

Roger Touhy Will Find Changed Times If He Gets Prison Release

Chicago — If Roger Touhy makes good on his latest bid for freedom, he'll come back to a world with a different set of tags from the ones that were pinned to the era he helped to name.

Roger is the son of an honest policeman, James Touhy. His brothers Jimmy, John, and Joe Touhy died in the gunfire of Chicago's beer wars.

When Roger was a page one figure, the decades were the "Roaring Twenties," and the "Turbulent Thirties." Roger helped make them noisy.

Touhy's Battle Capone

He had help in the clamor that sounded through the streets of lousy old Chicago at the time. It came from such characters as Scarface Al Capone, who won millions while the Touhy gang was coining thousands in the lucrative bootleg trade of the sinful, ginful twenties.

Matt Kolb, Touhy's beer-run-

ning partner, and James (Red) Barker, a Capone minion, who met violent ends in a decade marked by more than 500 gangland murders.

A half-dozen or more labor leaders who fell at the hands of underworld assassins when the Capone mob challenged the Touhys for control of fat union treasuries.

Roger's was a name to be feared in the era that produced such characters as Johnny Torrio, Pretty Boy Floyd, Frank (The Enforcer) Nitti, Basil (The Owl) Banghart and a young upstart named John Dillinger.

It was an era when speakeasies blossomed like geraniums, bullets spoke louder than balloons and "taken for a ride" became part of the language.

Roger Touhy, a dapper dandy with a quiet voice and nerves of steel, had no conviction on his record until he was put away in 1934 for the kidnapping of swind-

ler John (Jake the Barber) Factor. And he wept when the prison barber shaved off his curly hair.

The collapse of the Touhy crowd began in July, 1933, when Roger and three cohorts were arrested near Elkhorn, Wis. In the car were pistols, adhesive tape and rope that spelled "kidnapers" to police.

They were indicted for the separate kidnappings of William Hamm Jr., a St. Paul, Minn., brewer, and Factor, a fabulous Chicago swindler who was evading efforts of British investors to have him returned to England for trial in an alleged \$7,500,000 swindle.

The gang was acquitted in their trial on charges of abducting Hamm. The first trial on charges of kidnapping Factor for a \$70,000 ransom ended in a hung jury. In a second trial they were found guilty in February, 1934, and sentenced to 99 years in prison.

In 1942 Roger Touhy, Banghart and five other convicts escaped from Stateville Penitentiary. Except for two slain by police bullets, all were recaptured within a few weeks. New 199-year sentences were imposed on Touhy and Banghart for aiding a fellow escapee.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Cannon Falls, Minn.—Confessed wife-killer Kenneth Miller, as he knelt over his wife's fresh grave and wept softly: "I met her just five years ago today. Six months later we were married—and now she is dead."

Washington—Ceylonese envoy to the United States R. S. Gunawardene about Maxwell H. Gluck, President Eisenhower's new ambassador to Ceylon:

"He is anxious to meet as many people as possible, even humble villagers. I was struck by his unassuming ways and his earnestness to promote good relations between our two countries."

Washington—President Eisenhower's tribute to former Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga.):

"He served his country and the free world for many years with distinction and integrity. He was an outstanding American and a fine gentleman who will be greatly missed."

Washington—Vice President Richard M. Nixon on Republican prospects for capturing Congress in the 1958 off-year elections: "The chances for electing the House, I think, are excellent. In the Senate it is a quite tough fight."

Brainerd, Minn.—Ira Rollins Aamodt, 10, who served as trigger man in a pact with his two brothers and killed their father because he was displeased at the way they planted some corn: "We decided then that we'd do away with him the first chance we got."



LEAVING HOME WITH MAN who hired her for modeling assignment, Judy Van Horn Dull, 19, mother of year-old daughter is sought by Hollywood police. (International)

Retirement Problem Getting Study From Researchers in Iowa

Iowa City, Iowa, Aug 2—Iowa researchers have been looking for a way to substitute the lunch box for the rocking chair. They've got nothing against rockers. It's only that they think older folks would be happier if they spent some of the late years working instead of rocking. The problem has special significance in Iowa because the state has a higher proportion of residents over 65 than any other state. The nation has 4,500 persons over 100, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, and 424 or about 10 per cent of them live in Iowa.

The researchers have been trying to explain that phenomenon. But no luck so far.

Proper Setting

The new study is under the supervision of the University of Iowa's Institute of Gerontology and has a proper setting.

Dr. Woodrow W. Morris, who heads the institute, drives a "model A" Ford and works in one of the oldest buildings on the campus.

The outward trappings belie the youthful Morris' "up-to-date" outlook toward his problems.

Morris said people "don't plan for retirement." People "don't want to get old and don't want to retire" so they make no provisions, he said.

"My father was one of those who didn't plan," he said.

"He was a teacher in Michigan when he was told he would have to retire," Morris said. "He just didn't know what to do with himself the first year of his retirement but he was saved when there was a shortage of teachers. The school board offered him another chance to teach."

Signs Another Contract

"That was 10 years ago, and he just recently signed another year's contract to teach mathematics," Morris said.

It's relatively easier for teachers and professional men to face retirement because they can "taper off" with lighter teaching loads and curtailed professional practices, Morris said.

"However, it's not easy for the factory workers who are just let out of the job at 65 and have nothing else to fall back on," he said.

"We cling to the idea of youth in the face of studies which show older workers have less absenteeism and accidents," he said.

"As the country's population grows older, industry will be forced to revalue its ideals and will probably come to the point where it will retire people only when they can't keep up production," Morris said.

"Industry just has to realize that some people are old at 50 while others are alert and fully capable at 75," he said.

Nevada Nuclear Explosion Delayed

Las Vegas — The Atomic Energy commission early today postponed for at least 24 hours firing of its "nominal yield" "Stokes" nuclear device from a balloon 1,500 feet above the Nevada Proving grounds.

Scientists said surface winds were too strong to launch the helium-filled balloon that carries the nuclear device. The test was rescheduled for 5:25 a.m. (PDT) Tuesday.

However, the AEC said that it would decide this afternoon whether to go ahead with the "Stokes" test or detonate another device, dubbed "Shasta," at 4:45 a.m. Tuesday. The "Shasta" shot from a 500-foot steel tower was ready to go last week but has been delayed because of weather conditions.

California Vacation Planned by Nixon

Washington — Vice President Richard M. Nixon said today he plans to spend a two-week vacation in his native California as soon as Congress adjourns.

Nixon said he has not decided on exact locations but probably will spend one week in northern California and another in the southern part of the state. No exact dates have been set pending more definite prospects for congressional adjournment.

Godfrey Lands Smoking Plane

San Francisco — Arthur Godfrey gave an unscheduled show Sunday as he approached San Francisco International airport at the controls of his own plane.

"A fire or suspected fire has broken out aboard my DC-3," he radioed the control tower.

Jack Oldroyd, in charge of the tower and a Godfrey fan, pushed a button sending eight pieces of fire equipment to their stations. The Coast Guard fire engine and ambulance and United Air Lines private emergency force also got set for action.

Godfrey landed his plane without incident. Mechanics found a transformer in the radio equipment had burned out causing it to smoke.

After removing the transformer, the TV and radio star resumed his flight to Seattle from San Diego, using a standby radio set.

The human skeleton is made up of about 200 bones, 74 located in the head, neck and the trunk, and the remainder in the legs and arms.

Navy Asks More Funds For Earth Satellite

Washington — The Navy has asked for Senate for an additional \$34,200,000 to launch the U.S. earth satellite sometime next year.

The request was part of an overall 110 million dollars budget for the project, a highlight of the International Geophysical Year.

Capt. Alfred B. Metzger, deputy and assistant chief of naval research, said the 21½ pound satellite will be launched from the Air Force Test Center at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

He told the Senate Appropriations Committee Friday that two test firings of rocket types which will carry the 20-inch magnesium sphere into space have been successful. A third test firing, he said, will be held "soon."

About one-half the U.S. yearly edge production is laid from March through June.

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LITTLE SCHOOLS CLOSE
Columbus, Ohio — The "little red schoolhouse" may become virtually extinct in Ohio by the end of 1957. E. E. Holt, state superintendent of public instruction, said 25 of the one-room schools have closed this year. Fifty-seven are still in operation in 11 of the 8 counties.

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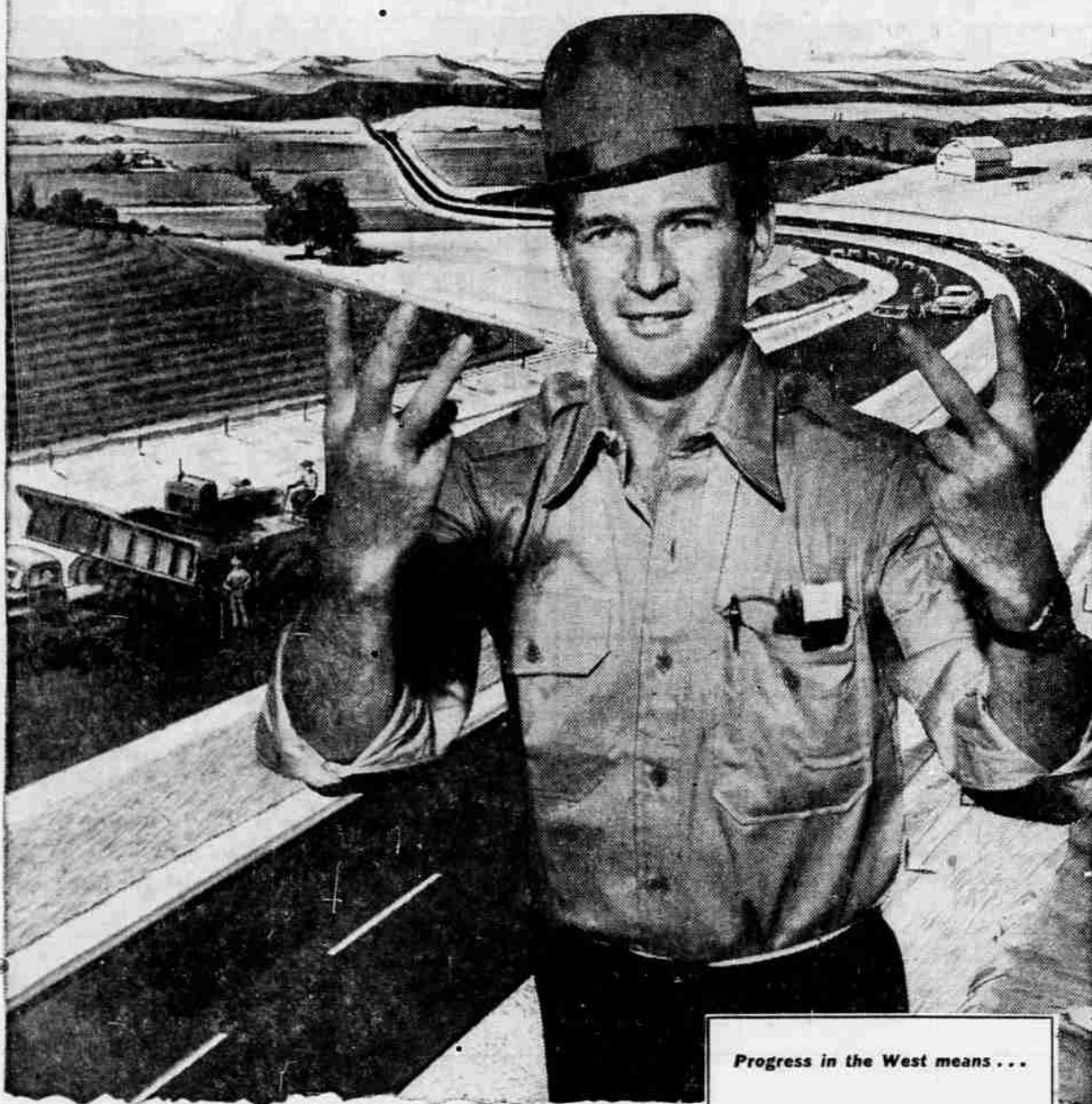
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