

SUBSTITUTE CRIMINALS L. J. P. & G. Monday, Sept. 6, 1948.

New Orleans tonight has the most dramatic and startling crime case in New Orleans' history. A detective was murdered and the Assistant Chief ~~The city is being combed from one end to another~~ Detective of New Orleans was kidnapped. ~~in a frantic manhunt for two criminals, who have a kidnapped prisoner, the Assistant Chief Detective of New Orleans.~~ The two fugitives are identified as Dave Simpson, criminal son of a pious Utah family, and H. E. Miller, with a ~~pink~~ police record in Texas.

The best way to convey the weird puzzle of this affair is to begin in the middle, and take up the story as Simpson and Miller were being driven today from Gulfport, Mississippi, to New Orleans. They were in custody of two New Orleans detectives -- Nick Jacobs and Joseph Tardo. As they came to the suburbs of New Orleans, Simpson whipped out a gun and shot detective Jacobs through the head.

Then, at the point of a pistol, they took detective Tardo's gun and his badge, and compelled him to drive them into a side road where

they threw out the body of the murdered detective. All the while they were laughing heartily. Suddenly Tardo made a quick move, snapped open the door of the car, rolled out and ducked away through some weeds. They were shooting at him. But he got away.

Simpson and Miller now drove the automobile back to the main road, where they wrecked it. They saw two men coming in a car, and held them up with waving pistols. They compelled the two to drive them -- ordering them to go speeding north to Baton Rouge. The two men in the car were Thomas W. Stayton, forty-five years old, and Daniel Wilson, forty -- and they did an extra<sup>o</sup>rdinary thing. They drove the two ~~murdered~~ murderers into New Orleans -- right into the basement of the criminal courts building, police headquarters.

Stayton and Wilson later said they judged from the criminals' talk that they did not know much about New Orleans and would not know where they were being driven. But it took all the nerve in the world for those two middle-aged men to do what they did --

driving the murderers right into police headquarters.

The criminals surmised what it was all about only when Stayton and Wilson ~~km~~ jumped out and made a dash -- the killers shooting at them, and missing. Simpson and Miller then went out into Tulane Avenue where, just at that moment Assistant Chief of Detectives John Jackson was leaving in his car. They held him up, and at pistol point forced him to drive speeding away. That was the last seen of them.

But here's the puzzle. <sup>*the one from Utah,*</sup> Simpson was in the case, not as a prisoner -- but as a complainant. He had made a charge of robbery against Miller, and had accompanied the two detectives to Gulfport. He played his part so well that they never bothered to search him for weapons. In fact, the Gulfport police gave to Simpson the pistol they had taken from Miller when they arrested ~~hm~~ him.

The obvious ~~reason~~ reasoning is that Simpson's complaint to the New Orleans police was

part of a scheme to rescue Miller -- that he made charges against Miller, so as to go along with the detectives and get him, rescue him. But here's the weirdest feature of all -- Miller was in jail, because of Simpson.

A couple of days ago, Simpson went to the police in New Orleans, and stated that Miller, with whom he had been living, had robbed him of four hundred dollars. That was what led to the arrest of Miller at Gulfport.

The only guess the bewildered puzzled detectives can make is that Simpson, in a fit of ~~his~~ anger, brought about the arrest of Miller - and then repented. He knew Miller had a criminal record -- which would send him to prison for a long stretch. So ~~he~~ he concocted the ~~entire~~ scheme to get Miller free - with cold-blooded murder.

Such is the weird puzzle of startling crime. ~~The police believe that the two fugitives are hiding tonight in some criminal haunt of New~~

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And tonight a frantic manhunt was on in New Orleans -- the police afraid the two criminals would murder their prisoner, the Chief Detective. But here's the latest. Chief Detective John Jackson has been found. He was taken by the two fugitives on a drive north, as far as Gonzales, Louisiana, sixty miles from New Orleans - and there they put him out of the automobile, unharmed ---and went on.

## POLITICS

Well, the political campaign opened today. That is, the actual campaigning, the oratory, taking the stump. President Truman <sup>led</sup> off in Detroit, where he made a Labor Day speech before a huge throng in Cadillac Square. The President poured it on Congress, with a special view to the labor vote. He blasted the Republicans up and down the map, in the ~~best~~ vein of the new Truman - the fighting Truman.

The good natured Truman was in evidence At Grand Rapids, on the way to Detroit. Grand Rapids is famous, of course for ~~furniture~~ furniture, but the presidential oratory did not dwell on chairs and tables. Because Grand Rapids is also famous for three congressional medal-of-honor men - and <sup>for</sup> Senator Vandenberg. The three medal-of-honor men were on the platform with the President today - although the Senator was ~~not~~ missing. The President paid his ~~own~~ tribute to the war heroes, and then spoke of the Foreign Affairs leader in the Republican party. He

said: "This also is the town of my good friend and former colleague when I was in the Senate - ~~SENATE~~ Senator Arthur Vandenberg". <sup>Then he added: -</sup> "While we did not always agree on domestic problems, I'll say this to you -- Senator Arthur Vandenberg is intellectually honest and I like him."

All in accord with that well known Truman smiling ~~an~~ amenity, after which came Truman fighting words; in Detroit the President proclaimed: "If you let Republican reactionaries get complete control of the government, then I would fear not only for the wages and living standards of the American working man, but even for our democratic institutions of free labor and free enterprise."

So what's the answer to that? Well, it won't come from Governor Dewey. Today <sup>Gov. Dewey said: "no</sup> ~~he said - he~~ <sup>comment."</sup> He is leaving the <sup>immediate</sup> reply to Harold Stassen, who will answer the President tomorrow - speaking likewise in Detroit. Truman fighting words followed by Stassen fighting words, at which art ~~an~~ the former

Minnesota Governor is no mean ~~practitioner~~ practitioner.

He showed that when he campaigned against Dewey for the nomination.



## RACES

The Thompson trophy was won today by a former air force pilot, Anson Johnson of Miami Springs, Florida. At the Cleveland Air Races, he came in first, flying the three hundred mile course in an average of nearly three hundred and eighty-~~mm~~ four miles an hour.

Meanwhile, it is <sup>now</sup> confirmed that the speed record for jet was broken yesterday - although the record cannot be official, because of camera failure in the recording. Major Richard Johnson of the Army flew his jet plane at more than six-hundred-and-sixty-nine miles an hour. But he was cheated out of this record by mechanical failure, and he was cheated again today - by <sup>the</sup> weather. He was to have tried for a record-breaking flight all over again, but it rained a bit in Cleveland. The sun then came out, but the air was still too tough to make another attempt at that kind of speed - more than six hundred and sixty-nine miles an hour.

## ADD RACES

In the light plane races, the winner tonight is H. R. "Fish" Salmon, of Van Nuys, California. He won the Good Year Trophy, for light planes, with a record breaking speed of more than ~~is~~ one-hundred-and-sixty-nine miles an hour.

## JULIANA

While it was Labor Day in this country, it was Coronation Day over in Holland. (At Amsterdam, in the old, old church called New Church, they crowned Juliana as Queen of the Netherlands.) It was an affair of pomp and pageant, attended by a world wide assemblage of dignitaries and royalty - all eyes being on Princess Margaret Rose, one of the several members of the British Royal family to be there.

A coronation is supposed to be a glad and festive thing, but this one was ~~as~~ melancholy. The ritual of Kingship turned into a demonstration of national affection for Juliana's mother - who, on her sixty-eighth birthday and reign, abdicated in favor of her daughter.

Retiring, Queen Wilhelmina tried to take an inconspicuous place in the ceremony. But, Juliana herself, amid the ritual of her coronation, expressed the feeling of the nation. She turned to her mother and said: "That I am now going to swear the oath on the constitution fills me with melancholy." →

For it is in consequence ~~of~~ of the fact that my beloved mother has spent her powers in the service of our country in such measure as to compel her, at long last, to lay down her burden."

All through the ceremony Juliana seemed nervous, and kept glancing around as if seeking guidance. ~~She looked at the place where her family sat, her husband Prince Bernhard, <sup>R</sup> her four small daughters - and her mother. They crowned a new Queen, but all attention was on the threefold drama of the Old Queen, her birthday, jubilee and abdication.~~

~~Thus today another event was added to the long and eventful history of the House of Orange - a name so familiar in the English-speaking world, because a prince of the Dutch dynasty became King of England. <sup>In fact</sup> ~~was~~ William of Orange, ~~personified~~ personified the Protestant cause at a time of angry religious turmoil. The story of Ireland knows the name~~

BERLIN ' 2

In Berlin today, the Communist German police grabbed twenty western sector German policemen, who were being guarded by Americans. In the Berlin City Hall, which is in the Soviet zone, the western sector German policemen were in the office of the Senior American liaison officer, Colonel Davisson, who tried to protect them. But the Soviet zone police took them away - in chains.

This ugly episode occurred in the course of still another Communist riot at the City Hall. As on previous occasions, the non-Communist Berlin Assembly violence was such that several Americans were badly beaten by the Reds - newspapermen and a newspaper woman having been caught in the turmoil.

When the Red mob seized the City Hall, there were some forty Americans, British and French inside - newsmen and officers. They were prevented from leaving. Many Germans were inside, including the twenty non-Communist policemen from the western zone. They had come, together with city employees,

in an effort to protect the city assembly against the mob. The police of the Soviet zone, in which the city hall stands, did no protecting. Instead, they grabbed the western zone policemen. Such were the circumstances in the seizure today - the ~~western~~ western zone policemen taken in chains from the office of the American Liaison officer.

An incident of ugly menace - but, at the same time, we hear that the High Command negotiations for the lifting of the Berlin blockade are progressing ~~more~~ hopefully, near a settlement, apparently.

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SUB LEAD POLISH COMMUNISTS

A dispatch from Warsaw tonight states that the Communist party of Poland is in for a purge -- a sweep that may clear out between a fourth and a third of Poland's million Reds. This follows the ousting of the Secretary-General of the Polish Communist party, General Gomulka, who was also Vice Premier of the Red regime.

He is in disgrace because he failed to yield perfect obedience to Soviet Russia, and today the Polish ~~gax~~ Communist party issued an ominous declaration -- stating that Gomulka was not alone in his crime. A whole ~~gray~~ group of Reds is involved. That crime consisted of sympathizing with Red Marshall Tito of Yugoslavia who revolted against Moscow and the Cominform.

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the internal affairs of another country. But today British diplomatic headquarters issued an analysis of the affair of Gomulka.

The ousted Secretary General of the Polish Communist party was trained by Moscow, and hand-picked as a trusted Soviet agent. When the Cominform was created at a Warsaw conference a year ago, Gomulka was co-chairman. Co-chairman, that is, with Zhdanov, the Kremlin big shot who was <sup>regarded</sup> ~~regard~~ as a possible successor to Stalin, and who died just the other day. Zhdanov and Gomulka together ran the Warsaw meeting which established the new international organization of the Reds. Then, later, Zhdanov presided over a Cominform gathering <sup>ing</sup> in Romania, the Red conference ~~which conference~~ <sup>at</sup> which <sup>they</sup> excommunicated Jugoslav Marshal Tito, as a rebel. But this time Gomulka was not beside Zhdanov - he didn't even attend the anti-Tito proceedings. He sympathized with Tito.



Says the London Foreign office: "The matter is very significant, because Mr. Gomulka was one of those Communists who entered Poland in the band-wagon of the Red Army. He was actually planted in Poland by Moscow. So if Russia is unable to rely any longer, even on such a man, this is a very characteristic sign of conditions in the Communist Camp."

So says the London Foreign Office, and adds: "The Gomulka incident spells the end of another Communist delusion - that universal Communist rule could amount to universal tranquility."

This London estimate sounds like a shrewd analysis of what goes on behind the Iron Curtain - Nationalism getting mixed up with Communism in such extremely nationalistic countries as Poland and the states in the Balkans. Not so optimistic for a Communist organized world!

## SUB BRITISH MANOEVRES

In the recent great air battle of Britain, both sides claim victory. But, no matter which side won, it is little consolation for the British people.

Britain has been having air manoeuvres, joint British and American operations. It was a war game that represented an attempt to strike at England from the air, with the defense repelling the attack.

In the giant mythical air battle, the attacking forces claim that they were able to get ~~ya~~ through with waves of fifty bombers at a time, and strike at vital targets in London.

The defense tells another story, claiming that a huge lot of hostile bombers were shot down. But they admit that some got through, which is exactly the point. A few bombers getting through does not sound like much -- unless you think in terms of the atomic bomb. The British are thinking in those terms, and find no cause for joy.

Even at a minimum ~~at~~ calculation enough planes were able to penetrate the defense to spell disaster -- had they carried atomic bombs. In that

case, London and other heavily populated areas would be shambled<sup>S</sup> of utter destruction.  
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This is the war game lesson which Britain is thinking about tonight.

## SOVIET COLONEL

There was an exciting press conference in London today - Soviet newspapermen interviewing Lieutenant-Colonel Gregory Tokayev. He is a Red Army officer, who recently fled from the Soviets to the British -- a prominent officer, too. Colonel Tokayev is a Russian expert on jet propulsion and aviation, who ~~was~~ was an aide to Marshall Sokolovsky, the Soviet Commander in Germany.

At the news conference today, he stated ~~it~~ "a third world war is being prepared. I know," said he "that the politburo's policy is based on fostering a third world war, and has nothing in common with the interests of my people or any other people in the world. Therefore" he added, "I refuse to participate in this policy and I am going over to the camp of its most resolute enemies."

The dramatic thing was to invite to this press concerence a ~~my~~ number of Soviet newsmen, and they proceeded to question Colonel Tokayev, former aide to Marshall Sokolovsky. Their factual journalistic attitude is ~~is~~ indicated by their questions.

Tokayev replied as follows "what Soviet correspondents call treachery is, according to the people of Russia who are striving for freedom, the exact opposite. Treachery" he said, "is only what is directed against the interests of the people."

A Soviet newsmen asked another question. "in whose pay are you?" he demanded.

To which Tokayev responded "I am not used to selling my conscience, as Communist agents do."

It was hardly what you would call factual news reporting - the fugitive officer handing back sharp retorts.

## LOMAKIN

In Sweden today, arrived our own recent ex-guest, Lomakin. The former Soviet Consul General at New York, who was ordered out because of the case of Mrs. Kosenkina, has completed his trans-Atlantic voyage - having taken a Swedish liner out of New York.

We wondered what would happen to Lomakin, going home. Would he be out of favor, after the way he fumbled things in New York? Or would the Soviets keep him in their good graces - having issued full scale approval of Lomakin's mad conduct? Well, he's going to the next meeting of the General Assembly of the United Nations in Paris - appointed an adviser to the Moscow delegation.

So, now on his way to Paris, he arrived in Sweden today, and was immediately besieged by newsmen.

He refused to answer any questions, but was all

smiles -- and except once--that was when Mrs.

Lomakin was asked a question -- and answered it.

She was asked had she ever been in Sweden before?

Her answer was pleasant and well mannered. She said - no, but she had heard that Sweden was, what she called - "a well run little country."

That was what wiped the smile off Lomakin's face. He whirled around at the Missus, and blurted at her in angry Russian. Whereupon she blushed, and walked on - looking embarrassed.

Well run little country?! What a monstrous thing to say about any place this side of the Iron Curtain!

And now Jay Simma - what have you to say?

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Rioting in Czechoslovakia tonight, the city of Prague -- huge crowds breaking through to pay a last farewell to former President Benes. Immense throngs gathered, as Benes lay in state -- the longtime Liberal who symbolized the last freedom of Czechoslovakia. Tonight the Red Police tried to close the doors on the tens of thousands who were waiting, and this resulted in violence, crowds fighting the Police -- and breaking through.

It's not clear how far the riot had any anti-Communist significance -- but the Red Government has given warning that at the funeral, tomorrow, there will be stern suppression of any demonstration against Communist dictatorship.



SUBSTITUTE BERLIN NEGOTIATIONS

( We hear that the breakdown of the <sup>Berlin</sup> negotiations between the Generals today is because of disputes about the control of currency in Berlin. ) ~~It was agreed in the Moscow negotiations that the Soviet mark should be the official money, but the Western Allies should have a share in the control of that Russian-sponsored cash. The western commanders could not agree with Soviet Marshall Sokolovsky on that point -- and they disagreed, likewise,~~

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~~about the amounts of coal and steel the Soviet Zone should get from the industrial area of the Ruhr, Western Germany. In Moscow, it was agreed that the Soviets should get Ruhr coal and steel -- the Generals to decide how much. But they couldn't.~~

*The Four Power military commanders had*  
~~at~~ <sup>^</sup> a long meeting today, after which it was announced that ~~there~~ <sup>they</sup> would ~~be~~ <sup>have</sup> no get-together tomorrow -- their disagreement being referred back to their respective

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governments. Berlin thinks that Washington, London, Paris and Moscow, after studying the matter may tell the Generals to have another try -- and so there may be another meeting of the military command later in the week.

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Meanwhile, (the Red riots in Berlin have produced a logical conclusion. The City Assembly, non-Communist, today moved officially from the Soviet Zone to Western Berlin, whereupon the Communist minority in the City Assembly announced that it would not follow, but would hold its own sessions in the Soviet Zone. Meaning -- that Berlin tonight has two ~~legal~~ administrations, the legal non-Communist majority and the Red factions setting up a rump assembly.)

## SUBSTITUTE FRANCE

In Paris, the overthrow of the Cabinet tonight came about when the Socialists and Radical Socialists deserted Premier Schumann. He formed his Cabinet only three days ago, <sup>and</sup> today demanded a vote of confidence.

This was refused by a narrow majority, when the Socialist and Radical Socialists voted -- "no". <sup>which</sup> ~~they~~ represents a split in the ranks of the Radical Socialists because immediately afterward their leader, the veteran Edouard Heriott, resigned as Party Leader.

Defeated Premier Schumann went to President Auriol tonight and handed in his resignation, Auriol asking him to head a tentative <sup>ministry</sup> ~~Cabinet~~, "a caretaker Cabinet", until something <sup>can</sup> ~~could~~ be done about finding a new premier.

The fall of the three day-old Schumann government makes <sup>the</sup> third political crisis that France has had in three weeks. <sup>So</sup> it looks like political chaos.

## HYDERABAD

War has broken out between the Dominion of India and the princely state of Hyderabad. So announced today by the Prime Minister of India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. He stated that a party of troops of the regular army of Hyderabad invaded dominion territory, with armored cars, and attacked forces of the Dominion army - a battle resulting. <sup>P</sup> In response to this, Prime Minister Nehru today made demands on Hyderabad. He declared that the invading soldiers were - Razakars. That is, members of an extremist Moslem organization. So he insisted that the Razakars must be disbanded. Also - that the Dominion of India be granted the right to station its troops in Hyderabad to restore law and order.

When this word was conveyed to Hyderabad, <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ government official there made the following comment:

"Apparently, this means war," said he.

The meaning of all this is emphasized by a glance at Hyderabad. Situated on the plateau of southern India, it's the largest princely state in Hindustan - population more than

twelve million. The Nizam is the greatest of the maharajahs, considered to be the richest man in the world. The capital city of Hyderabad is the fourth largest <sup>city</sup> ~~town~~ of India, exceeded only by New Delhi, Calcutta and Bombay. This is a powerful ~~princely~~ principality, as large as some European nations - with its own government and its own army.

~~In the settlement that is being made following the independence of Hindustan, one of the difficult questions has been that of the Indian princes. They are all sorts, from small to great - and most have joined up with the new Hindu state, the Dominion - once fabulous potentates becoming rulers in a name only. The two great exceptions have been - Kashmir, where a sporadic war has been going on for some time. And - Hyderabad, where war now threatens. The Nizam of Hyderabad has resolutely refused to join the Hindu Dominion, insisting on maintaining his independence. The paradox in the matters is that the Nizam and his government are Mohammedans, while the vast majority of the population are Hindus - and Hyderabad is entirely surrounded by Hindu states.~~