

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Hunter and Hunted Play Waiting Game in Quiet England Town

Eastbourne, England—(U.P.)—They pass one another sometimes in the lazy September sun in this quiet, seaside town—the hunter and the hunted.

If they know each other (and they do), there is no outward sign of recognition.

The time for their meeting is not yet. It may be weeks before Superintendent Herbert Hannam of Scotland Yard is ready to make his call. He is in no hurry.

Before he rings the doorbell of the big, tree-shaded house, he wants to know every possible answer to this question:

"Did one man murder perhaps 30 people in this town?"

That is a fantastic question. But no more incredible than what is happening these days in this resort whose very name for decades has been a synonym of British respectability.

The facts are these: In the

past 20 years or so, scores of elderly and wealthy people have died in Eastbourne. Some made bequests in their wills to this man. In other cases, there is suspicion of a payment before death.

Gossip has been chewed over for years on the seafaring benches in this habitat of old people.

"At first it was good natured," says Mayor Sidney Calfryn. "Butter, you might call it. But then it became ugly."

So ugly that three weeks ago Hannam came here. Day by day he built up a dossier. Scotland Yard ordinarily is the most secretive of police agencies. But this time Hannam took pains to see that people could tell where his investigation was leading.

Practically every adult in this town of 59,000 knows the man Hannam is watching. Fascinated eyes follow him wherever he goes. The Scotland Yard man's technique has brought people forward to tell strange stories.

Mrs. Ethel Hunt, 72, mother of Sir John Hunt, leader of the first expedition to climb Mt. Everest, said a man—the suspect—tried to convince her that her mind was slipping, apparently so he could handle her money for her. She went to the police.

Woman's Death

Leslie Henson, one of England's leading stage stars, helped start the investigation by asking police to inquire into the apparent suicide of a woman friend here. She was a close acquaintance of the suspect.

Mrs. Edith Maywood, 78, said she overheard the same man try to persuade her rich husband to change his will in his favor. She chased the man out of the house with her walking stick.

Scotland Yard has examined hundreds of wills, coroner's reports, death certificates. Doctors and nurses have been questioned. Bank accounts, narcotic reports have been studied. Police now are preparing to exhume bodies.

Hannam has narrowed his search to 23 specific deaths. But it takes only one case to make a jail term—or a hanging. Hannam, the hunter, knows this. So does his quarry as they pass in the lazy afternoon sun.

August Report Shows 7,264 Planes Used Airport Here

The August report of municipal activities, prepared by City Manager Robert Duff, was released Monday.

According to the report revenue from Medford airport concessions totaled \$3,361.97. This included \$1,539.36 from building rentals and the remainder from landing fees, gas and oil, tie downs, electrical service and miscellaneous concessions.

Air traffic through Medford, the report showed, totaled 7,264 planes. The planes included were Air Force 50, Navy 52, civil 6, 34 and air carrier 818.

A report on air carrier operations stated that 4,060 passengers boarded commercial aircraft in Medford and that 3,960 passengers landed here. Mail shipments from Medford totaled 8,866 pounds, express 1,739 pounds and freight 14,585 pounds. Mail shipments arriving in Medford totaled 15,566 pounds, express 4,819 pounds and freight 16,130 pounds.

Fire Department

During August the Medford fire department responded to 95 alarms, of which 32 were gasoline spills flushed, 29 grass fires, 12 dwellings and four false alarms. The Medford rural fire district responded to nine alarms of which five were grass fires.

The fire marshal reported 92 inspections during August of which 44 were in business occupancies and 18 in residential areas. The report said that 100 orders and recommendations were issued for the removal of

fire hazards with 82 fire hazards removed.

There were 82 violations handled by the police court during August. According to the report there were eight not-guilty verdicts and \$3,262 collected from fines.

The park department reported 4,907 children, 4,186 students and 434 adults attending Hawthorne pool with receipts collected in August totaling \$2,457.47.

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Sign Outside Kentucky Town Not Accurate in Face of Race Issue

Sturgis, Ky.—(U.P.)—A sign just outside this small western Kentucky coal mining community reads, "You are always welcome in Sturgis—the friendly city of the South."

The sign has not been 100 per cent accurate during the past two weeks. Sturgis and the neighboring mining community of Clay have been racked by dissension and near-riot because of attempts to racially integrate their schools.

These events brought armed troops and tanks of the Kentucky National Guard to garrison school grounds in Sturgis and at Clay, made life long neighbors suspicious of one another, and placed both communities in an unaccustomed and unwanted glare of world-wide publicity.

At present the anti-integration forces seem to hold the edge. Two Negro mothers at Clay have given up attempts to enter their children this year in the Clay consolidated school. In Sturgis, eight Negro students are attending high school, but only 52 white students went to classes with them Monday out of a total enrollment of 275.

On Aug. 31, 22 of 30 Negroes of high school age in Sturgis registered for school at the all-Negro Dunbar High school in nearby Morganfield; eight enrolled at Sturgis High.

The eight Negroes walked to school on Sept. 4. They were met by a crowd of 300 persons,

mostly women, and were told, "that's far enough. You have a fine school at Morganfield. We suggest you go to it." The Negroes returned home.

A crowd of about 75 gathered in front of the school the next day. The Negroes did not return. Several reporters arrived from Evansville, Louisville, and other places, and reported what had occurred. A detachment of 30 state police was sent into Sturgis. National Guard troops were alerted at Henderson and Livermore. Reports of this alert further incensed Sturgis town-people.

On Sept. 6, seven of the Negro students returned to school. They were met by a crowd in an ugly mood. State police moved in, took the Negro child-

ren through the crowd and arrested seven persons for breach of the peace. A battalion of National Guard troops and four tanks moved into town and camped on the school grounds that night.

Escorted To School

The Negro students were escorted to school under protection of the troops on the following Monday, Sept. 10. All but 34 white students stayed away that day. But by last Friday, attendance had returned almost to normal—with 248 of 275 students in school.

At Clay, on Sept. 5, Mrs. James Gordon tried to enroll her two children—James, 10, and Theresa, 8, in the school three miles from their mining camp home at Wheatcroft. Clay residents, who boast their town has always been "all-white," gathered 200 strong near the school.

Told To Leave Town

Newsman and photographers from Henderson, Ky., and a United Press reporter were threatened and told to "get out of town." The next day, a British reporter, Nene Mac Coll, and two colleagues, were threatened on a sidewalk in downtown Clay.

Mac Coll complained of "hooliganism," in a telegram to Gov. A. B. Chandler. Mrs. Gordon complained to the governor that the crowd had threatened her and damaged her car.

National Guard troops still garrison the two schools. Gen. J. B. Williams, the state adjutant general, says they are there "indefinitely."

Murder Charge Faces Man at Pendleton

Pendleton—(U.P.)—At a preliminary hearing yesterday presided over by Judge Ann Crago, Hollis C. Doe was bound over to the grand jury on a charge of second degree murder.

Judge Crago ruled that bail would not be admitted. The grand jury is scheduled to meet Oct. 1 at Pendleton.

The 30-year-old man is alleged to have shot William Manzaneres, 27, of Tacoma, after an argument on highway 30 in front of the Eastern State hospital here early Thursday morning, Sept. 13.

Deschutes Murder Trial in Third Day

Bend—(U.P.)—Deschutes county's first murder trial in some 15 years was in its third day today as the state sought to convict Mrs. Jennie Bonita Balzhiser of the slaying of her husband.

Mrs. Balzhiser is accused of firing a shot through the window of her home at Deschutes junction, north of here June 20 which resulted in the instant death of her husband, Bobby Blake Balzhiser. Balzhiser had gone to the home of his wife with a deputy sheriff to look over property on the eve of a divorce case.

The defense was expected to try to show that Mrs. Balzhiser fired the shot through a side window believing a prowler was trying to gain entry to the house.

JUST A TOY

Spokane, Wash.—(U.P.)—Deputy Sheriff Robert Rooney rushed to the scene when a tourist reported a hand grenade was in the stove of his motel room. Rooney evacuated the motel unit and gently removed the grenade. It was a toy, but Rooney said it was "a good thing nobody behind me yelled 'bang.'"

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