Detectives Work Daily For Solution to Girls' Murder

The New York police force numbers almost 28,000 men. In the past three months, a sizeable portion of that force has been working on one case. It is the biggest man—or woman—hunt in the city's history.

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NEW YORK (UPI) — Shortly before 7 p.m., Aug. 28, a police sergeant plugged in on a flashing light on the switchboard at the East 104th Street police station and listened briefly to a breathless man.

Then the sergeant swiftly plugged himself in on a special extension leading directly to the dome-topped five-story building which houses police headquarters in downtown Manhattan.

On the uppermost floor, in a quiet yet extremely busy room, a red light began winking on one of two switchboards — the "emergency board."

One of the five patrolman handling the "hot runs" picked up the call and rapidly wrote down the information relayed by the sergeant on a "complaint report" and stuffed it into a little tube.

He rammed the tube into a pneumatic system which sent it on its way some 35 feet to where four more patrolmen sat in front of radio consoles linking them to 522 radio patrol cars, detective cruisers and emergency squad units.

Trouble Call

One of the radio operators picked up the tube, opened the message and — at 6:55 p.m.— the airwaves crackled with one of 1,144 calls sent that day in Manhattan alone.

The message was a simple one:

"In the 23rd Precinct, car 593 respond to 57 East 88th Street. Apartment 3C, report of a signal ten-thirty."

A signal 10-30 to New York policemen can mean several things — all of them bad. It can mean a holdup in progress. It can mean someone has been shot or stabbed. It means some kind of felony has been or is being committed. A signal 10-30 means trouble.

When the two patrolmen in radio car No. 593 arrived at 57 East 88th Street, they found big trouble.

The police officers were met by a well-to-do-looking man who identified himself as Max Wylie, a well-to-do television account executive with a Madison Avenue advertising agency.

He led the patrolmen into the back bedroom and pointed. On the floor, their wrists and ankles tied with strips cut from a bedsheet, were Wylie's daughter Janice, 21, and Emily Hofert, 23.

Stabbed and Bludgeoned

Janice, a copy-girl at News-week Magazine and niece of author Philip Wylie, was nude. She had been stabbed and bludgeoned.

Emily wore a shirt and blouse. She, too, had been bludgeoned and stabbed repeatedly.

In the apartment, the detectives quickly ascertained certain basic facts.

The two slain girls had lived in the apartment with a third young lady, Patricia Tolles, 23, sharing the $250-a-month rent for the five-room apartment on the fashionable mid-town East Side near the Guggenheim Museum.

On the day of the killing, Miss Tolles, daughter of the dean of Hamilton College, arose at 7 a.m. in the bedroom she shared with Janice. Miss Tolles, who works for Time Magazine awakened Emily and both dressed. Janice continued to sleep.

Patricia Tolles left for work about 8:30 a.m., she told detectives, and didn't return until shortly before 7 p.m.

More than 100 detectives were sent out in groups of two and three to "wear out some shoe leather and talk to people."

The picture they got wasn't a complete one, but it was a picture of sorts.

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Based on the detective teams' reports, it was determined that about an hour after Patricia left, Emily went downstairs and climbed into a borrowed sedan and drove to the exclusive Riverdale section uptown to pick up her own car, a Fiat, which she had left at a friend's home.

She started back for the East 88th Street apartment at about 11 a.m. The trip back takes only about a half hour. This meant she got back to the apartment some time between 11:30 a.m. and noon.

Clock Radio Stopped

One of the pieces to the jig-saw puzzle had been supplied by chief medical examiner Milton Helpern. He told chief of detectives Lawrence J. McKearney and assistant chief inspector Joseph L. Coyle that Janice was already dead by 11:30 a.m.

This fitted in with another piece turned up by detectives prowling the apartment. A small clock radio next to Janice's bed was stopped at 10:35 a.m. Its plug had been pulled out of the electric outlet when Janice was struck down and her body fell across the wire.

Janice had been viciously attacked. The killer used a soda pop bottle to smash at her head. The bottle was broken. Pieces of the bottle were embedded in one of her hands when she tried to ward off the blows.

The killer had stabbed her many times, using three knives taken from the kitchen of the apartment.

The killer obviously was still in the apartment when Emily walked in.

The murderer and Emily must have confronted each other soon after she entered the apartment, police theorized.

Indications were, they said, that she was forced to walk through the apartment and view the mutilated body of her roommate.

The killer, his or her identity now known to Emily, had to strike again.

The killer cut up a bedsheet and tied the wrists and ankles of the dead girls, leaving them lying together, side-by-side.

Killer Vanishes

Sometime between noon and 6:40 p.m., when Patricia returned home, found the bodies and summoned Wylie from his nearby apartment, the killer strolled out of the building and vanished among New York's millions.

The picture puzzle still had many holes. If the killer was a man, he must have been covered with blood. How did he get out of the building and past the doorman in that state?

It could have been a woman. A woman could have put on some of the girls' clothing and carried her own bloodstained garments out in a paper bag.

McKearney and Coyle decided they could rule out neither sex in the hunt for the killer. It didn't make sense for a woman to have killed the two girls. The killer had struck with such fury that two of the knives had broken in half. This would indicate that the killer had to be a man. But — that left unanswered the other question—how did he get away in broad daylight?

The teams still go out every day. They ask questions. They wear out shoe leather. They makes notes. They report back to McKearney and Coyle. Then the little pieces are tried for size.

One day, all the pieces may fit.

MURDER VICTIMS — On the morning of August 28, 1963, these two young career girls, Janice Wylie, 21, and Emily Hoffert (R), 23, were brutally murdered in their apartment. The killing put the investigative forces of New York's 26,000-man police force to work looking for the still unknown slayer. (UPI)

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Johnson's Knowledge of Government Eases Elevation To President

Editor's Note: This is the final dispatch on the career of President Lyndon Johnson.

By HARRY FERGUSON
WASHINGTON (UPI) — There was a time when the top secrets of the government never were revealed to the vice president of the United States. Harry S. Truman had no inkling about the attempt to build an atomic bomb until the day Franklin D. Roosevelt died and the man from Missouri was sworn in as President.

Things were different when Lyndon B. Johnson took the oath of office last week. Nobody had to brief the new President because he had been living at the very heart of governmental secrecy for three years. As Vice President he attended almost every meeting of the National Security Council. He not only knew the secrets; his voice and his opinions had helped shape them into policy.

Johnson took command of the federal government immediately. He did not have to fumble and search for guidance and information. He began calling his key men into conferences, issuing orders and proclaiming policy, such as announcing the Kennedy program in South Viet Nam would remain unchanged.

His intimate knowledge of the mechanics of government is one of the two sets of circumstances that should make Johnson's life easier as President. The other one is the great surge of sympathy in Congress caused by the sudy. At the moment the new President is in the middle of a sort of honeymoon with congressmen who have been fighting such key Kennedy bills as tax reduction and civil rights. It won't last long and, in fact, Senate Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen already has put Johnson on notice to that effect.

Must Go Forward

"The work of the nation has to go forward. Once the shock of the tragedy has been absorbed, a country, like a family, is quickly faced with the reality of its problems."

Johnson's problem with Congress is to devise some means to strike quickly and decisively in behalf of the Kennedy legislative program. It is almost an impossible task. Sen. Harry Byrd the conservative Democrat from Virginia, is all-powerful on tax matters. Doubtless he mourns Kennedy as deeply and sincerely as any man, but that is unlikely to budge him from the position that there cannot be a tax cut without reductions in federal expenditures. The voice of Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina is muted at the moment, but he will recover his powers of speech instantly when and if the time comes to lead a filibuster against the civil rights bill.

All of Johnson's formidable powers of compromise and conciliation will be tested in the coming months. He knows all these men personally. He respects them and they respect him, but many senators and congressmen have life-time allegiances that run much deeper than their personal liking for Lyndon Johnson.

Johnson almost but not quite fits the classic pattern of the presidency. He was born, not in a log cabin, but a small frame house near Johnson City, Tex., on Aug. 27, 1908. But his parents were poor. His father was a school teacher and there was no money to send Lyndon to college when he was graduated from high school in 1924. He worked in a road gang for $1 a day, then traveled to California picking up any job he could on the way.

Wanted Education

Three years of this convinced him he wanted an education and he returned to Texas and enrolled in Southwest State Teachers' College. It was a hard life. He tried to earn his way by selling books door to door and working as a janitor.

There wasn't enough money coming in; in 1928 he dropped out of college and took a job teaching school. But he accumulated enough money to go back to teachers' college and was graduated in 1930. For two years he taught school in Houston and then was offered a job as secretary to Rep. Richard Klebert, D-Tex. From that moment politics was in his blood and in 1937 he won his own way into Congress by winning the seat in the 10th Congressional District of Texas.

On Nov. 17, 1934, Johnson married a pretty Texas heiress named Claudia Taylor. They have two girls who are attending the University of Texas and the other a private school here in Washington.

When Mrs. Johnson was a baby, a nurse remarked "why, she's pretty as a lady bird" and at that moment the name Claudia ceased to exist except when Mrs. Johnson signs legal documents. A few weeks ago Mrs. Johnson was interviewed on a local television station and was asked how she would change her husband if she had the power to do so. She thought about that one a long time and then said:

"Well, I would make him tell me every afternoon whether he was coming home for dinner and, if so, what time."

Johnson's Role as President Expected To Help Candidates

By WILLIAM THEIS
United Press International

WASHINGTON (UPI) —President Johnson's elevation to the leadership of the nation is expected to help some hard-pressed 1964 Senate Democratic candidates—especially in his native West.

For Johnson, born and bred in Texas and seasoned in Washington, "has the language" of the rangeland. He has crisscrossed the area in past campaigns for present incumbents and others. And this region contains the Democratic seats which have been regarded as most in jeopardy.

Twenty-four Democrats and nine Republicans are up for re-election next year. Unlike most tests for the Democrats, only three of the seats are in the so-called "Solid South."

Democrats have been most worried about the West—Utah, Wyoming, California and North Dakota. Even Texas, with one Republican senator, has been shaky Democratic ground.

Two In Danger

Two Western Democrats who have been viewed as in danger from the GOP drive to narrow the 67-33 Democratic margin in the Senate are Sens. Gale McGee of Wyoming and Frank E. Moss of Utah.

McGee said that even though GOP strength had been over-estimated and President Kennedy had "surprising" support in Wyoming, "President Johnson can only increase what we have."

"Lyndon Johnson is a Westerner," he said in an interview. "He talks our language—cattle and oil. Wyoming has always been ready to identify itself with Johnson."

Kennedy Preferred

Throughout the West, Democrats contend, Johnson would draw votes from the segments of population attracted to Sen.

SPEAKS AT GOLD BEACH

ASHLAND — Dr. James Dawson, associate professor of biology at Southern Oregon College, spoke on "Evolution" to the able and gifted students of Curry County at Gold Beach High School recently.

LINCOLN, Neb. (UPI)—The U.S. Department of Agriculture says half and quarter turkeys are the most popular turkey "packages" sold in some areas.

The USDA said disjointed pieces — legs, breasts, wings, necks and backs — are in demand so families can have turkey in small amounts any day of the year.

Government of Guam Working on Projects

AGANA, Guam (UPI)—The U.S. territorial government of Guam is working on two projects here to offset some of the damage caused by two disastrous typhoons during the past year.

Plans are under way for construction of a new air terminal to replace the wind-battered quonset hut now in use. The other project envisions building low-cost housing on government-owned land to provide new homes for residents who lost their houses in typhoons.

Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., the GOP presidential front-runner.

McGee said that a "secret" GOP poll on Wyoming political tides, conducted for the Sept. 9-11 period, showed Kennedy preferred over Goldwater by a 3 to 2 margin.

He said Democrats "stumbled" on the Republican poll, which he claimed also showed him favored 8 to 7 over any of six Republican senatorial prospects.

The poll findings, he said, ran contrary to press speculation that Wyoming was almost a push-over for the Republicans.

California's Sen. Clair Engle, D-Calif., has been recuperating from brain surgery and is a question mark for reelection.

Other Western Democrats facing reelection contests include Sens. Quentin R. Burdick, N.D., Howard W. Cannon, Nev., Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield, Mont., Henry M. Jackson, Wash. and Ralph Yarborough, Tex.

World Food Output In 1963-64 Seen To Be About Same

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Agriculture Department predicts the world food output in 1963-64 will be about the same as in 1962-63.

The department's Economic Research Service (ERS) said generally increased output in many parts of the world and a record wheat crop in Canada of more than 700 million bushels largely offset the smaller grain crops of Eastern Europe and reduced output in some other regions. The ERS analysts indicated production declines in certain crops will be made up in many regions by increases in other crops.

There were highly unfavorable weather conditions for 1963 grain production in much of Europe. ERS said Western Europe's adverse weather reduced yields from last year's record high and injured the quality of wheat and feed grains. Wheat imports, therefore, will be substantial, ERS said.

The imports of feed grains by Western Europe will be influenced by the increased availabilities of home-grown feed-grade wheat, and the extent to which the feeding value of grain was reduced.

ERS said the domestic food supply in the Soviet Union in 1963-64 will be less than the preceding year. This will require considerable imports of grain instead of normal exports. Canada already has sold a considerable amount of wheat to the Soviet Union, and it is anticipated that the United States also will sell a large volume to the Soviet bloc.

ERS said that the domestic food situation in many other Eastern European countries will be spotty.

The extremely severe hurricane season in the Caribbean area hurt growing sugar cane and other agricultural crops, particularly those for local use, ERS said. Some drought conditions continued this year in other Western Hemisphere countries, as well as the United States.

But in a number of temperate zone areas of Latin America, including Mexico, Argentina and Uruguay, growing conditions were improved and the level of 1963-64 production is expected to be somewhat above that of the previous year. Expanded production generally is expected this year in Central America and Venezuela.

To Require Imports

ERS said over-all 1963-64 food production in Western Asia should about equal that of 1962-63, since an expected rise of grain production in Turkey of 10-20 per cent above 1962-63 would offset reduced production in some other areas, such as Jordan where severe drought prevailed.

Production appears to be on increase in most of Africa, ERS said. Increased commercial wheat imports and increased corn exports are expected by the Republic of South Africa.

ERS said food production in the Far East, Australia and New Zealand shows little overall change in 1963 compared with 1962. Unfavorable yields from early summer crops in Japan and Korea were followed by unusually good fall harvests of rice and other crops for Taiwan, The Philippines, Malaya, Mainland China, and India, no major changes from last year are reported, according to ERS.

The agency said wheat imports by Red China in 1963 already have exceeded those of 1961 or 1962, and that its crop prospects appear no better than a year ago.

4-H NEWS

Gold Hill Livestock

The Gold Hill Livestock 4-H Club met recently at the home of Bob Gail. Election of officers was the main order of business. Officers elected were Candy Gail, president; Bill Jones, vice president; Elizabeth Tate, secretary; Peggy Martin, treasurer; Marie Jones, reporter; Clare Lou Martin, historian, and Kenny Martin, activity chairman. R. C. Gail was chosen leader.

The club decided to have a Christmas Party at the Fred Martin home on Foots Creek, Dec. 17. There will be a gift exchange.

The meeting was adjourned and the club joined in singing. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Gail.

Marie Jones,
Reporter

Zippy Sewers

Zippy Sewers 4-H Sewing club recently met at the home of the leader, Mrs. Russell Thompson. Members discussed plans for future meetings and after a short business session, Ilene Mitchel gave a demonstration on "how to fit a pattern."

Members were served refreshments by Judy Frink. The next meeting was announced for 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 9, at the Thompson home on Lark Lane.

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