

Mystery of Rubinstein Slaying Continues To Baffle Law Officers

New York — (U.P.) — "The mystery of the case lies everywhere." That statement, from the detective in charge, is the best answer available — exactly four months after the slaying — to the tantalizing question: "Who killed Serge Rubinstein?"

The shadowy millionaire financial manipulator, draft dodger, and pretty-girl fancier is as much a question mark in death as he was in life. The hunt for his slayer has led police through dark alleys of international finance, into the Manhattan night club jungle, in and out of prisons.

Around the Clock

"Since the murder we have questioned more than 1,000 persons," said Edward Feeley, deputy chief inspector in charge of the detective force in the plush division known as Manhattan East.

"The men are working around the clock, still, on the case. We have tracked down numerous leads; we follow every hint of a lead, every anonymous phone call."

Investigating the murder now are an assistant district attorney, two high police officials, and 15 crack detectives. At one time, there were 125 men assigned to the case.

From those close to the investigation it was learned that almost every theory evolved from the

exhaustive search has included a woman as part of the crime, probably one of the many women to whom Rubinstein gave keys to the grillwork door of his Fifth Avenue mansion.

The suave and often ruthless Serge made many enemies, both male and female, during his life of love and finance. Young and aspiring actresses and models liked to be seen with him, thinking it would help them get ahead.

Nothing But Vows

"Rubinstein took advantage of the situation," one informant said. "He gave the girls nothing but vows of love and expensive evenings, which usually ended in his home. Sometimes he entertained women in groups of two or three. He gave them keys so

they could enter his mansion whenever they were summoned."

Rubinstein was strangled in his ornate bedroom sometime between 1:30 and 8:30 a.m. last Jan. 27. At this phase of the investigation, it was learned, detectives' thinking runs to two prime possibilities.

1. An ex-convict who heard about Rubinstein's wealth through the prison grapevine entered the house planning robbery, bungled the job, killed Rubinstein, and fled without anything.
2. A person ruined financially by Rubinstein got a key to the mansion and had Rubinstein killed in revenge, staging the crime to appear as a robbery or burglary attempt.

Warning Issued on Eating of Oregon Mussels and Clams

Portland — (U.P.) — A warning against eating marine mussels or uncleaned clams taken from Oregon coastal waters this spring and summer has been issued by Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer.

Dr. Erickson said Oregon clams are delicious, but it is unsafe to eat any portion of the mussels or the digestive organs of clams this time of year because they may contain a strong alkaloid poison similar to strychnine.

and muscular tissues of the clams do not contain the poison. Dr. Erickson emphasized that the black portions should be destroyed completely and should never be fed to animals or domestic fowl, which are also susceptible to the poison.

Longshore Work Stoppage Due June 6

Portland — (U.P.) — A 24-hour work stoppage will be staged June 6 by Pacific Coast longshoremen in protest against government efforts to cancel the citizenship of Harry Bridges, president of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's union.

Bridges will stand trial in San Francisco June 20.

Announcement of the work stoppage was made in Portland by Francis J. Murnane of local No. 8 of the ILWU, who said the work stoppage will affect all coast ports.

Simultaneously with the walk-out, a committee from the union will call on President Eisenhower with petitions asking for dismissal of the action against Bridges.

Feeding on Plankton

The poison results from the mussels or clams feeding on a microscopic organism called plankton which is occasionally washed in by the ocean during summer months.

"Reputable commercial packers are aware of the danger and do not permit any of the harmful seafood to enter the open market," Dr. Erickson said. The sale and distribution of marine mussels and uncleaned clams is prohibited by state board of health regulations between May 1 and October 31.

Remove Black Portions

Individuals digging clams during the danger period were urged to remove all black portions before eating. White meat

Padding, Furniture Damaged by Flames

Old padding and furniture being repaired were damaged by smoke and fire about 10:15 p.m. Friday at the Shamrock Furniture company, 602 South Central ave. Firemen said the fire started from sparks from a stove near the padding.

An awning at Walt's Radio and Electric shop, 409 East Main st., was destroyed by fire about 10:30 p.m. Friday. The fire started from a cigarette tossed onto the awning, firemen said.

Salesman Charged With Hypnotism In Rape of Girl

Mobile, Ala. — (U.P.) — Police are holding a 25-year-old salesman on charges of hypnotizing his friend's 17-year-old wife, telling her he was her husband and raping her in what a detective called the most "fantastic case" he had ever heard of.

The salesman, Jesse Overton Jr., married and the father of a small child, admitted in a written statement he was intimate with the young mother while her husband was at work last Wednesday but claimed it was not the first time she had submitted to him.

Found in Partial Trance

The girl's husband told Detective Talley Rollins that he found her in a partial trance, broke through this "mental block" by using his own hypnotic influence and learned from her the story of the alleged rape.

"It's one for the books," Rollins said. "I've never heard of a more fantastic case. But both the husband and wife are emphatic about its validity."

Told Same Story

Rollins said the husband, while giving his account in the detective bureau, hypnotized his wife on the spot. While she was in the trance, Rollins said, she gave the same account her husband had given but claimed she could remember nothing about it while not under a hypnotic influence.

Overton said he himself had been a hypnotist for 10 years. He said he often hypnotized his pregnant wife and that she was able to hypnotize herself.

"When she's ready to have the baby, she's going to hypnotize herself and deliver it without anesthetics," he said.

Gorilla Snatches Child From Mother

Brazzaville, France Equatorial Africa — (U.P.) — A giant gorilla stole a one-year-old child from his mother's arms yesterday and carried him into the jungle where the mutilated body was found hours later.

The attack took place on a trail near the village of Moundou which lies by the source waters of the Ngounie River.

The huge beast attacked the woman, who was walking with her 7-year-old son and carrying the younger child. He knocked her off her feet and then attacked the older child.

The mother wrestled with the beast and managed to free her older son but the gorilla knocked her down a second time and snatched the infant from her arms.

Village hunters tracked the gorilla and found the mutilated body of the baby, dead of head injuries.

Jaycee Truck, Tree Stop at Pendleton

Pendleton — (U.P.) — A highly-decorated truck rig carrying a 1000-year-old Douglas fir and two delegates to the National Jaycee convention in Atlanta, Ga., paused at its first stop here Friday night.

Delegates were Gerry Rucker of Parkrose, Ore., and Wayne McCall, Cottage Grove, Ore. They plan to arrive at Atlanta after stops at more than 200 towns along the way.

The Oregon delegation to the national convention of Junior Chambers of Commerce has scheduled stops at Chicago, Minneapolis and New York, and will be greeted by mayors and Jaycee dignitaries at each stop.

The log, 6½ feet in diameter at its base and 24 feet long, was donated by Georgia-Pacific Plywood. The truck was donated by Mack Trucks.

The pair left Portland yesterday at the start of the trip.

Contract Signed to Reopen Timberline Lodge

Portland — (U.P.) — A contract has been signed to pave the way for reopening of Timberline Lodge, Mt. Hood resort hotel, on July 1.

Richard L. Kohnstamm signed papers as new official permittee of the United States Forest Service. He said he would let contracts immediately for repair work on roofs, plumbing and other areas of the lodge before the formal opening.

The lodge was closed several months ago when a federal tax lien was placed on equipment of the former permittees.



INTELLIGENCE AWARD — In ceremony at the White House, President Eisenhower pins the National Security Medal on FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover (left) for outstanding contribution in field of intelligence relating to national defense. In background, Health, Education and Welfare Secy. Oveta Culp Hobby, who is rumored about to resign, chats with Treasury Secy. George Humphrey. Behind Mrs. Hobby is Allen Dulles, Central Intelligence Agency director.

Payroll Increases Listed in Jackson

Salem — (U.P.) — Jackson, Douglas and Curry counties reported payroll increases ranging around \$2,000,000 each for 1954, according to the State Unemployment Compensation Commission.

But declines in 22 of the state's 36 counties brought an overall loss of \$20,000,000 or 1.6 per cent from the record \$1,298,390,029 covered by the unemployment law in 1953.

Average Earnings \$4,000

Tabulation just completed by the commission of returns submitted by 18,043 employers showed \$1,278,237,284 paid to an average of 315,941 workers last year. With the number of employees 4 per cent lower than in 1953, average earnings of

each were just over \$4000, highest ever reported in Oregon.

Manufacturing payrolls were more than 45 per cent of the total, with logging and lumber activities accounting for much of the balance. Because of the labor dispute during the summer months, the woods product industry fell short of previous high marks. Construction and food processing were next among basic industries.

Curry county with increased construction and plywood mill operations led all divisions with a 37.2 per cent increase from 1953 to 1954, reaching a total of \$7,983,882 and passing several other counties. Sherman and Morrow had next best percentages with 21.3 and 10.1 but Jackson and Douglas did better in the dollars and cents columns.

Lebanon Man Defaults in Suit On Timber Sales

Portland — (U.P.) — Fred M. Marsh, Lebanon timberman who served a federal prison term for defrauding the U.S. in a series of Indian trust timberland deals, has defaulted in a civil action brought by the government to void many of the transactions, according to federal court sources here.

Also issued default orders by U. S. Judge Gus J. Solomon was Marsh's wife, Irene, and two Indians, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Summers.

Indians Said 'Used'

The government claims the Marsh couple used the Summers to buy Indian timberland in Douglas and Lane counties for a third of its actual value.

The action also named as defendants Clyde Elin, The Dalles, former land officer for the Indian bureau area office here, and Francis E. LaGrance, Flinn's assistant when both worked for the government.

Flinn served a prison term for defrauding the government. LaGrance was dismissed from the Indian bureau after a department of interior investigation. Both deny the allegations in the government's civil suit.

The trial date has not yet been set.

Klamath City Budget Totals Over \$940,000

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — The city budget committee here has completed its 1955-56 budget, totaling more than \$940,000.

Included was a \$1000 item for study of upper Klamath lake's algae problem. Deleted was \$7,200 for a professional city planner.

Ex-Oregon Prison Inmate Takes Life Of Policeman, Self

Alturas, Calif. — (U.P.) — A vengeful rapist, convicted in 1948 for the rape of his stepdaughter, killed a California highway patrolman in a furious gun battle and then ended his own life.

The rapist, 56-year-old Herbert Petty, who was paroled from the Oregon State penitentiary last year, blew the top of his head off with a rifle bullet after the duel in which James Maroney, 33, was fatally injured.

Convicted in McMinnville

Petty was convicted in McMinnville, Ore., for the rape of his stepdaughter, now Mrs. Dick Wade of Alturas.

Mrs. Wade said Petty unexpectedly entered her cabin 14 miles south of here Friday after her husband had gone to work. Mrs. Wade was able to get away from the cabin to summon patrol officers when a neighbor arrived to baby sit for Mrs. Wade.

Petty bolted from the cabin when the patrolmen arrived and began firing at them from heavy brush country back of the cabin.

Maroney was fatally wounded by a single shot which went through a power pole he was crouched behind. Moments later, Petty turned the rifle on himself.

Portland Market Robbed of \$4,000

Portland — (U.P.) — Zim's Supermarket was held up here late Friday night by a trio of armed bandits who kidnaped a store clerk and escaped with an estimated \$4000.

Police were not notified for 15 minutes after the robbers disappeared with their victim because another clerk was tied with electric cord and could not free himself for a quarter of an hour.

Ernest Long was forced at gunpoint to drive two of the robbers from the store. A few blocks away he was pushed to the floor of the back seat of the getaway car and driven around Portland for some 45 minutes with a gun held at his temple.

Long told police he was released near the Portland Yacht club where his captors transferred to another car.

He was unable to describe the bandits to police except to say they did not appear to be nervous and they wore cheap clothing.

The robbery was staged just as the store was being closed for the night.

Richmond, Va. — (U.P.) — Andrew H. Adams, charged with driving without a license, told traffic Judge Carleton E. Jewett he "just put off" getting one — for 24 years. He was fined \$25.

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PROGRAM FOR THE WEEK

DATE	LECTURES	FILMS
Wed., June 1	"DIVINE HEALING AND THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY" is miraculous healing of God? What about faith healers? Prayer will be offered for the sick and afflicted. Tremendous presentation of what the Bible says about the power of prayer. Special invitation to the physically sick and afflicted.	"THE PENNY EDWARDS STORY" Thrilling story of talented movie and TV star Penny Edwards who gave her heart to Christ and is now using her abilities in the proclamation of the Gospel.
Fri., June 3	"THE MAN NOBODY KNOWS" (6:00 P.M.) One of the most moving and inspirational sermons to be given in the Crusade for Christ series. See a number of beautiful screen slides of Christ. And learn things you never knew before about the "man nobody knows."	"CONVERSION OF PAUL" Gripping film story of the great Apostle to the Gentiles who was avidly persecuting the followers of Christ when a voice from heaven spoke saying: "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?"
Sat., June 4	"RETURN OF ELIJAH THE PROPHET" (6:00 P.M.) The Bible clearly forecasts that in the closing hours of this earth's history there will be a dramatic, unexpected return of Elijah the prophet. How will this take place? And is Elijah here now?	"FLICKERING FLAME" Calamity enters the life of Jeff Markworth, the church organist. His only son, for whom he had high hopes, is killed in an airplane accident. The events which follow make this a powerfully moving film.
Sun., June 5	"THE MAIDEN, THE MOON, AND THE MONSTER" One of the most dramatic combinations of prophetic symbols in the Word of God is used by the Prophet John in giving a powerful message to the people of this hour. What do the maiden, the moon, and the monster have in common? And more important what do they represent?	"TAMMY" Tremendous 40 minute feature film. A young child whose parents no longer believe in God, learns she has been adopted. Her loneliness leads to a serious accident. But her life is spared so she can serve as a witness for God in her home and community.

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