

Case of Big Jewelry Hijack Becomes Comedy of Errors

United Press International NEW YORK (UPI) — Five days ago even New York detectives grudgingly admitted the careful manner in which hijackers planned and staged the biggest jewelry robbery in the city's history.

But today the golden image of the bold bandits was turning into brass. The miracle in Manhattan had become a comedy of errors. It was not exactly a laughing matter, not with an estimated \$3 million worth of loot involved, but it was a bungled job.

And all because of an automobile that had become something of a relic in these days of automatic transmission and power steering.

The wrong man was in the driver's seat of the getaway car, a station wagon loaded with the stolen diamonds, emeralds, rubies and gold. He was unfamiliar with shifting gears and could not get the car rolling.

He gunned the motor and the vehicle jerked forward a few feet and stalled. It happened repeatedly.

"Hey!" he called to a group of workers nearby. "How do you get this damned thing to go?"

One of the men made a vulgar remark. Without another glance, the driver got out of the station wagon and sprinted empty-handed down the street.

The workers examined the car and helped themselves to the loot.

"A grab bag situation developed," said Capt. Charles C. Pelt Jr. of the detective division. "It was finders keepers."

He emphasized that many of the workers neither witnessed

the heist nor took part in the looting, but several stuffed handfuls of jewels—diamonds, emeralds, a few rubies—into their pockets. They left behind bars of jeweler's gold and the gems they could not easily carry away. None returned because they figured police would show up at any minute.

Some hid the jewels in the building being torn down. Others took them home. One even took gems to his weekend farm near Gettysburg, Pa., and buried them. Another man had more than \$200,000 worth in a briefcase.

Real Story

Late Monday night, the real story—the story of the "badly bungled" heist—began to seep out. It came from two separate sources. One a witness who talked to a private detective, and the other a demolition worker who "got a snootful" in a Manhattan bar and talked too much.

The demolition worker, well in his cups, started bragging to his buddies.

"We saw it all," he said. "And we got all the loot while the real bandits got nothing."

His buddies called police.

The other witness was a demolition worker who, apparently, had no part in the looting. He told private detective Anthony Negri, 28, he had seen a station wagon near the robbery scene. Several men were near it, he said, looking ill at ease.

One man, the witness said, stashed a briefcase in an old boiler lying discarded on the lot.

Negri found the briefcase, filled with jewels, in the boiler and called police.

By dawn Tuesday, dozens of detectives and FBI agents, dressed in neat business suits, were probing the debris with shovels, long poles and with their hands.

At least five demolition workers admitted their part in the looting, and led the detectives to hiding places. Some were accompanied home to get diamonds and emeralds that had been hidden in teapots and cookie jars.

Unearthed In Ruins

Hidden jewels were unearthed in the ruins of the building being torn down. A pump was rushed in to drain the basement of several feet of water. A filter was placed over the hose to catch any loose gems. Some workers didn't realize this, and stationed themselves downstream to catch any diamonds that might come floating by.

Police found no gems in the basement, but they did find silverware—knives, forks and spoons that had not been reported stolen in this robbery.

Police figured they had recovered at least 85 per cent of the loot. One high official said, however, that not all of it was recovered and most likely the rest will never be found.



JUDITH WILLIAMSON (UPI) Second Major Break

Missing Coed's Blood Spattered Text Books Found

ALBANY, Calif. (UPI) — Police today had their second major break in as many days in the baffling disappearance of a University of California coed who dropped from sight 16 days ago en route to classes in neighboring Berkeley.

Police late Tuesday night found two text books carried by 18-year-old Judith Williamson the morning she vanished. Both books were splattered with blood.

Chief Ralph Jensen confirmed the finding of the books, but he refused to reveal where they were found or who found them.

"We have some pretty good leads," Jensen said, "and we don't want to spook anybody."

Boy Finds Umbrella

On Monday, an 11-year-old boy turned over to police an umbrella Judith had been carrying the day of her disappearance. He said he had found the umbrella in a trash can three days after the attractive coed was reported missing.

Discovery of the books and the umbrella strengthened fears by police that the girl was the victim of an attack.

Judith left her home at 7:10 a.m. Oct. 29 for a five-block walk to catch a bus for the university.

Later, two persons told of seeing a car following Judith as she walked toward the bus stop and a third said he saw a girl who could have been Judith struggling in a convertible with a man shortly after she vanished.

House Dining Room Waiter Concludes Brief Fling As Foreign Affairs Specialist on European Trip

WASHINGTON (UPI) — It was just plain Ernest Petinaud, head waiter, today for the now-celebrated House restaurant employe who enjoyed a brief fling as a \$30-a-day foreign affairs specialist in Europe.

The likeable Petinaud, a fixture at the Capitol dining room, arrived Tuesday night from London aboard an Air Force jetliner with the delegation, headed by Rep. Wayne L. Hays, D-Ohio.

"I didn't do anything wrong," said Petinaud, "and I would be ready to do it again tomorrow."

The trip was part of his three-week vacation. He reports back to work Monday.

Petinaud's presence on the delegation, which attended the NATO parliamentary conference in Paris, triggered an uproar when it became known last week.

More than \$200 in congressional counterpart funds were used to pay his expenses while he served as a "messenger and liaison man" for Hays' group, which included 10 other congressmen. Petinaud also received a free round-trip to Europe, courtesy of the Air Force.

Most congressmen were reluctant to comment on the actions of a colleague, but Rep. H. R. Gross, R-Iowa, the well-known economist, had no qualms. He attacked the "shenanigans" of the delegation and suggested that the bill to boost congressional salaries \$10,000 to \$32,500 might suffer. Gross is an implacable foe of the pay raise measure.

Hays stoutly defended his appointment of Petinaud to the delegation staff. "Ernest was one of the hardest workers at the Paris conference," he said.

Hays, who was called "Ohio's Marco Polo" by Sen. Stephen M. Young, D-Ohio, Tuesday, said congressional staff members normally are chosen for duties of the type performed by Petinaud "but Ernest had asked me to keep in mind for something like this. I think he is a nice guy and he deserved it."

Paid London Expenses

Hays said that during the delegation's four-day stay in London he paid Petinaud's expenses out of his own pocket (about \$64) because "Ernest didn't do any work in London."

Asked about the furor over his trip, Petinaud, a white-haired Negro who speaks French and Spanish, said, "you can't please everybody — some people will say you shine their shoes too brightly."

Petinaud said he enjoyed the trip and "met many famous people."

Twenty Air Force staff cars whisked Hays, Petinaud and other delegation members from

nearby Andrews Air Force Base, Md., to their homes Tuesday night.

Before leaving, Hays repeated his offer to pay all of Petinaud's expenses if any congressman "would stand up and identify himself and make valid objections" to the head waiter's temporary staff position.

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Foreign Briefs

DOMINICAN ASSASSINATION PLOT TOLD

SANTO DOMINGO (UPI)—The newspaper Prensa Libre said today the Communists are plotting to assassinate government leaders, high-ranking army and police officers and other prominent Dominicans.

BRAZIL EXPECTED TO JOIN AGENCY PLANS

SAO PAULO, Brazil (UPI)—Delegates to an economic conference here said today they believe Brazil will join other new-world nations in plans to form an agency to coordinate U.S. aid to Latin America.

KING HASSAN SHUFFLES CABINET

RABAT, Morocco (UPI)—King Hassan II today appointed Morocco's first non-royal premier in three years and chose a new foreign minister in a cabinet shuffle apparently aimed at instilling new life in the government during its current border conflict with Algeria. Justice Minister Hadj Ahmed Bahini became premier, the nation's first since the late King Mohammed V dismissed the cabinet in 1960 and took over the post of premier himself.

PARAGUAY LIFTS 'STATE OF SIEGE'

ASUNCION, Paraguay (UPI)—The government announced today it has terminated "state of siege" regulations in 10 of Paraguay's 14 provinces. The modified military regime, imposed to maintain order, will remain effective in Asuncion, Itapua, Alto Parana and Villa Hayes provinces.

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Portlander Given 10 Years in Prison

SEATTLE (UPI)—Jerome O. Tichenor, 25, Portland, Ore., was sentenced to 10 years in prison Tuesday by U.S. District Judge William J. Lindberg for illegally transporting stolen money across state lines.

Tichenor pleaded guilty of taking about \$42,000 from Bellevue, Wash., to Oakland, Calif., after a robbery of the Bon Marche department store here March 8.

Tichenor admitted in a signed statement that he participated in the robbery but he has not been charged by Washington State authorities with armed robbery yet.

Richard J. Young, 37, now an inmate at McNeil Island federal penitentiary, pleaded guilty to the same charges Tuesday. He will be sentenced later.

Electronics Pace Mixed Stock List

NEW YORK (UPI)—Strength in electronics featured an otherwise narrowly mixed stock market today.

Control Data paced the electronic gainers with a jump of more than 3 followed by point-sized advances in RCA, Electronic Associates, Texas Instruments, IBM and Zenith.

Steels were weak. The recently buoyant rail section softened on profit taking. Du Pont and Union Carbide moved up nearly a point each in the chemicals. General Motors declined nearly 1/4 in the autos.

NEW YORK (UPI)—Dow Jones final stock averages:	Value
Industrials	750.21, off 3.56; 20
railroads	173.28, up 0.20; 15
utilities	137.59, off 0.51, and
65 stocks	263.49, off 0.84. Sales
Tuesday were about 4.61 million	shares compared with 3.37
million shares Monday.	

Tuesday's prices on selected stocks:	Value
Allied Chemical	54 1/2
Alum Co Am (xd)	66 1/2
American Air Lines (xd)	31 1/2
American Can	41 1/2
American Motors	21 1/2
A. T. & T.	123
American Tobacco	27 1/2
Anacosta Copper	47 1/2
Arco	63
American Standard	17
Bendix Corp	49 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	30 1/2
Boeing Air	38 1/2
Brunswick	11 1/2
Caterpillar Corp	47
Chrysler Corp	62 1/2
Coca Cola	105
C.R.S.	81 1/2
Columbia Gas	27 1/2
Continental Can	42
Crown Zellerbach	36 1/2
Crucible Steel	22 1/2

Portland Livestock

PORTLAND (UPI)—USDA—Cattle: 200, Canner-cutter cows 8-10.50. Calves 75 Good 240-300 lb. slaughter calves 25-26; feeders good-choice 430-475 lb. steers 22-24.

Hogs 200, Barrows and gilts 1 and mostly 2 at 250 lb 16; some 2 grade 270 lb 15. Sheep 300, Choice 87-90 lb. woolled 18; high good-choice woolled and tall shorn pets 17.25.

Portland Produce

PORTLAND (UPI)—Dairy market: Eggs—To retailers: AA extra large 48-52c; AA large 46-50c; A large 43-46c; AA medium 39-44c; A small 23-30c; cartons 1 cent higher.

Butter—To retailers: AA and A prints 66c; cartons 3c higher; B prints 66c.

Cheese (medium cured)—To retailers: 46-48c; processed American 5-10 lb. loaf, 43-48c.

Investment Funds

Noon quotations on selected stocks:

Fund	Bid	Asked
Bank America	12.11	12.11
Bank of America	12.11	12.11
Bank of California	12.11	12.11
Bank of New York	12.11	12.11
Bank of the West	12.11	12.11
Bank of the South	12.11	12.11
Bank of the Middle	12.11	12.11
Bank of the North	12.11	12.11
Bank of the East	12.11	12.11
Bank of the West	12.11	12.11
Bank of the South	12.11	12.11
Bank of the Middle	12.11	12.11
Bank of the North	12.11	12.11
Bank of the East	12.11	12.11

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