

## Shooting Described as Publicity Stunt Inspired by Hormel

HOLLYWOOD (UP)—A publicity man and an actor who confessed firing a shot into the home of meat packing heir George Hormel, insisted Thursday it was a "publicity stunt" they planned with Hormel.

Hollywood detectives last night booked Anthony Kent, 25, Hormel's press agent, and actor Fred Hartman, 37, both of Hollywood, on suspicion of "feloniously and maliciously discharging a gun into an inhabited dwelling."

Detectives said Kent admitted firing from a borrowed .22 rifle

into Hormel's three-story Laurel Canyon home while he and Hartman stood near their parked car. However, Kent claimed it was a publicity stunt they planned with Hormel.

Hormel was questioned by police for several hours Wednesday along with the two shooting suspects. He denied any complicity in the incident and was released.

Detectives A. W. Hubka and William Muniers quoted Kent as saying Hormel suggested the shooting as a way "to get even with the cops" for the heir's recent ar-

rest and trial on a narcotics charge.

Hormel, 36, now a nightclub pianist who only last week was acquitted of marijuana possession charges, told police a shot splintered a window in his home early Tuesday morning, narrowly missing him.

Hormel said he was talking on the telephone when the bullet crashed through the window and hit a wall only a few inches above him. He said he dropped to the floor to take cover, crawl-

ed to another room and called police.

Hormel claimed he was "framed" on the narcotics charge and after his acquittal threatened to go to the grand jury and ask for an investigation. At first he blamed Monday's shooting on "somebody who didn't like the verdict" at his trial.

**MUSICAL BURGLAR**  
GREENVILLE, R.I. (UP)—A thief with an ear for music broke into the home of Mrs. Kay K. Moore. He stole an old organ.

## Passenger Train Crashes Through Japanese Bridge

TOKYO (UP)—An electric train carrying about 30 passengers crashed through a bridge over the Teiryu River Thursday and National Police Headquarters said three were known dead, eight seriously injured and 39 hurt.

A police spokesman said a boulder that slid onto the tracks from a mountain caused the accident. The train hit the boulder and was derailed off the bridge.

About 44.3 per cent of farms had telephones at the time of a survey last July.

## Neuberger 'Shocked' at His Campaign Cost

CHICAGO (UP)—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore) said Thursday that even his own campaign expenditures were "shockingly high" and called for enactment of a "strict ceiling" on campaign funds.

Neuberger told a news conference that television has added tremendously to the cost of campaigning. He said the "big campaign" technique is a "threat to democratic society."

Neuberger, here to address a Bonds for Israel rally, said his own expenditures in the campaign last fall totaled \$103,000, and that his opponent's were even higher. He said he is working with a

group of "interested political activists" on a ceiling proposal. But he said he did not know whether the proposal would be submitted during the current session of Congress.

Neuberger said the ceiling probably should be based on the number of registered voters per state. "It should be low enough to force the candidate to go out and meet the people instead of relying on television," Neuberger said.

"TV is a very powerful and a very expensive medium," he said. He said television gives the public a distorted impression of a candidate. "Nowadays a candidate is coach-

ed by a dramatic school and painted up like Gilda Grey," he said.

"Campaign speeches have become theatrical productions with the candidates made up and coached by movie actors." He said elections "must not be reduced to personality contests."

**RAISE LOWERED**  
CHICAGO (INS)—Police Commissioner Timothy J. O'Connor of Chicago was granted a pay raise of \$5,000 a year. His new salary will be \$18,500. A motion was made to give him a \$7,500 raise but he had sent word to the City Council that it was too much.

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