

TAKE 2 SUSPECTS IN INVESTIGATION \$131,000 HOLDUP

START GAMBLING PROBE

Biggest in Recent Years Underway in New York by Jury

Frank Hogan Assumes Role Held by Dewey

New York, May 6—(U.P.)—The biggest gambling investigation in New York since the racket busting that made Thomas Dewey a national figure showed signs today that it may reveal the nerve center of the nation's underworld.

The investigation by grand juries in Manhattan and Brooklyn took on the Dewey "pattern" of getting the "big boys" through the "little fellows."

The testimony of 54-year-old Frank Erickson before a senate sub-committee added fuel to the investigation. Acting on Erickson's admission that he made a \$100,000 a year living gambling and had an account in the Pennsylvania Exchange bank in Manhattan, District Attorney Frank Hogan of Manhattan looked over Erickson's checks.

Hogan's men today questioned two more businessmen listed on Erickson's checking records, making eight questioned so far with ten more expected on Monday.

Hogan's men also were hunting for Henry Pellino, 49, Erickson's accountant, after seizing the records from Erickson's Park avenue office. Pellino whose name is on the office door, packed his wife, pet poodle and luggage in his car Monday and disappeared.

An Erickson henchman, 62-year-old Harry Richards has been in jail since Thursday on failure to get up \$100,000 bail and is reported "talking seriously about Erickson's 12-million dollar gambling domain."

In Brooklyn, one of the aides of underworld leader Joe Adonis is under guard of police who are "pumping" him for details of a \$10,000,000 racketeering combine.

The Brooklyn inquiry, led by District Attorney Miles McDonald, started out to uncover alleged "pay offs" for police protection but gradually has advanced to higher channels paralleling the Manhattan investigation.

Shippensburg, Pa., May 6—(U.P.)—An ex-convict, wanted for the slaying of a Philadelphia policeman, was critically wounded by state police tonight in a gun battle outside a supermarket.

A state police detail headed by Sergeant James Lichty was waiting outside the market for the fugitive, Albert N. Gnatz, 35, who had been the object of one of the greatest manhunts in Philadelphia's history.

Police said they had been tipped off that Gnatz had planned to hold up the market last Saturday before he was named as the suspected killer of Patrolman James Donohue in a 26-cent holdup at Philadelphia.

On the possibility that he might return to Shippensburg, the state police detail was posted outside the supermarket. Gnatz was recognized when he approached within about 100 feet of the waiting police.

He was told to halt and surrender but immediately drew a gun and fired four shots. Police returned his fire and Gnatz slumped to the street with a bullet wound in his head and one in each leg.



GET LICENSE—Actress Elizabeth Taylor and her fiancé, Conrad Hilton Jr., heir to a hotel fortune, smile happily as they fill out an application for marriage license at Santa Monica, Cal. They were married Saturday afternoon in Beverly Hills.

'Liz' Taylor Marries Nick Hilton in Small Hollywood Ceremony

Hollywood, May 6—(U.P.)—Elizabeth Taylor married Conrad (Nick) Hilton Jr., tonight with a murmured "I do" and then gave him a big kiss and a hug while 700 celebrities in the church chuckled.

The 18-year-old beauty, calm and serene, exchanged vows with her third fiance in the Church of The Good Shepherd in Beverly Hills.

She said, "with this ring I thee wed," so softly that the movie stars in the back of the church could hardly hear her. After the Rev. Monsignor Patrick J. Concanon pronounced the young lovers "united in the bonds of matrimony," young Hilton put his arm around the movie queen's waist and they kissed for five seconds.

Liz walked slowly down the yellow-carpeted aisle, a step behind her father so guests on both sides could see her. Van Johnson, Ginger Rogers, Janet Leigh, Joan Bennett, Gloria De Haven, Ann Miller, Dick Powell and June Allyson were among the guests who arrived so late they had to sit in the back.

The couple knelt before an altar banked with candles and yellow-and-white spring flowers while the priest prayed, "let not their prosperity cause them to forget Thee."

The traditional "love, honor and obey," was omitted from the 12 minute ceremony.

MGM Police Chief Whitey Ehndry leaped forward and untangled the edge of the \$3000 wedding dress. The crowd oohed and aahed as Liz scooped her white satin gown up almost to her knees and sped into the church.

Chrysler Workers OK Contract Big Margin

Detroit, May 6—(U.P.)—Chrysler workers officially ended their billion dollar strike today by voting overwhelmingly to accept a new contract giving them \$100 pensions and other benefits.

Balloting at a secret ratification election insured that the 89,000 strikers will return to their jobs starting Monday—104 days after they walked out.

Director Norman Matthews of the CIO United Auto Workers' Chrysler department said the count ran "about 10 to 1" in favor of the settlement. Approval had been a foregone conclusion after negotiators reached agreement Thursday.

Communists Begin Tanghai Assault; Last China Base

Nationalist Airmen Strike Back at Boats

Hong Kong, May 6—(U.P.)—The communists appeared today to have begun their long awaited assault on Tanghai, the last major nationalist base outside Formosa, and the nationalist air force struck back furiously at Red artillery positions and junk concentrations.

Immediate objective of the communist attack is Tanghai, the national air and naval base 90 miles south of Shanghai from which the coastal blockade is carried out.

The communists hold many of the small islands in the Chusan islands, some only a few miles from Tanghai.

Communist and nationalist artillery duelled Thursday night in what appeared to be a prelude to an all out Red assault. The nationalist air force was out early Saturday to strike the Red artillery positions and fleets of junks.

Tanghai is the major city of Chusan island, largest island in the Archipelago. The communists hold Kintang island five miles to the west, Tashia island six miles to the southwest and Taohua island 15 miles to the southeast. All the islands are only a few miles off the coast.

Air Force Strikes

Nationalist air force headquarters said it bombed and destroyed 30 junks on the south bank of Tashia Saturday morning, 20 junks off Tashia and 20 junks off Kintang. Other air force units hit artillery positions on the island and kept close watch on Red troop concentrations at Ningpo on the nearby coast.

A Tanghai report said Maj. Gen. Chiang Ching-kuo, eldest son of the generalissimo, arrived on his second visit in two weeks to the island's nationalist morale.

The island is 500 miles north of Formosa and the communists apparently hope to capture it before assaulting Formosa.

Famous Alaskan Ice Pack Breaks, Pays

Nenana, Alaska, May 6—(U.P.)—The ice pack broke in the Tanana river at exactly 4:14 p. m. (7:14 p. m. PDT) and 30 persons who guessed the time divided more than \$200,000 in the Nenana ice pool.

The break-up heralded the coming of spring to Alaska. A tripod placed in the middle of the river moved downstream with the winter's ice sheath and tripped a lever which recorded the exact time.

Thousands of sourdoughs, tender-defect and natives watched the ice as it moved toward the Yukon river and Bering sea.



'LICK HIM'—Ohio State Auditor Joseph T. Ferguson enjoys a cup of coffee in his Columbus home after he won the Democratic nod to oppose Senator Robert A. Taft in the November elections. This is how Ferguson feels about his election chances: "I'll beat the pants off Bob Taft! I'll lick him by 250,000 votes!"

Sen. McCarthy Says Truman Sent Phony Offer, Phony Files

Washington, May 6—(U.P.)—Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy accused President Truman tonight of making a "phony offer of phony files" in an "operation whitewash" of the Wisconsin republican's charges of communism and sex perversion in the state department.

McCarthy called on the president to establish a new loyalty board headed by FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover with unlimited power to rid the government of the "prancing mimics of the Moscow party line."

In a speech before the Midwest Council of Young Republicans at Chicago, the senator assailed Mr. Truman's decision to give a senate investigating subcommittee access to state department loyalty files on McCarthy's original "81 cases."

This was "deceit and dishonesty," McCarthy said, and meant only the "skinny rib bones" of loyalty files which he maintained easily could be stripped of damaging material in advance.

McCarthy scored the president's decision to open files on the cases he cited in the February 20 senate speech which touched off the current investigation. The president, he said, made the decision in order to make his forthcoming "cross-country junket less embarrassing."

Census Nearing End In Medford District

Mrs. Dorothy Doty, census crew leader for Medford, said Saturday that the census is "almost complete" in this area, and that the only work remaining to be done is on "call-backs, where calls had been made when residents were not at home."

Mrs. Doty said she was not authorized to make any preliminary estimates or statements as to the population in this area, and that such figures will have to come from the district office in Eugene.

Unofficial population estimates made over the past year or two range from 17,000 to 20,000 for the Medford metropolitan district.

Highway 101 Said Blocked by Washout

Reedsport, Ore., May 6—(U.P.)—U. S. highway 101, main coast north-south route, was blocked by a washout at Takkenitch lake, about eight miles north of here today, the State Motor association reported.

Rescuing Three Boys Found Unhurt Near Edge of Lake

Located 1,500 Yards From Washington Home

Fort Lewis, Wash., May 6—(U.P.)—Three-year-old Tommy Jenkins, missing three days, was found wading near the edge of a lake today by four soldiers who heard the barking of his faithful Irish setter.

The tow-headed youngster, son of an army sergeant, was only 1,500 yards from his home in North Fort Lewis.

Maj. Thomas H. Lane, examining doctor at Madigan General hospital, said Tommy was suffering from slightly swollen legs and a few scratches.

Kidnaping Possible

Maj. Artie Heape, provost marshal who directed the three-day search for the boy, said "We are advancing a theory that the youngster was kidnaped and then brought back to the area."

However, Maj. Lane and public information officers said there was no evidence "of foul play or that the boy had been kidnaped."

Wading in Lake

The four soldiers, members of a 6,000-man army search crew, found him near the devoted dog, Lassie. He was wading in the water of American lake on the 33,000-acre military reservation, southeast of Tacoma.

He just wanted to go fishing, that's all," said Tommy's happy father, Sgt. William Jenkins.

In the hospital Tommy drank a glass of milk with an egg in it, but refused to talk.

Equalization Board Meeting Slated Monday Morning

The county board of equalization will meet in the office of Assessor C. A. Myers Monday at 11 a. m. (DST) to examine assessment rolls and correct errors in valuation, description or qualities of property that has been assessed by Myers' staff.

Myers said it will be the duty of persons interested in applying for a reduction of assessments to appear at his office in the courthouse Monday and to submit their petitions to the board in writing.

Los Angeles, May 6—(U.P.)—Two purported members of a Los Angeles bandit gang were arrested today for the \$131,000 holdup of a retired Fresno, Cal., pawnbroker and police said part of the loot has been recovered.

Milford Musser, 34, whose parole term on a previous burglary charge was due to expire today, and Kenneth Lawson, 27, were nabbed in a sudden strike led by Det. Capt. Harry Didion. FOUR OTHERS ALSO PUT UNDER ARREST

Four of the alleged members of the bandit gang also were arrested, including two women, but police said they had no connection with the Fresno holdup of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rose last Wednesday. The four were taken into custody as a blow against a robbery ring, officers said.

The gang's ringleader and two others who are believed to have helped pull the Fresno job were still at large with the major portion of the loot, police believe.

Rose, 60, was slugged unconscious and his wife dragged from their car as three well-dressed bandits ransacked their Fresno home for cash, bonds and jewelry.

Musser was arrested in a used car lot and detectives said they found pieces of jewelry and five \$20 gold pieces, part of the Fresno loot, in the glove compartment of his car.

Lawson at Home

Lawson, said to be the driver of a second car used by the bandit gang in Fresno, was arrested at his home. Officers said he had headed for San Francisco after the holdup, stored his car there and flew to Las Vegas before coming here.

A suitcase containing some of the securities taken from Rose was found in Dawson's home, police claimed.

After the arrest of Musser and Lawson, officers also picked up Henrietta Gordon, 35; Mildred L. Newview, 38; Elmer F. Johnson, 36, all of Los Angeles, and Edward K. Say, 32, Santa Monica. Miss Newview was booked on suspicion of burglary and the other three on suspicion of robbery.

Austin Cleek Rites Tuesday Afternoon; Mills To Close Down

Services for Austin A. Cleek, 47, 2008 Hillcrest road, who passed away in San Francisco Thursday, will be held in Conger-Morris chapel Tuesday at 1 p. m. with the Rev. Meredith Groves officiating. Committal services will be in Siskiyou Memorial park.

The pallbearers will be, Walter Young, John Wisley, C. R. Beck, Harry Eldon, Samuel Stepp and Larry Konkel.

Mr. Cleek was born in Star, Ida., Sept. 8, 1902. He came to Medford in 1941 from Klamath Falls. For the past five years he was a general manager of the Southern Oregon Planning Mill and Jackson Creek Lumber company.

He was a member of the Hoo Hoo club, Elks, the Medford and Central Point Gun clubs and the Methodist church.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Enid Cleek, Medford; a son Donald, Corvallis; a grandson, Craig; his mother, Mrs. Cora Carter, Alturas; three sisters, Mrs. Minnie Dickson, Baker; Mrs. Maude Highly, Canby, Cal.; Mrs. Ernest Bowers, Alturas; and a brother, Raymond Young, North Bend.

The Southern Oregon Planning mill and the Jackson Creek Lumber company will be closed all day Tuesday in memory of Austin A. Cleek who died Thursday in San Francisco.

Chicago, May 6—(U.P.)—The Red river of the north and its tributaries today flooded American and Canadian cities in the wake of the year's wildest storm.

Ten persons were dead and damage ran into the millions as the storm whipped out of the mid-continent and headed into Canada.

The Red river of the north, flowing between the Dakotas and Minnesota and into Manitoba, ripped out all the main dikes protecting Winnipeg. A tributary swept into Crookston, Minn., with a crest half-foot higher than a flash flood which hit the town 16 days ago.

Winnipeg officials said a "major evacuation job" would be necessary with the flood spreading over 100,000 acres of farms and homesteads. Water was eight feet deep in some residential areas and another four foot rise was expected. A volunteer rescuer drowned.

The rising waters of the Red river forced 50 families out at Grand Forks and East Grand Forks, N. D., communities which were hit in last month's floods. At Crookston, water was over the first floor of many residential areas.

President Truman announced he is releasing more money to help the sufferers in the Dakota-Minnesota area. He already has allotted \$100,000. The amount of the new grant will be decided upon in the next few days, the White House said.

Big Three Foreign Ministers To Meet This Week London

London, May 6—(U.P.)—The United States, Great Britain and France at the big three foreign ministers' conference here next week will maintain their position that any high-level talks with Russia at this time would be useless, well informed sources forecast today.

The position of the big three is that there can be no progress in betterment of relations until Russia has shown beyond doubt that it is prepared to alter its present policies radically.

There is not the slightest sign that the Russians are prepared to do so.

The astounding Russian announcement that all German war prisoners have been sent home—when 1,500,000 of them still are missing—the bitter dispute between the United States and Russia over the navy plane which disappeared in the Baltic and the Soviet seizure of British, Swedish and Danish fishing trawlers in the White sea and Baltic sea show the futility of trying to do business now, it was said.

Portland, Ore., May 6—Two Multnomah county census enumerators have been fired for violation of regulations, Carl J. Gilson, district supervisor, said today.

Seaside Aquarium Plans For Birth Harbor Seal

Seaside, Ore., May 6—(U.P.)—Preparations were underway at Seaside Aquarium today for the birth of "Flipper's" baby, believed to be the first harbor seal bred in captivity.

The management of the aquarium said the blessed event is expected by the end of this month. Although harbor, or hair, seals have been born in captivity, they believe this will be the first to be born of parents who lived their entire adult lives in an aquarium.

DEAD INDIAN ROAD

The Dead Indian road has been reported open only to the Jackson county line and it was indicated late Saturday that the Lake o' Woods road is not open from this side.

Late Sports Bulletins

Portland, Ore., May 6—(U.P.) San Diego squeezed out a 7-5 win over the Portland Beavers here Saturday night in the fourth game of a Pacific Coast league series.

Seattle, May 6—(U.P.)—Seattle trounced Sacramento 13-8 here Saturday night to win its first Pacific Coast league baseball series in four weeks.

Medford Rogues made it two straight victories over Willows and their third win in a row when they smothered the Cardinals 8 to 3 in a Far West league baseball game at the fairgrounds last night.

Lloyd Jones got credit for the victory. Ray Adams slammed out four hits in five trips including a triple. Don Williams rapped out three for five including a two-bagger and Bob Haddock got two doubles to lead the Rogues in doubling. Seven hits, two fielder's choices, a sacrifice and a hit batsman gave Medford its six runs in the eighth.

Local School Pupils Given Music Ratings

Eugene, Ore., May 6—(U.P.)—Superior ratings were awarded to contestants in 22 divisions at the opening of the annual Oregon state music contest here Friday on the University of Oregon campus.

Included among those receiving superior ratings were: Girls' vocal ensembles, senior division—Sextet, Medford. Boys' vocal ensembles, senior division—Octet, Medford. Violin solo, junior division—Carol Ellison, Medford. Viola solo, senior division—Maureen Rice, Medford. String ensembles, junior division—Medford.

Salem, May 6—(U.P.)—New parking restrictions in the state capitol zone will be in force the first of next week.

Espe Cars Leave Track During Switching Work

Three cars of a Southern Pacific freight train left the tracks during a switching operation here Saturday afternoon, according to the local yard office.

Cause of the incident—near the Eleventh street crossing—was said to be the failure of a student brakeman to close a switch, but there was little or no damage.

WEATHER — Fair today and Monday. Rising daytime temperature but cool in the evenings.

Lowest Yesterday 53 Highest Yesterday 59 Lowest Yesterday 53