

# POLITICIAN SEIZED IN BRONX SLAYING

**Phil Bernstein, Boxing Manager, Accused of Shooting in Democratic Club.**

**EX-BOXER ALSO ARRESTED**

**Say Victim Was Shot by Own Pistol After Weapon Was Knocked From His Hand.**

Philip (Big Bill) Bernstein, minor politician and fight manager in the Bronx, and John Morgan, a former pugilist, were arrested yesterday on charges of murder growing out of the shooting of Louis Madeo on Saturday night in the recreation centre of the Victory Democratic Club at 2,382 Grand Concourse, the Bronx. Morgan is secretary and Bernstein an executive member of the club.

The shooting followed a quarrel between Madeo and Morgan, but Bernstein admitted firing the fatal shot, according to the police.

Morgan, the police say, told them that about 3 P. M. Saturday, while he and Patrick Donahue, 50 years old, of 75 West 190th Street, were in the club, three men held them up and took \$170 from Donahue.

The robber leader, Morgan is said to have told the police, advised Donahue that if he wanted to get his money back he would have to see the "proper people." No report of the robbery was made to the police. Later in the day, according to Morgan's story, he called on Madeo, known as "Louis 45," and Madeo beat him and chased him out of the place.

That night, according to the police, Morgan returned to the club with Bernstein, Donahue, and a fourth man, and while two waited outside, Morgan and Bernstein went in to see Mado. Madeo, it is claimed, drew a pistol, whereupon Morgan grappled with him, and Bernstein seized the pistol and fired one shot, the bullet striking Madeo in the head.

Morgan and Bernstein were arrested shortly afterward. After fifteen hours of questioning, police said, Morgan and Bernstein broke down and told the story. As a result, Donahue was arrested as a material witness.

Morgan, who is employed as a cleaner in the DeWitt Clinton High School, formerly fought as a featherweight under the name of John Williams. He is 32 years old, and lives at 2,353 Jerome Avenue, the Bronx. Bernstein lives at 2,487 Davidson Avenue, the Bronx.

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