

Bizarre Plot To Free Sing Sing Inmates by Torturing Warden's Wife Told

Details of Scheme Called for Help Of 'Outside' Thugs

Ossining, N. Y.—(U.P.)—Warden Wilfred Denno told today of a fantastic plot to free at gunpoint every felon in the Sing Sing Prison death house by torturing the warden's wife.

Details of the desperate scheme, disclosed in a copyrighted story by the New York Daily News, called for "outside" thugs to seize Denno and his wife in their home near the prison.

The desperadoes then planned to torture and beat the warden's wife and threaten her with death until Denno agreed to help a gunman pass through the prison gates and into the death house.

"The scheme . . . was doomed to failure from the very beginning," Denno told the United Press.

A death house inmate, who apparently hoped to receive clemency, told of the plot last summer. However, the conspiracy was not made public until prison officials and detectives conducted a thorough investigation.

The Daily News said the plot centered around the three murders of a Reader's Digest messenger who are to be executed Feb. 21.

The first tip on the planned mass break came, the News said, from Romulo Rosario, 37, whose record includes arrests for drug peddling, compulsory prostitution and murder.

The newspaper said Rosario produced a note outlining the escape plan. Handwriting experts traced the writing to another condemned man, John D. Green, who was later executed.

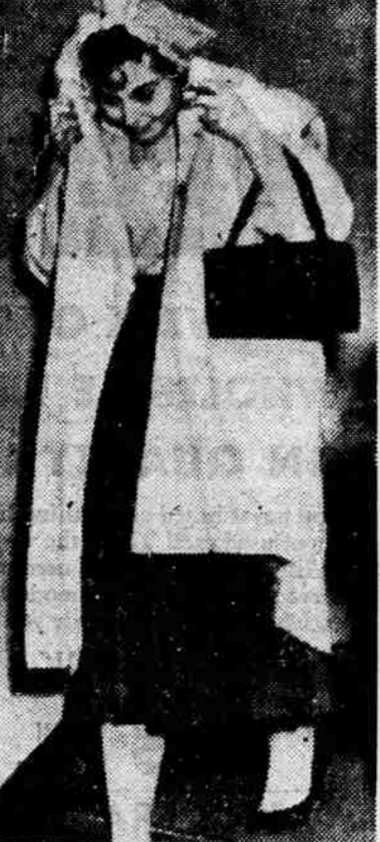
The plot was called off, police believe, after fellow inmates of Rosario became suspicious over his frequent visitors. One by one, four of the original eight plotters went to the electric chair, the News said.

Although Denno took all precautions to prevent the planned break, he said today that Rosario may have reported the alleged plot to obtain clemency.

PREPAREDNESS
 Empire, Mich.—(U.P.)—Blas Alonzo didn't take any chances when he got into an argument with a fellow fruit picker. He called a Traverse City ambulance to come to the orchard where he was working because he thought he would be stabbed, police said. But when the ambulance arrived, the argument was over and he hadn't been stabbed.



HAPPIER DAYS—Serge Rubinstein, Russian-born multimillionaire who was found murdered in his swank Fifth-av New York town house, is shown with his wife, the former Laurette Kilborn, just prior to their marriage in 1941. They were attending a dinner party given by former pages of the czar of Russia.



QUESTIONED—Salesgirl Estelle Gardner leaves New York police station after questioning in connection with the slaying of financier Serge Rubinstein. She told police Rubinstein took her night-clubbing.

South America boasts many an historic hero with a resounding Irish name. Bernardo O'Higgins liberated Chile. An Irish sailor named William Brown founded the Argentine navy. Simon Bolivar's chief aids included Daniel Florence O'Leary and Francis Burdett O'Connor.

Three Sentenced In Contempt Case

Portland —(U.P.)— Three Portland men convicted of contempt of Congress received fines and Jail sentences from U. S. District Judge George Boldt of Tacoma yesterday afternoon.

Donald Wollam was sentenced to one year in prison and John R. MacKenzie and Herbert Simpson each drew 10 months. All three were fined \$250.

The three Portlanders were convicted of improperly refusing to answer questions before a House un-American Activities Subcommittee hearing here last June.

Attorneys for the three immediately announced they would appeal to the U. S. Court of Appeals. Judge Boldt freed the men on \$1,500 bail.

The judge also set Feb. 14 as the tentative date for trial of a fourth man, Thomas G. Moore of Los Angeles, who is similarly accused.

Nicaragua President Lifts 'State of Siege'

Managua, Nicaragua —(U.P.)— President Anastasio Somoza lifted a "state of siege" in this country and ended censorship today as part of the national observance of his 59th birthday.

Somoza also released a number of persons, arrested in connection with a plot to assassinate him last year, who had been cleared by military authorities investigating the case.

Portland Driver Hurt In Highway Accident

Benny Gene Perry, 20, Portland, was taken to Ashland General hospital late yesterday evening, after the car he was driving left Highway 99 and overturned in a ditch south of Ashland, according to state police.

Perry was suffering from head injuries, including a possible skull fracture. Officers said he either went to sleep or otherwise lost control of the car while driving south. The vehicle crossed the highway, went into a ditch, rolled over and wound up facing the direction from which it had come.

The car had to be towed away. The accident was near the intersection of Highway 99 and Neil Creek rd.

Soldier Found Guilty; Gets Five-Year Term

Pusan, Korea —(U.P.)— Maj. Charles W. James, of Warwick, Va., has been dismissed from the service and sentenced to five years' imprisonment for theft and illegal currency dealings.

A court martial found James guilty of stealing a truckload of U. S. Army lumber, selling post exchange goods on the black market and obtaining military scrip and Korean currency from "unauthorized sources."

Dead line Sunday Classified in at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day

Burglar Working In the Wrong Block

Chicago — (U.P.) — Clarence Pheonix, 43, broke into a currency exchange and tripped a burglar alarm when he began work on the safe.

The alarm started police squads on their way to the exchange and Pheonix heard them on a police radio he carried. Unworried, he continued to work. Suddenly, he looked up to face police with drawn guns.

"I thought I was in the next block," he told them sadly.

Food Requirements in Liquor Outlets Asked

Salem — (U.P.) — William H. Baillie, state liquor control administrator, has asked for legislation to set minimum food requirements in establishments serving alcoholic beverages.

Baillie's request for authority to prevent liquor establishments from becoming "nothing more than the old time saloon" was presented to the Senate Alcoholic Traffic Committee, which agreed to introduce the proposal.

Other liquor commission proposals would amend the liquor code to prohibit the serving of liquor to persons under 21 years of age, and would permit issuing liquor licenses to airlines.

The code amendment was inspired by a recent interpretation that a person under 21 who is married is deemed to have attained his or her majority.

McKay's Car Used By Hero's Family

Washington —(U.P.)—The family of the late Ira Hayes, one of the heroes of the Iwo Jima flag raising, called on Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay today and got a surprise.

The family, here for the funeral of the Pima Indian hero, was given the use of McKay's chauffeur-driven government limousine for a sight seeing tour of Washington.

Hayes, who was found dead in Arizona last week of exposure, will be buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery tomorrow.

McKay who, as secretary of interior is head of Indian affairs, expressed his sympathy to the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Hayes of Baphule, Ariz., and their three other sons.

Associated Dealers See Gasoline TV Show

Tidewater Associated oil dealers of this area gathered at the Jackson hotel last night to get information on a new gasoline now being marketed by the company. The new product is on sale today.

The story of the development of the gasoline, a new "concentrated" Flying A premium-grade motor fuel, was shown the dealers via closed-circuit television, which went to 15 western cities and was viewed by an estimated 7,500 dealers.

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