

New York Police Double Efforts To Nab 'Mad Bomber of Gotham'

New York—(AP)—The "Mad Bomber of Gotham," a past middle-aged skilled mechanic who has turned his crazed hatred of a private utility company into a 16-year reign of terror in public places, is the object of a redoubled police search.

The police are working to beat death. They know time is running out—for at 16 years during which this psychopath has placed 28, and exploded 23, home-made "pipe bombs," no one has been killed, although many have been injured.

The man is intelligent. He has a desire to kill and maim. And he craves publicity, apparently to publicize his feelings against the Consolidated Edison Co., a utility serving the metropolitan area.

These facets of his character, the police know through his many letters—written to them and to others both before and after placement of bombs—and through several hundred thousand man-hours of search into every suspected angle of the case.

Many Targets

Low-power bombs—made of a small section of pipe with steel plugs at each end and triggered by a flashlight battery and bulb connected to a common wrist-watch—have exploded in telephone booths, lockers, and men's rooms, in railroad terminals, the public library, a subway train, department stores, and seats of movie theaters.

A week ago, one of his time bombs injured seven persons in a Brooklyn theater.

Police have consulted psychiatrists and psychologists. They have gone over nearly 60,000 Supreme court cases and the case files in five mental institutions, looking for clues, comparing handwriting.

They know almost everything about their man except his name and address. They fix his age at over 50. They believe he might once have worked for a utility company, or had a dispute with it as a customer. They know his educational background, his social stratum. They even know the type of lathe or drill press he uses to make his bombs.

Letter Writer

They believe he is a bachelor.

Elizabeth Taylor Has Spinal Surgery

New York—(AP)—Actress Elizabeth Taylor, who underwent a delicate spinal operation Saturday, was reported "resting comfortably" today by a hospital spokesman.

Doctors performed a five-hour emergency operation to remove a crushed spinal disc. The operation, originally scheduled for today, was performed Saturday because the actress was in intense pain, the spokesman said.

The 24-year-old actress entered Harkness pavilion of Presbyterian hospital nine days ago for surgery to correct a spinal condition doctors said she apparently had been afflicted with since birth. The condition became aggravated recently.

and of German origin. He is an egomaniac and a prolific letter writer. He has written many letters to newspapers. At the start, he taunted police by writing them where the bombs would explode. After the explosions, he wrote letters reviling Consolidated Edison for its dastardly conduct.

His letters are printed. About 60 per cent of them have been postmarked from White Plains, in Westchester county, just north of New York City. Others have been postmarked in various New York City stations, and one was postmarked Pittsfield, Mass.

In a 13-state alarm sent out last spring, the police warned that "this person might be residing within your territory." It described him as a skilled mechanic with a "deep-seated hatred" of the utility company.

COW SCULPTOR DIES

Deland, Fla.—(AP)—Taxidermist John Edwin Wallace, 75, noted for sculpturing cows from butter for world's fairs and state fairs, died at his home here Sunday.

STEER SUBSTITUTES

Los Angeles—(AP)—The University of Southern California chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity today had its own version of the bull in the china shop tale. In retaliation for the rigors of "pledging," new members left a young steer in the living room of the fraternity house.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Washington—Brig. Gen. David Sarnoff, board chairman of the Radio Corporation of America, predicting the next 25 years will bring unprecedented scientific progress:

"There is no longer margin for doubt that whatever the mind of man visualizes, the genius of modern science can turn into fact."

London—Canadian Foreign Minister Lester B. Pearson on his country not seeing eye to eye with Britain on Suez policy:

"Once or twice we have voted with the United States and although we are close to the U.S., we are closer to the United Kingdom and we want to keep it that way."

Sancti Spiritus, Cuba—John Hendricks, a Houston, Tex., oil technician, on escaping Cuba gun battles in time to be near his wife when she gave birth:

"Father, mother and daughter are all doing fine."

Clinton, Tenn.—(AP)—The Rev. Paul Turner urging his congregation to support law and order during Clinton's integration battle:

"Right now, here in Clinton, we're not against integration, we're not against segregation, but we are positively against disintegration of our body politic and community."

Paris—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles on problems likely to arise at the Atlantic pact conference which opens today:

"We shall have to prove that although we are divided on some matters, we remain firmly united in the matters that are important."



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Is That So?

Come winter, birds go south for food and to escape bitter weather. By next summer, they will be back at the same stand! Understandably, we wonder at their marvelous sense of direction.

Even more inexplicable and wonderful is the migration of the American and European fresh-water eel. Their migratory routes may be up to 3,000 miles and take three years!

Until 30 years ago, the riddle of the eel was an unsolved mystery; in fact no one had ever

to spawn. What happens to adults, no one yet knows—presumably they die and disintegrate.

From the tiny eggs most curious young emerge—looking nothing at all like the snake-like parent, the transparent body is as flat and thin as a leaf. But buoyant so they can drift up to the surface and there feed on microscopic algae.

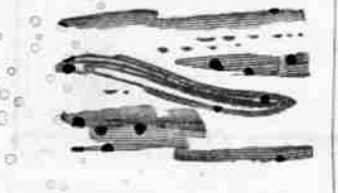
After almost a year's drifting in the upper layers, the young gradually migrate northward until they reach the Gulf Stream which in turn sweeps them northwest along the Atlantic Coast. Here the American offspring take off, one by one, swimming westward to reach coastal rivers, arriving about a year and a half after they were spawned, and a little over two inches long. The European and African eels however, although their paths may cross with the American, keep riding along with the Gulf Stream for another year and a half, taking off to their appropriate parents' "living" waters and in doing so sometimes climb to 8,000-foot elevations.

Fish Transforms

Once in the mouths of rivers, the tiny fish transform to more eel-like proportions. Again, inexplicably, it takes the American only one and a half years, the European three years before the change is made. Then, the three-inch-long females start up the stream, resting by day and traveling by night—just as their parents did on the way down. By this time, the season is spring. Males, lacking the persistence of females, remain comfortably in the brackish water.

Upon the completion of the eighth year, again wonder of wonders, the females head downstream, across meadows if necessary, to repeat the strange trip to Sargasso Sea. And Die.

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Identified a single baby eel.

Because the adults sometimes hibernated in the mud during cold weather, people said: The young come from the "bowels of the earth," or from the morning dew, or from horsehairs that fell into the water.

But yet, careful scientists did note this: Once female eels attained eight years, their ovaries became loaded with up to 100,000 minute eggs. Each female's body became sleek and fat. Then, suddenly, they stopped feeding. Their backs grew more intensely black. Their sides and belly took on a silvery sheen. Their eyes enlarged. Then in an autumn night, off they would go. If in a land-locked pond, they would wriggle up on the shore and set out for the nearest stream across grassy fields wet with dew. If the first night didn't fetch them a stream, they could stand exposure for a second night, getting air through their skin. But once in the creek, resting by day and traveling by night, they were on their way down to the sea.

Leave When Acclimated

Upon reaching brackish water, the five-foot long females would meet up with their half-as-long males and spend the better part of the week becoming used to the salinity of the open sea. Acclimated, off they would go—from Europe (but not the Mediterranean) from western Africa, from America's Atlantic Coast—all converging upon one region in the Atlantic, the quiet blue waters of the Sargasso Sea, several hundred miles southwest of Bermuda. There in midwinter they would sink to the depths of the sea, from 650 to 1,800 feet.

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