

Counterfeiting Charge Cites Stage Actors

Arrests Climax Two-Month Probe

LOS ANGELES (U)—Five men including two Hollywood stage actors arrested in the midst of a play, were due to be arraigned here Monday on charges of belonging to a \$300,000 counterfeit ring.

The six were among 12 persons arrested by Secret Service agents in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago and Dallas as a climax of a two-month investigation of a ring that tried to pass 15,000 fake \$20 bills.

STRIPPER SEIZED

Scheduled to appear before U. S. Commissioner Howard V. Calverley on charges of possessing and passing counterfeit money were Ralph E. Guffey, 25, Roger Halzlip, 29, George L. Lewis, 31, Glenard Schmidt, 29, and John Roche, 30.

A 17-year-old, strip teaser seized with the men was turned over to juvenile authorities. Her name was not disclosed.

In Chicago, two other men, William Guren, Los Angeles, and Robert Durand, San Francisco, were to be arraigned Monday.

Guy H. Spaman, Secret Service agent in charge at Los Angeles, said nearly \$240,000 was found in the possession of those arrested. He estimated at least \$50,000 worth of bogus bills had been passed, most of them in the West and the remainder in the Midwest, and still were not recovered.

SECRET SERVICE PROBE

Guffey and Halzlip were arrested Sunday in Hollywood. Spaman said Guffey had 19 of the bogus bills in his possession. Their arrest completed the roundup of all major suspects in the case.

Other arrests were made in Chicago, Dallas and San Francisco during the past nine days in a careful probe by the Secret Service.

Danny Mills, a San Francisco night club entertainer, still was sought in connection with the case but he apparently was not regarded as a major suspect. Spaman said the fake Federal Reserve notes were printed in a small printshop in the Los Angeles suburb of Bell by Glenard Schmidt, 29, and were described as "pretty good" although not good enough to fool an experienced bank teller.

Schmidt was arrested Friday while allegedly carrying \$129,000 worth of bills in a traveling case.

NABBED AT THEATER

Friday night, agents rang down the curtain on a Los Angeles production of "Charley's Aunt," nabbing Lewis and Roche as they waited in the stage wings for cues to go on stage.

Agents said they recovered more than \$9,000 in phony bills in a bag hidden in a crevice in the stage floor and more bogus bills in the actors' dressing rooms and in their cars.

The arrest of the actors halted the performance at the Caroussel Theater.

The first arrest was made in Dallas Jan. 1 when officers seized Millard O. Patterson and Kenneth A. Scott. Six days later, merchant seamen Ralph Stanley Williams, 22, and Merrit Gerhard Preston, 25, were arrested in San Rafael, near San Francisco.

Steam Age Ends

KANSAS CITY (U)—The age of steam has ended for the nation's third largest railroad terminal.

A diesel locomotive Sunday replaced the old steam engine on the Union Pacific's City of Salina, a local train operating between Kansas City and Salina, Kan. It was the last steam-propelled train on all railroads using the Kansas City terminal.

RED NATIONS LINKED

TOKYO (U)—Postal and telegraph communications were established between Red China and Communist North Viet Nam Jan. 1, Peiping radio said Monday.



AMERICANS AFTER RELEASE BY RUSSIANS—John H. Noble, 31, left, of Detroit, and Pvt. William Marchuk, 38, of Norristown, Pa., wear a smile on being released by the Russians in Berlin Saturday after several years captivity in Russia. The two Americans were reported as being in "apparently good shape" despite their long ordeal behind the Iron Curtain where they spent some time in a Siberian forced labor camp. The two were photographed after their release from the United States Military hospital in West Berlin where they were taken for a physical checkup.

Tariff Plan

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not exceeding 5 per cent annually for three years on selected products.

2. Cut any rates which exceed 50 per cent down to that level over the three-year period.

PLANS VIGOROUS FIGHT

3. Reduce by not more than one half, in three years, the tariffs on goods which are not now being imported or which now are being imported "only in negligible quantities."

In advance of dispatch of the special message to Capitol Hill, Eisenhower sides said he is determined to plug hard for the controversial program.

The day after the President delivered his State of the Union message last week, the Democratic National Committee put out a critical analysis of it. Noting the call for tariff reductions, the committee study said:

"The real question is not the content of the Eisenhower recommendations, but whether the President will fight for them, against GOP opposition, instead of surrendering, as he did in 1954."

In that report Eisenhower called anew for tariff-cutting authority. He said lowering trade barriers by the United States and other nations "promises us allies who are strong and self-reliant" and would lead to "a growing world market" for U.S. products.

GOP OPPOSITION

There still is strong Republican opposition to the administration trade program, particularly within the House Ways and Means Committee, where it must start its course through Congress.

But a bill to carry out the plan already has been introduced by the new Democratic chairman of the committee, Rep. Cooper of Tennessee, and House Speaker Rayburn has announced that the bill has top priority on the House calendar.

If the bill passes the House over opposition led by Representatives Daniel A. Reed of New York, Henkens of Ohio and Richard M. Simpson of Pennsylvania, the three senior GOP members on the Ways and Means Committee, the road appears likely to be smoother in the Senate, which must wait for House action.

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U. S. Presses for Release Of GI Held by Russians

WASHINGTON (U)—Diplomatic officials said Monday that the United States will continue to press for the freedom of Pvt. William A. Verdine, 28, of Starks, La., who was reported arrested by the Russians in 1949 and held in jail ever since.

The State Department also is giving some consideration to a request that Moscow be contacted about the detention of Mrs. Erika Glaser Wallach, wife of an American citizen, in a Siberian prison camp.

Verdine is being held in the same Russian prison camp where two other Americans, freed Saturday by the Soviets, were held. They are John H. Noble, 28, of

Life Expectancy Of 100 Predicted

DALLAS (U)—A New Jersey specialist in problems of old age envisions a normal life expectancy of 100 years for Americans as the result of research.

Dr. Edward Henderson, of Montclair, editor in chief of the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society, addressed the Texas Geriatric Society Sunday. Geriatrics is a branch of medicine dealing with old age and its diseases.

"We aren't groping in the dark," he said. "It is not as hopeless as some believe. You don't die just because you're old." He said between 1850 and 1950 the American's life expectancy increased from 38 to 68.

Cabbies on Strike

BOGOTA, Columbia (U)—Nearly 4,000 taxi drivers here have gone on strike for more police protection. They say in the past few months at least four drivers have been killed by passengers and a score or more beaten and robbed.

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Property Tax

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that coverage be extended to employers of fewer than four persons.

Oregon's jobless benefits, which are a maximum of \$25 a week for 26 weeks during any one year, fall far short of the original intention that benefits should amount to half of the weekly wage, the governor said.

HIKE PAYROLL TAXES

Increase payroll taxes, he declared, are needed to save the shrinking unemployment trust fund from being depleted.

Gov. Patterson rejected the Highway Commission's request for a two-cent a gallon gasoline tax increase to build new roads. But he did ask for an \$11,000,000 bond issue for roads.

The Highway Commission has spent all of the \$72,000,000 road bond money made available in the past five years.

On the power question, the governor asked the Legislature to send three memorials to the federal government. One would ask the government either to build John Day Dam at once, or to decide to build it in partnership with public and private agencies.

The other memorials would ask the government to complete Chief Joseph, McNary and The Dalles dams on schedule; and to build its portion of the Cougar Dam on the McKenzie, and Green Peter Dam on the Santiam.

CONTROL GROUND WATER

The governor called for legislation to control the use of ground water, and to create a state water resources board to take over the duties of the various basin commissions.

He asked for enough money to let the Oregon Development Commission study taxation and freight rates as they affect new industries which might come to Oregon.

The governor renewed his request, originally made two years ago when he first took office, that the state have a convention to write a new constitution.

He also asked that the three-man tax commission be replaced by a single tax commissioner, and that the Motor Vehicle Department be placed under a separate administrator. The governor would appoint heads of both of these departments.

The Motor Vehicle Department now is administered by the secretary of state.

Under another proposal, Portland State Extension Center would become a degree-granting institution.

As to the building program, Gov. Patterson asked the Legislature to appropriate money for the most vital parts of it, and then submit a bond issue to the people to get the rest of the money.

He mentioned three projects in his message. These are the \$14,000,000 mental hospital in the Portland area; the reformatory near Salem, and a classroom building for Portland State.

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Officer Foils 'Holdup' Man

OKLAHOMA CITY (U)—A passing motorist reported a service station was being robbed Sunday night, and an off-duty officer, hearing the police broadcast rushed unarmed to the scene.

Seeing the attendant with his hands up, officer R. E. Albee hurled a brick through the window and ordered the bandit to surrender. Then came the surprise.

The unnamed attendant said there was no robbery taking place. "This fellow bet me I couldn't hold my hands straight up for 15 minutes," he said. "I was just trying to win a bet."

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