

More Burglar Scandals Rip Chicago Police Department

CHICAGO (AP)—More talking early scandal, and the burglary burglars have jolted the scandal- scarred Chicago police department anew with fresh charges that more than 20 policemen were involved with a gang specializing in swank Gold Coast robberies.

Acting Commissioner Kyran Phelan said Sunday night that evidence found by Irwin Cohen, head of the mayor's investigation office, and Lt. John Neurauter, head of the burglary detail, linked the policemen—hitherto untouched by the scandal—to the ring.

Phelan said the investigation indicated that the newly involved officers allegedly accepted bribes—at least one of \$1,000—to protect members of the gang.

Those newly involved, said Phelan, were attached to the Summerdale District, scene of the

The evidence was uncovered, Phelan said, after Cohen and Neurauter went to Stateville Prison in Joliet and questioned four convicted burglars. He identified them as Harry Melford, 34, Richard Aloia, 31, Richard Kelley, 25 and Casimir Boniakowski, 31. They are serving terms ranging from 1 to 6 to 4 to 10 years after pleading guilty last November to burglarizing a department store.

Neurauter said the four had committed several hundred robberies, most of them in the well-to-do Gold Coast.

This is the third time that burglars' accusations have jarred the force in five weeks.

Richard Morrison, 25, touched off the scandal Jan. 13 when he accused eight policemen from the North Side Summerdale District of aiding him on his looting forays. He charged six others had accepted bribes from him.

Police Commissioner Timothy J. O'Connor resigned and a special grand jury was called to probe the charges. Already 48 policemen have been suspended on civil service or criminal charges.

Last week another four-man burglary ring implicated several policemen from the Damen District in a scheme to receive stolen goods. The Damen District is adjacent to Summerdale.

The convicted burglars told Neurauter that in April 1959, while free on bond pending the outcome of one burglary case, they were apprehended by Summerdale policemen with the loot of three other burglaries. One convict said he paid \$1,000 to a policeman to change the testimony of the arresting officers.

Cohen and Neurauter said that further statements implicated more than a score of former members of the burglary detail.

"DENNIS THE MENACE"



"I'll be cowboy Bob, you be bad Bart, an' Mr. Wilson'll be the fat guy who says 'they went thataway!'"

Professor Sees Troubles In Fooling With Weather

HONG KONG (UPI)—Don't fool around with the weather! Maybe it's bad now, but it could be worse.

This is the opinion of Prof. S. G. Davis of Hong Kong University who says that experimenting with controlling the weather could lead to disastrous results.

The professor got talking about weather experiments in the course of discussing the unusually mild winter Hong Kong has experienced this season. One thing he doubted was that nuclear explosions have tempered with the usual (or is it the unusual) course of weather.

If anybody is going to change the weather, Davis said, it will be man himself.

The Russians have been working on their bad weather for some years now. They are not just mere theorists because their ideas can definitely work.

"They (the Russians) know how to do it and it may be in the near future that Russia will have no winter," he said.

"However," he hastily added, lest the world start demanding better weather, "drastic changes could be more dangerous to the world than all the nuclear weapons invented."

According to Davis, the Russians have devised a means by which nuclear fission has been harnessed to melt snow—something Russia has got plenty of.

"Thousands of small nuclear fission pellets can be shot into the snow and within no time vast areas of snow have melted," Davis explained.

It would be possible, he said, to have sunshine 24 hours a day by sending huge quantities of fine meteoric dust into one location where the sun's rays would be reflected onto any given point.

"In other words, if Russia decided to have sun all the year or part of the year round, it would be possible. However, I think most scientists are treading carefully on this score."

The troubles which could arise from such experiments are enormous.

"If Russia did make their weather warmer there would be an immediate build-up of pressure. This would cause a greater wind activity and cause the world to be thrashed with continual typhoons," the professor said.

"The Sahara Desert could suddenly change into an equatorial rainbelt."

The frightening prospects he mentioned included peoples used to cool weather dying in tropical temperatures, and the entire world would have to adjust to a new living.

"The whole thing must be in-

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| Bakersfield | 63 | 41 | |
| Boise | 41 | 25 | |
| Boston | 41 | 25 | |
| Brownsville | 66 | 44 | .04 |
| Chicago | 31 | 15 | .15 |
| Denver | 46 | 27 | .02 |
| Detroit | 32 | 24 | .29 |
| Fairbanks | 18 | 9 | |
| Fort Worth | 48 | 31 | |
| Fresno | 62 | 40 | |
| Helena | 37 | 18 | .01 |
| Kansas City | 33 | 8 | |
| Los Angeles | 68 | 52 | |
| Miami | 74 | 69 | |
| Minneapolis | 21 | 11 | .03 |
| New Orleans | 62 | 48 | 1.48 |
| New York | 35 | 28 | |
| Oakland | 61 | 46 | |
| Oklahoma City | 43 | 25 | |
| Phoenix | 63 | 41 | |
| Pittsburgh | 32 | 15 | .07 |
| Red Bluff | 63 | 44 | |
| Reno | 50 | 20 | |
| Sacramento | 62 | 42 | |
| Salt Lake City | 36 | 24 | .13 |
| San Diego | 63 | 53 | |
| San Francisco | 56 | 49 | |
| Seattle | 47 | 32 | |
| Spokane | 42 | 23 | |
| Stockton | 65 | 40 | |
| Thermal | 72 | 50 | |
| Washington | 36 | 30 | .03 |

More Amendments Set For Wilderness Measure

WASHINGTON (AP)—A highly controversial wilderness area bill, almost amended to death last year, will run into more proposed amendments at Senate Interior Committee meetings this week.

The measure, strongly opposed, would set up and preserve wilderness areas throughout the country.

Opponents include: Ranchers, afraid they might lose the right to graze cattle and sheep on federal land; lumbermen, anxious to preserve the right to cut timber on federal land; oil and gas drillers and prospectors, who continue looking for petroleum and minerals on public land and reclamationists, who claim irrigation projects would be blocked.

The Interior committee heard about 500 witnesses testify for and against the bill last year at hearings in Seattle, Phoenix and Washington, D. C.

An estimated 10,000 letters and postcards commenting on the bill were received by the committee. Members of Congress, including the 17 senators cosponsoring the bill, got thousands more.

The bill was revised dozens of times at numerous meetings of the committee in 1959. It finally was put aside at the request of Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo) after he suffered a stroke.

The committee resumed consideration Feb. 16. After an hour of discussion members were able to agree on about 15 lines of a bill which is expected to run about 600 lines averaging 10 words each.

Before the committee comes up with a bill it will have to dispose of:

A substitute proposed by O'Mahoney; 16 amendments offered by Sen. Gordon Allott (R-Colo), and others proposed by Sens. Wallace C. Bennett (R-Utah), Henry Dworshak (R-Idaho), and Ernest Gruening (D-Alaska).

Wall Collapse Does Damage

PENDLETON (AP)—The collapse of a brick wall from a fire-ruined three-story building caused extensive damage in the downtown district here early Saturday. No one was hurt.

Bricks crashed onto the roof of an adjoining building that housed a shoe store and an insurance and realty firm. Some of them spilled over Court Street, the Highway 30 route through the city, and smashed large plate glass windows in a furniture store and a tavern.

Police estimated that a strong wind, with gusts reaching 50 miles an hour, was blowing when the wall tumbled down.

The structure had been burned out in a fire Jan. 18. Workers are tearing it down but the wall that collapsed had not been reached.

Police said that because of the early hour—2:30 a.m.—there apparently was no one nearby when the bricks came down.

MAC CONTINUES IMPROVING. NEW YORK (UPI)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur has continued to show "normal improvement" after more than three weeks in Lenox Hill Hospital where he is being treated for a urological ailment, a 1st Army spokesman said Sunday.

Murder Trial Is In Recess

BOSTON (AP)—The first-degree murder trial of Dutch radio operator Willem van Rie was in recess for Washington's Birthday today after 6½ days of testimony about the death of a pretty divorcee aboard a Singapore to Boston freighter.

Van Rie is accused of slaying Lynn Kauffman, 23, last Sept. 18 as a climax to a shipboard affair on a 44-day voyage from the Orient.

The all-male jury, locked up after court recessed Saturday noon, attended church services Sunday and was taken on a bus ride along the Massachusetts South Shore.

The Saturday session concluded with testimony by Boston Medical Examiner Michael A. Luongo that Miss Kauffman was apparently beaten and kicked in her cabin and then dragged through a port-hole.

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