

Officers Seek To Link Gunman With Unsolved Deaths in West

Jeffersonville, Ind.—An authorities today sought to link a gunman, who with a companion shot and killed two state troopers, with the unsolved murders of five persons in California and New Mexico.

Victor Wayne Whitley, 26, Granger, Tex., was captured Tuesday near North Vernon, Ind., after a night-long search by a force of about 250 police officers. His arrest climaxed one of Indiana's greatest man-hunts since the days of Dillinger.

State police sent Whitley's picture and fingerprints to western points as a suspect in the murder of two El Segundo, Calif., policemen last July, and the slaying of two young women and a man in New Mexico two days later.

Cross-Country Spree

The tall, blond bandit, held in jail here under a heavy guard, admitted he and his slain accomplice staged a cross-country crime spree before their wild two-state flight that began Monday afternoon in Michigan.

In their wake the killers left

one state patrolman dead and one wounded seriously in Michigan, and another state policeman dead and two police officers wounded, one critically, in Indiana.

Also killed was Whitley's partner in crime, Ralph Walker Taylor, 36, of near St. Alban's, W. Va.

Taylor was wounded fatally by a volley of police bullets when the two bandits crashed a road block south of North Vernon shortly before midnight Tuesday night.

Whitley shoved the body of his dead accomplice from the car and drove away, but abandoned his bullet-riddled getaway car a short time later to take cover in a nearby woodland.

A small army of police ringed the wooded area during the night keeping him "pinned down," and then flushed Whitley from the woods shortly after daylight. Whitley, his hands up and unarmed, surrendered meekly.

Whitley blamed the slayings of the troopers in Michigan and Indiana on Taylor.

"I guess Ralph was just no good," the gunman said, wryly. Whitley also admitted that he and Taylor committed at least 20 armed robberies in 12 states since last June, police said.

Authorities in Michigan, meanwhile, indicated they would be willing to have Whitley tried for murder in Indiana where he would face death in the electric chair. The maximum penalty in Michigan is life imprisonment.

Icy Calm Unruffled
Whitley, his icy calm unruffled by intensive police questioning, signed three statements admitting his part in the murders and four months of "pulling armed robberies."

He said they held up loan companies, liquor stores and super markets at New Orleans and Shreveport, La.; Atlanta, Ga.; Covington, Hopkinsville, and Louisville, Ky.; Wilmington, Del.; Frederick, Md.; Uniontown, Pa.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Greenfield, S. C.; Morgantown, W. Va.; Trinidad, Cape Girardeau and Kansas City, Mo.; El Dorado, Ark.; Terre Haute, Ind.; and Omaha, Neb.

Skating Party Slated For Gold Hill Schools

Gold Hill—According to Gilbert A. Mack, principal of Gold Hill schools, the first skating party for the Gold Hill schools will be given Friday, Oct. 4. Buses will leave at 6:20 p.m. Parents are requested to be at the school to pick up children returning from the party by 10 p.m. or earlier.

The party is limited to fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students and Gold Hill freshmen. The restrictions will eliminate overcrowding of buses and too great a spread in age groups, according to the school officials.

There will be two buses. Supervising teachers will be Dean Roberts and Gilbert A. Mack.

PREACHER DIES

New York — The Rev. John J. Endler, 65, a well known Roman Catholic preacher of Novenas, died Monday.

'Idiot Machine' Aids Navy Pilots To Learn 'Loft Bombing' Means

China Lake, Calif.—A Navy carrier pilot in an F4U Skyhawk skimmed across the sagebrush of the Mojave desert at 500 knots, pulled up into a half loop and slung a practice bomb in the general direction of the moon.

The young jet jockey was flying through the "idiot machine" to learn how to send an H-bomb toward the enemy in a special way.

It is known as "loft bombing." It sends the bomb through a three-mile arc like a long punt from the 10-yard line. By the time it explodes, the pilot is miles away.

Loft bombing and another maneuver known as "over-the-shoulder" bombing are the only means of safely delivering a nuclear weapon from low altitude. In the latter technique, a pilot flies over his target, then zooms up, flinging his bomb some 12,000 feet straight into the air. He then has about 40 seconds to put distance between himself and the target.

On Target

Until the invention of the "idiot machine," however, these techniques were hit-and-miss maneuvers. Today, after a four-day course at this naval ordnance test station, it's a pretty poor pilot who can't "punt" his bomb three miles and deposit it in a target the size of a football stadium.

The "idiot machine" is a complex electronic system which measures the pilot's speed and draws out the exact profile of his pull-up with an ink line on graph paper. It was devised by three China Lake civilian scientists—engineers, Dr. Newton E. Ward, head of aviation ordnance; Rod McClung, instrumentation expert, and Duane Mack, range engineer.

Mack, whose crew operates the instruments from a control tower at the end of China Lake's "Charlie Range," explained that the machine consists of two main components.

The Components

First is a "sky screen array," a series of photoelectric cells placed at 1,000-yard intervals

along a 14-mile approach path. These give the exact ground speed of the plane.

The second component is the "profile tracker," a pair of powerful binoculars on a power-driven gun mount with which the operator can follow the maneuvering plane on its exact arc. This information is also transmitted to graph paper in the tower.

Once a pilot has practiced loft-bombing with the guidance and correction from the tower for four days, he is equipped to do it without the machine. With the exception of an automatic bomb release, the entire loft maneuver is strictly a matter of pilot skill.

Five Appointed to Hospital Board

Ashland—The appointment of five men to the Ashland General hospital board was approved Tuesday at a city council meeting.

Appointed by Mayor Richard Neill were Walter Bosshard, Arnold H. Bauder, Gerald Leonard, Richard Herndobler, and Edward Singmaster. Alfred Paulson will remain as the general manager of the hospital, officials said.

The board members will serve for one and two-year terms which will be decided by the members. They also will elect the chairman.

Interest in Trailer Mart Sold By Bates

Keith Bates, 1714 East Main st., has announced sale of his interest in the Southern Oregon Trailer Mart, 3434 North Pacific highway, to Sterling Tucker of the Tucker accounting agency.

Tucker will be associated in the business with Roy Abbott who has been a member of the firm.

Bates said his plans for the future are not definite. He intends to remain in Medford.

Driver Pleads Guilty To Homicide Charge

Payette, Ida.—Raleigh Williams, 22, Opportunity, Wash., today pleaded guilty in District Court here to a negligent homicide charge in connection with the auto accident death of an Oregon family of four.

Williams was accused of driving the pickup truck in which Mrs. Marjorie L. Holmes, 26, and her three children were killed July 15, 1956.

After entering his plea, Williams was immediately sentenced to one year in Payette county jail.

Fort Lewis Units To Be De-Activated

Washington—The Army said Tuesday that elements of the 2nd Infantry Division stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., will be deactivated on or about Nov. 8.

The units include an infantry regiment, a field artillery battalion and part of a second, an artillery headquarters division, and an artillery medical detachment.

The units normally have about 4,000 men. The Army said 1,900 of them were permanent personnel who will be assigned to other units at Fort Lewis, used to fill overseas, levies, or assigned to fill vacancies elsewhere in the 6th Army area.

Portland Coffee Prices Show Decline

Portland—Retail coffee prices hit their lowest levels in two years here today with new three-cent-a-pound price cuts.

Retail price for name brand tins now stand at most large markets with loss leader coffee and house brands in paper bags proportionately lower. The cuts were in line with wholesale reductions caused by a bumper crop of green beans.

TYRA WITH KNIKS

East Orange, N.J.—Charlie Tyra, 6-foot-8 center from the University of Louisville, has clinched a berth with the New York Knickerbockers of the National Basketball Association after a strong showing in workouts with the club. Tyra came to the Knicks in a deal that sent veterans Harry Gallatin and Nat (Sweetwater) Clifton to the Detroit Pistons.

Night Classes at SOC Are Listed

Ashland—Night class offerings for the fall term at Southern Oregon college have been announced by Mrs. C. D. Winston, registrar.

Enrollment will be at the first class meeting, and must be completed by the end of the second class period. Classes include:

Painting, 2 hours credit, Britt student center, room 111, Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m., first class Oct. 1. Appreciative aspects of art, 3 hours credit, student center, room 112, Mondays, 7-9 p.m., first class meeting Sept. 30.

Orchestra, 1 hour credit, Band hall, Monday 7:30-9:30 p.m., first class Sept. 30.

Psychology of learning, 3 hours credit, Churchill hall, room 203, Mondays 7-9 p.m., first class Sept. 30.

First aid, offering classes in the new physical education and health plant, 3 hours credit, Thursdays, 6:45 p.m. first class Oct. 3.

Social dance, 1 hour credit, Tuesday at 6:45 p.m., ballroom of Britt student center, first class Oct. 1.

Roller skating, Tuesdays at 8:45 p.m., Skateway, 2 hours of credit, first class Oct. 2.

Night classes in second year Spanish will meet 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday for 2 hours credit with the first meeting Oct. 1 in the library-classroom building, room 1.

DAV Says Magazine

Salesmen Not in Area

Patrick Graham, service officer for the local chapter of the Disabled American Veterans, said today the organization has no magazine salesmen in this area.

He said he had received reports that magazine salesmen have been soliciting subscriptions as part of a DAV project. Graham said the DAV chapter is not sponsoring any salesman.

Mercy Flights Makes Two Portland Trips

Mercy Flights, Inc., air ambulance planes yesterday and today carried their 721st and 722nd patients, completing the ninth and tenth flights made in a seven-day period.

Yesterday evening, William Pepper, Camp White, was flown to Portland for surgery in the Veterans Administration hospital.

This morning, one of the planes flew to Portland to bring Mrs. Amanda Lawton to Medford to stay with relatives, the Joseph Lawtons, 601 King st. She had been in Emanuel hospital in Portland.

NOW IT'S A BUG MODEL
Chicago—The expression "cute as a bug's ear" has taken on wider dimensions — it now utters position with the department at the Chicago Natural History Museum said some scarab beetles in a new collection are so beautiful they model for jewelry.

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