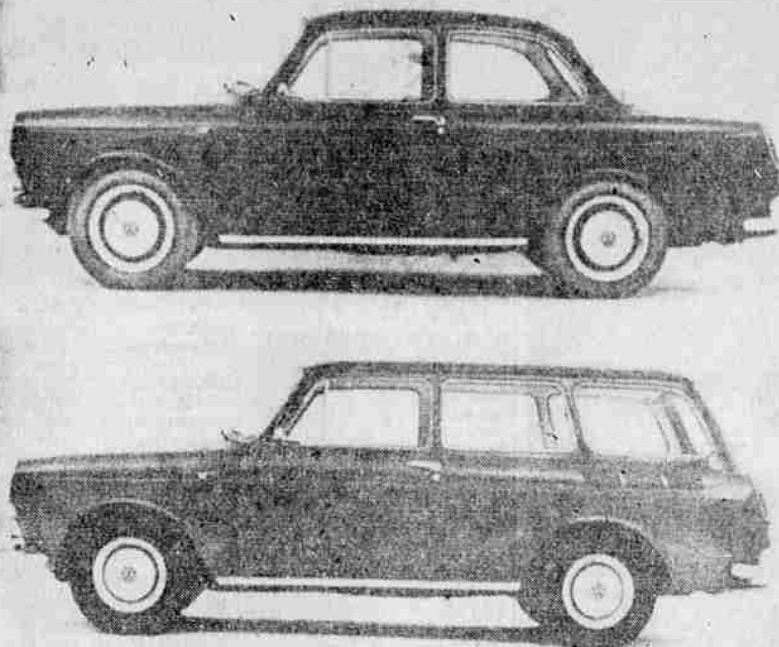




NEW VOLKSWAGEN — At top is the first released photo of the VW-1500 Volkswagen's new two-door sedan. Six inches longer than the familiar VW, the new car has luggage space both in front and rear trunks, the latter over the air-cooled rear engine. At bottom is the VW-1500 station wagon. Powered by a flat-four, air-cooled rear engine it is slated to make its debut some time in 1962. The new sedan will be shown for the first time in September. Neither vehicle will be sold in the United States. (UPI Telephoto)

Survivor of Nazi Gas Chamber To Be Witness at Trial of Adolf Eichman

Jerusalem — (UPI) — Yehuda Bakon, a rising young Israeli painter and art teacher, is one of the few Jews known to be alive today who went into Nazi gas chambers and came out alive.

Bakon is one of 39 persons listed to testify at the trial of Adolf Eichmann for the murder, torture and degradation of millions of Jews under Hitler's Jewish extermination program.

Like the rest of the 39, Bakon did not know until he read the list of witnesses in the newspapers that he was to be called to testify at the Eichmann trial, now scheduled to start April 11. He and others were among hundreds interviewed by police in preparation of evidence against the 54-year-old former Nazi officer. They had not been told of their selection as trial witnesses.

No Indications in Paintings

The soothing pastoral scenes of the Jerusalem countryside now painted by Bakon contain no indication of the terrors to which he was exposed as a boy. At 31, he will be the youngest witness against Eichmann.

Bakon, born in Czechoslovakia, was 13 years old when he was sent off to the Resenstadt concentration camp. A year later he was transferred to the Auschwitz death camp where he saw his father murdered. He was shipped later to the Mathausen concentration camp where he remained until the end of the war.

At Mathausen the boy had a job — to go into the gas chambers and strip the dead bodies of gold teeth.

Even in the death camp, the boy painted. He relates that he once was offered a half loaf of bread by a camp guard for one of his paintings. He has lived in Israel since 1948 and his paintings have been exhibited in the United States, Britain and South Africa.

Another Artist Scheduled
Another among the 39 individual witnesses will be Esther Luria, also now an artist. She had traveled from Palestine to Belgium in 1939 to study art. That summer she went to visit relatives in Lithuania and was there when it was occupied by the Russians. Then came the Nazi conquest. For three years Mrs. Luria was kept in the Kovno Ghetto. She ceaselessly painted what she saw and was known as the "Painter of the Ghetto."

Regarded as one of the most important witnesses against Eichmann is Dr. Benno Kohn, one of several due to be called who had personal contact with Eichmann in the Nazi years. The 66-year-old last president of the German Zionist organization first saw Eichmann in 1936 at a Zionist meeting in Berlin, which Eichmann attended as a Nazi party observer.

"He received a shove in the belly from the crowd," Kohn says. "He remembered this and mentioned it to me when I went to the prison recently to identify him."

Kohn saw Eichmann the second time in 1939 when Jewish leaders were ordered to appear before the Nazi officer to be told the details of an "emigration office" being established for Berlin Jews.

No Mistaking

When he saw him in his Israeli prison there could be no mistaking Eichmann, Kohn says. "The man had of course grown older, but there was no mistaking his eyes, his features — they were unforgettable."

Kohn described the "three phases of Eichmann" as he saw him.

"In 1936, he made the impression of a young careerist who was using the Jewish problem as a stepping stone to success. By 1939 he was an important man, drunk with power. Now, in prison, he is a polite, docile, broken man."

Others among the witnesses who met Eichmann in his Nazi heyday include Moshe Igami, 53, a Latvian. As a spokesman for his village he went to see Eichmann in Vienna in 1938 hoping for permission to establish camps to train young Jews for pioneer work in Palestine.

"I confess," he recalls, "that

Man Sent To County Jail For Burglary

Jean Noel Wright, 21, of 2352 McAndrews rd., was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail Wednesday by District Court Judge L. L. Sawyer. Wright was charged with burglary not in a dwelling involving theft of a pair of jeans from Robinson Brothers store March 1.

SETS UP TASK FORCE

Washington — (UPI) — President Kennedy has formed a special task force on safety to study the present American system of air traffic control. The task force, to be headed by Richard R. Hough of Cleveland, will report within the next few months.

the first time I faced Eichmann I shook with fear." Agami also went to Eichmann's prison cell to identify him. "I recognized him on sight — an older and now dejected man. I spoke to him of our meeting in Vienna. He did not recognize me."

To Be Hostage

Mrs. Hansi Brand also met Eichmann in his days of power and still shudders at the recollection. She is the wife of Joel Brand, another scheduled witness who was part of a committee that dickered with Eichmann for the release of

1,000,000 Jews in return for 10,000 trucks. The deal did not come off.

"My husband introduced me to Eichmann," Mrs. Brand remembers. "Eichmann coldly transfixed me with his eyes and said indifferently, 'Your husband is going to Istanbul. You are remaining here as a hostage.'"

Leon Kapon, 45, is among the scheduled witnesses who never saw Eichmann. But he, too, shudders when he speaks of "those days."

Whispering so that his wife and two young daughters nearby wouldn't hear him, he

told UPI that he would testify about the death camps.

"Do you know," he asked, the terror still reflected in his face, "that at Auschwitz they experimented on living people until they went mad with agony?"

Kapon bared his arm to show the bluish concentration camp number tattooed on his forearm.

"I was at Birkenau, Auschwitz and Mathausen," he said. "Forty of my family died. I was a good worker, so I lived. For 20 hours a day working on roads, we sometimes got just a slice of bread."



YEHUDA BAKON
To Be Trial Witness

Five Car Prowls Reported To Police

Five car prowls were reported to Medford police Wednesday, most of them in the Mary St. area. Police said the cars were entered sometime between Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

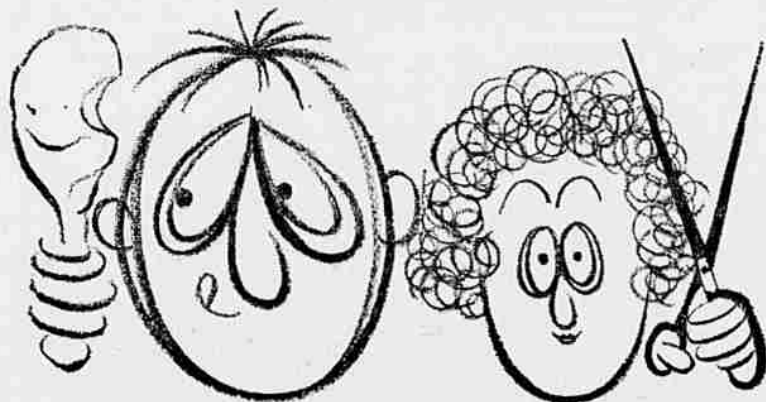
Included among the items taken from the cars are a camera, flashlights, gloves and soft drinks. Police are investigating.

AVOID RUSH

San Antonio, Tex. — (UPI) — The First Presbyterian church in downtown San Antonio believes in praying early for Easter. It has a sign up that says:

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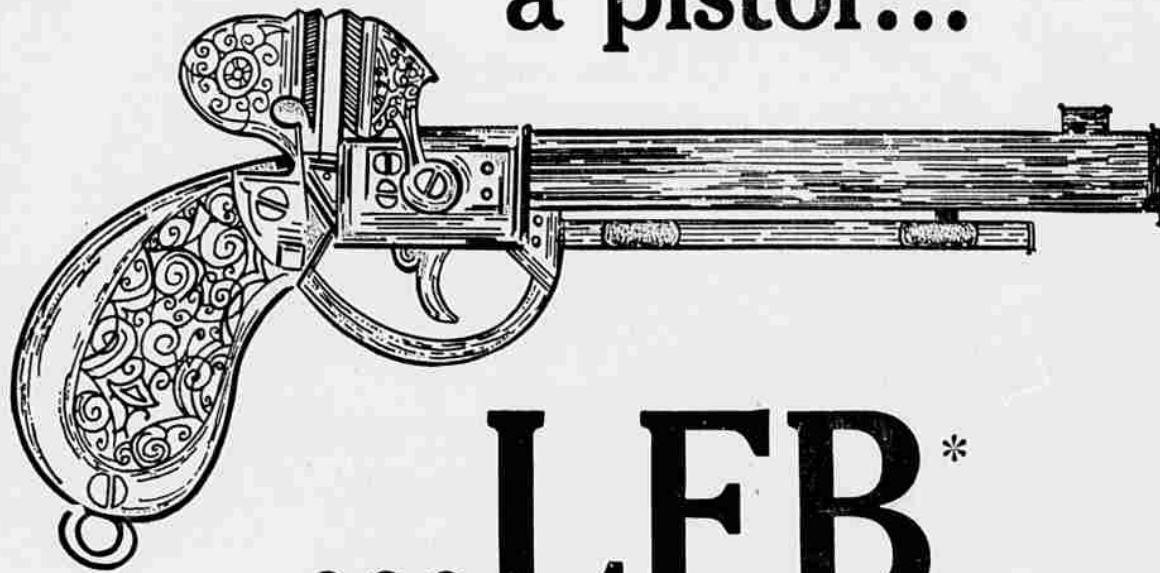
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