

Chicago Robbery Filed

THREE BURGLARS KILLED IN AMBUSH

Officers Unhurt In Wild Gunfight

CHICAGO (AP)—Three burglars were shot to death early today in a quick and violent gun battle with seven detectives as they prepared to break open a State St. department store vault containing a half million dollars.

The gunmen, including a former policeman, walked into a police trap in Mandel Brothers store and were mowed down by police machine gun and shotgun bullets.

The detectives, who had been hiding in the 11th floor credit department for seven hours, were receiving a tip on the planned burglary, escaped unhurt.

ORDERED TO SURRENDER

Lt. James J. Lynch said the three gunmen, carrying burglary tools, were about to attempt to open a safe when the detectives ordered them to surrender.

Lynch said the burglars opened fire. The police, armed with three machine guns and four shotguns, exchanged shots, killing all three. It was not disclosed how the men gained entrance to the store in the heart of The Loop.

Lynch identified two of the men as having been arrested previously. He said one of them, Jimmy Rentner, 30, had been released on bond recently on a robbery charge. He said James Wolf, 28, also had been arrested several times. The third man was identified as James Bertimo, 40, who lived in suburban Glenview and the other two in Chicago.

Bertimo reportedly was carrying a small portable radio which he used to pick up police broadcasts.

MAY HAVE HIDDEN

There was no evidence of a forced entry to the store. Officers said the three men could have hidden in the big store after yesterday's 2:30 p.m. closing. The victims approached the safe, police reported from a store room filled with cartons where they may have hidden.

Clustered near a safe, police found oxygen tanks, a cutting torch and other tools. A grey leather suitcase which may have been intended to carry loot was nearby, officers said.

When the three burglars entered the credit department—about 12:30 a.m.—they passed without noticing four detectives who were crouched in a dark corner.

They went directly to a safe box.

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Evening Prayer

Upon our City Council, O Lord, we ask Thy blessing as they meet on the morrow and from week to week. Grant them wisdom in their deliberations and minds subject Thy guidance. May their ears be ever open to the will of the people but never to the exclusion of Thy Will. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

—DEFINITIONS ARE PROBLEM

Racial Heritage Called Myth

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio (AP)—An Ohio State University researcher said today a study indicates that more than 21 per cent of Americans classified as white are descendants of persons of African origin.

And from the study, said Dr. Robert P. Stuckert, graduate instructor of sociology at the university, it is possible to estimate that in less than two generations more than half the persons classified as white will have some African ancestry.

He said one conclusion stands out from the data in the study: "The belief in the racial uniformity of an individual's ancestor may be the basic myth of the white man's past."

SPEECH NOTE

In a speech prepared for the 64th annual meeting of the Ohio Academy of Science at Bowling Green

African ancestry and Negroes. Stuckert's computations, in the study were based on a number of assumptions. With one exception, Negro ancestry of persons classified as "would tend to minimize the final estimate."

One point in the study, two alternative assumptions were made. One was on a basis of selective mating; the other on a basis of random mating.

AN EXPLANATION

Explaining this, Dr. Stuckert said: "Under selective mating, the probability of whites of non-African ancestry mating with persons classified as Negro is one-tenth of what would be expected if mating were random. The figure of one-tenth was established on the basis of previous estimates of the relative size of the multi-ethnic population and studies of the mixed ancestry of Negro groups."

YOUNG AT HEART TURN BACK CLOCK

Finding Eggs--And Memories



Club Members Turned Back Golden Years With Old-Time Easter Egg Hunt At Latta Park.

By CHARLES KURALT
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Mrs. D. L. Jordan smiled to remember it. "I looked and looked for Easter eggs," she said. "I remember I cried because I couldn't find them all."

"Oh, that was many years ago in Latta Park."

And now, here she was in Latta Park again.



(News Staff Photos by Tom Franklin-Franklin)
Mrs. E. E. Smith Found Seven Eggs . . .

her girlhood far behind her. The park has changed. "There used to be a lake right here" and she has changed, but Easter egg hunting is just the same.

Since that is true, Mrs. Jordan and her friends—all over 50—in the Latta Park Best Years Club decided to hold an Easter egg hunt yesterday.

Jeff Wells, Latta Center director, obligingly planted the eggs around the park, and the ladies fanned out to find them.

ON THE WAY, they talked about the Easter egg tradition, far older than they are. "There was no Easter egg dye to color the eggs," Miss Rose Palmer said. "We boiled broomstraw for the brown eggs and green grass for the green. We sewed calico around some of them."

They began picking up the eggs from the clumps of grass at the foot of Latta's trees and benches. Their laughter echoed down the little valley of the park and brought the attention of a group of school children who were having an Easter egg hunt of their own. They turned and looked curiously at the sight of women the age of their grandmothers laughing and walking over the grass.

"Up in Alexander County, it was the custom for the parents to color eggs and put them in the hen's nest for the children to find on Easter morning," Mrs. Ona Belle Deal said.

"We did our egg hunting in the schoolyard at a little town called Buchanan, in West Virginia," Mrs. W. E. Ferguson said.

MRS. E. E. SMITH won the prize. She found seven eggs. Mrs. Jordan found six.

Mrs. Ferguson found two and laughed about it. "That's enough for dinner," she said. "But then she stopped laughing and looked around at her friends, walking slowly in search of specks of color in the grass."

"You know," she said, "I like this. I guess it looks silly, but it makes you feel all young again."

A friend was trying to sing a song as she walked past.

"In your Easter bonnet with all the . . ." She turned to Mrs. Ferguson.

"How DOES that song go?" she asked.



Mrs. M. K. Blume And Others Found Youth

Christians Pay Tribute To Christ

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
Christians throughout the world commemorated today the agony of Christ's death upon the cross.

In Good Friday services the Christian faithful of all nations heard anew of the suffering of Jesus Christ—two days before the joyous occasion of His resurrection Easter Sunday.

Approximately 900 visitors, mainly Arab Christians, were in the Arab-controlled Old City of Jerusalem, where most of the holy places are located. Only 40 pilgrims, with few Westerners among them, crossed the Palestine armistice frontier from Israel.

The small number reflected the tense atmosphere in the Middle East in the aftermath of the Sinai war. Travel restrictions were removed too late for any great tourist influx.

CROSSES CARRIED

But as in the past there was the traditional tracing of the Way of the Cross, with pilgrims carrying heavy wooden crosses along the route followed by Jesus from the scene of his trial to the crucifixion on Calvary.

It was Easter week for both Eastern and Western Christians. They follow different calendars, but this year the dates coincide. In addition, Moslems celebrating the Ramadan prayed at the Dome of the Rock, and Jews were completing their Passover holidays.

At the Vatican, pilgrims from many countries assembled in St. Peter's for the Tenebrae services. The highlight of the mournful service is the slow extinguishing of all but one of 15 altar candles. The remaining candle, symbolic of Christ, was hidden momentarily behind the altar as a loud noise reminded worshippers of the moment Jesus died.

POPE TO SPEAK

Pope Pius XII will deliver his Easter Sunday speech to millions over a direct hookup with radio systems of nearly a score of nations. For the first time the papal address will be put on European TV. He speaks at noon, Rome time, from the balcony above the central door of St. Peter's.

In Konnersreuth, Germany, 3,000 pilgrims gathered to witness rain in the cottage of Therese Neumann, the 83-year Bavarian woman who each Good Friday appears to suffer the agonies of Crucifixion. In 1926 she was first reported to have disheveled her body corresponding to the wounds of Christ.

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Oklahoma Town Shaky After Dynamite Hunt

COLLINSVILLE, Okla. (AP)—Instead of a needle in a haystack, it was this tiny Oklahoma town were looking for dynamite caps.

And Police Chief Don Brinkley was finding them all over town last night—in the coat pocket of a little girl, in an old coal pit, by the hotel.

Luckily, none of the estimated 100 dynamite caps taken by a couple of young teenagers "going around" the United Brick Co. had exploded.

HEADS OKAY

"But somebody could get his head blown off," said Brinkley as he led the search. About 85 had been recovered so far.

Probe Of Hit-Run Enters Fifth Day

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—San Francisco police searched relentlessly into the fifth day today for the hit-run motorist who struck and brutally dragged a machinist to his death.

The huge hunt started Sunday when Lloyd V. Stephens, 62, was trapped under the right front fender of a car that hit him as he started across a Mission District intersection.

Nobody got the license number but some witnesses said it was either a 1952 or 1953 Mercury. One woman who had two new fenders on her 1952 Mercury has been stopped seven times.

San Francisco newspapers appealed for leads in the case and The Examiner offered a \$1,000 to anyone who provided "any information that leads to the identification and conviction of the hit-run killer."

NOTHING TO CHANCE

"Nothing is being left to chance," Capt. Daniel Kiely, accident investigation bureau director, said. "Everything is being checked out."

He estimated that 6,000 manholes of police work already has gone into checking the hundreds of leads that have come in.

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Sgt. Arthur L. Morrison, head of the 10-man hit-run detail, said this was the biggest hit-run manhunt in the city's history.

Easter Outlook Warm, Cloudy

It looks like a warm and cloudy Easter. And if you must wear that new white dress, why do so but be sure to take along raincoat and umbrella.

As far as other coats are concerned, only light ones should be needed for today, tomorrow and Easter. The Weather Bureau predicts a low of around 60 degrees Easter, with the temperature hitting 80 in the afternoon.

Warm, somewhat windy weather with scattered showers is forecast for today, tomorrow and Easter. No gullywashing rains, you understand, and most of the precipitation should fall in the afternoons.

This morning, the mercury dropped to 61 degrees as a fog sealed the Charlotte airport. Weather men predicted the field would be back in operation by mid-morning.

A high of 78 is forecast today with a low of 62 in the morning.

Tomorrow's expected high: 78 degrees.

Our Weather

Considerable cloudiness and warm today and tonight with widely scattered showers. Chances of a few afternoon thundershowers. Saturday partly cloudy and warm with widely scattered showers or thundershowers.

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Bribe Prosecution Puzzle For Probe

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate racketeers probes said today they will explore more deeply into alleged payoffs to Teamsters Union officials in Scranton, Pa.

One question intriguing them is whether—if you can't jail them both—the giver or the taker of a payoff should be prosecuted.

The Justice Department has obtained federal indictments accusing three business agents of Scranton Teamsters Local 229 of receiving illegal payoffs from business firms. The Senate committee conducting the inquiry has ordered its staff to ask why no charges were brought against any of the companies or their officials.

"We are going to find out why they were not prosecuted," Chairman McClellan (D-Ark.) told reporters. "It is something we ought to find out."

PROBE TOO

"In reply to a question, he said, 'It might be the subject of an investigation.'"

Meantime, replies to some of McClellan's questions came from Scranton, "we wouldn't be able to make one testify against the other," and he added:

"The grand jury decides which one is, so to speak, the more guilty and returns the indictment against him. Then the other serves as a witness."

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