



"I said, 'THAT TOY IS FATHER NOJSY, ISN'T IT?'"

Previous Crimes Listed Of Con Caryl Chessman

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — The man with the crooked nose and black, wavy hair has been busy for the past 22 years. He spent 11 years breaking the law—and the other 11 debating it.

Caryl Chessman was born at St. Joseph, Mich., on May 27, 1921. He was stealing bread and milk at the age of 12 and cars at the age of 14.

The first entry in his criminal record came in 1937 when he was arrested on suspicion of auto theft, and suspicion of burglary. After a short term at Prison School of Industry, he was arrested again in 1938.

In 1941 Chessman was sent to San Quentin prison on four counts of first degree robbery and one count of assault with a deadly weapon. He escaped from the California Institution for Men in 1943.

He was returned to San Quentin in 1944 with an additional new commitment of first degree robbery and released late in 1947.

Within days after Chessman's release, a "red light bandit" began terrorizing couples in lovers' lanes in the Los Angeles area. He impersonated a policeman by driving a car with a flashing red light.

Sometimes the bandit flourished a .45 caliber pistol, robbed the couples and vanished. But in other occasions, the masked man forced the girl to accompany him and brutally assaulted her.

Girl Kidnaped

On the night of Jan. 22, 1948, the bandit approached a young couple parked in an isolated place. He kidnaped a 17-year-old girl, attempted to rape her and forced her into acts of sex perversion during the three hours he held her captive.

The following night, police officers James Heardon and Robert May spotted a coupe that answered the description of the bandit's car and signaled it to pull over.

The coupe sped away with the patrol car in pursuit. During a wild 80-mile-an-hour chase, May radioed for help and fired on the fleeing car.

The coupe plunged through one roadblock and was about to evade another when Reardon rammed it broadside with the patrol car. Police arrested Chessman and a companion in the stolen car, which still contained loot of a robbery earlier in the evening.

Hollywood police announced the following morning they had accumulated enough evidence to link Chessman to the crimes of the red light bandit.

The car was stolen in Pasadena about the time the bandit began operations, a pen-type flashlight similar to the one used in the crimes was found in the glove compartment, and a .45-caliber pistol was found nearby.

Chessman answered the description of the bandit, although he was slightly taller. However, many of the victims identified Chessman as the guilty man.

Oral Confession

Two days later, police said they had obtained an oral confession from Chessman and declared the case was closed. When brought to trial a few weeks later, Chessman denied the crimes.

He argued that he was victim of coincidence, mistaken identity and a police frame-up. He said detectives had tricked and beaten him into confessing the crimes.

Chessman spurned a court-appointed attorney and attempted to defend himself. A jury of 11 women and one man found him guilty on 12 counts of robbery, kidnaping and rape.

The jury invoked California's seldom-used "Little Lindbergh" kidnaping law and ordered the death penalty for two of the crimes.

Chessman entered death row at San Quentin on July 3, 1948, and his 11-year record of crime was over.

The following 11 years were not so obscure for Caryl Chessman, who wrote a best seller, carried his case to the Supreme Court more than a dozen times, and broke eight appointments with the chamber.

The last reprieve was granted by California Gov. Edmund G. Brown on Feb. 19 as people throughout the world watched and took sides on the issue.

Now the people of the world watch again as Chessman's 60-day reprieve ticks away, and the California Legislature begins considering the abolition of capital punishment.

The people of the world know the Chessman who became famous during 11 years on death row—but few know what the man with the crooked nose and piercing eyes did to get there.



"Oh, I'll go along with you, that this suit is the most! Now show me one that's the least!"

County Fairground Users Jab Pitchfork Into Board

By TOM STIMMEL

A good many pitchforks were jabbed into the hide of an absent Klamath County Fair Board Friday night by users of the county fairgrounds and buildings.

More than 70 representatives of a dozen amateur organizations — from barrel racers to ridge riders — met in the fairgrounds exhibition building to air their views. They complained about an inconsistent rental schedule, elimination of dances that "wore the floor out," inequitable use of rooms and buildings, poor — or no — janitor service, and short-sighted building plans.

The crowd at first seemed uncertain of its purpose. Several persons asked why the meeting had been called. The chairman, Ken Snyder, 2624 Vandergrift Avenue, at no time introduced himself to the assembly. He was asked who called the meeting, and he did not answer.

Pros and Cons

"There have been an awful lot of pros and cons about the fair board and the fairgrounds," Snyder said. "We think something ought to be done, one way or the other."

"We're not after anybody's job," he said. "We're here to find out if it's being run right."

Bill Stepe, president of the Roping Club, was the first to speak. "We have been treated very justly," he said.

Mrs. Beverly Viand, representing the Oregon Barrel Racing Association, said, "We have been treated fairly. We wanted the room for a meeting. It took one phone call, that's all."

Mrs. Scott McKendree of the District Garden Club brought the first hint of complaint. She wanted to know if building users were required to do their own janitor service, and how much hall rental should be.

John Owens, president of the Ridge Riders, said, "We've been getting along fine." But he said he had been told the hall could not be used for dancing anymore. "We had it reserved for the 12th," he said, "but we were turned down last week."

By this time it became apparent that complaints were in order, and they followed generously. A vocal spokesman was Dr. M. C. McFadden, a veterinarian, member of the Junior Rodeo Association, and friend of youth.

"We've got a plant here that's worth probably \$250,000, and you, and you, and you, and I are taxpayers," he said. "Why can't we use it? The city's fighting with the suburban area now because it doesn't have room for our kids. Kids won't tear up the arena any more than the ropers will."

'Ran Us Out'

The Junior Rodeo Association, he said, had to move its show to Tulelake last year. "They didn't run us out of the county, they ran us out of the state," he accused. He compared prices: At the fairgrounds, \$150 for the first show, \$150 for a second show, \$100 for the barns, \$50 for lights, and \$75 for a hall. "If we wanted to hold a queen's ball," Tulelake said, "a two-day show for \$50, lock, stock and barrel." He added that lights cost about a kilowatt hour, and a hall for the queen's ball would cost \$25.

Dan Emerick said the Saddle Club had asked for two rooms for a party, was turned down and was told that "square dances had worn the floor out." He asked, "What're they using the building for? That's what I want to know."

Ron Johnson wanted some provision for independent individuals to ride in the arena, and proposed a schedule for after-school use. Bill Dingler said the south end of the race track had been washed out and not repaired, and that last fall a rail had been torn down, and that he had to make any repairs made. Slim Stephenson said he was bucking horses in the arena until two years ago when he was turned away because the arena was too wet. "I figure if it's wet or dry, it's my business. I've got to ride 'em, they don't."

County Assessor Hap Caldwell read figures from the 1959 - '60 budget. Fair board income was a \$38,050, its expenses were \$53,227, its expenses over income, to be raised by taxes, was \$15,177.

Phil Sheridan of Satan's Chauffeurs said they, too, were told no more dances could be held at the fairgrounds because of floor damage.

Women objected to having to clean up the building before and after use, and one person maintained that Harold Willheit, fairgrounds manager, did "nothing but open the door."

Basil Brown commented on a \$22,000 sinking fund for a new barn, and said, "I can't see spending \$80,000 to \$90,000 for another new building just for 4-H use alone. I have nothing against 4-H, you understand, but I think the building should be for all purposes."

Numerous Complaints

Numerous complaints were made of Willheit. State Representative Carl Vance asked, "In dealing with Mr. Willheit, did he say these things were the official will of the board?"

Owens said they were.

"Then I think your organizations should make up a tentative schedule and take it to the fair board. If Mr. Willheit gives you any trouble, then we should see to that," Vance said.

Throughout the meeting, the fair board's absence was emphasized by five empty chairs beside the chairman's table, while some people were standing. Snyder said the fair board and the county court both were asked to join the meeting. Members of both the court and the board said they had not been invited, and their only knowledge was a meeting notice in the Herald and News.

Nevertheless a meeting is in prospect. A committee of 12 organization heads is to meet Monday at 7 p.m. in Shasta School to draw up complaints to be brought before the county court. Snyder said County Judge Bob Walker had tentatively scheduled a meeting with the court for next Wednesday when views could be heard.

At length, just before the meeting was adjourned, somebody thought it would be a good idea to invite Willheit and the fair board to the meeting with the court. This was decided upon.

Vance said he would help. "This is the only county in the state where this sort of thing is going on," he said. "I'm sorry about it."

Behind Pawn Shop Doors Lurk Comedy And Tears

By MICHAEL FRANK SWEENEY

Ever get in a temporary financial jam and had to "put the bite" on your "uncle" for a temporary loan until the goose would be hanging high again?

Now, by "uncle" we don't mean your "Uncle Sam" or a blood relative — what we mean by "uncle" in this case — is the gent who is the major domo of the thousands of pawnshops, or "huckshops" which flourish throughout the United States.

In an effort to get the "low-down" on the pawnshop business right here in Klamath Falls, the writer Friday morning called on the proprietors of the two shops in operation here. By the time he concluded the interview, he left "bug-eyed" at the one-thousand-and-one things he had seen, and he had learned more about psychology and philosophy than he thought possible.

The newsmen also learned about some of the idiosyncrasies of the American public, and he was also to learn, but not to his surprise, that pawnbrokers in general, do not have ice-water flowing through their veins, and that in the final analysis, they are not "human leeches," but human beings.

He had hardly identified himself to Roland Cofer, proprietor of Cofer's Exchange, when Cofer looked him squarely in the eye and said: "Are you really a reporter for the Herald and News — the 'real McCoy' — or are you just 'casin' the joint'?"

Perhaps, gentle reader, you have long labored under the erroneous impression that the only persons who pledge a watch, a ring, or what have you, for a temporary loan, are the ones who are the "down-and-outers" who are en route to the "Skid Roads" of the nation.

Classy Customers

Well, you might be surprised to learn, according to Cofer, of the number of Cadillacs that frequently park within the shadows of a pawnshop. Their owners are temporarily down on their luck and they are seeking a temporary loan from their "uncle" to tide them over. Incidentally, every proprietor of a pawnshop is invariably called "uncle."

The writer questioned Cofer about some of the "characters," especially those habitués of "Skid Road" with whom he does business. He also queried him regarding some of the ungrateful articles that are left as pledges.

"We cater," said Cofer, "to a cross section of the American public, both male and female. Along with the 'upper crust' we cater to all sorts of individuals, including the winos."

"It is nothing for one of these boys to be on hand as soon as we open up for business in the morning. It is quite evident that the customer had lost a fighting bout with Bacchus the night before and he wants to get something to slake his burning thirst."

"They offer for security such items as their shoes (with socks thrown in), a wooden leg, and on numerous occasions we have had clients who wanted to pawn their reading glasses and their false teeth."

Comedy and stark melodrama frequently play an important role on the "stage of life" within the portals of a pawnshop. And in each of these cases lurks an absorbing human document.

The pawnbroker was in a reminiscent mood as he told of some of these cases.

On several occasions, he said, recent brides, their husbands had "taken a powder" on them shortly after their marriage, were left destitute and in some cases there was an expectant child. Frightfully embarrassed, and on the verge of tears, they approached the "loan" window. They fumble in their handbags and frequently bring forth their engagement and wed-

KF Accidents Injure Trio; None Serious

Three persons were injured Saturday afternoon, two of them motorists and the third a pedestrian, in local traffic accidents.

Klamath Valley Hospital attendants said that none of the injuries was serious.

Hospitalized were Mrs. Anna Alloway, 5318 Berry; Claude Williamson of Chiloquin, and the pedestrian, Frank Soperay, 303 Nevada Street.

State police said that Williamson was injured in a one-car accident after his northbound vehicle hit some gravel on the right side of Highway 97 about six miles north of here, then went into a ditch on the left side of the road. He is reported to have sustained facial lacerations.

Mrs. Alloway was injured in a traffic mishap that occurred at the intersection of South Sixth Street and Homedale Road. State police said that the driver of the vehicle, Bryan Alloway, stopped at the stop sign on Homedale, then pulled out across the highway in an attempt to make a left hand turn. He was struck on the right side by a vehicle driven by Paul E. Pfeifferle, 3602 Denver Street. Police said that Alloway will be cited for failure to yield the right of way.

Soperay was hit by a vehicle driven by Orval L. Johnson, 339 Lakeshore, whose car was heading east on Nevada Street near the Fremont Grocery. It is believed that Soperay sustained leg injuries. Johnson was not cited.

All victims were transported to the hospital by Peace Ambulance Service.

Former Chief Well-Liked; Given Pay Check

NOVI, Mich. (AP) — So well liked is former police chief Lee Begole the village council refuses to remove him from the payroll.

Begole quit his job to head the police in nearby Cheboygan. The council refused to recognize his resignation and sent him a check for \$182.75 covering a two-week period since he left his job Feb. 15.

Begole said he would put the paycheck in the bank but would accept no more.

The council said it would continue to recognize Begole as police chief and still pay him while he is in Cheboygan. Begole said he had no plans to return.

Meantime, the Novi police are under the supervision of an acting chief.

Arab's Nasser Raps Ben-Gurion

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — President Abdel Gamal Nasser of the United Arab Republic Saturday blasted Israeli Premier David Ben-Gurion as "the greatest war criminal of the 20th Century" and warned the West against giving Israeli arms.

Some reports that France intended to send jet fighters to Israel and that Britain will send submarines, the Arab leader declared.

"This won't terrorize us, because we already know who are our enemies and because we are already preparing ourselves to face this aggression."

Tea Drinking Causes Row

DONCASTER, England (AP) — Some 2,300 British employees of an American firm went on strike Saturday — demanding union recognition and tea-drinking rights.

The International Harvester Co. told the strikers that if they return to work Monday the firm will negotiate with the unions.

One complaint was that most of the men were not allowed to sit down to drink their tea.

Anonymous Fund Payers Sought By Federal Bureau

By FRANK CORMIER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Internal Revenue service said today it is searching for anonymous contributors to a "conscience fund" which will be credited with the payments if tax agents ever catch up with them.

In response to an inquiry, officials said evidence of every payment to the fund is carefully preserved for this purpose.

Conscience fund is the informal name given to an IRS account which receives contributions from taxpayers who have cheated Uncle Sam and want to settle their debt without revealing their identity.

The fund collects about \$10,000 a year. Recent payments have ranged from 10 cents to \$2,000.

One man wrote that he couldn't sleep because of his tax evasion and was sending in \$300. He added this postscript: "If I still can't sleep, I will send more later."

Perhaps the strangest of all conscience fund cases involved a retired New England business man. He sent in five new \$1,000 bills and was quickly traced through the serial numbers.

When agents called on him, he reported that he came to the United States as an immigrant, built up a prosperous business and felt the country had been so good to him that he ought to make a contribution just in case he had once made an unwitting error in his taxes.

Agents went over his books and found that Uncle Sam owed the man \$11,900. So he got a treasury check for \$18,000, which included the return of his anonymous payments.

Female Rights Given Backing

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Olin D. Johnston (D-S.C.) threatened Friday night to slap back at civil rights advocates by recommending a girl for appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

If the civil rights backers are so concerned about discrimination, Johnston told the Senate, they should think about female rights.

Soviet Propaganda Drive May Put West On Defense

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Soviet Union appears to be building up a major political and propaganda drive to put the United States and its allies on the defensive in this year's disarmament and summit conferences.

The Western powers, divided and uncertain about their strategy, have yet to generate any strong initiative to counter the Soviet offensive.

One policy result of the Soviet attack is to give strong indication that the East-West disarmament conference opening in Gageva March 15 is already solidly deadlocked, even before it starts.

Similarly, prospects are dim now for any agreed solution at the Paris summit conference in May on the problem of West Berlin and the issue of a German peace settlement.

Nevertheless, Western diplomats say these negotiations must be held both in the hope of easing tensions and for the purpose of demonstrating at least a Western readiness to try to find settlements.

Secretary of State Christian A. Herter, on his way back from his South American tour with President Eisenhower, may be able in the next few days to give some fresh impetus to the development of Western planning for the sessions with the Soviets.

The latest blast from Soviet sources against the West came Thursday when the two principal newspapers in Moscow, Izvestia and Pravda, made a concerted attack on recent statements by Herter.

In a full-page article, which attacked prompt study in the State Department here, Izvestia assailed point by point every feature of a disarmament speech which Herter made at the National Press Club on Feb. 18.

The Pravda article denounced

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Spring Holds Promise For World Of Business

By ELMER C. WALZER

UPI Financial Editor

NEW YORK (UPI) — In three weeks it will be spring, a period both Wall Street and business have been awaiting.

If past history holds, the stock market has a better chance of rising than of falling in the month of March. In the past 63 years, industrial shares have risen in 38 and declined in 25, while the roll score has been 36 gains and 27 declines.

Spring is the time the auto salesmen hope their predictions of big sales totals will come true. If they are right, steel operations should hold high in several vital centers. Railroads should have more business, and building should have come out of its slump.

The month of March for the stock market has improved its gaining record in each of the past three decades. In the tantalizing thirties industrial shares showed seven March declines and only three gains.

Progress In March

In the firming forties this group managed to show only four March declines and six gains. In the fabulous fifties, there were only three March declines and seven advances.

The decade of the thirties saw a market lagging to new lows in 1932 and then rallying moderately. The 1930s saw industrial get to 200 or a little better. It took the 1950s to see the average cross 300, 400, 500, and 600.

What will the soaring sixties see? Some prognosticators are pegging the average up to 800 or better after further misery for some stockholders before there is an influx of eager buyers.

The biggest market gain in March in the past three decades was made in 1926 when the Dow-Jones average rose 28.14 points. The biggest decline was in March, 1928, when the average declined 30.69 points. In March of 1959 the market enjoyed a good rise in the first half and then declined with the average losing 1.79 points on the month.

Optimistic Forecasters

The market so far this year has suffered from exuberance of prognostication.

As the predictors saw the future late in 1959 the golden era of the 1960s was to produce a rip-

Regular Meeting Of DAR Slated

The regular meeting of Eulalona Chapter of Daughters of American Revolution will be held in the downstairs auditorium of the city library on Monday evening, starting at 8 p.m., according to the regent, Mrs. Julian Ager.

This is a change of meeting place from that listed in the yearbook, Mrs. Ager pointed out.

This will be the last opportunity to register for attendance at the state convention to be held at Eugene on March 9, 10 and 11.

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