

## **OWNER FILES SUIT ON SYNANON OFFICE**

The Synanon Foundation, which operates five rehabilitation centers for narcotics addicts across the country, is indirectly facing a legal challenge in Manhattan.

The owner of the building at 2 East 78th Street, where Synanon opened an information center last month, has filed suit in Civil Court here to recover control of the property, charging that it is being improperly used.

Synanon installations have also been under legal attack in recent years in California, Nevada and Westport, Conn.

In the action here, the estate of Julius Klorfein, which owns the 78th Street town house, has filed a petition answerable Friday charging that the property is being used in a way that violates the character of the neighborhood, the zoning laws, and the certificate of occupancy.

The suit names William R. Crawford, Synanon's executive assistant, who lives in the house with his wife and a staff of five.

Mr. Crawford denies the charges in the Klorfein estate's petition. His lawyer, John A. Ciampa, said, "Something subterranean is being aimed at Synanon here, but we haven't any idea what it is."