

Spinster, Young Mother Held For Embezzlement

FAIRMONT, W. Va. (AP)—A gray-haired spinster and a young mother of two children have been arrested on federal charges stemming from a \$224,224.70 shortage at a bank where they both worked.

Held for arraignment today on embezzlement charges were Miss Lucy Fortney, 62, and Jo Ann Stevens, 25, both employees of the Bank of Shinnston (W. Va.) near here. They will appear before U.S. Commissioner L. T. Eddy.

The shortages in the bank's accounts were revealed Thursday, but there was no explanation as to how they were discovered or how long a period of time was involved. However, deposits were insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Wayne C. Hawker, president of the bank, said depositors would face no losses.

Authorities said Miss Fortney was employed by the bank for 28 years, many of them as assistant cashier. Both she and Mrs. Stevens, wife of a coal company employee, have lived all their lives at Shinnston, a town of about 2,500 residents.

Mrs. Stevens was employed for eight years as a bookkeeper. Both women appeared before Eddy Thursday not long after blonde Mrs. Stevens was released from a hospital after undergoing two days of treatment for an overdose of sedatives. Eddy set bond

Accused Slayer Captured

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (AP)—Howard Lowery, 23, an accused slayer, was captured early today without resistance several hours after the youth who freed him from jail at gunpoint was recaptured.

Two highway patrol lieutenants—R. E. Frusher and Sid Berry—caught Lowery in southwest Oklahoma City.

Captured earlier in the same area was Mike Marks, 18, El Reno, as he fled on foot from the pair's stolen getaway car. Lowery is charged with murder in the hitchhike slaying last summer near Yukon, Okla., of Dan W. Sims, 28, of Worthington, Pa.

The patrol said Lowery still had a gun and also money taken from a filling station holdup earlier. Marks was jailed in Oklahoma City while Lowery was returned to the Yukon jail.

Marks and Lowery had eluded highway patrol roadblocks for some six hours before they were spotted near Will Rogers Airport at the southeast edge of Oklahoma City shortly after midnight. The getaway car crashed into a telephone pole and the two men jumped out and fled on foot.

Marks was caught on an airport runway. He offered no resistance. Dale Hise, 20-year old Oklahoma City service station attendant, was in the wrecked car. He said Marks and Lowery abducted him after robbing him of \$40 at the service station in northwest Oklahoma City where he works.

Hise said Lowery, armed with a gun, threatened him repeatedly. Officers in El Reno, Okla., said earlier Lowery had voiced threats against the lives of his wife, Helga Lowery of Bethany, and an Oklahoma Crime Bureau agent, Golden Kennedy of Oklahoma City.

Marks was released from the Canadian County jail at El Reno, Thursday after serving a sentence for carrying a concealed weapon. He returned Thursday night and asked to be allowed to sleep in the jail.

Rowe said as he was searching Marks, he pulled a gun and demanded the keys. After releasing Lowery, Rowe said, the two forced jail inmate G. R. Deason, a Texan serving a term for burglary, to go with them.

Deason later was pushed out of the fugitives' car south of El Reno, about 30 miles west of Oklahoma City, called officers and was back in jail a short time later.

Boy Admits Murder Of Teen-ager

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—A teen-age girl was found beaten to death in a ravine near her home and police said a school-mate admitted hitting her on the head with a rock.

The battered and humbled covered body of Janice McKerrrow, 14, was found Thursday night by her 8-year-old brother who pointed it out to his uncle and a police officer.

An autopsy showed the girl had not been sexually assaulted. Police Chief Paul Shaver said the youth, also 14, was being driven to the police station when he said: "I did it." Shaver said the youth later told officers that he hit the girl on the head with a rock.

Shaver said the boy was arrested at his home after his parents called officers to report their son apparently had been in a fight. The chief would not release the name of the youth.

No charges were filed against the boy and he was held overnight in the Juvenile Detention Home.

The slender blonde girl, an accomplished musician and straight "A" student, was last seen by a close friend, Nancy Weaver. She said she saw Janice walking away from school carrying her violin and school books.

Shaver said the violin and books were found near the body and showed there were signs of a struggle. Police said they found pieces of a cinder block, covered with what appeared to be blood, next to the body.

U.S. May Push Chinese For American's Release

WASHINGTON (AP)—With the release of two American airmen by the Soviet Union now accomplished, the United States is planning to press Communist China again for the release of five Americans still held in Chinese jails.

U.S. officials said today the new effort on behalf of the prisoners will be made at Warsaw Feb. 2 when the Chinese Communist and American ambassadors are scheduled to hold their 103rd meeting.

State Department officials consider the continued holding of the five Americans a primary block to any improvement in relations with Communist China.

The subject came up Thursday night at an Indian Embassy reception when reporters talked briefly with Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Menshikov.

Menshikov had a chat with W. Averell Harriman, Kennedy's special roving ambassador, and then told newsmen it depends on both sides to make progress in settling disputes.

He cited the Soviet release of the fliers and asked what the United States would do in return. Asked if the Chinese Communists would join in fresh attempts to solve outstanding problems, Menshikov said "this also depends on both sides."

But the cool reception given to President Kennedy in the Chinese Communist Press is far from encouraging.

The President noted this at his news conference this week when he spoke of the somewhat belligerent attitude of the Chinese Communist regime toward his new administration.

Nevertheless, U.S. Ambassador Jacob Beam will be instructed to again seek the liberation of the imprisoned Americans when he next meets Chinese Communist Ambassador Wang Ping-nan at Warsaw, officials said.

The five Americans are John Thomas Downey, New Britain, Conn.; Richard George Fecteau, Lynn, Mass.; Robert Ezra McCann, Pasadena, Calif.; Hugh Francis Redmond Jr., Yonkers, N.Y.; and Bishop James Edward Walsh of the Roman Catholic Maryknoll order.



THESE SIX Klamath Union High School students are representatives of the group that will donate their time Saturday, Jan. 28, to man the public address system downtown during the hours that the Exchange Club will have the annual "Block of Dimes" in the J. C. Penney Store block. All money will go to the New March of Dimes fund campaign. Students assisting are members of Script and Microphone class. Seated, left to right, are Doris Piercy, Brenda Harger, John Rice. Standing, same order, Jim Ferry, Carol Davis and Joanne Musselman.

Block Of Dimes Benefit Saturday

The annual Exchange Club "Block of Dimes" for benefit of the 1961 New March of Dimes fund campaign is planned for Saturday, Jan. 28. The club is sponsoring the effort for the ninth year. Tape will be stretched in the J. C. Penney Store block all day and the public is asked to contribute to the worthy campaign against arthritis and birth defects.

Script and Microphone students of Klamath Union High School will handle the public address system and Exchange Club members will be on hand to accept contributions.

Ken Brisco is club president. Paul Buck is Block of Dimes chairman.

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President Orders Polls On Prestige Released

WASHINGTON (AP)—Two government polls which said U.S. prestige declined last year in some parts of the world were made public today on orders from President Kennedy.

The studies released by the U.S. Information Agency had figured in the 1960 election campaign. Much of the two foreign opinion samplings had been published by several newspapers before the November election.

Secrecy labels were left on similar studies conducted in the past. One of the studies, dated Oct. 10, 1960, says that people in most parts of the free world believe that the Soviet Union is ahead of America in space achievements and will lead in space 10 years from now.

The other, dated June 1960 states that after the collapse of the Paris summit conference last May public opinion toward the United States declined in Britain and France. But both America and President Eisenhower continued to stand far ahead in esteem compared with the Soviet Union and Premier Khrushchev, who also lost in public favor.

The documents were referred to frequently in the 1960 campaign argument over U.S. prestige abroad.

Kennedy said American prestige had plunged under Eisenhower's rule. Vice President Richard M. Nixon said U.S. prestige had hit a new high.

Kennedy demanded that the USIA documents be made public, but the Eisenhower administration refused.

Officials connected with the studies felt then—and many still

feel—that the reports should be kept secret. They contend that the studies are the internal working tools for the agency, needed to help draw an accurate picture of how others see the United States.

They said that the value of many of the studies would be seriously breached, and opinions would be less candidly expressed, if the results were opened to public scrutiny.

A third report which figured in the campaign and was "leaked" to the press was dated Aug. 29, 1960, under the heading "Free World Views of the U.S.-U.S.S.R. Power Balance." The secrecy restriction remains on that document.

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Soviets May Put Two Men Into Orbit In One Shot

By ALTON BLAKESLEE, Associated Press Science Writer. WASHINGTON (AP)—The Soviet Union's next space spectacular could be to put two men into orbit, both in the same big capsule.

She would not only seize the prize of being first in human space flight — two men would trump even more the U.S. program to put one astronaut into orbit.

Four Soviet range ships patrolling the Pacific ocean for the last week in the target area used for some of the Soviet missile firings indicate Moscow is on the verge of trying another space shoot.

There is much speculation this might be a spacecraft carrying a man, rather than a collection of animals.

The possibility the Soviets might send up two men at once is reasonable speculation, a U.S. space official said informally.

The Soviets have the capability of a big booster rocket and large capsule, he said. And "solving the problems of re-entry and life support is no harder for two men than for one."

Many space and rocket experts think the race to put a man in space is almost sure to go to the Soviets. The Soviets long have had much more powerful booster rockets.

Sputnik II—launched back in November, 1957, and carrying the dog Laika—is interpreted as a clear signal the Soviets had already begun then to prepare for putting man into space, months before the United States had even launched her first small satellite.

The U.S. timetable doesn't foresee sending a man on a few trips around the earth until much later this year.

First must come the successful lofting of an animal, and then later an astronaut. On his initial flight, the Soviets may be rocketed just a few hundred miles down the Atlantic Range, with recovery of the capsule at sea.

The Soviets launched three "spaceships" in 1960. The first had a capsule containing a dummy astronaut. The second one, carrying a "zoo" of animals, was returned safely to earth in August. But a third launched in December went haywire when signaled to return to earth. Its animal occupants perished when it burned.

This mis-step could delay the Soviet timetable. The Soviets may want another successful return of animals before undertaking a manned space journey.

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