

### Dragnet Spreads for Murderer-Kidnaper

BLTYHE, Calif., Jan. 6-(AP)—A desperado feared to have killed eight persons, including an Illinois family of five, was sought tonight throughout southern California's sparsely-settled Imperial valley. He was believed armed with four guns.

One murder was charged to him definitely by the FBI, and a sheriff's deputy he kidnaped today said he boasted of seven others. In all parts of the west, officers were alerted to hunt for William Edward Cook, short, curly-haired Missouri ex-convict. The FBI identified him as 24 years old, five feet, four and one-half inches tall. Sheriff Robert Ware gave this list of Cook's suspected victims:

Robert H. Dewey, 32, of Seattle, Wash., whose body was found at Ogilby, Calif., in the deputy's car shortly after the kidnaping. Carl Mosser, 33, his wife, Thelma, 29, and their three children, Donald Dean, seven, Gary Carl, five, and Pamela Sue, three. Their blood-spattered car was found last Wednesday near Tulsa, Okla. The Oklahoma highway patrol reported that Cook was definitely with the family at Winthrop, Ark., on Monday.

**Buried in Snow**  
Two unidentified men, buried in a snowdrift in Oklahoma. Homer Waldrip, 27, Riverside county deputy sheriff, reported Cook forced him at the point of a .38 automatic to drive into the desert, 40 miles south of here.

There, Waldrip said, he was trussed up by Cook, his own .38 automatic taken, and left on the highway. Farther south on the same road, officers later found the sheriff's car. Inside was Dewey's body, shot in the head. Dewey's blue Buick was missing. Parents of the Seattle oil company employe, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Dewey of Spring Valley, in San Diego county, said their son had a .22 caliber rifle and a .270 deer rifle in the car. Dewey had been visiting them over the holidays.

**Few Roads in Area**  
The search concentrated in Imperial county, a vast area but with few roads. Officers determined that Cook had not crossed into Arizona through the Yuma highway checking station, or into Mexico at Calexico. Waldrip told officers in El Centro that when Cook left him, he said: "I've murdered seven other people and I would just as soon murder you."

Waldrip said Cook did not identify the two men he said he buried in the snow, or the location in Oklahoma. Cook had been hunted throughout the day through Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. Waldrip escaped his bonds himself and was picked up by other officers as he walked along the highway in the direction his car had been driven.

Possibility that Cook had escaped road blocks set up on all highways in Imperial county arose late tonight, however, when a blue sedan without license plates was reported seen between Indio—95 miles west of here—and Redlands, 60 miles east of Los Angeles.

**'Can't Believe It'**  
SEATTLE, Jan. 6-(AP)—"I can't believe this is true." That was the exclamation of Mrs. Robert H. Dewey tonight when told her husband had been killed near Yuma, Ariz.

"Bob must have put up some opposition or something. He had a fight with him in the car," the slender blonde wife said. The wife, Louise, 29, returned here recently from visiting her parents in Illinois. She said Dewey left here last Wednesday and expected to return next week.

The Deweys lived here two and a half years, coming from Chicago. They were married seven years ago. **Wounded in War**  
Dewey, a captain in the army reserve, served two years overseas during World War II. He was wounded in France.

"I think Bob was driving through the desert down there to revisit some of the places where he trained with the seventh armored division," Mrs. Dewey said. "He probably stopped to help this man—Cook—he'd always do that if he thought someone was in trouble on the highway. "And death is what he got for it."

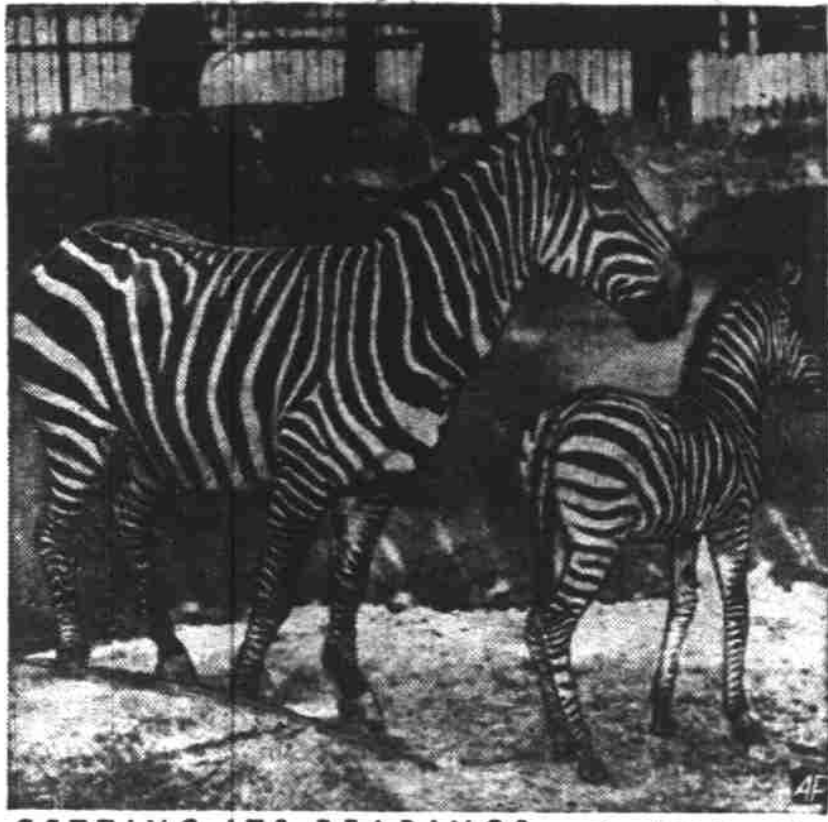
**Tremors Felt In Panama**  
PANAMA, Jan. 6-(AP)—A series of quakes hit sections of Panama and Venezuela last night and early today.

Minor property damage, but no casualties, were reported. Four shocks building up to the strongest here in seven years shook loose plaster in the canal zone. Damage in the interior was greater. Dispatches said the quakes sent populations fleeing in panic into the night in Penonome, Los Santos, and Santa Fe, southwest of this city.

Dispatches reported a light quake last night in the Andean mountain town of Humocaro Alto, in western Venezuela.

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**GETTING ITS BEARINGS**—An eight-day-old zebra colt born in the Cincinnati, Ohio, Zoological Garden, stays close to its mother during its first airing in the zoo yard.

### 4 Boys Held For Attempt To Blast Train

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 6-(AP)—William Murphy, agent in charge of the federal bureau of investigation in Phoenix, said today four teen-age boys had been arrested for placing dynamite under the rails of the Southern Pacific railroad line here.

A broken stick of dynamite, with a partly burned fuse and a detonator attached, was found by two railroad switchmen late last night. At the time sabotage was suspected. Murphy said leader of the gang is a 15-year-old boy and that each of the other three is only 16 years of age.

The FBI agent said the dynamite had been placed under the rail about six weeks ago. Murphy said he could ascribe no motive for the dynamiting attempt other than "malicious mischief." Names of the youths will not be released because of their extreme youth, he said.

### Salem Man Faces Charge

KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 6-(AP)—A charge of carrying a concealed weapon was placed against Ralph Henry Campbell, jr., 22, 605 Bryes ave., Salem, after his arrest in nearby Chemult.

Campbell approached a state police officer and said he wanted to give himself up. He handed over the gun. Police at Salem said they had no charges against Campbell.

### Albany Man Hurt in Wreck

David R. White, 29, Albany insurance man who was seriously injured in an auto accident Friday, remained in "poor" condition at Salem Memorial hospital Saturday night.

White, who suffered multiple fractures and cuts, was only occupant of a car which crashed into a underpass abutment north of Albany on the old Pacific highway Friday morning.

### Absent-Minded Driver Leaves Wife Behind

CUSSETA, Ga., Jan. 6-(AP)—Service station man J. W. Wright said he never saw a fellow leave in such a hurry. It happened yesterday, Wright said, when a motorist stopped for gas.

The fellow thought his wife was asleep in the back seat. But she wasn't asleep, or even in the seat. He thought back to his last stop, at Perry, Fla., 200 miles south. A telephone call confirmed his fears. He headed back—fast.

**JEEPS POPULAR**  
JAKARTA, Indonesia-(AP)—American jeeps and motor trucks are popular with the Indonesians. An official communique recently disclosed that 9,919 vehicles had been imported by 12 local companies. Of the total, more than 2,000 were jeeps and 3,000 trucks.

### Tallulah Bankhead Threatens Suit Over Testimony in Case

NEW YORK, Jan. 6-(AP)—Tallulah Bankhead, just about as furious as a woman can get, turned her wrath on a district attorney and another lawyer today. She said she got a prompt apology from Frank S. Hogan, the district attorney.

As for Lawyer Frederick G. Moritt, she said: "I'm suing him." The actress was raging over allegations made in court yesterday at the arraignment of her former secretary, Mrs. Evyleen Ramsey Cronin.

Mrs. Cronin was indicted on 32 counts of grand larceny and forgery for allegedly raising Miss Bankhead's checks. She has pleaded innocent. Miss Bankhead vehemently denied statements by Moritt, who appeared as Mrs. Cronin's lawyer.

She called him "a Yankee filibustering Bilbo and Rankin," and announced: "He'll rue the day he said it." Cites Expenses  
Moritt had said at the arraignment that the actress's expense account included "marihuana cigarettes, cocaine, champagne, booze and sex."

"As far as drink is concerned," Miss Bankhead said, "everyone knows my liquor bill is quite high enough. "God knows, I never have had to buy sex. And as for dope, even if I had been getting it—which I most certainly wasn't—do you think I'd have been paying for it by check?"

Miss Bankhead said she had been "terribly hurt" at statements attributed to District Attorney Frank S. Hogan that she was a "sucker" because she had failed to prosecute Mrs. Cronin. She said that today an official in Hogan's office issued a statement saying the district attorney had not meant to "single out Miss Bankhead for abuse."

She quoted the official as saying Hogan had been referring generally to architects and building contractors who had failed to tell the district attorney they were being swindled. What Hogan did say was that "people are being constantly victimized in this town. The town is full of suckers. The town is full of chiselers, and persons who are victimized haven't courage enough to come to the district attorney's office. That's the trouble in get-

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announced Saturday. The men are Dr. Bernard D. Brown and Dr. Kenneth L. Prince. A total of 46 candidates took the examinations in November.

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**27-INCH EARS**—Mary Deanne Carter shows the 27-inch ears of Sir Edward, champion English Lop of Ed. Schoeberl to be shown at Los Angeles County Fair, Pomona.

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