

Washington Merry-go-round

Still 974 unsolved gang murders in Chicago area

By Drew Pearson

CHICAGO — Since 1919, there have been 974 gangland murders in Chicago. Only two have been solved.

Almost 1,000 times, members of the underworld have invoked their own law against law enforcement officers or members of their illicit profession — exactly as Joe Valachi has testified. And in all but two cases, the police, the courts, the FBI, and state prosecutors have been either powerless or unable to catch the murderer.

Three of the unsolved murders revolve around the case of James J. Ragen, head of the Continental Race Wire, who had given me permission to relay the underworld story to then Attorney General Tom Clark and who was bumped off by the mob in retaliation.

Three witnesses had seen the fruit truck pull up alongside Ragen's car at Pershing Road and State Street, had seen the tarpaulin cover pulled back and had watched three men machine-gun Ragen. Later they

identified the assassins as members of Jake "Greasy Thumb" Guzik's mob.

What followed illustrates why underworld murderers are not apprehended and why Joe Valachi, 14 years after the Ragen murder, testified truthfully that crime conditions remain about the same.

Of the three witnesses to the murder, two recanted after visits from Guzik's lawyers. One witness, Lucius Davidson, stuck to his story, said he could identify the murderers. He was kept in jail 73 days, presumably to protect him from being murdered, but it ruined his health and his business.

One of the men he identified, an ex-convict named William Block, took a lie detector test but took it on his own terms. Halfway through the test he threw off the apparatus, tore up the graphs which recorded his reactions, and protested to the operator: "You're asking me the wrong questions."

Two members of the police force worked hard to solve the mystery — Lt. William J. Drury, with whom I was in contact, and Capt. Thomas Connelly. They suspected three men. But when they pushed the probe too hard they were dismissed from the police force and later indicted for conspiracy to secure false testimony.

Later, when Sen. Estes Kefauver began his investigation of underworld crime, Lt. Drury was one of those who supplied him information. This was in 1950, just as the Kefauver probe was starting to get under way.

On Sept. 13 of that year, Drury telegraphed John E. Babb, Republican candidate for sheriff of Cook County, who had promised to clean up crime. Drury congratulated Babb and told him how when he had arrested Charles Fischetti, a leader of the old Capone mob, together with Frank Nitti, the opposing candidate for sheriff, Tubby Gilbert, had released them.

The telegram was sent on Sept. 13 and published in the press on that date. Thirteen days later, the ex-police lieutenant who had backed the underworld in Chicago put his car into his garage at 1843 Addison Street. He backed in, as he had done for many years. There were four shotgun blasts. Mrs. Drury ran out, she found her husband, his head almost blown from his body.

On that same night, Marvin J. Bas, an attorney who had given Kefauver a report on the gambling syndicate, was killed as he returned home. Neither murder has ever been solved, nor will it be.

It doesn't pay to fight the underworld in Chicago.

Leads turn up in slayer quest

PORTLAND (UPI) — Sheriff Donald Clark said today "several new leads" had turned up in the search for the slayer of Nona Jackson, 28, whose body was found Sunday.

The body of the divorcee and mother of three children was found near a lover's lane east of here. She apparently had been dead for more than three months.

Cause of death has not been determined. Detectives were trying to reconstruct the last days of her life. She was employed as a cocktail waitress and had been reported missing June 11.

Clouse facing Ohio charges

PORTLAND, Ore. (UPI) — Nolan Howard Clouse, 38, was to be returned to Cincinnati to face charges of passing counterfeit \$20 bills in Ohio, authorities said today.

Clouse was arrested in Roseburg, Ore., Tuesday by deputy U.S. Marshal Paul Thornberg on a Secret Service warrant issued Oct. 7 in Ohio.

Clouse waived a hearing on his return to Ohio before U.S. Commissioner Claire Mundorff.

A Secret Service spokesman said several arrests have been made in the Midwest in connection with passage of the bogus bills.

JOIN IN PLEA

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower and retired Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, American Red Cross president, joined Monday in a plea for everyone to become a "personal diplomat" in the fight for peace by joining the People-to-People Program.

Gruenther gave a progress report on the program at a news conference here in connection with an article Eisenhower wrote for the November issue of Reader's Digest.



MISS JEANNE ENGBRETSEN

Parents tell of engagement

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Engbretsen, 17 Terminal Place, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jeanne, to James R. Craig, Portland. The wedding is planned for December 28, at First Presbyterian Church in Bend.

Miss Engbretsen is employed in Eugene, at the Bronson Travel Bureau. A 1960 Bend High School graduate, she attended Southern Oregon College in Ashland.

Craig is district manager for Equitable Life Assurance Society in Portland. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Craig, Klamath Falls. He attended Klamath Falls High School and was a 1958 graduate of the University of Oregon, where he was affiliated with Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Goldwater step closer to being real candidate

CONCORD, N.H. (UPI) — Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., was a step closer today to being a full blooded presidential candidate.

During a "non-political" jaunt Tuesday to New Hampshire — home of the first-in-the-nation presidential primary March 10 — Goldwater just about let the cat out of his political bag.

"I don't know when I'll be up this way again, but I know it won't be too long," he told a news conference.

This was interpreted as confirmation that he would be campaigning in the state for its 14 electoral votes against the also-undeclared candidate Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York.

Later he tried to shrug off the reference as merely meaning that he always hoped to return to states he visited. But no one believed him on this point.

Board of Health to trim budget

PORTLAND (UPI) — The Oregon State Board of Health will cut its budget in part by not hiring new employees, State Health Officer Richard Wilcox said today.

Dr. Wilcox said a reduction of \$275,000 in the board's two-year budget would be accomplished, among other things, by not employing a public health physician, a health physicist, a director of administrative services, two public health engineers, two chemists, an instrument technician and more than a dozen other employees.

He also said present employees would receive one pay increase instead of two during the biennium and that a 75 per cent cut will be made in capital outlay.

Bishops accept offer to assume larger role

VATICAN CITY (UPI) — Roman Catholic bishops of the world voted overwhelmingly today to accept Pope Paul VI's invitation to assume a larger role in the government of the church.

In a series of historic ballots at the Ecumenical Council, the bishops by large majorities asserted that bishops "by divine right" share with the Pope "full and supreme authority over the universal church."

In another important vote today, the council fathers approved restoration of the ancient order of deacons. The deacons will be ordained clergymen performing some but not all of the duties of priests.

If the bishops of a country see fit, the deacons may be allowed to marry instead of observing clerical celibacy.

The actions were taken in a series of five crucial ballots on questions designed to test the fathers' sentiments on the two issues which have been most hotly disputed in a council debate on a document concerning the church.

The document has been under consideration since the current session opened on Sept. 29.

Four of the questions dealt with the single issue of declaring bishops to constitute a "college" which has a divine right to act in partnership with the Pope in formulating Catholic doctrine and administering the affairs of the church. The fifth question dealt with the deaconate, or body of deacons.

All five proposals were approved by majorities exceeding two-thirds, although a simple majority would have been sufficient.

The smallest majority mustered on any of the propositions was 1,566 to 325, on the restoration of the deacons.

After the momentous balloting, the fathers agreed to suspend debate on the church document and to take up Thursday another "schema" which defines practical ways in which the bishops may exercise their wider authority.

The bishops also gave final approval to the sixth chapter of the liturgical reform document which has been under consideration since the opening council session last year. The chapter deals with sacred music. Among other things, it encourages the adaptation and use of native music in Catholic worship services in mission countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Tuesday council fathers voted to include a discussion of Catholic beliefs about the Virgin Mary in a pending document on the church.

The result was considered a victory for council liberals, who had feared that a long, separate theological document on Mary might widen differences with the world's Protestants and make Christian unity more difficult to achieve.

Matson charts another barge

PORTLAND (UPI) — The Matson Navigation Company announced Tuesday it had chartered the barge M.L. Hood to replace a nother vessel which broke up in heavy seas.

The barge, chartered from the Oregon Coast Towing Co., will start loading Thursday. It will carry lumber to Hawaii. The barge Lumberjack ran aground in Humboldt Bay, Calif.

Blustery winds whip snow over northern New England

By United Press International

Blustery winds whipped snow across northern New England today. Three Northeastern states eased drought-imposed restrictions on the use of woodlands but North Carolina barred 26 counties to hunters.

Up to one foot of snow fell in Maine Tuesday and during the night.

Hurricane Ginny dumped more than 2½ inches of needed rain along the New England coast.

All restrictions on the use of forests were cancelled in Maine and Massachusetts. New Hampshire's ban was lifted either totally or partially in seven counties.

Newsman urge 'freedom' bill

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Three press representatives urged Congress Tuesday to approve the "freedom of information" bill as a means to curtail what they said were government attempts to withhold information.

The group testified at a Senate subcommittee hearing on a bill that would give the public and press greater access to government reports and provide for court appeals in cases where records were denied.

Endorsing the legislation were Eugene S. Pulliam, assistant publisher of the Indianapolis Star who spoke for the American Newspaper Publishers Association; Creed C. Black, vice president and executive editor of the Wilmington, Del., Morning News and Evening Journal, on behalf of the American Society of Newspaper Editors; and Henry T. Simmons of Newsweek Magazine.

Pulliam objected to current procedures which he said allow a government agency to keep information secret for such reasons as "good cause found" or "in the public interest." He said agencies also arbitrarily decide to make matters available only to "persons properly and directly concerned."

Temperatures

Temperatures during the 24 hours ending at 4 a.m. PDT today.

	High	Low	Pcp.
Bend	56	24	—
Astoria	58	43	1.21
Baker	55	25	—
Brookings	63	42	—
Klamath Falls	55	33	.04
Medford	57	34	—
Newport	58	47	.61
North Bend	57	44	.13
Pendleton	54	33	—
Portland	56	41	.02
Redmond	43	24	—
Salem	60	40	.07
The Dalles	60	38	—
Chicago	54	46	—
Los Angeles	77	59	—
New York	56	38	—
Phoenix	89	68	—
San Francisco	65	53	—
Washington	61	40	—

LOVERS BEWARE

MEXICO CITY (UPI) — The English-language Daily News said today the municipal traffic department has banned one-arm driving in Mexico City.

The newspaper said practices forbidden by the department include "embraces or other amorous practices while in a speeding vehicle."

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Car shortage may get worse

PORTLAND (UPI) — If the government carries through with its plan to sell wheat to Russia, a railroad freight car shortage is likely to get worse.

Robert S. Macfarlane, president of Northern Pacific Railway said Tuesday.

Macfarlane, in Portland on an inspection trip, said the Canadian wheat deal with Russia and talk about a similar American deal has caused the market

price for wheat to climb above support prices.

He said the result has been that farmers decided to sell their wheat, which was thrown on the market at a time when the peak movement of sorghum and soybeans was under way.

He said the present embargo on shipments of grain by rail to Pacific Northwest ports is considered unfair by the railroads and they are trying to get it lifted. He said, however, there were still between 3,000 and 4,000 carloads of grain on sidings in the Northwest waiting for unloading.

RURAL RUN MADE

A rural alarm at 2:50 p.m. Monday brought Bend firemen to the 1562 Elgin Avenue residence of Gertrude Hawkins, where smoke was spewing from a furnace pipe which had been pulled out of the flue. Firemen replaced it and used a smoke ejector. There was possible smoke damage to the dwelling.

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