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SUB LEAD KIDNAP

The details of the kidnap murder that has shocked the nation - are on all the press wires tonight.

Detective Lieutenant Louis Shoulders of the St. Louis police force, got a call from a taxi driver who said - he had a "hot" tip. The cab driver described an individual with a lot of money and a gun - throwing the money around freely; He had instructed the driver to bring a girl to an apartment, where he would be admitted with a pass word. He acted like a criminal, said the cab man.

They went to the place, gave the pass word, and were admitted. The detective arresting - Carl Austin Hall, who had seven hundred dollars in his wallet, and two suitcases stuffed full of money.

Some three hundred thousand in all. Ransom money paid for the release of the six year old boy - Bobby Greenlease kidnapped in Kansas City.

Hall turns out to be the spendthrift son of a prominent Kansas Attorney. In four years he dissipated an inheritance of two hundred thousand dollars from his father, then ~~became a hold-up robber~~ ^{took up a career of crime -} serving a term in the Missouri penitentiary. He admitted his part in the kidnapping, ~~the tragic truth~~ ^{and} that the six year old boy had been murdered.

He named Mrs. Bonnie Heady, as the red-headed woman who enticed Bobby Greenlease from a convent school, telling the nuns that she was his aunt. She was arrested and turned out to be a widow of a desperado - who was killed in a jail break from an Oklahoma penitentiary. She - having slipped him a gun for a ~~murderous~~ escape. She claims she did not know it was a kidnap, and says Hall told her that Bobby Greenlease was really his own son.

Hall says he planned the kidnapping for two years, and blames another accomplice for the actual murder. He says he turned the boy over to Thomas John Marsh, a criminal with a record, who took the

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victim to a bungalow in St. Joseph Missouri. Hall says that when he went to the place he found the body, and buried it in the back yard.

After that, he and ~~Bonnie~~ ^{the} Heady ^{woman}, contacted the Greenlease family in Kansas City, and collected the ransom of six hundred thousand dollars. Then the two quarreled and she left him. He ~~went off with~~ ^{joined} another woman - who made off with three ~~hundred~~ hundred thousand dollars of the ransom money. Apparently, the police have recovered most of that.

Tonight, the search is on for Marsh, the other member of the kidnap trio. All three are liable under Missouri Law, where the penalty for kidnapping is - death.

PRISONERS

The U N agrees with the Reds about the possibility of prisoners staging a mass break-out. Both sides ^{are saying} ~~agree that~~ this should be prevented. Syngman Rhee, to be kept from carrying out his threat to liberate the prisoners.

According to the Communists, any such break-out would end the armistice in Korea. The Australian Red, Wilfred Burchett, stated the Communist position like this: "If you touch the prisoners-of-war, you blow up the armistice." And Burchett added that if R O K soldiers over-ran the camp, "we will welcome them with open arms and open sights."

Meaning that the Reds will fire on any South Koreans who try to help prisoners get away.

The U N also states that the camp should be guarded - that allied troops would protect the Indians who are patrolling the area. According to General Blackshear Bryan, Senior U N member there, "our side will discharge its security ~~XX~~ requirements one hundred percent."

So we agree with the RMK Reds about the Syngman Rhee KX threats. But this is as far as the agreement goes. We still demand that the "explainers" finish their work by December twenty-fourth. The Reds want more time--but we say no. And the Indians are supporting us in this.

LANDSLIDE

From Oslo, Norway, comes word of a tremendous avalanche. A cliffside giving way on a front a mile wide. The cliff stands just above Oslo fjord. When part of it collapsed today, one whole area was buried under tons of earth and rock. One bus completely covered, and a length of railroad destroyed. A train on the run to Gothenberg, Sweden, stopped just in time. But the bus was not so fortunate. It was running slightly ahead of time - and so was caught in the catastrophe.

A number of houses in the area were damaged. And two villas were hit directly - one knocked over, and the other tilted to a steep angle. Automobile roofs protruding here and there.

A dispatch from Oslo tells of the cliff giving with a tremendous roar. The probable cause, blasting in the harbor. The explosions loosening the underlying rock; starting the landslide going.

Says one eye-witness:-



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"I suddenly noticed that the ground was beginning to quiver under my feet. Hardly had I become aware of that - before the earth began to crack, and large crevasses opened up around me." Then he went on, "suddenly I heard a thunderous roar - and everything around me disappeared. - Except the part he was standing on.

Troops and rescue workers have been rushed to the area and are searching for victims of the landslide. No one knows how many lives were lost.

~~Today.~~

~~over~~ Behind the Iron Curtain, the German Reds are celebrating the fourth anniversary of their regime. And today the Communist dominated Parliament of East Germany re-elected Wilhelm Pieck as President. The election took less than ten minutes. At a signal from the speaker, the members rose to their feet and signalled their approval of Pieck by a show of hands. That's all there was to it - a typical Communist vote.

But everything isn't going well with the Reds. Today was to have seen a massive celebration - a big scale rally to cheer the President. ~~But only about a~~ hundred thousand ^{Faithful} ~~perhaps~~ turned out. ~~But~~ Last year, they ^{numbered} ~~figure was~~ over half a million. This time, there were no workers' delegations on hand - no representatives from the factories to thank the Communist President for what he has done. A dispatch from Berlin describes the Pieck regime as afraid to bring workers into Berlin - because the workers are still rebellious.

SPACE

Here are a lot
~~Tonight we have a flock~~ of denials. N B C

says: "We had nothing ~~in~~ whatever to do with it".
Tex McCrary and Jinx Falkenburg declare - they had nothing to do with it. Major Donald Kehoe, author of the book "Flying saucers from outer space" is equally positive - it was no doing of his. The same from the publishers, Henry Holt and Company. "We would never consider such a stunt," they protest.

Today, Tex McCrary and Jinx Falkenburg were interviewing the Major on the subject of flying ~~saucers~~ saucers, when a telephone call came to the studio. The producer of the show answered, and a thin voice gave a weird warning - to stop talking about flying saucers or the world would be destroyed.

The producer handed the telephone to Tex McCrary, and the warning was repeated, with variations: "This is a voice from outer space. I warn you ~~all~~ earthmen to stop talking about flying saucers, about bombs, and preparations for war. Unless you learn to live in peace" the thin voice added, "your planet will be

annihilated."

This kept on for five minutes, Tex put the telephone instrument near a microphone, and the weird voice went on the air - with fantastic details. The speaker said he was calling from a space ship over Los Angeles. Then, in a few seconds, he was over Salt Lake City - he was ~~XXXX~~ travelling fast. Then a blood-curdling statement as follows: "You cannot see me - and you could not bear the sight if you could. It would be too hideous."

You can imagine the deluge of telephone calls that came in from the startled telephone audience - hearing all that. Attempts were made to trace the call, but it was no go. The only clue is that the thin voice, in a high key, had a German accent. Maybe the ^(inhabitants) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ of Mars are Germans.

It is noted that the whole thing sounded a lot like the plot of a science fiction novel, published recently. Maybe it was a stunt perpetrated by some crank. But, we are assured, it was not the

doing of a press agent -- though a press agent could hardly have done better.

PARTY

A Spanish millionaire sues the Vatican newspaper. The Marquis de Cuevas claiming damages for slander. The suit, a result of the newspaper's comments on that party he gave at Biarritz only a few weeks ago.

The party, one of the most lavish since the war, was denounced by the Vatican newspaper. The *Observatore Romano* called it "an ostentatious affair, vain, sensual, barbarically disordered, immoral in all its aspects."

The Marquis de Cuevas says, "that's slander". He explains that he was asked to stage that party to help boost the French tourist trade! Also that the Bishop of Bayonne knew all about it in advance. According to the Spanish Marquis, the whole area of Biarritz benefited from his gigantic shindig. In his words, "the five main hotels of Biarritz were able to pay their back taxes, and then he adds:- "the sum which I spent represented more than one million dollars worth of publicity for the Basque area of France."

So the Marquis de Cuevas feels that his party was for the good of La Belle France. And he doesn't like to hear it described as "an ostentatious affair, vain, sensual, - barbaric, immoral and so on. And he demands damages from the Observatore Romano. How much damages? Oh, only what he calls "symbolic damages" one franc. The Marquis thinks that this would satisfy his honor, so he demands his one franc from the Vatican.

FAROUK

Ex-King Farouk loses his millions. At least, he loses everything he couldn't take out of Egypt, when he ~~first~~ fled into exile. The Naguib regime reveals that all the Farouk possessions in Egypt will be sold - and the money will go to the government. A dispatch from Cairo gives a ~~tabulation~~ ^{And} of Farouk's holdings. ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ Egypt. It sounds as if the government ~~will~~ ^{should} make quite ~~a big~~ ^{piastres} from the sale. The tabulation shows that Farouk owned millions in property and in stocks and bonds; ~~also~~ ^{also} ten palaces, twenty yachts, a river-boat for use on the Nile, ~~plus~~ ^{plus} thousands of art treasures, and ~~many many~~ ^{endless} acres of the best land in Egypt.

All these will now be put up for sale. Formerly, strong man Naguib was nominally custodian for the exiled monarch. But now the strong man decides to dispossess Farouk. In particular, the royal domains will be broken up and sold to the peasants. This, a part of Naguib's land reform. And that ~~is~~ river boat that Farouk used on the Nile - it's to become a floating tourist hotel. It's described as too lavish

to be sold to a private owner. But those ten palaces are up for sale. So any Egyptian with the money, and the inclination, can buy a royal palace for himself.

The money from all these sales will go into Naguib's plan for social reform. None of it at all to go to Farouk. But the ex-King doesn't become exactly a pauper. While he was still on the throne, he transferred large sums of money abroad. And so he'll have enough to get by during the rest of his exile.

CHADWICK

A dispatch from Istanbul tells of Florence Chadwick doing it again. This time the Bosphorus, the Strait between Europe and Asia. What's more, she did it both ways. She set out from the European side, swam the mile and a half to the other side in a little over forty minutes. Then she swam back in a little over an hour and a half. Her time is described as the first official record for swimming the Bosphorus. Many others have made it - but left no record of how long it took.

Miss Chadwick, conquerer of the English Channel and the Straits of Gibraltar, asked did she find any difference in the Bosphorus replied that "the current was very strong, but the water warmer than the Channel." Then she added: "and it was easier getting across the Bosphorus than crossing at Gibraltar" - from Spain to Africa - at the Pillars of Hercules.

The California stenog says she isn't through yet. What next? She wants to swim the

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Dardanelles - at the other end of the Sea of Marmora.

If she makes that one then she'll go for no more records. I suppose, Mike, like a boxer hanging up his gloves she'll take off her Bikini and hang it up.