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Richard Hauff in 1960 at the Federal Building in Chicago. "I'm as bad a playboy as can be," he once told a reporter.

"He was a case. He always had a line going on something."

Dave Wood, one of Richard Hauff's closest friends in Greencastle, Ind.



Man with past couldn't keep on cheating death

By Kim Barker
Tribune staff reporter

GREENCASTLE, Ind.—Richard Hauff could tell a story. Like how gangsters once pistol-whipped him, or how he hijacked an Army plane from Korea to America, or how he was Sicilian and "connected" in Chicago.

Around here, everyone liked Hauff. Nobody really believed him.

But when he died in a hail of bullets Feb. 25 in his Black Angus steakhouse, people started to wonder. They speculated about a "mob hit," remembered how Hauff always talked about "playing the numbers."

Richard Hauff wasn't exactly whom he pretended to be. But he was much closer than most people here ever thought—especially, it turns out, the playboy with a capital "P." Richard Hauff died as part of a lovers' triangle, police say.

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Wood, one of his closest friends in Greencastle. "He always had a line going on something."

Forty years ago, Hauff was in the Chicago newspapers all the time—then, papers gave a lot of ink to mobsters, and anyone remotely associated with mobsters. He was more of a hanger-on than a goodfella, described as a golf whiz, a country club owner, a mystery man, a playboy, a mob figure, a swindler. Hauff dated Zsa Zsa Gabor. He played golf with Perry Como. Even his Army uniforms were hand-tailored.

And then, after a stint in federal prison, he disappeared from newspapers and the public eye, somehow surfacing 30 years later in Greencastle, a sleepy town of 9,000 known more for its covered bridges than its crime.

Paul Dell, Hauff's former business partner, friend and landlord, is now in jail, after pleading not guilty to a charge of murder. His wife, Jean, who

police say was having an affair with Hauff, has left town. Two of the town's only good restaurants have been closed.

And Hauff, maybe 61 when he died, maybe 65, has been cremated.

In Greencastle, Hauff was a respected businessman, a chef, a crazy dreamer. He grew friendly with the DePauw University president, lawyers, his accountant, police officers. He wowed them with past stories and future plans.

"He said he ran a four-star restaurant in Boca Raton," said university President Bob Bottoms, who leased property to Hauff for his Black Angus restaurant. "I don't know if that's true or not. Frankly, I didn't care."

It's almost impossible to figure out the truth with Hauff.

He liked to tell people he was Sicilian, maybe Greek. He didn't want to be called Italian, friends say.

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HAUFF:

Some people believed; some didn't care

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But he was Iranian. His parents were killed in World War II, and American soldiers found him in the hills of Iran, according to old articles in the Tribune and other papers.

Adopted by a soldier

One soldier, Franklin Hauff, brought the 6-year-old boy home to his wife in Arlington Heights and adopted him.

Hauff liked to tell people he was a football star, a boxing champion.

But he was a teenage golf champion, winning scholarships and playing cool under pressure, according to yellowed newspaper clippings.

Hauff liked to tell people that mobsters tried to kill him.

And two thugs almost did. They pounded him over the head with a pistol butt, while he was on a date with the estranged wife of a chief deputy of the chief of the Chicago crime syndicate, newspapers said. Police surmised that the thugs wanted Hauff to pay his debts.

As a young man, Hauff didn't drink, didn't smoke. He told one newspaper that he always operated legally, but not ethically. He was no saint, he said.

"Yes, I'm a playboy," he told the newspaper. "I'm as bad a playboy as can be."

Hauff bought a country club in 1959, with the help of the younger brother of Nick Dean, an Al Capone racketeer deported to Argentina. Turns out, the club had two sets of books. It

filed for bankruptcy.

As his club failed, the Army drafted him. Hauff chartered planes to come home to handle the bankruptcy. He drove around in a cream-colored Cadillac convertible, wearing sunglasses indoors and carrying a packet of hundred-dollar bills.

He told newspaper reporters that he gave his Army pay of \$85.80 a month to the Red Cross. He didn't need the money.

Yet Hauff couldn't escape money woes, even when shipped to Korea. There, he was thrown in military prison for passing worthless checks, the overseas press reported. He escaped. There was a nationwide manhunt. After he turned himself in, news stories said he was sentenced to 25 years' hard labor.

Another year, another hit try

Somehow, he served only a year in military prison in Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. In the summer of 1963, he came back to Chicago, to face more money troubles and another muffed hoodlum hit, this time involving a lead pipe.

By the end of the 1960s, Hauff was in federal prison. He was sentenced to 3 years for conspiring to avoid income taxes on the golf club, 3 more years for swindling money out of people who invested in a Las Vegas casino and hotel that existed only on paper, and 3 more years for conning a window washer and his wife out of \$50,000, according to published accounts.

Who knows what happened when Hauff got out of prison?

His record is clean except for minor traffic tickets and theft allegations, according to public records. He landed in Florida. He married, had a son, then got divorced, according to friends. "She is a different story," he'd tell people who asked about her, later on, and that's all he would say.

In Indiana, he told the college newspaper that he owned two restaurants in Boca Raton for 30 years.

Hauff came to Indiana for his family in the mid-'90s, following his parents and his sister. He worked as a cook in a truck stop. He sold liquor at two package stores. He became a chef at the Walden Inn, the fanciest place in town, where he was known for his biscuits. He helped care for his ailing mother, after his father died.

Hauff's sister and her husband, Ken Bode, then a journalism professor at DePauw, lived in a hulking pink brick home on faculty row, a sprawl of 24 rooms that is listed on the National Registry of Historical Places. Bode was hired as the dean of the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University, and two years ago, the house was sold to Paul and Jean Dell, a couple from Indianapolis who refurbished old homes and sold them for profit, records show.

He came with the house

Friends and neighbors say Hauff came with the house. He lived in a rear apartment.

A year ago, Hauff persuaded the Dells to buy Hathaway's and enter the restaurant business, friends say. The Dells were the owners; Hauff, the general manager.

By October, the problems had started, mostly over money, friends and neighbors say.

Hauff opened his own restaurant, the Black Angus steakhouse, although he still cooked over at Hathaway's on occasion.

In February, he stopped working anywhere for a couple of weeks. His mother died, and two days later, he was hospitalized with congestive heart failure and pneumonia, said David Bray, his accountant.

Once released from the hospital, Hauff reopened the Black Angus, and started cooking



Photo for the Tribune by Tom Stratman
A wreath stands outside Richard Hauff's Black Angus restaurant, and police tape cordons off the scene where he was shot to death.

again at Hathaway's. At the end of that week, on Feb. 23, the landlord of Hathaway's sued the Dells, because they hadn't paid their rent since December, court records show.

The next night, everything blew up. Court records and interviews give the following account of that stormy Saturday night:

Hauff was cooking at Hathaway's but left abruptly about 9 p.m., driving the few blocks to the Black Angus.

After Jean Dell refused to return his black bag, Hauff re-

turned to Hathaway's. They fought. He left with his bag. Jean Dell made a phone call, and her husband showed up at the restaurant.

At some point that day, Jean Dell called home, and the call was recorded on the answering machine. Jean Dell complained about how Hauff treated her: "Be strong," she told her husband, adding that he shouldn't drink too much.

"I'm strong," he replied, according to the police statement of probable cause. "I'm going to kill the little son of a bitch."

Police later found a note that appeared to be from Paul Dell to his wife. "The pain of sharing you with Richard is more than I can express," the note said.

Thunderclaps and gunfire

A storm rocked Greencastle that night, thundering through town, waking people up, knocking down trees. Witnesses saw Paul Dell squeal his tires through town, court records said. Two people thought they might have heard gunfire.

The Black Angus was already closed for the night. The kitchen was clean. In the early morning hours, someone fired five shots, most likely from inside the building. Three went through the kitchen wall, into the art gallery next door. One bounced off the stove. And one hit Richard Hauff, somewhere above his left ear.

Friends left with questions

Hauff, who once wore alligator shoes and \$2,000 suits, died in a white T-shirt, blue jeans, tennis shoes and a vinyl jacket, the county sheriff said.

Dell, who didn't have so much as a traffic ticket in Greencastle or Indianapolis, was arrested at the end of that week.

Hauff's friends wonder about the loose ends. About the post office box with all the aliases, and the rumored \$1 million in a lockbox, buried somewhere. His accountant says Hauff's local bank accounts contained next to nothing. No one can find a safe-deposit box under his name.

Friends wonder why the killer just didn't wait, for Hauff would have eventually worked himself to death. But they also wonder if Hauff might not have preferred this kind of end.

His friends say this, and then they point out that Richard Hauff was associated with mobsters in Chicago, that he was connected.

And that he was Sicilian.

Re: RICHARD HAUFF

RICHARD HAUFF is now about twenty-two years of age and it was reported that he and DOMINICK COLUCCI, brother of JOE COLUCCI the auto dealer, were partners in a "stop and sock" golf field at Palatine and Rand Roads.

In early January, 1959, police officers observed HAUFF's 1959 model blue Cadillac, 1958 Illinois license 2791-182, parked in front of 415 Aldine Street, the residence of DARLENE CAIFANO, wife of MARSHALL CAIFANO, the hoodlum. When HAUFF emerged from the building he was questioned and he said he was dating Mrs. CAIFANO but that he and CAIFANO were no longer on friendly terms. He denied living with her and said he lived at 1150 Lake Shore Drive. He said that CAIFANO, although separated from his wife, was still paying her bills, but he (HAUFF) did give DARLENE money for clothes, etc. He was fairly sure that the CAIFANOs had a pending case in the divorce court. HAUFF said he definitely did not intend to marry DARLENE. He was questioned about the article appearing in Kupcinet's Column in the "Sun-Times" of January 2, 1959 relative to his purchase of the Mount Prospect Golf Club and he said he did purchase it about three days before but that he was acting for a friend from Miami, Florida. HAUFF said he would run the club as he saw fit and that he was contemplating some improvements, including the building of two swimming pools. When questioned about his expensive cars and clothes, he stated his source of income was from real estate and that one deal would pay for a car. It developed that MARSHALL CAIFANO's present girl friend is MARYE EVENSON, 6120 North Damen Avenue.

HENRY SOPHIE, according to informant, was interviewed on January 7, 1959 and he stated he sold the Mount Prospect Country Club to the H & C Enterprises, Inc., for \$800,000; that \$180,000 was held in escrow by the trustee, the American National Bank, and the remaining \$620,000 was in the form of a mortgage held by Mr. SOPHIE through this bank. SOPHIE said his attorney was JACK ENRIGHT, whose office is in the Chicago Title and Trust Company Building. HAUFF was represented by Attorney LELAND SMITH in the transaction which was handled by SOPHIE's son-in-law, MIKE WEBER, who is in the real estate business at Cicero and Peterson Avenues. SOPHIE said the golf course was a losing proposition and that he was surprised when HAUFF did not haggle about the price of \$800,000, which frankly he did not expect to get.

Attorney LELAND SMITH was interviewed and he said he had represented HAUFF in many real estate deals. He said no individual was buying the golf course since it was a syndicate operation.

MARY T. WOODS
MIKE WEBER, when questioned in January, 1959, at his office at 4744 West Peterson Avenue, said he met HAUFF about six years ago (when HAUFF was about sixteen years) while playing golf at the Tam O'Shanter Country Club. On July 3, 1958 HAUFF took an option on the Mount Prospect Country Club with a check for \$25,000, and claimed at the time that MARY T. WOODS, a wealthy aunt, was putting up the money. It developed that a MARY T. WOODS owns the property occupied by the Ray Cole Motors at 6121 Northwest Highway, Chicago, and that she lives at 5844 Odell Avenue.

Where's My Cut? Hauff 'Silent' Pal

BY EDWARD D. WILLIAMS

A petition filed in bankruptcy court alleges that Richard Hauff, playboy and associate of gangsters, has a silent partner in the million dollar Mount Prospect Country club.

The partner, August Circella, filed a petition in the club's bankruptcy proceedings yesterday declaring that he is half owner with Hauff of the land on which the country club is located.

Circella, 43, of 1536 Austin av., Cicero, operates the Follies theater, a burlesque house at 415 S. State st.

If his claim stands up, Circella may split a \$167,000 nest egg with Hauff. The petition asks Referee Wallace Streeter to create a lien in Circella's favor for one half the fee of the real estate.

Partners Split

This means that if a proposed sale of the country club, including the land, to a group of northwest suburban business men for \$955,000 is approved by Streeter, the two partners will get \$67,000 in October, 1962, and \$100,000 more in October, 1963.

The petition says that Circella had half interest with Hauff in H. & C. Enterprises, Inc., which bought the land on July 7, 1958, from Henry A. and Lillian M. Sophie. Cir-

cella alleges that Hauff admitted the partnership in a written directive to the American National bank on Jan. 23, 1961.

Circella alleges that Hauff told the bank, holder of the trust of the property, that all proceeds from the trust should be paid to Hauff and Circella.

Altho his name had not been brought up in the five weeks of hearings, Circella said outside court that he always has been "under the impression" that he has a half interest in the property. He said:

"I've been around and I know what's going on. So I want to settle this thing as soon as possible and get my money out of this."

Mysterious Wealth

Hauff, 25, whose sources of wealth are mysterious, now is in the army.

Streeter has refused to approve the sale of the club until he determines the real ownership. If the sale is approved, creditors will be asked to accept 25 cents on the dollar.

CAPONE LINK HAUNTS PLUSH COUNTRY CLUB

lame of Nick Dean
Dims Golf Meet, Hope

The name of Nick Circella, alias Nick Dean, a former leader in the Capone gang's labor racketeering activities, as recently popped up to haunt the Mount Prospect country club, which will be the scene next month of the 20,000 World Women's Golf tournament.

Officials of the Chicago District Golf association checked the club's ownership, it was learned, when the club made overtures to join the association, an important membership for any club with big tournament ideas.

Richard W. Hauff, 24 year owner of the club, has no bid for a 1960 men's professional-amateur and open tournament for a purse of at least \$75,000, the richest in the city.

Record of Purchase

In the basement vaults of the county recorders' office, investigators found that the H & C Enterprises, Inc. had purchased the Mount Prospect club last year from Harry A. Sophie for \$800,000. State records disclosed that H & C Enterprises was incorporated by Hauff and August Circella and Marie Circella of 3420 Lake Shore. Association officials then asked the Chicago Crime Commission to investigate Circella and Hauff.

The commission had a large opinion on Hauff. He is an amateur golf star and an Iranian who has one of the most intriguing success stories in Chicago history.

Last year he came under the scrutiny of the secretly operated Chicago police Scotland Yard detail and the Federal Bureau of Investigation when he was seen with Marshall Caifano and other top flight crime syndicate hoodlums. He frequently dated film and stage celebrities and spent money lavishly. But the source of his money was a mystery. He refused to tell investigators where he got his money.

Brother of Dean

August Circella, the crime commission reported to startled association officials, is a younger brother of the notorious Nick Dean, who was deported to Argentina in 1955. The younger Circella operates a burlesque and movie show in south State street and is a member of the Chicago Movie Picture Operators union, the commission reported.

The background of Hauff and Circella makes his chances of joining the Chicago District Golf association slim, association officials told THE TRIBUNE.

Hauff was upset when he was informed that the association had found out about his association with Circella.

"Circella was dropped from the picture last year when he was unable to help financially in the purchase of the club," Hauff insisted. "I thought the corporation was dissolved and I'm disappointed that his name is on the records."

Partner in Purchase

His partner in the purchase of the club was Sol Cotler, 6509 N. Francisco av., a retired drug and liquor store operator, Hauff said. Hauff said he will become sole owner of the club soon when he buys out Cotler.

"I've canvassed 90 per cent of the more than 100 association members and they are all for me," Hauff said, but admitted that it takes only seven votes to keep him from getting his membership.

At this time, the club is grossing more than \$25,000 a week and has more than 300

members paying \$500 a year dues, Hauff said. Contractors are building a \$60,000 three story addition to the clubhouse and next week the builders will start on a \$100,000 swimming pool of Olympic dimensions.

The conversation was interrupted when Hauff answered a phone and told the caller, "I need \$5,000 cash tomorrow for one of the contractors."

"Believe in Me"

"There are many people who will lend me money whenever I need it," Hauff said. "They believe in me and what I'm doing."

But Hauff refused to name his friends.

"I would just as well keep it a mystery," he said.

One of the contractors working at the club is Michael Weber, 32, head of a real estate and contracting firm at 4744 Peterson av. Weber, a son-in-law of Sophie, handled the deal when Hauff purchased the club.

While in midst of the \$800,000 transaction, Weber was viciously beaten in an undisclosed attack last Nov. 3.

Three well dressed men entered the rear door of his office and walked up to him as he was sitting at his desk. When Weber heard footsteps behind him and turned around, one of the men slugged him with a .45 caliber automatic pistol.

Beating Is Silent

"They didn't say a thing except swear and cuss as they beat me and then walked out," Weber said.

He was taken to the Resurrection hospital for treatment of a fractured left ankle, scalp lacerations, and multiple bruises on his head and

back. He insists he has no idea why he was assaulted.

Investigators were told that at the time Weber was beaten, a wealthy tool and die shop owner, an acquaintance of Weber, was attacked by hoodlums wielding ball bats. The victim has refused to tell police about the ball bat attack.

*Records in
mob violence*

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Already in prison

Ex-playboy Hauff accused of fraud

A federal grand jury has indicted prison inmate Richard G. Hauff, 33, onetime Rush St. playboy, on a charge of defrauding a window washer of his life savings.

The indictment accuses Hauff of having fraudulently obtained \$50,000 from Rudolph M. Valasquez after convincing Valasquez that Valasquez' wife, Florence, intended to divorce him.

It said he told Valasquez, formerly of 4218 S. Mozart, that the money would be placed in a safe-deposit box so

Mrs. Valasquez could not get it.

Instead, Hauff kept the \$50,000 and put in the safe-deposit box two paper sacks filled with \$1 bills, according to the indictment.

HAUFF, already in prison on another charge, could face up to 20 additional years if convicted on the fraud charge.

He was sentenced two years ago to three years in prison for fraudulently using telegraph wires to solicit \$4,450 in investments in a nonexistent Las Vegas casino.

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Prison term on taxes for mob chum

Richard Hauff, onetime Rush Street "Rover Boy," Monday was sentenced to serve 18 months in prison for failing to file income tax returns in 1963 and 1964.

U.S. District Court Judge Richard B. Austin ordered the sentence to be served after Hauff completes two concurrent three-year prison terms he is serving in connection with the swindles.

Hauff, 36, owned a country club and nightclub frequented by crime syndicate members.

He and a group known as the Rover Boys used to appear at Rush Street spots, usually accompanied by well-dressed young women. Hauff was pistol-whipped a few years ago when he showed up as the escort of the former wife of gang figure Marshall Caifano.

Playboy Pal of Mob Gets 3-Year Term

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Richard Hauff, 30, playboy pal of Chicago hoodlums, was sentenced yesterday to three years in the federal penitentiary after his conviction on five counts of wire fraud.

The three-year sentence was added to another three-year sentence Hauff got last year on charges of conspiring to obtain secret government information.

Both convictions will be appealed, according to Hauff's attorney. Hauff is free on bond during the appeals.

Guilty of Swindle

Hauff was found guilty by a jury May 26 on the wire fraud charges. The charges stemmed from a 1961 swindle Hauff perpetrated on potential investors who gave Hauff \$12,000 for a hotel and casino he said he was going to build in Las Vegas.

Federal Judge Alexander J. Napoli sentenced Hauff to three years in prison on each count but the terms will run concurrently.

Gerald M. Werksman, assistant United States attorney who prosecuted the case, said Hauff was "a menace to society, a con man of the worst type."

Pleas for Probation

Daniel C. Ahern, Hauff's attorney, pleaded to the court for probation for Hauff. Ahern said his client was an Iranian orphan brought to this country by American soldiers during World War II.

Hauff was found guilty and



Richard Hauff

sentenced last Oct. 21 on charges of conspiring to get secret government information compiled by internal revenue agents investigating Hauff's 1953 and 1959 income tax returns.

Hauff was a Rush street playboy, frequently seen with movie starlets on his arm, who hung around with Chicago syndicate figures.

Former Tax Aid, Playboy Found Guilty

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A FEDERAL JURY has convicted a former internal revenue service attorney, and a playboy who hobnobbed with hoodlums, after 11 hours of deliberation.

Arthur Nasser, 36, the IRS lawyer, was found guilty of two counts of conflict of interest and one count of conspiracy in helping co-defendant Richard Hauff avoid paying 1958 and 1959 income taxes.

Hauff, an Iranian orphan who became a million-dollar golf club entrepreneur, was found guilty of conspiracy. The jury dismissed two conflict-of-interest counts against him.

Before the jury entered deliberations Friday evening, Assistant United States Atty. Richard Schultz had summed up his case by charging "Nasser, an attorney and officer of the court, earned his living by selling his knowledge of government secrets."

THE GOVERNMENT contended Nasser investigated Hauff while with the IRS and then went to work for Hauff. Testimony from Victor Weber, an IRS investigator, indicated Nasser was recommended to Hauff by slain hoodlum Mandel [Manny] Skar.

In announcing the verdict, the jury told Judge Lynch they failed to reach agreement on a third count of conflict of interest against the two men. Judge Lynch then dismissed the charge.

In defending Nasser, attorney Maurice Walsh had contended that Nasser could not possibly remember Hauff's

case out of the hundreds he had investigated in his 8 years as IRS lawyer.

Maximum sentence for Nasser and Hauff is 2 years in prison and a fine of \$10,000 each. Nasser has been free on \$5,000 bond, and Hauff on \$3,500 bond.

Nasser was an IRS attorney from Sept. 13, 1955, until he resigned under investigation May 17, 1963.

Judge Lynch granted defense attorneys 30 days to file for new trials, and said he would then set a date for sentencing Nasser and Hauff "early in September."

FBI Arrests Gang Playboy Hauff In Hotel Deal

Richard Hauff, 29, a playboy pal of crime syndicate gangsters, was arrested by FBI agents Monday, charged with a swindle involving a phantom Nevada gambling hotel.

Victim of the alleged confidence game was identified by federal prosecutors as Sidney Lederman, of Evanston, an administrator in a Chicago museum. Hauff is charged with cheating Lederman out of \$2,500.

Unexplained in the bizarre case was how the fast-talking Hauff, a habitue of Rush Street cafes, contacted Lederman to obtain the money from him.

Hauff was seized by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents on an indictment returned secretly by a federal grand jury.

The indictment was sup-



RICHARD
HAUFF

pressed until the G-men seized Hauff in the Cross Roads Motel, 4201 Mannheim Rd., Schiller Park. Hauff claimed to work as a booking agent for a cafe in the motel.

The indictment charged that Hauff obtained the \$2,500 from Lederman as an investment in a gambling casino-motel which Hauff promised to build in Las Vegas, Nev.

The casino-hotel, which Hauff called the Continental, never was constructed, the indictment alleged.

At one point, government attorneys said, Hauff took Lederman to Las Vegas to survey a patch of desert which Hauff claimed was to be the site of the glittering casino.

Hauff also displayed a color brochure of the nonexistent Continental to induce Lederman to invest in the gambling palace, according to the indictment.

Lederman sent the \$2,500 to Hauff on March 3, 1961,

while Hauff was in the Army at Fort Sam Houston, Tex. it was charged. **SUN-TIMES**

Hauff obtained the money by telegram in violation of federal statutes banning frauds by wire, said U.S. Attorney Edward W. Hanrahan. **NOV 16 1965**

After his arrest, Hauff was locked up at Police Headquarters, 1121 S. State, pending a bail hearing Tuesday before U.S. Comr. C. S. Bentley Pike.

A prison term of 25 years was imposed on Hauff by an Army court-martial in Korea in 1962. Hauff was convicted then of larceny, forgery, escaping from confinement and being absent without leave.

Hauff gained freedom in

1964, however, when his 25-year sentence was reduced to 18 months.

TAX LIENS HIT GANG FIGURE FOR \$147,445

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U.S. Ties Up Hauff's
Real Estate Assets

Federal tax liens totaling \$147,443 were filed with the



Hauff

county recorders of Cook and Lake counties yesterday against Richard Hauff, 30, former Rush street playboy, associate of crime syndicate hoodlums, and one time country club owner.

The liens were filed to satisfy allegedly unpaid personal income taxes for 1959 and are designed to block any attempt by Hauff to dispose of real estate or buildings in either county.

Still outstanding against Hauff are tax liens totaling \$21,508, on income taxes allegedly unpaid in 1958, that were filed in July, 1963 in Cook, Du Page, and Lake counties as well as in Las Vegas, Nev., and Fort Lauderdale and Tallahassee, Fla.

List Several Residences

Federal agents listed the following addresses for Hauff: Marina City; the Concord motel, 6565 Mannheim rd., Rosemont; and 924 N. Highland av., Arlington Heights.

Hauff, an Iranian orphan, was brought to Chicago after World War II by an army officer.

In July, 1962, only a few years after Hauff had been hobnobbing with film stars and hoodlums along Rush street in what had been termed a "rags to riches career," he was sentenced to 25 years imprisonment by a military court in Korea.

Guilty on 28 Charges

He had been found guilty of 28 charges of fraud, passing worthless checks, and escaping military police custody.

Later, his sentence was sharply reduced and Hauff returned to Chicago more than a year ago.

In 1958, he mysteriously became owner of the Mount Prospect Country club. His financial backing was never made clear, but August Circella, burlesque house operator and brother of Nick Dean, a deported racketeer, claimed he was an equal silent partner in the golf club.

Playboy Hauff Scores in Golf 'Match'

BY EDWARD WILLIAMS

Richard Hauff, 25, the playboy who struck it rich on the wrong side of the tracks, apparently is out of the financial wilderness that threatened to swallow up his million dollar golf club.

Referee Wallace Streeter has cleared the way for disposition of the bankruptcy case involving the Mount Prospect Country club against which involuntary proceedings had been filed by creditors.

\$200 GI Uniforms

Hauff, an Iranian orphan adopted by a United States soldier and brought here in 1944, grew up to be witty, personable, and an expert golfer. He hung around with Rush street hoodlums who became so fond of him they decided to help him buy a

golf club. Not a set—just one.

He is in the army — involuntarily—and wears \$200 tailored uniforms as a quartermaster's clerk in Fort Sam Houston, Tex. He occasionally charts a plane for a week-end visit with his pals here.

Hauff had offered the creditors 25 cents on the dollar to settle \$250,000 in debts. He was turned down.

The creditors balked again yesterday when Hauff's attorney, Joseph Kadison, offered 50 cents.

But Referee Streeter overruled the objections and set March 23 for confirmation of the plan of payment.

If no new obstacles arise before then, it is expected that Streeter will wind up the financial affairs of Hauff and the club.

On Feb. 27 and 28, Hauff and his silent partner, August Circella, both testified that Circella had lent Hauff \$160,000 toward the club and that the title to both the club and its land always has been in Hauff's name.

Books Confusing

Previous hearings before Streeter became tangled when one set of the club's books showed the land was owned by the club, while a second set showed Hauff owned the land and leased it to the club.

The creditors preferred to recognize the first set and clamored for "throwing the land into the pot for dividing."

However, since he has been convinced that Hauff holds title to the land, Streeter has approved the sale of the club and land to a syndicate of

northwest suburban business men who offered \$955,000 for the package and put earnest money in escrow.

Circella, 43, of 1536 Austin av., Cicero, owns a burlesque theater at 450 S. State st. After the sale, has been consummated, it is expected that Hauff will pay off Circella's loan and then split another \$167,000, the estimated value of the land. Hauff also is to receive \$50,000 in back salary as club president.

After payment of federal and state taxes owed by the club, along with attorneys fees, the creditors will get 50 per cent of the remainder.

Meanwhile, the club will operate on a daily fee basis. This means that the average golfer can go out and flounder around in the traps that seldom bothered the Rush street kid.

HAUFF TANGLES WITH NEW WOE -DRAFT BOARD

U. S. Wants to Know Where He's Been

(Picture on back page)

Richard Hauff, 25, former operator of Mount Prospect Country club and an associate of hoodlums, was inducted into the army yesterday shortly after he had surrendered to federal officials.

He had surrendered on a federal criminal complaint that he had failed to notify draft authorities of where he was.

He Doesn't Like It

Cursing and waving his arms, Hauff accompanied his attorney, Frank Martoccio, to tell C. S. Bentley Pike, United States commissioner, that he had received a letter from draft authorities only yesterday morning. He said the envelope, postmarked last Thursday, showed that it had been forwarded several times. Hauff now lives at 6600 Mannheim rd., Des Plaines.

Hauff, named in an involuntary bankruptcy suit involving his operations of the country club, had been fighting induction since last June 13, contending that he had an eye ailment.

In his last effort to avoid military service, Hauff appeared at a hearing last September and pleaded the 5th amendment when asked if he were a Communist.

Claims He's Willing

When Hauff's lawyer informed Pike that his client was not aware that draft authorities had been looking for him lately and that he was willing to comply with a pre-induction summons, Pike continued Hauff's case until Nov. 7, under \$1,000 bond.

Hauff and his attorney then went to the army induction center at 615 Van Buren st. Hauff seemed startled at the swiftness of his induction.

He was sworn into the service, and ordered to report at 9:30 a. m. today at Union station to be transported to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.



[TRIBUNE Photo]

Richard Hauff (left) en route with another prisoner to U. S. commissioner's office before he was inducted swiftly into army yesterday.

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Signs Silence Loud Golfing Gang Leaders

BY GEORGE BLISS

Golfers at the White Pines golf club near Bensenville, Du Page County, did a double take recently when they noticed a small army of men going down the fairway in a horde of battery-driven carts.

Every now and then the group came to a halt. The men in the carts went into long discussions. Several of them selected golf clubs and hit the golf balls. The flight of the balls were followed closely by the gallery and the results were accompanied by loud comments, some good and some bad.

Golfers Learn Facts

The golfers, irked because the group had held up their progress, were able to get close enough to get an idea what it was all about.

It developed that Jack Cerone, a crime syndicate hoodlum, and Richard Hanff, an amateur golf star and a pal of the hoodlums, were on a golf outing. They were accompanied by a large group of unsavory looking men, some who were later identified as Marshall Caifano, Willie [Potatoes] Daddano, and William [Smokes] Aloisio, all top syndicate chiefs.

The hoodlums didn't care much about exercising their legs and rented the carts at \$8 each.

Carts Are Bumped

"This is better than River-view Park," one of the hoodlums was heard to say as he deliberately bumped another cart from behind. The two men in the cart that was

bumped laughed loudly and dodged behind a bunker.

In between playing tag, the gunmen made wagers on each shot and putt made by those who were identified as the golfers. The bets were much unlike the usual wagers made on a golf course such as syndicates, scotch, nassau, and do and don't bets.

"I'll take 2 to 1 that Jackie doesn't hit the green on his next shot," a gambler was heard to announce. It seems that there were wagers between \$500 and \$1,000 on almost every shot, with the odds varying on the man who was making the shot.

Manager Is Told

The situation was brought to the attention of Fred Willey, club manager. The regular White Pine golfers like to play without being held up for great lengths of time and Willey was aware of this.

Notices were placed in the club house and at the starting tees that the insurance company handling liability at the course wouldn't be liable for those on the course who weren't playing golf. Also, the signs made clear, the carts could only be rented to golfers.

Willey admitted that the hoodlums haven't been on the course since he posted the signs. He said Cerone had been a White Pines golfer for many years and until this year had been a golfer who behaved himself.

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'I've Lost Everything' Sept 1, 1960

Dick Hauff Busted; Country Club Closed

"I'm busted to the nail. The roof fell in. I've lost everything I've got. I'm defeated.

"Even the 'broad's' have deserted me. They won't speak to me. They won't even answer the phone. I can't make a comeback. I couldn't afford to take Zsa Zsa to a drive-in.

"I never want to see another golf club."

The doors were locked on the Mt. Prospect country club last Friday by order of U.S. District court Judge Michael Igoe.

And Richard W. Hauff, the 26-year-old playboy—owner of the club, was out of business.

HAUFF'S FINANCIAL demise came after three creditors petitioned the court August 15 to declare the Mt



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ALWAYS LEGAL, HAUFF SAYS

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'I'm No Saint,' Suburb Club Playboy Admits

BY MERVIN BLOCK

Richard W. Hauff, who is the target of more publicity and more probes than "Lady Chatterley's Lover," says he has nothing to conceal.

"I've always operated legally," he maintains. "But not always ethically."

Hauff, the Iranian immigrant who started from scratch and clawed his way to a fortune, observed:

"I don't think you can name anyone on top who is a pure saint. I know I'm not."

There are others who share the sentiment that he is not a "pure saint"—including the district attorney's office and army intelligence. The latter is investigating his refusal to sign a loyalty certificate required of draftees.

Still others are his creditors, who forced his Mount Prospect Country club into bankruptcy, and several newspaper reporters, who have accused him of being a tool of the crime syndicate.

Wants 'His Side' Told
Confident that those arrayed against him are mistaken, the big dealing, free wheeling real estate speculator granted an interview to CHICAGO'S AMERICAN to tell 'his side' of the story.

"My wrongs I want you to write, too," he said yesterday.

Relaxing in his luxurious suite in the O'Hare inn "Swimming pools with underwater music," just north of the airport, Hauff delighted in dissecting a newspaper story that said army intelligence had been given a strange assignment:

"Prove that Richard Hauff, 25, bachelor playboy and member of the Rush St. Rover Boys' is a loyal American citizen."
Hauff read it aloud, then took it apart, phrase by phrase.

'Bad As Can Be'
He said he's 24, not 25. He acknowledged he is a bachelor and added:

"Yes, I'm a playboy. I'm as bad a playboy as can be. If it wasn't for Zsa Zsa [Gabor] and those other broads, I wouldn't be in the papers."

[Besides dating Miss Gabor, he has dated Meg Myles, Barbara Luna, Venetia Stevens, and other Hollywood personalities.]

He asserted he didn't know what a Rush street rover is, remarking:

"I go to the Pump room. That's not on Rush. And the Chez [Paree]. That's not on Rush."

Then he gleefully pounced on the last phrase:

"How can they prove I'm a loyal American citizen? I'm not even a citizen."

It's His Business

Hauff said he refused to sign several forms, including one denying membership in subversive organizations, because of a belief they duplicated earlier oaths. He said he wouldn't divulge his personal history to the army because he thought the army was not entitled to know it. Asked by the reporter whether he was willing to serve in the army, Hauff said "yes." Desirous of serving? "No."

Dabs at His Eyes

Concerning "trouble with the army psychiatrist," Hauff huffed:

"Trouble? I didn't say nothin'. I didn't answer. I said, 'Do I look like I have trouble mentally?'"

Hauff frequently dabbed at his eyes with a napkin dipped in water, complaining that his eyes don't meet army re-

quirements. He also spoke of being disturbed by bleeding ulcers.

To the charge that he is a pal of Tony Accardo, reputed chief of the crime syndicate here, Hauff insisted he doesn't know the man and never met him.

Hauff did concede, tho, that he has gone golfing and night clubbing with one of Accardo's chief deputies, Marshall Caifano. A year ago Hauff was pistol whipped outside the apartment of Caifano's ex-wife, whom he had been dating.

Financial Whispers

The interview was interrupted for about 15 minutes when Hauff's accountant arrived and the two began a whispered discussion of Hauff's finances. Hauff [rhymes with "cough"] was heard to mention numerous six figures sums. He performed many calculations lightning-like in his mind.

In 1945, Hauff was brought here and adopted by an army major who had taken a liking to the penniless orphan in a camp near Tehran, the capital of Iran, still widely known as Persia.

Hauff first became prominent when, at 13, he finished fourth in a junior open golf tournament sponsored by

this newspaper. He soon became a champion, and played golf with Perry Como, Phil Harris, Eddie Cantor and other celebrities.

After being graduated from Arlington Heights High school in 1953, Hauff attended Florida state university. He said he acquired a degree there.

Starts the Climb

Three years ago, with \$5,000 he had borrowed from a fraternity brother and \$8,000 borrowed from two attorneys, he entered the first of the land transactions that he has pyramided into wealth, according to his recital.

He bought an option on 91 acres in northwestern Cook county. Later, after the value

zoomed, he borrowed against the option to purchase the 65-acre Mount Prospect golf course, he related. To make the \$180,000 down payment on the \$800,000 tract, he says he also used money he borrowed from another businessman, to whom he was introduced by stripper Lili St. Cyr.

This is Bankrupt?

Altho the country club, which he heads, recently was declared bankrupt, the course, now probably worth more than 1 million dollars, remains his.

In addition, he said, he owns about 10 per cent of 140 acres elsewhere and 40 per cent of a 43 acre parcel in Las Vegas. The Vegas site may be used for a hotel, of which Hauff would be president.

Hauff said repeatedly during the interview that none of his associates in any venture is a hoodlum.

In response to a question, he said he earned just under \$100,000 last year. Pressed as to his worth, he replied:

"I'm far, far from being a millionaire. No, not that far. Just make it far."

Publicity His Downfall

"If it wasn't for the bad publicity, I'd have 5 million dollars right now. Five million dollars! But a lot of people have backed off deals."

"I could have 10 times better than 5 million, if it wasn't for the bad and incorrect journalism that were written."

He said his dates with celebrities have been "over-exaggerated tremendously." His dates with them are "just like a college boy dates a college girl."

Huge Wardrobe

The husky [5 feet six inches, 152 pounds] manipulator has a huge wardrobe of fine clothes, drives a new Cadillac convertible, says he plans soon to move into the 1400 block of Lake Shore drive, and follows an elastic schedule:

"I get up when I wake up, and I go to bed when I'm tired."

Does he have any particular goal?

"My only goal," he said after a moment's reflection, "is to be successful financially."



(CHICAGO'S AMERICAN photos)

RICHARD HAUFF, who has fought his way to a fortune, in a series of candid shots taken of him during exclusive interview in his plush suite in the O'Hare Inn. Thru-out interview, he used his hands extensively in expressing himself, and most of the time dangled his tinted glasses in a nervous manner.



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"... I've always operated legally, but not always ethically. I don't think you can name anyone on top who is a pure saint. I know I'm not."



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YOUNG MAN, BIG DOUGH

Money 'Easy' for Club Boss Hauff

Mt. Prospect Owner Hits Jackpot on Land

BY BILL JAUSS

RICHARD W. HAUFF, 24, revealed Wednesday how in 15 months he built an \$8,000 loan from two friends into forthcoming sole ownership of a million-dollar country club.

"I have a tremendous rain for making money," said Hauff.

Hauff, former amateur golfing champion, is president of Mt. Prospect Country Club, which on July 23 will host the richest (\$20,000) tournament ever offered to women professional golfers.

"By the time that tournament comes," said Hauff, "I will be the sole owner of the club, subject to terms of the recorded mortgage."

RECORDS of the American National Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago (revealed at Hauff's request) disclose that Hauff is close to becoming sole owner of the club.

The bank records show that Hauff has paid \$110,000 to Sol Cotler, retired cigar store and liquor store owner who is Hauff's partner in the club.

Furthermore, the bank records show that Hauff

will have bought out his partner completely when he pays him \$30,000 more.

COTLER put up \$140,000 and Hauff \$40,000 last January when the pair bought Mt. Prospect club from Henry A. Sophie. Purchase price was \$800,000.

The \$180,000 was a down payment. The remainder is the mortgage at 5½ per cent.

Despite the difference in the money each partner put up, Hauff and Cotler each hold 50 per cent equity in the club.

HAUFF said Cotler agreed to the 50-50 terms of ownership because "I promised to buy him out quickly and at 6 per cent interest."

Last February, Hauff paid Cotler a certified check for \$17,500. He also turned over to Cotler two lots valued at \$15,000.

Hauff signed a note for the remaining \$107,500. He has paid all but \$30,000 of that note, the bank records reveal.

OTHER Mt. Prospect officers are: secretary and director Leland P. Smith, attorney, of 134 N. LaSalle; director Max Brown, savings and loan officer, of 3041 S. Lincoln; and director Curtis J. Dax, attorney, of 134 N. LaSalle.

Smith and Brown made an \$8,000 loan to Hauff in March 1958. Hauff said he built that money into his present holdings through a series of real estate deals.

Hauff is president of the H & C corporation of which August Circella — younger brother of hoodlum Nick "Nick Dean" Circella — is treasurer.

The H & C corporation purchased an option (for \$25,000) to buy Mt. Prospect club in July 1958. But H & C corporation did not buy the club. Hauff and Cotler did.

"THE H & C corporation never operated," Smith said. "It failed to pay franchise taxes, and it will be dissolved."

"I met Mr. (August) Circella through golf," Hauff said. "And at a later date, it became evident to me, upon advice of counsel, that I did not need his money backing."

"I did not know he was the brother of Nick Dean," said Hauff. "I did not and do not see anything wrong with his character or his business."

HAUFF said that he had "never asked any member club of the Chicago District Golf Association for anything to do with becoming a member of the CDGA. . . nor have I ever formally applied for membership in the CDGA."

Membership in the CDGA is not necessary for a club to hold a big tournament such as the women's world championship next month.

HERE'S how R. Hauff



RICHARD HAUFF

Golf pays off in Mt. Prospect

Hauff says he made his money:

He borrowed \$8,000 from Smith and Brown in March, 1958, and used the money to purchase an option to buy 167 acres of property on Higgins rd. near Mt. Prospect.

The property was then worth \$1,200 per acre. It was worth \$3,700 per acre when Hauff sold nine months later . . . at a profit of \$137,000.

Hauff then engineered another profitable real-estate transaction. He bought 26 lots at McHenry on the lake front for \$36,000 in August, 1958. He sold them a few months later for \$94,000.

HAUFF also cites a home which he and Smith bought for \$24,500 and sold for \$37,800. He owns 28 lots in Mt. Prospect, many of them near his country club.

Hauff says he can complete buying out his Mt. Prospect partner and pay off the mortgage because "I net \$150,000 a year on membership dues . . . 300 members at \$500 per year dues."

"I gross \$380,000 a year on the club with sales of food and liquor . . . and I net \$150,000," said Hauff.

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Authorities Scrutinize Rags-to-Riches Story

BY GEORGE BLISS

One of the strangest success stories in Chicago history, centering around a young Iranian orphan, has come under the scrutiny of police and Federal Bureau of Investigation agents.



Hauff

The star of the tale, which rivals any of the rags-to-riches stories of Horatio Alger, is Richard Hauff, 24, an amateur golf star.

Fifteen years ago he was a homeless waif in Iran, where he met Franklin Hauff, a North Western railway transportation engineer serving with the army engineer corps there.

The elder Hauff, of 924 N. Highland av., Arlington Heights, adopted him, young Hauff said, and brought him to this country.

The other day the younger Hauff bought a million dollar golf club, the Mount Prospect Country club, a semi-private club which he plans to convert into a private course.

Hauff claims he has some of his money in the project, but said the bulk of the price was paid by a man, whom Hauff will only describe as a "multi-millionaire" from Florida.

Thought an FBI Man

For many months the free spending Hauff has been dubbed "The Mystery Man" of the Rush street night club circles. He is a close acquaintance of golf loving Marshall Caifano and other top crime syndicate hoodlums. He has frequently dated Zsa Zsa Gabor and other film celebrities appearing in Chicago.



MRS. CAROLE MURANO

He has played golf with Perry Como, Phil Harris, and other celebrities.

One of the elements in the story was the questioning of Mrs. Carole Murano, a waitress who later committed suicide.

Hauff first appeared on Rush street early last summer. Nobody knew much about him at first and for a while he was fingered as an FBI agent. At that time FBI agents were swarming around the near north side in an intensive probe of crime syndicate hoodlums and their night club holdings.

But in a short time Hauff himself became the target of the probe. Chicago police also became interested in Hauff because he was seen frequently with Caifano and Albert (Obbie) Frabotta, another top ranking mobster.

The probers noted that Hauff began dating Caifano's beautiful blonde wife, Darlene. Dating the wife of a man of Caifano's stature could be fatal, the investigators said, and began a closer watch on Hauff. However, it was discovered that Caifano and his wife were separated and Caifano was dating another girl.

Golfed with George

Hauff, who played golf with Caifano and Jack Cerone, a syndicate gangster, at the Tam O'Shanter Country club, was seen at the gambling

tables in Las Vegas, Nev. He bet heavily but was never short of money.

The FBI agents, despairing of obtaining more definite information on Hauff, decided to question him. They quizzed him twice last August and once in September.

"I didn't tell them a thing because I had nothing to tell them," Hauff told THE TRIBUNE. "My activities were none of their business because I've never done anything illegitimate in my life."

One of the most mysterious elements of the probe on Hauff occurred in September when government agents questioned Mrs. Murano, then a beautiful 22 year old night club waitress named Carole Holley, who was living at 20 E. Delaware pl. The agents quizzed her on numerous occasions, it was learned, and their questions dealt principally with crime syndicate hoodlums. At one time she was asked what she knew about Hauff, who had been dating her.

New Year's Day Suicide

On New Year's day Carole, who had married Charles Murano, 36, on Dec. 6, committed suicide in her 20th floor apartment at 330 Diversey pkwy.

In recent weeks Hauff has been questioned closely concerning the purchase of the golf course.

Hauff insisted that he has never had any business dealings with Caifano or any other hoodlum.

"I was a member at Tam O'Shanter and so was Caifano," Hauff explained. "He admired the way I hit a golf ball and asked me to play golf with him. He's an 80 to 85 golfer and I sometimes shoot in the 60s. We bet on our scores but not the \$1,000 a round I'm accused of gambling."

Not Speaking Now

Hauff admitted he had been dating Darlene Caifano. He said he met her with her husband in a Rush street night club.

"I'm not speaking to Caifano anymore and I haven't seen him in months," Hauff said.

Hauff was vague about business enterprises but said he soon expects to "put over a real estate deal five times as big as the Mount Prospect thing."

He said that at one time he was in the construction business and now deals in real estate. He said he doesn't have a real estate broker's license but will be eligible for one soon.

Two La Salle St. Offices

"I have two offices on North La Salle street in the Loop and own a home in Arlington Heights," he said. He added that he also has a Lake Shore drive address.

Hauff said he will take active charge of the Mount Prospect club in a few days. He said he plans on spending another \$250,000 on the course and clubhouse.

Neither Smokes Nor Drinks

He began his golfing career before he entered the Arlington Heights High school and later attended Florida Southern university. Altho he frequents night clubs, he neither drinks nor smokes. He said that he once was an amateur boxing champion.

"I have nothing to hide and I respect the job the FBI is doing but I cannot reconcile myself to give them information about my personal activities just because I became acquainted, by chance, with somebody they are investigating," he said.

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BUILDER'S SHOT IN GANGSTYLE

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One of the men in the
er car shoved a gun in
Juzwik's direction and fired.

Oct. 6, the businessman
pistol-whipped by three
who entered his parked
in the shopping center.

POLICE regarded this as an
attempt to stop Juzwik from
testifying in Criminal Court
against Joseph La Mantia, 24,
of 6435 S. Lamon, an ex-con-
vict accused of robbing Juzwik
in February, 1958.

Juzwik testified anyway—
but La Mantia was acquitted.

Police opened a hunt for him
immediately after Juzwik was
shot.

JUZWICK told police from
his hospital bed that he did
not recognize the men in the
other car and knew of no
reason why someone would
want to kill him.

The only witnesses to the
shooting were two patrol
boys from a nearby school.

Juzwik is also general
manager of the Ezee Flow
Division of Avco Distribut-
ing Corp., 3428 N. Harlem.

On Holy Thursday of last
year, the firm was struck by
a fire of mysterious origin.

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JUZWIK LINKS SHOOTING TO U. S. TAX QUIZ

Tells Shopping Area Financing

Edmund A. Juzwik, 48, of 1720 Edgebrook ter., north-west side business executive who was shot and wounded Tuesday at Nagle avenue and Taven street, said Wednesday a Resurrection hospital that he believes "somebody thought I was going to spill my story to the government and create a problem."

The shooting occurred as Juzwik was on his way to meet an internal revenue agent.

For the last four years, it was learned, the government has been investigating the financing of the Harlem-Irving shopping center of which Juzwik was one of the developers. He severed his connection with the enterprise two years ago.

Turns Down Request

Juzwik told city and state's attorney's police that two weeks ago he met Michael Marchesi, 1406 Jackson av., River Forest, now a vice president of the shopping center, in Kirie's restaurant, 326 Thatcher av., River Grove, at Marchesi's request. He said Marchesi asked him to overstate to the government the size of Juzwik's investment in the shopping center. Juzwik said he refused.

Capt. William Szarat of the Jefferson Park police has ordered Marchesi and two other persons connected with the development of the center.

Orlando P. Colamatteo, Attilio Margiotta, brought for questioning.

Juzwik said his first contact with the shopping center was in 1955, when Colamatteo came into the office of a financing firm Juzwik was operating at the time at 10 S. La Salle st. in partnership with Dr. Samuel Diamond. He said Colamatteo was seeking a mortgage to pick up an option on 21 acres of land, including the shopping center site.

Agreed on Mortgage

Colamatteo said he represented several private investors. Juzwik said he and Dr. Diamond agreed to take a \$529,000 mortgage on the property, and that the group represented by Colamatteo put up an additional \$171,000 to finance the purchase.

After the land was bought, a separate corporation, the Norridge Construction company, was formed to build the shopping center, the officers and stockholders including Juzwik, Marchesi, Colamatteo, Margiotta, and Dr. Diamond.

The construction company obtained a \$4,200,000 loan from an insurance company to finance the construction. In the course of the construction, Juzwik said, the Marchesi group invested an additional \$200,000, bringing their total investment in the project to \$371,000. The internal revenue service is reported to be interested in the source of this \$371,000.

Checked on Stockholders

Juzwik said that before going into the project, he obtained reports on his fellow stockholders from a credit agency, but that he knew nothing of their backgrounds.

After the center was built and in operation, Juzwik said, he heard that some of the

corporators had connections with the crime syndicate.

"That was the reason I got out," he said. "I didn't want to be involved. Also, although I was nominally president of the corporation, I was denied access to the corporation's books."

Everything Amicable

Juzwik said he sold his stock to the remaining stockholders "for just about what I put into it." He said everything was amicable at the time, and that there were no hard feelings. There still was a mortgage outstanding on which the corporation has been paying him \$8,000 a month.

Juzwik said he learned of the tax investigation of the center's affairs six months ago, when the internal revenue service inquired as to the amount of his investment in the project. The agent with whom he talked, he said, told him the service wanted the figures to determine the investment of Marchesi and the others.

On the day of the shooting, Juzwik said, he was on his way to the Loop to meet Samuel Robbins, an accountant for the shopping center. He said they planned to go to the La Salle National bank to collect some of his records bearing on the project, after which they were to meet with the internal revenue agent.

Juzwik said he had been informed that other members of the development group already had given statements to the internal revenue service.

Contract Uncompleted

One of the things that strengthened his determination to withdraw from the project, Juzwik said, was that during construction, Colamatteo authorized payment of between \$40,000 and \$50,000 to a contractor who went

of business shortly afterward without completing the contract for which payment had been made.

Juzwik was able to give police a description of one of the three men in the automobile from which several shots were fired at him, one of which struck him in the left shoulder.

The gunman in the right hand side of the front seat was 38 to 40 years old, he said, and had a rounded face, protruding cheek bones, narrow eyes, and a rounded nose.

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HAUFF ATTACK
SUSPECT WINS
HIS FREEDOM

Cosmo Orlando, 39, of 44 E. Goethe st., was found not guilty Monday of the slugging of Richard W. Hauff, 25, owner of the Mount Prospect country club, on Sept. 14 in front of 20 E. Cedar st.

Hauff testified that he was slugged on the back of the head as he was taking a woman to her home at the Cedar street address. He said he did not see the slugger's face, but identified Orlando as his assailant by his clothing and size. Judge William V. Daly of Criminal court ruled that identification was insufficient.

Orlando was seized at the rear of 50 E. Cedar st. shortly after the slugging.

Ex-Honky-Tonk
Owner Acquitted
In Beating Cases

A former N. Clark honky-tonk owner was acquitted Monday of a charge of assault to kill a suburban golf course owner.

Criminal Court Judge William V. Daly pronounced the not guilty verdict for Cosmo Orlando, 37, of 444 W. Goethe, without comment.

Orlando was accused of pistol-whipping Richard Hauff, 25, owner of Mount Prospect Country Club, Sept. 14. Two men accosted Hauff near the doorway of an apartment at 20 E. Cedar where Hauff's girl friend lived. He was flailed with pistol barrels.

Orlando, who described himself as an unemployed bartender, was found near the scene. He formerly owned Melody Casino, 1260 N. Clark.

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COSMO ORLANDO, 39 yrs. ASSAULT TO COMMIT
MURDER
BLACK JACK

PW: RICHARD W. HAUFF: MT. PROSPECT ILLINOIS

"SOLE OWNER & PRESIDENT OF MT. PROSPECT COUNTRY CLUB
MT. PROSPECT, ILLINOIS.....
Clearbrook 9-4200

I was with one DARLENE MARSHALL: 20 E. CEDAR and in the process of crossing the street (CEDAR ST.) when two men were parked in car and one got out and started to hit me with BLACK JACK on my head no conversation of any kind --- as I resisted this man/the other man hit me in the back of the head --- I fell to the ground for a period of 10 to 12 seconds, I then walked into the bldg. went upstairs with DARLENE she ran into the apt. police notified, they arrived immediately then I was taken to HENROTIN HOSPITAL where I sustained 8 stitches on my head and 4 on my leg.

I gave sub. the same statement at the 35th Dist. Sta I viewed a lineup, 35th Dist. 7 men in line and I pos. id. the deft COSMO as my assaulter

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Cafe Man Held in Street Attack

A former Clark street night club owner today was charged with attempting to murder Richard W. Hauff, 25, owner of the Mount Prospect Country club and rags to riches mystery figure.

Hauff was bashed on the in front of 20 E. Cedar st., as he accompanied the blonde ex-wife of a syndicate hoodlum to her apartment. His companion was Darlene Marshall, 39, who divorced Marshall Caifano, 47, last March.

Police charged Cosmo Orlando, 45, of 44 W. Goethe st., with assault to commit murder and assault with a deadly weapon after Hauff signed complaints against him.

Out on \$16,000 Bond

Orlando, once owner of the Paradise Show Lounge at 1031 N. Clark st., and the old Melody Casino, formerly at 1260 N. Clark st., was ordered to appear in Felony court tomorrow and released on bonds totaling \$6,000.

Police are investigating the background of Hauff's friendship with Miss Marshall and also that of the deal in which

Hauff assumed control of the country club last January.

Hauff is reportedly deeply in debt to certain hoodlums in the country club deal. Police said the attack may have been a warning to pay up—or to get out.

One Shot Fired

A shot was discharged during the attack and two guns were found near the scene. But Hauff and police think the shot was accidental.

One of the guns, a .38 caliber Colt revolver, police said, is registered in the name of John Wade, 46, policeman who was suspended six weeks ago after he admitted the theft of 11 expensive clocks from a show window at the Drake hotel.

This gun was found in the areaway beside 20 E. Cedar st. One shot had been fired from it. Orlando was found



(CHICAGO AMERICAN Photos)

RICHARD HAUFF AT HENROTIN HOSPITAL

"They could have had me . . . but they didn't."

hiding in the shrubbery at the rear of 50 E. Cedar st.

He said he was taking a walk when he heard the shots and ducked into the shrubs for protection.

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Richard Hauff, a Pal of Hoods, Is Blackjacked

Richard W. Hauff, 25, an associate of the Chicago crime syndicate's top leaders and recent buyer of the Mount Prospect Country club, was hit on the back of the head with a blackjack in an attack by two men in front of 20 Cedar street early Tuesday. Witnesses said they also heard several shots fired and saw a man running from the scene. Hauff was taken to Henry hospital where stitches were taken in the back of his head. He was accompanied by a young blonde woman who gave her name as Dorothy Marshall.



Richard Hauff

Witnesses said that after shots were fired, the two assailants fled. Police found a .38 Colt revolver in a nearby alleyway with one bullet fired from it. They also found a loaded but unfired Magnum pistol lying in the parkway in front of 20 E. Cedar st.

Return from Show

Hauff told police that he and the Marshall woman had gone to a show. He said he had just given his car to a car hiker from a nearby garage and was walking with the Marshall woman to her apartment when someone began beating him on the head.

He said he fell to his knees and heard a shot fired. He said the two fled as Miss Marshall began screaming and running.

Hauff said that one of the men had on a dark blue jacket and that the other wore a sweater.

Police had commented when Hauff began dating Miss Marshall, 39, that such an action might be dangerous and bring reprisals from hoodlum leaders.

Miss Marshall was Caifano's second wife and obtained a divorce from him on March 9.

Held for Questioning

Howard Pierson, deputy chief of detectives, said Hauff and the woman would be taken to the East Chicago district station for questioning after Hauff's wound was treated.

Police arrested three men and near the beating scene. One, found lying in some rubble near 50 E. Cedar, was identified by police as Cosmo Orlando.

He claimed he heard shots and ducked into the shrubbery for protection.

Police identified the woman, who gave her name as Darlene Marshall, as the former wife of the crime syndicate leader ~~Marshall~~ Caifano, with whom Hauff associated until he began dating Darlene.

Woman Is Struck

Police were investigating the attack on the couple as a possible assassination attempt on Hauff by hoodlums.

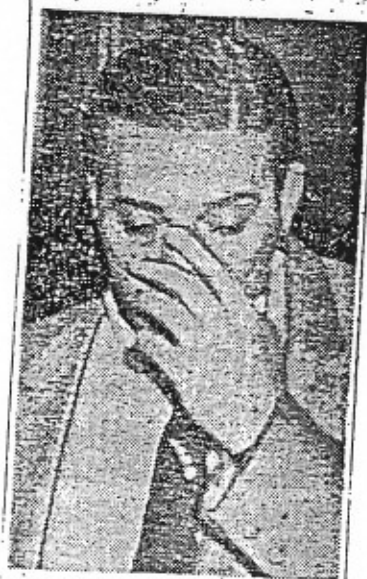
Police said Darlene was struck first on the shoulder with some implement and that she ran screaming to the door of her apartment at 20 Cedar street as the two men began to attack Hauff.

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Court Appearance



(TRIBUNE Photo)

Cosmo Orlando leaving Felony court after appearance on charge of beating Richard Hauff.

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Cosmo Orlando, 37, of 44 E. Goethe st., was held to the grand jury Wednesday on a charge of assault with intent to kill. He was identified in Felony court by Richard Hauff, 25, owner of the Mount Prospect Country club, as the man who assaulted him Sept. 15 as he walked with Miss Darlene Marshall, 39, ex-wife of a crime syndicate hoodlum, toward her apartment at 20 E. Cedar st. Judge Alexander J. Napoli freed Orlando in \$5,000 bond.

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TRIBUNE HAUFF QUILTS NIGHT LIFE ON RUSH STREET

SEP 21 1959
Mystery Man to Give
Time to Business

BY GEORGE BLISS

Richard W. Hauff, 25, owner of the Mount Prospect Country club, said Sunday that pleasure and business do not mix and he is giving up the bright lights of the near north side and the glamor girls of Rush street.

Hauff, known as a mystery man of the financial and life circles, was blackjacked and slugged last Tuesday while escorting Miss Darlene Marshall, 39, ex-wife of Marshall Caifano, crime syndicate boss.

His romance with her has never helped his career, Hauff said, and he has decided to break off with her. He had done so a month before the assault occurred, he said, but took her to a movie last week at her request.



Richard Hauff

Friend of Hoodlums

Last summer federal agents and city detectives began an investigation of Hauff when they noted that he was escorting Miss Marshall, then Mrs. Caifano, to various places and was friendly with some top hoodlums.

Hauff said Sunday that he will testify against Cosmo Orlando, 37, of 44 E. Goethe st., whom he identified as one of his assailants. Hauff was late getting to court Wednesday and the case was continued to Oct. 7.

Fifteen years ago Hauff was a homeless waif in Iran. Last year, he purchased the Mount Prospect club for almost 1 million dollars. He insisted that none of his hoodlum pals had any money in the deal and that he now is sole owner of the club, "outside of a big mortgage."

Things at Mount Prospect

weren't running too well at times during the summer, Hauff said. The \$20,000 International Ladies Professional Invitational golf tournament which he sponsored last July resulted in a loss of \$40,000, he said.

\$60,000 in One Month

Last month the club lost \$60,000, he said, chiefly because the cost of constructing an addition to the clubhouse and of a new swimming pool.

The future is bright, however, Hauff said. He disclosed that he will construct a 14.6 million dollar 14-story hotel and 18 hole golf course in Las Vegas, Nev. Construction will start about Dec. 1, Hauff said, and a gambling casino is included in the plans.

His backers in the enterprise will, for the time being, be added to the list of unknowns who have risked their money on his business acumen.

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Richard Hauff shown on way to hospital in police squadrol. (Sun-Times Photo)

SEP 15 1959 Pistol-Whip Rush St. Mystery Man

Richard Hauff, golf club owner and mystery man about town, was pistol-whipped Monday while on a midnight date with a hoodlum's ex-wife.

The 24-year-old associate of gangsters and glamorous women was felled by two burly assailants near the vestibule of the apartment house at 20 E. Cedar.

Hauff, owner of the Mount Prospect Country Club, where he lives, was escorting Darlene Marshall, former wife of Marshall Caifano, a top syndicate mobster.

Weapon Discharged

His attackers fled on foot after beating Hauff about the head. During the melee the weapon with which they beat him was twice discharged, but no bullets struck Hauff.

Picked up for questioning a

few minutes later was Cosmo Orlando, former owner of the Melody Casino, a honky-tonk at 1260 N. Clark.

Orlando, an ex-convict, was found hiding in the bushes in front of 50 E. Cedar.

"I was out for a walk," he said. "I heard a shot, and I ran. I don't know anything about what happened to Hauff."

Hauff was not seriously hurt. He was treated and released at Henrotin Hospital.

"If they wanted to kill me, they could have done it on the spot," he said.

He added that no attempt was made to rob him. Police said he is heavily in debt to unsavory persons. They said they believe the slugging was a warning to him to pay up.

Miss Marshall, Hauff, Orland

do and other witnesses were taken for questioning to the Chicago Av. police station, 320 N. Clark.

There Hauff said he and Miss Marshall had attended a movie in the Loop. They bought some food, which they intended to eat in Miss Marshall's apartment at 20 E. Cedar.

"We were walking along Rush when we heard a car door slam at the corner of Cedar," Hauff related. "Two men jumped out and began beating me with a pistol. The gun went off, and these two guys ran."

The victim said he wouldn't be able to identify his assailants.

Called Big Spender

About a year ago, Hauff attracted attention in the Rush St. night-life belt—150 feet west of the apartment building

where he was slugged, as a big spender, lavish tipper and heavy gambler, although the source of his bankroll remained a mystery.

He was often seen in the company of Caifano, Albert Frabotta and other hoodlums. He escorted many striking women, including Zsa Zsa Gabor.

Hauff came under scrutiny of police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in connection with the \$800,000 purchase of the golf club in 1958.

A gun from which a single shot had been fired was found a short distance from the scene of the attack. Apparently one of the sluggers tossed it away as he fled.

The .38-caliber weapon was taken to the police crime laboratory for ballistics examination.

17-4003-3

Ex-Playboy NEWS

Here Hunted In S. Korea

Richard Hauff Escapes From the Military Police

SEOUL (Special)—Richard W. Hauff, onetime Chicago playboy, associate of hoodlums and reluctant Army private, was the object of a military police search in Korea Wednesday.

Hauff, 27, who faces an income tax evasion charge when he finishes his Army hitch, escaped from a military police escort in Seoul last Friday.

He had been arrested April 11 on charges of larceny and forgery.

Hauff's troubles with the Army are only the latest in a long series of brushes with the law.

BEFORE entering the Army he headed a group that bought a country club in Mount Prospect and then went bankrupt, even as Hauff was spending thousands of dollars in the cabarets along Rush St. and hobnobbing with Zsa Zsa Gabor and other Hollywood beauties.

He was drafted in 1960, but refused to sign a loyalty oath and took the Fifth Amendment when pressed for answers about whether he had ever been a member of a subversive group.

Finally he was brought be-



RICHARD HAUFF

fore the U.S. commissioner on a complaint of failing to notify draft authorities of his where-

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abouts and was inducted into the Army the same day.

AFTER his induction, it was learned, government investigators had discovered he had failed to file an income tax return for 1958-59.

They figured he owed a total of \$158,877 in taxes and penalties.

HAUFF, a native of Iran, was "adopted" by a group of GIs in World War II. After the war he was legally adopted by one of the ex-GIs, Franklin K. Hauff of Arlington Heights, and came to this country.

He won a caddy scholarship, attended Florida State University for a time and then became a mailman.

Soon he turned up in business with August Circella, a brother of Nick Dean, a Capone gangster.

Then came the country club venture.

SHORTLY after he was inducted into the Army, Hauff turned up on leave in Hollywood in a motel with a blond and another soldier from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Hauff was arrested for using a stolen credit card, but the charge was dropped when the card owner failed to appear to prosecute.

In Korea, Hauff was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division before his latest arrest.

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NEWS
Rover Boy
Hauff Is
AWOL, Too

JAN 30 1961
Held in L.A.

On Forgery Count

Richard W. Hauff, 25, the Rush St. Rover Boy who got drafted into the Army, is AWOL, according to records at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.

Hauff was being held in Los Angeles, along with a friend and his mess sergeant, on a forgery charge that alleges misuse of a credit card.

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HELD WITH him are Mrs. Elaine Susan Russo, 20, and Homer Earl Biddlecome, 34, mess sergeant at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., where Hauff was assigned after being drafted in November.

The credit card belongs to Dr. Gustav Soltz, 1430 N. State, Arlington Heights.

Hauff said Dr. Soltz, whom he identified as a friend, lent him the credit card to use. However, records of the American Express show that Dr. Soltz reported on Jan. 20 that he lost the card.

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THIS WAS the same date that Hauff was transferred from Ft. Leonard Wood to Ft. Sam Houston. However, he was given an eight-day delay en route to clear up some of his legal problems.

This included appearing here in Federal Court where the Mount Prospect Country Club he owns is named in a bankruptcy petition.

Hauff told Los Angeles police he is on indefinite leave and is assigned to the 5th Army's finance section. Army records show, however, that he was scheduled to report to 4th Army at Ft. Sam Houston, on Sunday for training as a medical corpsman.

Hauff also told police he, Mrs. Russo and Biddlecome flew to Los Angeles to look into some property Hauff is thinking of buying.

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'GOING TO BURY YOU'

Mt. Prospect Aide Tells Hood Threats

"I'm Scared but I'll Go On Fighting Club Liquor License"

BY JACK WILLNER and TED SMART

A Mount Prospect village official has been threatened as a result of his opposition to a liquor license for the hoodluminated Mount Prospect Country Club.

Charles W. Payne, 50, park street president, said the threats were made by Orlando (Lonny) Colamatteo, an owner of the club and an associate of hoodlums.

"I am afraid," Payne admitted.

A lie test arranged by The Daily News and given by Monard Keeler Inc., a polygraph firm at 161 E. Grand, supported Payne's charge.

PAYNE said Colamatteo visited him June 11 at the Payne home, 712 S. Hi Lusi in suburb, and told him:

"Payne, I'm going to bury you politically and jobwise."

Payne, a public relations account executive, said Colamatteo also vowed to try to make him "look bad" and added: "You are being followed and will be followed. You'd better cover your tracks."

PAYNE SAID Colamatteo told Frank Vigilante, reputed head of the group controlling the golf club, also visited him his Chicago office last Tuesday to discuss Payne's opposition further. Payne said Colamatteo asked him at one point: "Do you ever take money?" Payne said he took this to be an offer of a bribe and answered: "No, I never need

PAYNE FOUND himself on the edge of terror after he stood up at a Mount Prospect village board meeting to oppose a liquor license application for the club because of Colamatteo's background.

"I would be foolish if I said I wasn't afraid," he said. "On the other hand, you only die once."

COLAMATTEO, 39, a self-styled tax consultant and auditor and head of the Colmar Agency, 6248 W. North, has drawn the interest of U.S. taxmen and the Senate rackets committee in the past.

Two months ago, a federal grand jury indicted him for evading \$23,000 in taxes in 1954. In 1955 he had to pay back taxes on \$115,000 in unreported income.

His 1956-58 finances were being probed when businessman Edmund A. Juzwik, 50, was shot en route to confer with U.S. taxmen.

Juzwik was then president of the \$5,000,000 Harlem-Irving Shopping Center, of which Colamatteo was an officer. Government officials were interested in the source of \$300,000 Colamatteo and a Michael Marchese invested in the center.

Juzwik recovered from the shooting and is now reported in Honolulu.

COLAMATTEO was once a partner with Fred Tom (Juke-



CHARLES W. PAYNE

box) Smith, 45, in the Curve Lounge, 900 Rush, which reportedly has been frequented by North Side syndicate hoodlums.

He also was involved in a Milwaukee auto agency that went bankrupt. The agency's assets included a \$35,000 loan to Salvatore Vermiglio, member of the notorious Detroit Purple gang.

Colamatteo reputedly was a leader in finding money to buy the country club from Richard Hauff, playboy friend of syndicate hoodlums.

This is the background Payne cited in opposing a liquor license for the club, incorporated under the name M-P Country Club Inc.

THE FIRM has filed a suit in Superior Court to compel issuance of a liquor license and demanding \$500,000 damages against several village officials.

The suit charged a license has been refused because it would increase the value of the club, which the village has sued to buy for recreational purposes in a condemnation suit.

Payne has told the Mount Prospect police department of the threats and has vowed to continue opposing a liquor license for the club.

"The fact I may be afraid isn't going to change my stand in any way," he said.

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT—

What was the \$7,000 question? Army Pvt. Richard Hauff, playboy and associate of syndicate hoods, flew here Tuesday from his Texas post to fight a \$34,000 federal tax claim in connection with sale of his million dollar Mount Prospect Country club. Hauff contended the tax claim was \$7,000 too high. But before the court hearing, Hauff sidled up to an internal revenue agent and whispered a question. The agent whispered an answer. Hauff then told his lawyer the \$34,000 was okay. Hauff, his lawyer, and the agent would not disclose the Q. and A.



RICHARD HAUFF

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GI Richard Hauff (right), self-styled financier and central figure in million-dollar Mount Prospect bankruptcy case, is questioned at Hollywood police station by Det. R. L. McClary. Hauff was jailed on forgery charge in credit-card misuse. (AP)

USES DOCTOR'S CREDIT CARD

Playboy Hauff Seized On Forgery Charge

SUN-TIMES

Richard Hauff, Chicago playboy turned Army private, was arrested in Los Angeles Sunday. He was charged with forgery in connection with the use of a credit card bearing the name of an Arlington Heights doctor.

Hauff, 26, was arrested with a woman companion and a mess sergeant from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., where Hauff has been stationed since he was drafted last Oct. 31.

Los Angeles police said Hauff and Mrs. Elaine Susan Russo, 20, occupied adjoining suites in a hotel there under the names of Dr. and Mrs. Gustav Soltz, of 1430 N. State, Arlington Heights.

Asserts Card Loaned

Under questioning by police Hauff said Soltz had loaned him the credit card to use in Los Angeles. He said he met

Russo and the mess sergeant, Homer E. Biddlecome, 34, had flown to that city to look into buying income property there.

Hauff controlled the Mount Prospect Country Club until creditors besieged him to pay debts run up during the two years of his tenure. The club was declared bankrupt Aug. 15.

Several Groups Bid

Several groups have reportedly been bidding for control of the million-dollar club, including one reputedly backed by Fred Tom (Juke box) Smith, a racketeer and associate of Anthony J. (Tony) Accardo.

Another group reportedly interested is made up of doctors from a Northwest suburb.

A federal bankruptcy referee is scheduled to rule on the fate of the club next Monday.

Dr. Soltz was not available

for comment Sunday night.

Hauff was born in Iran and was brought to this country 15 years ago by Franklin K. Hauff, 924 Highland, Arlington Heights, who was stationed in Iran during the war.