

# HUGE BRINKS ROBBERY SOLVED

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# Brinks Requests Aid For Schools

## FBI Nabs 6 Boston Men; Others Sought

WASHINGTON (AP) — Solution of the million dollar Brinks robbery in Boston in January, 1955, was announced Thursday by the Justice Department. Eight men are in custody.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said FBI agents had arrested six members of the daring gang responsible for the robbery, that two more of the robbers are now in prison in connection with other offenses, and that one of the participants is dead.

The announcement followed six years of perhaps the most intensive investigation the FBI has ever concentrated on a single case.

Hoover identified the six arrested men as:

- Vince James Costa, 41.
- Michael Vincent Geagan, 47.
- Adolph Maffie, 44.
- James F. McGinnis, 52.
- Anthony Pino, 48.
- Henry Baker, 49.

All live in the Boston area. Hoover said the two gangsters now in prison, who were associated with the spectacular raid on the Brinks transfer office in Boston Jan. 17, 1955, are:

Stanley Albert Gusciora, 36, confined in the Western State Penitentiary at Pittsburgh, Pa. And Joseph James O'Keefe, 47, held in the Hampden County jail at Springfield, Mass.

Hoover identified the dead participant in the robbery as Joseph Sylvester Banfield.

Hoover said two others—James Ignatius Faherty and Thomas Francis Richardson—are still being sought in the case.

The men arrested have been charged with bank robbery and theft of government property.

The Brinks' loot, carried away by a large group of Halloween-masked men, included \$1,218,211.28 in cash and \$1,557,183.83 in checks, money orders and other securities.

A Justice Department spokesman said none of the loot has been recovered.

Some 3000 police and FBI agents at one time sought the Halloween-masked gang of nine which broke into the main vault of Brinks' Inc. and fled with 17 canvas bags of money.

The gang missed another one million dollars in cash in the vault in their hurry to get away. The entire robbery took only 20 minutes.

Brinks' is an armored trucking service which hauls money to banks, stores and other institutions.

A number of Brinks' employees were questioned at one time because of the ease with which the holdup was staged. They all were released.

During the night-time holdup at the Brink's garage, two of the bandits acted as lookouts. The other seven had no trouble getting through five locked doors to the money room.

The bandits worked swiftly and were limited in their loot only by the amount they could lug out. They even had to drag the money across the floors.

Most of the money was in small denominations. However, it also was believed to have included a few \$1000 bills.

## 'Prankish' Weather Continues

By UNITED PRESS

Prankish weather made kissing shocking in St. Louis and gave Florida sunbathers goose pimples today.

But the strange, static combination of storm, cold, and drizzle also had its deadly serious side.

Crop losses in frost-bitten Florida mounted to 25 million dollars. A rash of cold weather fires killed seven persons, five of them children, in the Southland. And a major drought threatened the Great Plains.

In St. Louis, where there have been 41 straight days without rain, practically everything and everybody tingle with static electricity.

Couples gave each other shocks when they exchange kisses and department stores reported another problem — shocking sweaters. The electricity and magnetism made even the baggiest sweaters formfitting, store employees permitting.

Florida residents had troubles of a different and more serious sort. Weathermen forecast at least two more days of biting cold, with scattered frosts predicted in most farming areas.

Daide County farmers lost 13,000 acres of winter vegetables worth 10 million dollars and estimated losses on 16,000 acres in Palm Beach and Collier counties rose to 15 million dollars. As a result, prices of tomatoes, corn, squash, beans, and other tender vegetables jumped.

Resort hotel owners also felt the cold's pinch. Any guest who tried to sunbathe was in danger of catching the sniffles and the fact that New England's temperatures were often as warm as Florida's didn't help matters.

Asphyxiation caused by an electric heater was blamed for at least one death in Florida.

SLICK HIGHWAYS  
Farther north, ice-slicked highways had been blamed for at least 12 deaths since the start of the week and there was still a deadly mixture of rain, freezing rain, and snow from Maine to northern Alabama and Georgia.

The freakish weather extended across the nation to San Francisco, where a thick impenetrable ground fog covered the Bay Area like cotton. Air traffic was disrupted, auto headlights were unable to stab through the white glare, and at least one death was blamed on the fog.

U.S. weather experts said the strange combination of weather was caused by two stagnant storm systems which have been hanging off the Atlantic and Pacific coasts since Sunday. These were coupled with a high pressure system over the plains and Rockies which spread dry, drought-threatening weather.

## President Sets Five Year Policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower asked Congress Thursday to provide 14 billion dollars in federal grants over the next five years to help conquer the nation's critical school shortage.

In a special message, the President also asked authority for federal purchase of up to 750 million dollars worth of local school bonds — if school districts cannot sell them in private markets at reasonable interest rates — and 20 million dollars for grants to the states for school planning.

In summary, this would mean a federal outlay over five years of some \$2,020,000,000, with 750 million to be returned through eventual payment of the bonds.

The states would be required to match the federal grants for construction.

UNDER FORMULA  
The matching, however, would be under a formula whereby the wealthiest states put up \$2 for each \$1 of federal money while the poorer states would get \$2 for each \$1 they put out.

Eisenhower said a cardinal principle of the program is that "federal grants must not reduce the incentive for state and local efforts — but rather should stimulate an increase in such efforts."

"With this program," Eisenhower said in his 2800-word message, "we can lay the basis for better education in America in the years ahead. In this way we keep faith with our children."

The President made no mention of a question already stirring Congress — whether federal education aid should go only to states adhering to the Supreme Court's ruling barring race segregation in public schools.

One reason Congress got nowhere in the last session on school aid was a split over this question. Eisenhower's plan for needier states to get the biggest share of federal money collides with a bill by Rep. Kelly (D-Pa) which would supply \$1,600,000,000 in federal grants over a four-year period.

This bill, already approved by the House Education Committee, is due for early action on the House floor.

THE KELLY plan would provide money to the states on the basis of the number of school age children in each state.

In presenting his program, Eisenhower cautioned that it should be considered only as an emergency measure designed to help states and local communities "overcome the nation's critical classroom shortage within five years."

"Once this shortage is overcome, the federal grant program can and must terminate," Eisenhower said. "The states and localities should then go forward with their own funds, to meet their current and future needs. Present construction levels indicate their ability to do this."



REVIEWING KLAMATH COUNTY'S ECONOMY was the topic of the annual Klamath County Chamber of Commerce report forum held Wednesday noon at the Winema Hotel. Outgoing chamber president A. D. "Deb" Addison, left, chamber manager R. Frank Tucker, and new president Warren Bennet discuss the report. Tucker reviewed the accomplishments of the chamber in 1955 and discussed the forecast for 1956 at the forum attended by chamber members and other civic leaders. (See story on page 8)

## KF Trucker Shot During Holdup Try

Robert Lee Williams, a Klamath Falls truck driver, is in Klamath Valley Hospital with a bullet wound in his left shoulder after he was shot by a service station attendant while attempting to hold up the station early this morning, Klamath Falls police reported today.

Williams, who lives at 2620 Vandergriff, will be charged with the armed robbery of Idella's Grocery, 4846 South Sixth Street, which occurred a few minutes before he was shot, according to District Attorney Richard Beesley.

According to the Oregon State Police log, the Idella's holdup, which netted the thief approximately \$45, occurred at 1:35 a.m. Lawrence E. (Grady) Gaylor, attendant at Yaden's Service Station at South Sixth and Washburn Way, reported that he was at the filling station at about 1:42 a.m.

POLICE BELIEVE  
City police said today they believed Williams is the same man who robbed two other service stations early Monday morning, but detective R. N. (Bud) Adkins said he understood Williams had not admitted these crimes. A total of approximately \$410 was gained from the Monday robberies.

Mrs. Clare Gibson, owner of Idella's, estimated that the thief got \$45 at the grocery store, and then robbed a customer who was entering the store as he was leaving, Beesley reported. Mrs. Gibson said that she and the customer were both shut up in a back room. The store normally is open until about 3 a.m.

Police telephoned a warning to service stations after the Idella's robbery, and Gaylor shortly thereafter reported that the man was at the filling station. Gaylor said he took a .38 caliber pistol kept at the station for that purpose, and when the thief opened the door of the station, Gaylor warned him to "stay put."

TWO SHOTS FIRED  
The thief turned and ran toward the back of the station, Gaylor told police, and Gaylor fired two shots. One hit a tool rack, and Gaylor said he did not know whether the other one hit the man or not.

He said he saw his shoulder and face, and described the face as having a scar on the left side. This description tallies with the description of the man who carried out the Monday robberies, police said.

Gaylor said later this morning that when he was taken to the hospital to identify Williams, the scar had disappeared from his face. Gaylor said he thought that this meant the scar had been put on with theatrical makeup.

Later, at 2:58 a.m., police officers Rex King and Roy J. Silva, who aided the investigation at Yaden's, were notified that a man with a gunshot wound had been admitted at Klamath Valley Hospital. King and Silva reported that the man was Williams, and that he admitted being at Yaden's. Police Sgt. Charles Howard and officer James Perkins, the other officers at Yaden's, came to the hospital, and Beesley was called.

SEARCH FAILS  
Adkins said that Williams said he threw the money taken at Idella's into a ditch, but a combined search by city and state police did not turn it up.

Police said that Williams was armed with a .22 caliber revolver. The attendants at the service stations which were robbed Monday said he was armed with a .48 caliber automatic, but police said this could have been due to confusion on the part of the attendants.

Police said Williams was employed by Klamath Livestock, Inc. Later this morning, Williams' father, J. E. Williams who operates a ranch on Airway Avenue, was taken to Hillside Hospital with a heart attack, according to state police.

Setback For Farmers Seen  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers seeking relief from government controls on wheat grown only for farm consumption may be in for a disappointment.

Chairman Cooley (D-NC) of the House Agriculture Committee said Thursday that he and every member of his committee in both parties opposed this legislation last year.

And in spite of urging from President Eisenhower that this bill be made law, Cooley said: "I don't think there's a chance on earth of the committee reversing itself."

## Sarena Patents Said 'Confused'

WASHINGTON (AP) — A congressional investigation of 15 Southern Oregon mining patents was held Thursday in what its chairman characterized as "a lot of doubt and confusion."

Democrats and Republicans called a 5-day respite in the proceeding which has generated some of the liveliest partisan crackle yet in the election year Congress.

The hearing is being conducted by a special House-Senate committee. It involves the Department of the Interior's 1934 grant to Al Sarena Mines, Inc. of 15 mining patents in the Rogue River National Forest.

CONTENTIONS  
The patents were issued after the Mobile, Ala., company appealed a Land Management Bureau rejection based on contentions that the land did not contain enough minerals to warrant mining operations.

Democrats alleged the patents represented a giveaway because the land involved is covered with timber valued at \$250,000 and up. Republicans accuse the Democrats of developing a political issue in an attempt to "smear" the administration and gather campaign material.

Sen. Scott (D-NC), who is presiding, got in the final Democratic word Wednesday when he broke off the hearing until next Tuesday with a declaration that "the two sessions so far have created a lot of doubt and confusion about what really took place."

Scott promised "to get at the bottom of all these questions, in spite of the repeated cries of politics and smear... even if I have to go to Oregon and dig some samples myself and get them analyzed."

LATEST BLAST  
The latest republican blast came from Rep. Hoffman (R-Mich), who issued a statement criticizing the "bias and cowardly tactics exhibited in the conduct of these hearings."

The hearing wound up Wednesday with testimony about soil samples taken in preparation for a second assay of the Sarena claims.

R. N. Appling Jr., a Bureau of Mines employe at Spokane, Wash., said Sarena officials with whom he talked about selection of a mutually agreeable laboratory to conduct the assay had not "insisted" on the Mobile, Ala., firm which did the assay but had "expressed a preference" for it because they "had an open account there" and said it would be more convenient.

In one of the frequent outbreaks which have marked the hearing, committee members got into a squabble over the value of Douglas fir and sugar pine timber stands on the disputed claims.

PRESENT VALUE  
Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore) placed the present value at between \$250,000 and \$500,000 but Rep. Jonas (R-NC) contended it should be considered in the light of the \$77,000 estimate made by the Forest Service in 1949 — when the patents were first sought by the company.

During the discussions, Rep. Chudoff (D-Pa) referred to testimony by Appling that he knew of no mine by the Sarena company in the five years ending in 1953 and said he felt the firm "must be interested in mining, just in selling timber."

Appling, still on the stand when the hearing recessed, was told to be back Tuesday for further questioning.

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## Indian Hunting Case Time Set

A legal battle over Indian hunting and trapping rights on the Klamath and Umatilla reservations is slated for February 28 in the United States District Court in Portland.

The action was filed by the two tribes who claim the state of Oregon has no right to enforce game laws on the two reservations. The tribesmen contend they hold trapping and hunting rights under the treaty of 1870 with the United States government.

Attorney Joe O'Neill, counsel for the Klamath Tribe, said he was notified the case would be tried before Federal Judge Gus Solomon.

The Klamath Indians also will be represented by the Washington, D.C. legal firm of Wilkinson, Craig, Boyden and Barker. The Umatilla Indians are represented by Attorney Charles Luce of Walla Walla, Washington.

Attorneys for the state of Oregon are Arthur Higgs and John Nichols. They are members of Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton's staff.

## Fast Soil Bank Action Urged

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson said today the administration's proposed "soil bank" program can be put into effect this year if Congress acts quickly.

A month or two of "avoidable delay," he told the Senate Agriculture Committee "might cause us a year's time in getting the program launched."

The soil bank plan is the key feature of the administration's farm program which President Eisenhower sent to Congress Monday. It would provide for overall payments, both in cash and kind, totaling about one billion dollars annually to farmers. In return, participating farmers would agree to cut corn, wheat, cotton, rice and other plantings by 40 to 55 million acres.

Benson cautioned that the inducement offered to farmers to participate in the soil bank plan would have to be generous. Before farmers would comply, he said, they would have to feel that their net incomes would be at least as high as if they planted their allotted acres.

## 'Blue Crutch' Day Planned

"Blue Crutch Day" will be staged by the Pep Peppers and Future Nurses of Klamath Union High School Saturday in Klamath Falls, announced Wally Wunder, chairman of the "Teens Against Polio" division of the March of Dimes drive, today.

Nancy Nancarrow, president of the Pep Peppers, will co-chair the Blue Crutch Day with a member of the KUHS chapter of the Future Nurses, Wunder said. The girl students of these two organizations will be in downtown Klamath Falls Saturday with polio armbands identifying them.

With the fight against polio still being waged, every dime contributed aids in the war against this dread disease," Wunder said. Every donor on Blue Crutch Day will be given a miniature lapel pin representing a blue crutch.

Jay Krokak, campaign chairman for the March of Dimes, urged all the citizens of the city to cooperate with this event of the Teens Against Polio Division of the drive. He said the teen-agers will stage several other events this month in the drive for funds.

Sports Bulletin  
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Frankie Albert was named football coach of the San Francisco 49ers Thursday.

The announcement of Albert's appointment was made by co-owner Vic Morabito.

Albert, in assuming the duties of coaching the National League professional team, will succeed Red Strader, who was fired by Tony Morabito after an unsuccessful season last year.



THE COUNTY "TEENS AGAINST POLIO" division of the March of Dimes campaign was discussed and a chairman named at a meeting in Klamath Union High School Wednesday. Wally Wunder, right, KUHS student, was named county chairman of the teen-age section of the fund's drive. Carolyn Nancarrow, center, represented the Pep Peppers who will help stage the "Blue Crutch Day" Saturday. Tom Perkins, left, permanent chairman of the Klamath County Chapter, National Polio Foundation, aided the students in planning the several events they will stage this month. The Pep Peppers and the KUHS Chapter of the Future Nurses will be on the streets of Klamath Falls Saturday presenting miniature blue crutches to all donors to the March of Dimes.



DICK LOCKREM, 1848 Bissbee Street, operator of Dick's Auto Repair, 1000 East Main, paused in his work this morning when the 9 o'clock photographer came by to snap him. Dick recently returned from a month's trip to Mexico.

## Oregon Water Ruling Rapped

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Engle (D-Calif.) said Thursday a recent Oregon Supreme Court decision threatens the traditional water rights of the 15 Western reclamation states.

Because of this, he said in a statement, he has introduced a bill to clarify and reaffirm these rights.

"Traditionally," he said, "the federal government, in the 17 Western states has acquired and held its water rights under state law as a proprietor, just the same as any other land owner."

"Under the decision in the Oregon case, whenever the federal government reserves a portion of the public domain for a military installation, or any other specific purpose, the use of water on the reserved area would be independent of state law."

"If this decision is applied retroactively, it could cut off private water rights which have been in use for half a century or more."

Pointing out that the government owns large areas of the West, Engle added:

"The complexity and disastrous impact of this decision in such circumstances can be easily seen and it is therefore imperative that the decision be reversed by act of Congress."

## Men Sighted In Ecuador

NEW YORK (AP) — A radio report from Quito, Ecuador, Thursday said two men waving white flags were sighted on a sandy river beach in the Amazon jungle area where five U.S. missionaries were seized by savage Aucas Indians.

Dr. Clarence W. Jones, president of the World Radio Missionary Fellowship, relayed the report in a radiotelephone interview with Dave Garraway of the National Broadcasting Co. (NBC), terming it "the best word we've had in the last few days."

Jones said the men were sighted late Wednesday by a local commercial pilot who photographed them with a 35-millimeter camera. They could not be identified from the photographs, however.

He said a U.S. Air Force rescue helicopter which arrived Wednesday at Shell Mera, Ecuador, headquarters for the search, would fly over the spot to investigate.

Air Force and missionary pilots previously have spotted two bodies near the stripped skeleton of the Piper plane in which the missionaries had flown to the jungle site in an effort to contact the Aucas. The bodies were not identified, but their finding raised fears that all the men were dead.



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CALIFORNIA  
January 13  
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