International Telephone and Telegraph company, a branch of the British Admiralty-Special Operations Group controlled international communications network. The Sheraton-ITT marriage was conducted by Felix Rohatyn of the Lazard Freres investment bank. As the architect of the New York City Municipal Assistance Corporation and the proposed Energy Corporation of the Northeast, Rohatyn is one of the leading proponents of the policy of urban "shrinkage" on which casino gambling is designed to capitalize.

Real estate: buying up the cities

Cashing in on the planned transformation of U.S. cities from industrial centers to playgrounds for gamblers and rich homosexuals, British-Canadian and European nobility-related banks and financial interests and allied U.S. speculators are now buying up huge chunks of real estate in major American cities that are the proposed sites for legalized gambling and other degenerate "entertainment" enterprises. U.S. industry—from New York's garment center to Chrysler's Detroit auto plants—gets canned in the process to make way for the casinos, flashy hotels, and cocaine-infested roller skate discos. The insider real estate operators, linked to the casino operators, make a killing off the speculative boom in real estate values, which represent funds that can be redeployed into corporate takeovers, dirty operations, and bribes to buy off local political machines.

Who are the intruders?

Olympia and York is Canada's largest publicly owned real estate investment company. Its most recent acquisition in New York City is the huge office building at 466 Lexington Avenue, the former home of Penn Central. Taking advantage of the city's generous tax abatement program for building "renovation," Olympia and York has plans to pour \$127 million in overhauling the aging office building and preparing it for its new prospective tenant, J. Walter Thompson and Co, the advertising giant.

Olympia and York now owns 10 million square feet of choice New York City commercial real estate. The Toronto-based company became one of New York City's largest landlords virtually overnight when on Sept. 30, 1977 it acquired eight of the former Uris Buildings Corp. office buildings from National Kinney Corp. The properties house R.C.A., American Brands, Harper and Row, and various other corporate interests. The company is held principally by Albert and Paul Reichmann, orthodox Jews who came from Austria to Toronto after World War II.

Trizec, said to be Olympia and York's major rival, is the second largest publicly held real estate company in Canada. It is controlled by the Canadian branch of