

Two Kidnap Cases Still Occupy FBI

22,700 Suspects in Mattson Murder Quizzed; No Clue To Levine Child's Killer.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 7.—(AP)—Breaking a long silence on the nation's most enigmatic and fiendish kidnappings, J. Edgar Hoover, director, revealed today the FBI still has 500 suspects of the Charles Mattson abduction-slaying.

And, he declared, his department never will relax its relentless search for the kidnaper of the Mattson boy nor the killers of Peter David Levine, New York state's youthful 1938 kidnapping victim.

Hoover, replying to questions on the Mattson case submitted to him by the Associated Press, said agents are still specifically assigned to the almost three-year-old quest for the man who kidnapped the 10-year-old son of a prominent doctor and left the boy's mutilated body in a snow-covered thick of near Everett, Wash.

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"After the abduction of Charles Fletcher Mattson on Dec. 27, 1936," Hoover wrote from Washington, D. C., "a total of 22,700 suspects have been reported to the bureau and all but 500 have been eliminated. A special squad of agents is still working on this case, covering every possible lead. To date, fingerprint experts have examined over six million fingerprints in an effort to secure the identifying data which might lead to the identification of the kidnaper."

Pointing out all but two kidnappings have been "completely solved" of a total of 169 cases investigated since passage of the federal kidnapping act in 1932, Hoover wrote:

"The two unsolved cases involving Charles Fletcher Mattson and Peter David Levine, who was abducted on the evening of February 24, 1938, near New Rochelle, New York, will never be closed until the identity of the wrongdoers has been established and they have been brought to justice."

Agents Still on Job

Agents are working quietly in Tacoma. Periodically reports come out of the courthouse that "the Mattson children are looking over another suspect." Identity of the agents is kept secret.

Key figures in attempts to identify the dark, heavy-bearded man who abducted the children are the two Mattson children, William, now 18, and Muriel, 16, and Virginia Chatfield, 17, of Seattle.

They got a glimpse of the abductor when Charles was taken from the Mattson home, Miss Chatfield was a house guest at the time.

The poster issued in an effort to catch the kidnaper has resulted in the huge number of suspects. An artist composed the abductor's picture from descriptions the three children supplied. One transient was arrested so many times he secured an affidavit signed by several police officials testifying "this man has been investigated in connection with the Mattson case."

Dr. Charles Mattson continues to carry on a brick medical practice. Mrs. Mattson has aged considerably since her youngest child was kidnapped.

The FBI's official reward for information leading to the kidnaper's arrest has been withdrawn. Several other rewards, including one by the state of Washington, are still offered.

Jobless Pay Body Fights Inspection

SALEM, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The state unemployment compensation commission, in its first attempt to subvert its books from public inspection, asked the state supreme court today to prevent Emmet T. Rogers of Portland, counselor for the tax reduction and control bureau, from inspecting the books.

Rogers, who has a suit pending in which he charges the commission's accounting methods are improper, was granted the right to inspect the books by Circuit Judge Levellin, but the commission asked the high court today to reverse this ruling on grounds the records are confidential.

The supreme court denied Rogers the right to intervene in today's case.

At a commission hearing yesterday, Rogers recommended that the commission's reserve fund be established at \$2,500,000, while Paul Girarde, president of the State Fed-

Famous Resort Operator Passes



Spencer Penrose

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 7.—(AP)—Spencer Penrose, 74, who built an elaborate playground at suburban Broadmoor after making a fortune out of mining, died at his home today.

He had suffered from a throat ailment for six months.

In the 80's, after his graduation from Harvard, Penrose joined the Cripple Creek gold rush. He succeeded there—both financially and as a welcome member of the roistering, hard-drinking crowd that sought gold on Bull Hill.

After amassing a fortune from mining promotions, Penrose built the Broadmoor hotel, adding a golf course, polo grounds, zoo and ice skating rink to make it one of the best known resorts in the country. He at one time operated scenic drives up three mountains, including Pikes Peak, and the Pikes Peak cog railway.

A native of Philadelphia, Penrose was a brother of the late Boies Penrose, republican senator from Philadelphia. He was one of the men who picked Warren G. Harding as candidate for the presidency at the "hotel room" conference of 1920. At Smith's anti-prohibition stand waned Penrose away from his party temporarily in 1928. But in 1932 he supported Hoover.

eration of Labor, said \$12,000,000 would be a proper figure. The commission, before January 1, must determine how large the fund should be to guard against its becoming insolvent.

The fund now totals \$8,500,000, compared with a low last June of \$4,800,000 and a recent high of \$8,104,000.

Four Solons Stand Pat on New Deal

SEATTLE, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Four United States senators from widely scattered sections told the Seattle Young Men's Democratic club last night what, in their opinion, the democratic party is going to do in 1940.

The speakers were Sens. L. B. Schwellenbach, Washington; Dennis Chavez, New Mexico; Harry S. Truman, Missouri and Sherman Minton, Indiana. The latter three are members of the congressional party making a study of national defenses on the west coast.

Each in his own style said the party will not retreat or recede from the principles and policies of the present administration. Democracy, they said, will continue to fight on the New Deal front.

"Our program," Schwellenbach said, "will be to so conduct the nation's affairs that no incident can arise that might lead to war; to build up a defense that will make all foreign aggressors know they had better not monkey with North or South America and to insure domestic peace by continuing to solve the needs and problems of our people."

"At the democratic convention we will write a platform that reinforces the New Deal and the ideals of Franklin D. Roosevelt 100 per cent and there will be no backsliding of democracy in the following elections."

Chavez asserted that democrats need not identify themselves as liberals or progressives for "ours has always been the liberal party and the party of progress."

The modern world uses two kinds of time: Sidereal time, which is absolutely correct, and solar time, which is not entirely accurate except on or about March 21 of each year. This latter time scale is the one in common use.

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Deficit Problem Faces GOP Chiefs

Clearing Away of \$700,000 Debt Desired Before Start of Presidential Campaign.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—A score of republican leaders, meeting to discuss ways of wiping out the party's \$700,000 deficit, voiced various dissimilar views today on the question of when to hold the 1940 presidential nominating convention.

Opinions ranged from that of R. B. Cragger of Texas who favored a date in July or early August to that of Mrs. John E. Hillman of Colorado who declared she personally was for a meeting at the usual time, in June.

Although it will not be decided until the full republican national committee meets here in January or February, the convention date proved to be a topic sharing interest among the executive committee members of the national committee with discussion of Thomas E. Dewey's initial presidential speech in Minneapolis last night.

Dewey Speech Praised

"It was a splendid speech," said Henry P. Fletcher of Rhode Island, former national committee chairman, and now its general counsel. Regarding a convention date, Fletcher suggested July instead of June "even if Roosevelt does want it late."

He added, however, he had an open mind on the subject. Daniel E. Pomeroy of New Jersey, a national committee vice chairman, said he thought the first speech Dewey has made since announcing for the republican nomination "was a knockout."

Rep. Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts, house republican leader, said it was "a very good speech."

He warned the convention should not be postponed too long because "we want to get our story before the voters."

F. E. Targatz, Ohio national committeeman, said considering it was Dewey's first speech he thought "it was very well done."

Want Debt Cleared

The \$700,000 deficit was left over from the unsuccessful 1936 presidential race. "We are going to try to get this deficit out of the way before the next campaign starts," said Rep. Martin.

Before the meeting began, John Hamilton, national committee chairman, praised the morale of the party and forecast victory next year.

Some others attending said fundraising for 1940 was going to be rather difficult for both major parties.

In any event, they added, the total sought by the republicans would fall far short of the \$8,892,551 spent in 1936. Part of that went toward a 1932 deficit and part was spent for senatorial and congressional campaigns.

Distinction Between 2 Types of Seals Stated

In response to several inquiries that have been received at campaign headquarters regarding the American Red Cross and the red double-barred cross of the tuberculosis Christmas seal campaign now going on, Mrs. C. E. Roberts, county chairman, today issued the following statement:

"In 1929, by mutual agreement, the alliance between the American Red Cross and the National Tuberculosis association was dissolved. This alliance had been formed in 1910. Since then the double-barred cross has appeared on all of the National Tuberculosis association seals, which are now known as 'tuberculosis Christmas seals' and not as Red Cross seals."

"It was in 1907 that Christmas seals were first sold in the United States. In Wilmington, Del., by Miss Emily Bissell, who wished to raise funds for a little open air hospital, where poor victims of tuberculosis were brought back to health. With \$40 Miss Bissell had 50,000 stamps printed. That was the basis of the campaign as we know it, a campaign that has done so much to rouse a nation against disease."

Northwest Posts 44 Hunting Deaths

(By the Associated Press)

Your chances of stopping a bullet or shattering a bone while hunting in the woods are twice as great as your chances of being hit by an automobile and killed on Seattle streets.

This was shown in an Associated Press survey today which disclosed 44 hunting deaths in Washington, Oregon, northern Idaho and British Columbia since September 1.

Of this number, 41 were directly attributable to wounds received from firearms. Two others died of heart attacks induced by over-exertion, and another died in an automobile crash while returning from a bird hunting expedition.

During the same period, Seattle traffic and safety council figures showed 19 persons lost their lives in traffic accidents—less than half the toll of the woods and fields.

The state of Washington led in the number of deaths—29, with 17 dying of wounds, two from heart attacks while hunting and one in the aforementioned automobile crash.

Oregon and British Columbia were second with eleven apiece. British Columbia records dated from September 1. Oregon figures from mid-September. Two deaths were reported in the Orofino section of north Idaho—in each case a brother dying from a shot from a brother's weapon.

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New O. S. C. Prexy May Be Chosen Next Week

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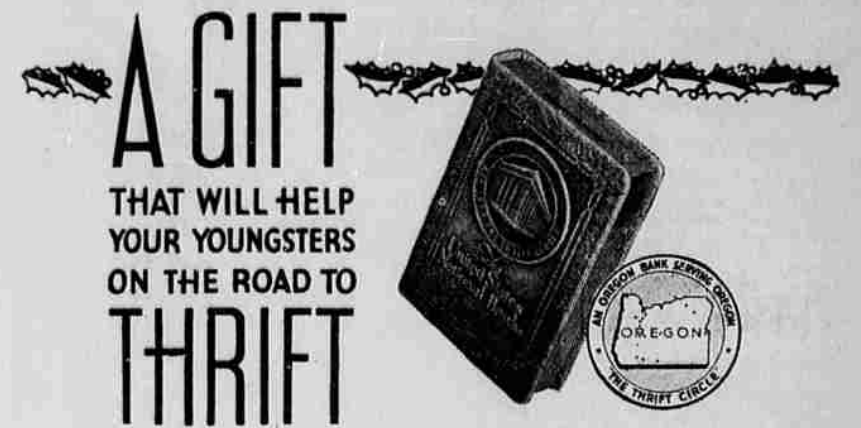
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Japs Plan Treaty With Soviet as Swat at U. S.

TOKYO, Dec. 7.—(AP)—It was learned on reliable authority today that conversations looking toward a non-aggression pact with soviet Russia now are in progress, although observers expressed belief they might be intended by Japan merely for effect abroad—particularly in the United States.

The United States has denounced its trade treaty with Japan, effective Jan. 26; and Ambassador Grew has expressed resentment at Japanese treatment of American interests in China.

Here From Eugene—W. L. Seward, federal appraiser from Eugene, was in town Wednesday attending to business.



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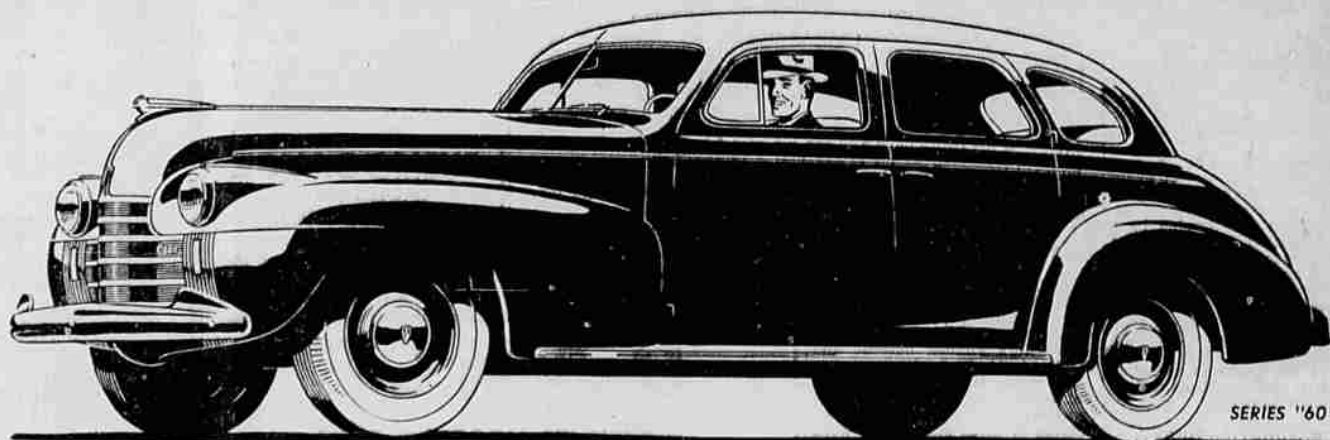
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