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Armored Car Job and Brink's Holdup

Agents Link 2 Robberies

DANVERS, Mass. — (AP) — Investigators said Wednesday night that three bandits who snatched \$681,000 in the biggest armored car robbery in U.S. history may have had matching keys to "big baby" — the money carrying truck.

They expressed the opinion that the thieves obtained the keys by making a mold of keys kept in the Boston garage where the U.S. Trucking Corporation quarters its nine trucks.

It is the same garage where \$1,219,000 was seized by grotesquely masked gunmen two years ago from the armored vaults of Brink's, Inc., another money trucking company.

Investigators said it was a custom to hang keys to the trucks in a desk drawer nightly. The desk is two feet from an open garage door—just off the street.

IT WOULD have been an easy matter, detectives said, for a thief to get a quick impression of a key to any truck while watchmen were busy.

The truck from which the money was seized Tuesday while it was parked on Danvers' main street is known as "big baby" because it is one of the biggest in the company's fleet.

Investigators said that the dearth of witnesses who have

come forward with information indicates that some may fear reprisals. Although the theft occurred on a principal business street on a warm sunny spring day shortly before noon, the number of persons who noticed anything wrong was astonishingly few.

Detectives continued questioning of ex-convicts picked up in Boston but none was held as a suspect.

They disclosed that one of the three-man crew of the looted truck had within the past two years made deliveries to Greater Boston establishments just before they were held up. They explained, however, that this was only a coincidence and cast no suspicion on the employee.

Authorities expressed the opinion that there might be some connection between the Danvers theft and the Brink's robbery.

FBI agents visited the Boston garage which houses the Brink's vaults as well as the armored cars of the U. S. Trucking Corp. They did not disclose the purpose of their visit.

IN NEW YORK the trucking corporation said it planned to offer no reward for the apprehension of the robbers but that it understood the Commercial Union Assurance Co. of New York would. No one could be reached immediately for comment at the insurance firm.

A retired grain company driver told police Wednesday he witnessed the robbery; that it was perpetrated by four men wearing olive uniforms. Authorities are inclined to believe the man may have seen the guards as they discovered the robbery, although their uniforms are gray.

2 Men Nabbed In Wild Chase

PORTLAND — (AP) — Cars raced at a hair-raising clip through downtown Portland Wednesday, leaving a trail of bashed fenders and a broken barricade, before police finally nabbed two men.

Police started the chase when a West Side store clerk became suspicious of a man trying to pass a check. The man ran, and was picked up by another, driving a high-powered car.

A dozen police cars were used as the fleeing pair sped up one-way streets the wrong way, banged into parked cars as they turned corners at high speed, and broke through a heavy wooden barricade to reach an expressway. A few warning shots were fired in the chase.

Eventually booked on charges of forgery and obtaining money by false pretenses were Joseph Martin Bitz, 22, and Rodney Clinton Unger, 31. Bond was set at \$5000 each.

Police accused them of passing 15 worthless checks, using checks that disappeared earlier from the DuBois Matlack Lumber Company in Vancouver, Wash.

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MANVILLE'S NINTH? — Nightclub singer Ruth Webb (above) might become the ninth Mrs. Tommy Manville. The asbestos heir said he intended to make her his ninth bride, but he conceded he doesn't know her very well.

Potbelly Stove Sought by Men In Ice Island

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — (AP) — "Party all right. We plan to be some time. Drop us new potbelly stove, low range thermometer."

This was part of a message received from three men on a floating ice island in the Arctic Ocean about 80 miles from the North Pole by the crew of an Air Force B-29 Tuesday as it passed over the island on a regular flight to the pole.

The message was released Wednesday night by the Alaskan Air Command following return of the P-51 weather plane.

The ice islanders, who have been living on a five-by-eight mile chunk of ice since March 19, contacted the B-29 as it headed for the pole on a walkie-talkie, their only means of communication with the outside world.

In addition to the stove and thermometer, they asked the B-29 to parachute five gallons of ethyl alcohol to mix with their fuel, a theodolite surveying instrument, and surface observation equipment to get a weather station in operation.

They also asked that a C-47 scheduled to land on the island within the next few days with another scientist and a communications man, bring as much equipment as possible.

The semi-permanent weather camp is located on what has been named Fletcher's Island after Lt. Arctic explorer, who commands Col. Joseph O. Fletcher, veteran of the expedition.

Slush Hampers Attempt to Aid Starving Cattle

ELKO, Nev. — (AP) — Mud and diminishing funds Thursday plagued the ground-air battle to save isolated, starving cattle in Northeast Nevada.

Melting snow turned large areas into mud and slush, making it difficult for army ground equipment to get hay to suffering herds.

Federal and state officials sent a request to President Truman for \$50,000 more federal aid. They said the \$100,000 he had allotted the sector as a disaster area would be exhausted by Saturday.

The melting, hampering the ground push, increased the work of hay lifting cargo planes. The planes were called out originally to drop bales to 7,000 cattle. The figure now needing airdrops has been upped to 20,000.

Col. John H. Harrington, chief of the Nevada Military District, said Army equipment from Ogden, Utah, has opened 800 miles of roads. Civilian bulldozers have cleared another 300 miles. But ground crews figured at least another week of work remained.

Newton Crumley, a rancher coordinating the hay-dropping program, said the \$500-an-hour planes probably would have to continue for two or three more days.

STUDENT NOT SO GOOD — COVINGTON, Ky. — (AP) — Police arrested a man who drove a car in which he was taking a driving lesson into the living room of a house. Harold McCarty, 21, was charged with reckless driving, destruction of property, failure to have a driver's license and ignoring a stop sign.

Truce Talkers Swap Offers

Translation Brings Heated Outburst

MUNSAN, Korea — (AP) — Korean truce negotiators Thursday swapped detailed explanations of how they want to exchange prisoners of war as the U.N. command openly sought a compromise.

An official Allied spokesman said "Neither optimism nor pessimism is justified" at this point in the secret sessions.

In a nearby tent Communist tempers flared in a dispute over whether the U.N. Command represents the Korean people.

COL. DON O. DARROW inadvertently triggered the outburst while discussing a Korean translation of United Nations.

Darrow told the Communists they had no right to haggle over the point since "You seem to forget that I represent the Korean people also—those Allied with the United Nations."

"The Americans cannot represent the Korean people," North Korean Col. Chang Chun San retorted angrily.

Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckols, official U.N. spokesman, said the translation dispute has been regarded as a mere technicality, but it "is taking on some significance."

THE COMMUNISTS want the U.N. Command to be known in Korea as "Allied Forces." The U.N. prefers "International Allied Forces." One of these is about as close as you can come in Korea to United Nations.

The argument was in a session on supervising the truce.

Nuckols said both Allied and Communist staff officers working on prisoner exchange made "extensive statements which are apparently well-considered views."

He declined to comment "On what the views are and the extent of their divergence, if any."

Ambassador Greet Mrs. FDR in Manila

MANILA — (AP) — Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt arrived in Manila by air from Jakarta Thursday for a one-day stop on her world tour.

She was met by Ambassador and Mrs. Raymond Spruance, Foreign Secretary Joaquin Ellizalde, and representatives of women's organizations. She will leave for the United States Friday.

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