Kidnapers Split Over Story; One Confesses, Other Keeps Silence

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Two one-time private detectives jailed as abductors in the "Case of the Kidnaped Twin" split up today—police said one confessed and blamed the other, who denied some of the story but essentially wouldn't talk.

The victim, short, round-faced Leonard Moskovitz, 36, was rescued unharmed and smiling yesterday morning after 2½ days of captivity. No ransom was paid despite demands of first $500,000 and then $309,000.

Under California's "Little Lindbergh Law," kidnaping with bodily harm carries a maximum penalty of death and a minimum of life without parole. Kidnaping without harm carries a penalty of life with the possibility of parole.

Moskovitz said he was not injured, but Dist. Atty. Thomas Lynch told newsmen the interpretation of bodily harm is up to a jury, which could decide that cruel bonds or the like could mean injury. Moskovitz was bound and shackled during most of his imprisonment.

The two men arrested were seized separately. The first, Joseph William Lear, 43, of Sacramento, Calif., was caught in a telephone booth making a ransom call to the victim's identical twin and constant companion Alfred.

Police said Lear broke down and led them to a rented house, where a stocking-foot raiding party broke in, rescued Moskovitz and arrested 57-year-old Harold Jackson of Sacramento as he stood in his shorts. Jackson was shivering with fright, said Inspector Al Nelder, who nailed him.

The arrests ended the biggest San Francisco manhunt ever—and broke the best-kept secret of years. On police request, all news outlets had voluntarily held back the story until Moskovitz was safe.

Police said Lear, a soft-faced and fearful hearing aid salesman, made a complete confession after he and Jackson had been booked on suspicion of kidnaping.

Chief Homicide Inspector Frank Ahern said Lear blamed the whole plot on Jackson. He said Lear related:

Lear had believed he was working with Jackson on a detective case until Moskovitz was bundled into a house rented by Jackson and threatened with death unless Moskovitz' family paid $500,000 ransom.

Lear followed Jackson's lead from fear.

Moskovitz himself said Lear kept muttering "'Didn't know it was to be this kind of a job or I wouldn't have gone into it.'"

"Jackson seemed to be the leader," Moskovitz said.

"Lear had ideas of his own but he had to get the okay on everything from Jackson."

Ahern questioned Lear's story of being duped into the kidnaping. He said earlier actions by the two indicated Lear knew what was up. Ahern said Lear and Jackson bought chains, ropes, flashlights and other gear in San Jose two days before the kidnaping for use in the job.

He also pointed out that Lear made ransom calls and was often left alone in the house and could have left at any time.

Jackson, a tall, erect man with a constant sneer, disagreed with Lear on about everything, said Inspector Don Scott. He reported Jackson denied much of Lear's story, disputed other parts and agreed with some.

The case began Saturday morning when Moskovitz was lured from his real estate office on a phoney real estate prospect.

He said Jackson took him to a residential district house supposedly to meet Jackson's brother-in-law and then shoved him into a chair and told him he was kidnaped. Moskovitz said Jackson held a razor-sharp knife on him but did not harm him.

Snow Party Set Sunday

There's going to be a snow party. Dig out the skis, toboggans and winter duds for the big day, Sunday, Jan. 24 when all Horizon Club members of Camp Fire Girls are invited to attend the snow party to be held at Crater Lake.

Each member may invite one guest, male or female and each club is to ask one adult to attend. Every girl arranges for her own transportation and everyone is to meet at the warming hut at the rim of the lake at 1 p.m.

All should register at the hut upon arrival and all must register on leaving. No lost girls wanted.

Take own skis or toboggan and own refreshments or purchase them at the warming hut.

The party winds up at 4:30 p.m. when everyone should show up at the warming hut for a final get-together.

The activity has been planned by the Horizon Club cabinet.

Chemult Card Party Held

CHEMULT — The Chemult Civic Improvement Club held its first benefit card party at the Brader home Friday evening, Jan. 15.

Despite inclement weather, 20 persons arrived to spend an evening playing canasta and pinochle.

The special prize went to Albert Ramsey whose ticket won despite the fact he was driving the snowplow on the Diamond Lake Highway. Mrs. Corwin Galbreath was high at canasta with Mrs. Orville Farris low. Myrtle Hash was high in pinochle and Frances Thompson low.

Refreshments were served by ladies of the club.

A basket social is planned for Saturday evening, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. An auctioneer will auction off the baskets with prizes going to the most outstanding ones.

All women should bring an entry. Friends of the community are invited.

Proceeds will go towards the club's building fund.

New Industry Line Shown

The current display in the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce's Main Street window features an unusual industry that has been developed and the products patented here in Klamath Falls.

The line, Burmar Solvents, is manufactured by Joseph W. Hynes, 2844 Summers Lane.

In the year he has been in business he has extended distribution to include such nationally known firms as Bethlehem Steel, Remington Rand, Inc., Moore Dry Docks, as well as the U. S. Army and U. S. Marine Corps.

The solvents are used for cleaning electrical parts and particularly electronic equipment.

Bandits Loot Denver Home

DENVER (AP) — Two masked bandits bound and gagged a wealthy wholesale liquor operator, his wife, daughter and the family maid and escaped with loot totaling nearly $4,000 last night.

Police said the bandits gained admittance to the home of Joseph Zerobnick by ringing the doorbell and shouting, "Special delivery."

Once inside, police said, they carefully bound and gagged Zerobnick, manager of the Midwest Liquor Co., his wife Goldie, a daughter Natalie, 12, and the maid, Rita Thompson.

Zerobnick said he attempted to hide his billfold under a footstool but a gunman grabbed it. It contained $3,000, he told officers.

The two also took a $350 diamond ring from Zerobnick, a $500 diamond ring from his wife and $20 from her purse.

Crater Lake Has Sunny Weather

It was cold and sunny at Crater Lake National Park this morning when the ranger station reported. The thermometer registered four degrees above zero at 8 a.m.

Skiing is fair, with 102 inches of snow on the ground.

The roads to the rim have been opened. Chains are required from Annie Springs to the rim.

ANALYSIS

CORNWALL, Ont. (AP) — Results of a medical analysis were awaited today to determine the poison taken by 29-year-old Henri Seguin, who died in convulsions in his death cell an hour before he was to be hanged for murder.

Ontario's Chief Coroner Smirle Lawson announced yesterday an autopsy showed Seguin had taken poison.

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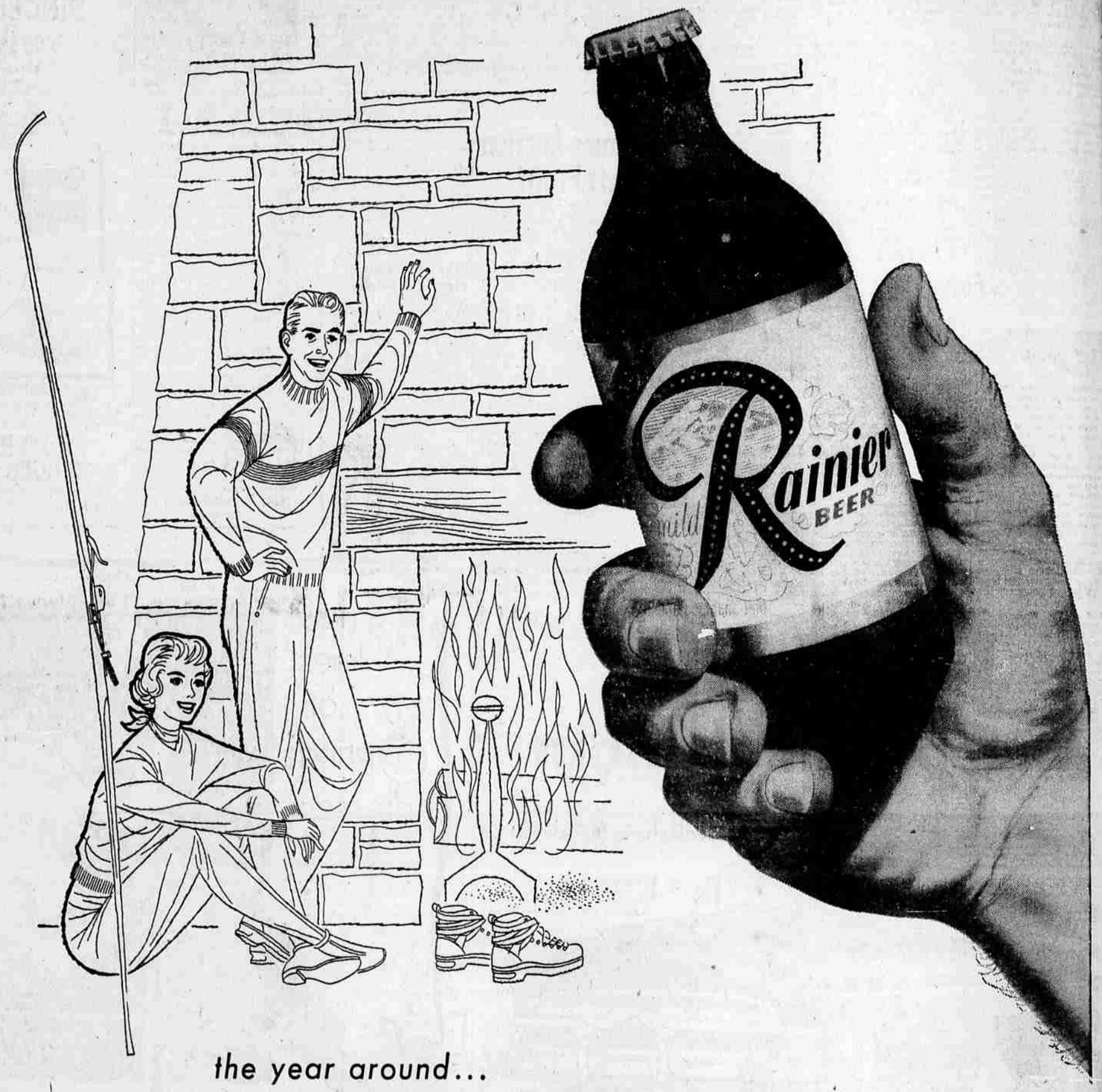

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