



Portland-Oakland Extortion Link Unseen

Portland—(U.P.)—The Portland office of the FBI said yesterday there apparently was no connection between recent attempts to extort large sums of money from Portland, Ore., and Oakland, Calif., businessmen.

The FBI said its Oakland office had studied notes sent to Aaron Frank, Portland department store executive, and Walter Boysen, head of Boysen Paint company.

Paper, methods of extortion and type of threats used differed in each case, the study showed.

An extortionist demanded \$75,000 from Boysen upon threat of injury to him or his family. Frank, whose retail store was bombed about two weeks ago by a would-be extortionist, was told to pay \$50,000 to avoid a second bombing.

Adenauer in Berlin For Consultations

Berlin—(U.P.)—Chancellor Konrad Adenauer flew here today from Bonn for urgent consultations with West Berlin officials aimed at lifting the Communists "cold blockade" of the free city.

Communist authorities have begun seizing Berlin-bound trucks and their cargoes in addition to imposing an economic blockade on the city in the form of prohibitive taxes on the trucks which supply nearly half of the city's food.

Adenauer conferred with U.S. High Commissioner James B. Conant and other Western officials before flying here at invitation of West Berlin Lord Mayor Otto Suhr to see if he could alleviate the situation.

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Around Hollywood

Hollywood—(U.P.)—Bela Lugosi, committed to a hospital as a dope addict, was famed for frightening people. But in real life he is a quiet, gentle man who got into horror movies by mistake and was haunted by the stigma.

Lugosi once leading man on the stage. After he achieved fame as "Dracula," the fine actor's career was dependent upon playing the mad scientist who pours evil potions into smoky test tubes and keeps a monster locked up in his laboratory.

He had four unhappy marriages.

Once during a lull in the monster movie he was on relief. Now, at 72, the man who used to send chills up film fans' spines does not appear frightening. Calling himself a "broken, old man," Lugosi is in a state hospital at his own request after 20 years of narcotics addiction.

Once a Heart Throb Lugosi came to the United States in 1923 to appear in romantic comedies on Broadway. He was a heart throb until he accepted a part in the hit play, "Dracula."

"When it closed, Bela Lugosi was a monster in human form, and then the only work I could get was monstering," he sadly said recently in an interview.

He played Frankenstein's monster after once turning down the role in favor of Boris Karloff because the make-up was uncomfortable. Lugosi also played the monster's sidekick with the broken neck. In 63 horror films he killed more than 300 characters. He was hanged, burned,

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frozen, smothered by lava and drowned in swamps on the screen. He was a zombie, a bloody phantom, a hungry ape and a vampire with steel claws.

"I didn't know if you were a success in one character in this country you were branded," he said. "Unfortunately they haven't let me play decent characters since."

In the early '30s the monster man had a mansion, two cars and a fat bank account. Then British censors laid down the law on horror pictures. Hollywood stopped making them. By the end of 1937 Lugosi and his wife were collecting \$15 a week relief.

But in 1941 a new horror movie cycle started, and Lugosi worked again. Then came more lean years. Recently the one-time romantic leading man did a cruel satire of his monster self in a Las Vegas burlesque house. He admits now, "I gambled all that salary away."

Lugosi came home to an empty house as his fourth wife divorced him two years ago. He admits he has been eating for the last few weeks because of generosity of friends.

The bushy-browed actor actually was afraid of newspaper reporters, child actors, noise of any kind and, he told me, of dying. "Death is the only thing that is really frightening to me," he said. "The calendar turns, and eventually you have to go."

As We Live

By ELIZABETH HURLOCK, PH.D.

Soft Music Is Relaxing, But Not Station Changing Many boys and girls feel that they can study best when they are listening to the radio. Recently, in one of my columns, I pointed out why they are wrong about this. One letter of protest is worth quoting.

(Q) "I do not agree with your point of view about studying when the radio is going. I am now a married woman, but when I was in high school I could never have gotten my lessons done unless I listened to the radio. I worked after school and was so tense and tired when I was ready to study that I needed the soft music from the radio to relax me. I admit that I could not study and listen to many other programs, but I think your advice about not studying when the radio is playing should be modified to include relaxing music."

(A) If a person is tired and tense, there is no question about the fact that soft music aids that person to relax. And, when one is relaxed, one can study or concentrate on any mental work better than when one is tense.

However, the writer of the above letter was overlooked several arguments against using the radio as an aid to study which I should like to point out. First, there are relatively few programs of soft music during the evening hours. And secondly, when they are given, they are presented on different programs from different stations.

That means that the student must leave his work every 15 minutes or so to change the dial to another station. This is bound to be distracting and to break the train of his thought.

Then, too, few musical programs are without some commercial announcements. The talking of a commercial can be as distracting to a student as the talking in a comedy or news program.

If a person is tired and tense, it would be more efficient to relax with music for a short time after the evening meal and then start to study. Under such conditions, he would avoid the distractions that listening to the radio invariably brings.

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On The Side

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Note a reference to engagement rings for men. Why not? It is by no means a new idea. A New Yorker informed me that 20 years ago she presented her fiancé with an engagement ring. This ring had a diamond in the middle and a sapphire on each side. Sapphire was the recipient's birthstone. Were you presented with a ring by the girl of your dreams when marriage was decided upon? If not, why not? Take this up with the lady in the case and demand an explanation.

Long Wear

Does your wife know who Monsieur Marcel Boussac is? She should. He was indirectly responsible for that feminine fashion known as "The New Look." He furnished the money with which Christian Dior started his dressmaking establishment. Monsieur Boussac is a multimillionaire. He owns 37 textile factories in France. At the moment he is a little bit worried. So are other European textile manufacturers. A Hungarian claims to have originated a method of manufacturing and treating textiles that will make various articles of apparel wear 20 times as long as they do now. For example, he says a shirt made by his method will wear well for at least 20 years. Wonder if he could make a pair of nylon stockings last that long with no runs?

Redheads

Natural redheaded women are very scarce. Four out of five strawberry blondes of today are synthetic types. It is so easy to tell the difference between a synthetic and a natural redhead that even a man can do it. The hair dyeing experts have certainly not yet mastered the art of making imitation red hair look natural.

Great Lover

Do you know what Don Juan's last name was? Just in case you have neglected your studies of literature and the history of love, please be informed the gentleman's full name was Don Juan Tenorio. He was born in Seville. How great a lover was he? Well, sir, it has been said that Don Juan had 700 mistresses in Italy; 800 in Germany; in Turkey and France, 91, and in Spain, 1,003. A grand total of 2,584.

Stogie Department

Asked how long age he played the outfield for the Brooklyn Dodgers, "Casey" Stengel said, "Oh, I was a Dodger when Zack Wheat played left and Jake Daubert played first base." If you claim to be a well informed young old timer Dodger rooters you can say approximately when that was. I say around 1914. Or am I stuck for the stogie? Almost Confidentially

What do you say is the average time a woman spends on one telephone call when talking to another woman who is her

Hong Kong Industry Continues To Expand

Hongkong—(U.P.)—The expansion of Hongkong's industry shows no sign of abating.

For instance, a government report reveals that one firm here is building a new factory to manufacture window-type air conditioners. The factory will start production in August, using certain imported component parts.

In the blueprint stage are a new torch factory, a metal window factory, a cotton mill with 10,000 spindles and a cigarette plant.

The government says that the plastic-ware and enamel-ware industries also are booming. A number of small manufacturers are "continually" starting production. A new enamel-ware plant will be built soon, with the owners meanwhile using an old building to house their operations.

The trend is significant. It is estimated that about 30 per cent of Hongkong's trade is with locally produced goods. In 1949, the total was one per cent.

Chinese businessmen, faced with dwindling profits because of the United Nations embargo, simply have pitched in to build up new markets.

Mamie Resumes Social Activities

Washington—(U.P.)—Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower, feeling fit after three weeks at the presidential farm in Gettysburg, Pa., resumed social activities today at the White House.

The first item on a busy two-week schedule was the traditional lunch today for 104 wives of former and present senators.

Mrs. Eisenhower dropped out of the social whirl earlier this month and went to Gettysburg to recuperate from a respiratory illness. She stayed on to put the finishing touches on interior decoration of the remodeled farm house.

LIBRARIANS MEET

La Grande—(U.P.)—The annual Oregon Library association convention will be held here Friday and Saturday.

By E. V. Durling

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"dearest friend"? I say about 30 minutes . . . Should that attractive feminine name be spelled Arlene or Arline? Arlene Dahl stoutly claims it should be spelled with an "e." Arline Judge says with an "i" is correct. I believe Miss Dahl is right.

Sidelights

A New York City shop claims it has for sale over 300 different kinds of cheese. Very unusual. I can only think of 196 kinds of cheese. I like Swiss cheese best . . . What is the record for the life of an electric bulb? When that question came up for discussion recently one man claimed he was still getting light from a bulb he has had for 35 years!

Eight Months Given In Wasco Shooting

The Dalles — (U.P.)—Circuit Judge Malcolm W. Wilkinson has sentenced Joseph Warren Ferguson, 40, of Mosier, to eight months in the Wasco county jail for the manslaughter death of a Portland commercial artist.

A Wasco Circuit Court jury last week found Ferguson guilty of the accidental shooting Dec. 26, 1954, of Charles Edwin Eaton, 29. The shooting occurred while the pair was hunting near Mosier.

Salem—(U.P.)—May 1 will be Loyalty Day in Oregon, so designated by Gov. Paul L. Patterson.

House Again Defeats Driver Training Plan

Salem — (U.P.)—The House has defeated for the second time a bill that would have given state financial aid to high school driver training courses by boosting fines 10 per cent on moving traffic violations and by increasing the costs of learner driving permit fees.

Final vote was 29 to 25 with six absent.

NAACP HEAD REELECTED

Klamath Falls—(U.P.)—W. H. Underwood of Vancouver, Wash., was continued in office as president of the Pacific Northwest group of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at a week-end meeting here.

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