

Israeli investigator details many faces of Antar

When "Crazy Eddie" founder Eddie Antar was arrested in Israel, several passports, credit cards and \$60,000 in several currencies were found in his room, an Israeli police superintendent told a federal jury in Newark yesterday.

In addition, a banking expert testified how Antar, using aliases and a string of Liberian dummy corporations, shuttled tens of millions of dollars among banks in Israel, Switzerland and Luxembourg while he was a fugitive.

The expert was the 20th and final witness for the government, which rested its case in the stock fraud trial against Eddie Antar and his brothers, Mitchell and Allen. They are accused of bilking "Crazy Eddie" shareholders of \$80 million by inflating the value of their stock through a series of deceptions.

Defense lawyers for the Antar brothers expect they will need four weeks to present their witnesses. Testimony in the jury trial, which began June 15, is to continue Tuesday.

Eddie Antar fled the United States in February 1990 after a federal judge—U.S. District Judge Nicholas Politan, who is hearing this case—ordered him to repatriate \$52 million the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission believed was obtained through insider trading and transferred to Israel.

Since then, more assets have been located in other nations and the charges have been adjusted.

Chief Superintendent Yossef Zamory was head of intelligence for the Israeli national police last year when he got a request from the U.S. Marshals Service in New Jersey, through Interpol, to arrest Antar.

Documents for aliases found in hideaway

A transfer of money from an Alex Stewart in Israel to a David Cohen in Switzerland was among clues that led authorities to Israel, Zamory testified through an interpreter. Both names had been determined to be aliases of Eddie Antar.

Immigration records under those names gave an address in Yavne, a town about 19 miles from Tel Aviv, in a neighborhood of "expensive, custom-built homes," Zamory said.

Zamory conducted the search of Antar's small room on the second floor. It contained a bed, closet, nightstand, cellular phone and suitcases "with a great deal of documents in them," he said.

Among the documents, admitted into evidence, were:

- Antar's U.S. passport, which was issued in February 1987, a month after he resigned as chairman of "Crazy Eddie."

- A request to the Israeli Interior Ministry for Antar and his second wife, Deborah Susan (Ehrlich) Antar, to become immigrants, and requests to change their names to Alexander and Debbie Stewart, from July 1988.

- An Israeli passport issued July 14, 1988, to Al-

exander Stewart. The picture shows Antar with glasses, beard and moustache, Zamory said, noting that Antar was clean-shaven upon arrest. In court, Antar has a beard and moustache but no glasses.

- A Brazilian passport issued November 1988 to David Jacob Levy Cohen. The picture shows Antar, clean-shaven with glasses. His birthplace is given as Rio de Janeiro; Antar was born in Brooklyn.

- An Israeli passport of David Cohen, issued August 1990.

- A Brazilian passport for David Boris Levy, issued August 1990.

- Credit cards (and an El Al frequent traveler card) in variations of David Jacob Levy Cohen, as well as Harry P. Shalom.

- Two birth certificates for Harry P. Shalom.

- Correspondence on how to obtain a "replacement" Social Security card using a false identity.

The banking expert, Joseph Moshkovsky, outlined the movement of more than \$50 million he said Eddie Antar transferred among various banks using the aliases and paper companies.

Some were numbered Swiss accounts, which enhance confidentiality, Moshkovsky said. Some accounts were used simply as a "conduit" to pass money from one to another, he said.

The Antar clan lost control of "Crazy Eddie" in November 1987, 10 months after Eddie Antar resigned as chairman, when dissident stockholders were unopposed in a proxy fight.