

Officers Investigate Notes Received By Slain Actress

HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—Detectives investigated a series of mystery notes today that threatened the life of Karyn Kupcinet in an effort to shed some light on the identity of the beautiful actress' strangler.

Existence of the notes was revealed Monday by actor Andrew Prine, Miss Kupcinet's former boyfriend.

He also received the threatening notes several months ago, but both he and the 22-year-old actress discounted them at the time, he said.

Lt. George Walsh said attempts were being made to find the source of the messages with a minimum of publicity, but confirmed the basic details of Prine's interview with a newsman.

Walsh said there was no evidence yet to link the messages with the killer.

Miss Kupcinet's body was found by friends Saturday night who found her door unlocked. She had apparently been dead since early Thursday morning, according to the coroner.

The coroner's office said Monday it appeared she had been strangled by a left-handed person who had used such force he broke a bone in her neck.

The body of the attractive daughter of Chicago newspaper columnist Irv Kupcinet was a flown home Monday. She had achieved considerable success in smaller roles, mainly on television.

Prine, 27, who plays the part of the younger brother of actor Earl Holliman, a rodeo champion on the "Wide Country" television series, said the threats were contained in messages "pasted onto our doors by some-

body who knew where each of us lived."

Prine said the messages stopped when he and Miss Kupcinet moved.

Prine, believed to be the last person to talk with Miss Kupcinet Wednesday night, said reports he had gone to a movie alone that night were incorrect.

He said he had taken actress Anna Capri to the theater.

The sheriff's office put 30 men on the case, including two teams of six detectives working around the clock.

Coverage Assailed By Walker

DALLAS (UPI)—Former Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker praised his hometown Dallas newspapers Monday for their coverage of the presidential assassination but blasted all the rest.

He said out-of-town papers made Dallas a "target of abuse."

The controversial general, once the victim of an unsuccessful assassination attempt himself, was out of town the weekend President Kennedy and his accused assassin were shot.

He returned to Dallas Monday. He said the first he heard of a state board of inquiry into the assassination was a report in the Communist newspaper, The Worker, Nov. 26.

"I did not hear about such a court of inquiry from any other news media until the 29th," he said.

"The federal investigation, headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren, was announced Nov. 29 while the Texas inquiry was announced Nov. 26 by Atty. Gen. Waggoner Carr."

Walker said the good coverage of the assassination by Dallas papers "did not extend to newspapers of other cities."

"Dallas, Texas, and the nation rebel at the thought of assassination. Anyone who knowingly projects or diverts the true image of accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, a Marxist Communist, betrays the spirit of Dallas, Texas, and the nation's political system."

Walker, who resigned his Army commission to become a champion of "pro-blue" Americanism and ultra-conservative causes, was fired at by a sniper last spring as he worked on his income tax at his Dallas home. He was not hit.

Stockdale Fall Listed As Suicide

MIAMI (UPI)—The last conversation of former U.S. ambassador to Ireland Grant Stockdale before he plunged to death from his office window Monday was about how he cried when his close friend John F. Kennedy was killed, a secretary said.

Detectives tentatively recorded the death as suicide and said Stockdale had been in almost constant despondency since the assassination of the President Nov. 22.

Mrs. Mary Ruth Hauser, who works in an office across the hall from Stockdale's on the 13th floor of a downtown building, said she talked with Stockdale a few minutes before he fell from the window of his office.

"He told me he was in his office when his wife called to tell him the President had been shot. He said he just got down on his knees and prayed," Mrs. Hauser said.

"He said he was still on his knees when the phone started ringing with news that Kennedy was dead. But he said all he could do was blubber."

The secretary said it was only minutes later that she heard "this terrible thud."

Stockdale fell eight stories to the roof of a five-story building. Police made a preliminary ruling of suicide pending result of an autopsy and further investigation.

Oswald's Mother Plans To Write 'True Facts'

FORT WORTH (UPI)—Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, mother of accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, said Monday the world should know the "true facts" about herself and her son.

She intends to write a book containing them.

Mrs. Oswald came out of seclusion, although she is still under police and federal guard, and gave an interview in her small duplex apartment.

The 56-year-old, unemployed practical nurse said her son, himself slain by Jack Ruby in the Dallas city jail basement two days after the President was shot, "was innocent until proven guilty."

"That is the American way," she said, "and he did not have the opportunity to defend himself."

"When the true facts are known, my son will not have died in vain."

She blamed federal and local officers for both the death of President Kennedy and her son.

Since the Federal Bureau of Investigation knew he was a defector, she said, they should have put him under surveillance during the President's visit.

Oswald tried to become a Russian citizen in October, 1959, and renounce his American citizenship. He lived in the Soviet Union nearly three years without becoming a citizen and returned to the United States, apparently disillusioned, with a Russian wife.

Concerning the death of her son, Mrs. Oswald said she could not understand how Ruby, a Dallas nightclub owner with a police record, could get within five feet of her son when she was not permitted to see him.

When asked if she thought her son was guilty of the assassination of the President, she said "I have no thought of that."

Texans Assemble Board For Assassination Inquiry

DALLAS (UPI)—Texas assembled a blue ribbon panel of legal minds today for a court of inquiry into the assassination of President Kennedy and surrounding events.

Texas Atty. Gen. Waggoner Carr conferred with wounded Gov. John Connally about the investigation Monday and announced the names of two lawyers who would help interrogate witnesses.

Leon Jaworski, a Houston attorney who was trial judge advocate in the Nuremberg trials following World War II, and Dist. Atty. Henry Wade of Dallas were named to the panel which Carr will head.

Carr said the state's investigation would open shortly after the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) files a report with President Johnson, presumably late this month.

The state investigation, Carr said, would openly interrogate witnesses in the assassination, the slaying of policeman J. D. Tippit and the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald. The findings will be turned over to a federal commission appointed by President Johnson.

Carr said the state investigation would contrast both the FBI's undercover work and the federal commission's consideration because witnesses would be subpoenaed and questioned under oath either in Dallas or at Austin, Tex., the state capital.

The three-pronged approaches to the crimes was called an "unprecedented example of cooperation between local, state and federal government to determine the facts and make them public."

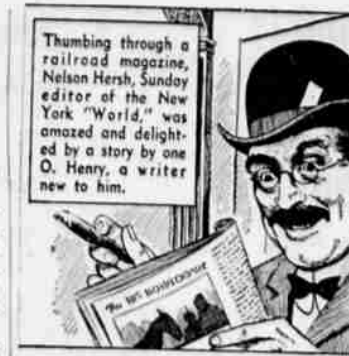
FBI information will be given the Texas court of inquiry, which will forward its findings to the federal commission headed by Earl Warren, chief justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Carr said he did not know if Jack Ruby would be questioned by the state court of inquiry. He said he "didn't want to interfere" with the murder case that charges Ruby with Oswald's shooting.

The Texas attorney general said he planned to select another attorney to aid in the state's inquiry and planned to set the time and place of the probe soon.

Carr said the presidential commission would not call witnesses, but was depending on other sources for its information.

"It is my understanding the commission will take evidence assembled by the FBI and other agencies and evaluate this evidence and reach conclusions," Carr said.



Thumbing through a railroad magazine, Nelson Hersh, Sunday editor of the New York 'World,' was amazed and delighted by a story by one O. Henry, a writer new to him.



Back of the 'World,' editor Hersh assigned Tom Orr, an office boy, and Billy Williams, a cub reporter, to find the unknown writer, O. Henry, and bring him back.



They commiserated every magazine office and every other likely place, but three months passed without a clue.

Oppenheimer Wins AEC Award

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Ten years ago today President Dwight D. Eisenhower ordered that a "blank wall" be placed between scientist J. Robert Oppenheimer and secret nuclear data, pending a security review.

Oppenheimer, who ultimately was declared a security risk by the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), has never acted to erase that label.

But Monday at the White House President Johnson presented the shy, soft-spoken nuclear physicist "with pleasure

and pride" the AEC's highest honor, the \$50,000 Enrico Fermi Award.

The ceremony climaxed efforts by the late President Kennedy to restore Oppenheimer's name to public honor in the light of the controversy surrounding the decision nearly a decade ago that declared him a security risk.

When the AEC's current general advisory committee last spring unanimously recom-

mended Oppenheimer for this year's Fermi Award, Kennedy gladly approved. Johnson called this "one of President Kennedy's most important acts" Monday.

Among those present at the ceremony in the White House Cabinet Room was Dr. Henry D. Smyth of Princeton, who cast the single dissenting vote in the AEC decision of 1954 which declared Oppenheimer a security risk. He said then that

time would establish Oppenheimer's loyalty.

The citation and Johnson's remarks paid tribute to Oppenheimer's distinction as a theoretical physicist and teacher, and to the talents which made the pioneer atomic lab at Los Alamos a great institution.

Ships Collide In Harbor

MONTREAL (UPI)—Two ocean-going freighters, one of them loaded with naphtha and other chemicals, collided and burst into flames in the harbor today.

The general cargo vessels "Lionel," a Watts & Watts ship under Norwegian registry, and the Furness-Witby freighter "Manchester Merchant," rammed in the St. Lawrence River at 12:45 a.m. EST. There were no serious injuries.

The Lionel, extensively damaged amidship and blazing from bow to stern, was "put aground for safety" near the south shore entrance to the St. Lawrence Seaway, the Harbor Master's Office said. A dozen of her crew rowed ashore in lifeboats immediately after the

collision, and her captain and the remainder of the 29-man crew were picked up and brought to safety by the McNamara Co. tug "Louis M."

The Manchester Merchant was anchored on the other side of the river, flames shooting from a gaping hole in her bow. Her crew also was taken safely ashore as harbor firefighters fought to bring the blaze under control.

The Lionel, with flames believed fed by her cargo of naphtha, blazed through the night.

Reds Start Test Shots In Pacific

MOSCOW (UPI)—The Soviet Union was believed today to have started a new series of test firings of intercontinental rockets into two Pacific target areas south of the American-controlled islands of Wake and Midway.

(Reports from Honolulu said U.S. scientists were observing the impact areas with instruments.)

The Soviet news agency Tass announced Nov. 29 that tests of booster rockets with an accurate range of 8,000 miles would begin Monday.

Although the Soviet press has made no further mention of the tests, they were believed to have started on schedule. It was expected that brief results of the tests would be made known only after the series is over.

The booster rockets were reported intended for use in manned space flights. They are also understood to have military implications.

Death Claims 'Elephant Boy'

HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—Sabu, famed "Elephant Boy" of the movies, died Monday of a heart attack at his home. He was 39.

Born Sabu Dastagir in a middle class Moslem family in Mysore, India, he was the son of Shaik Abraham, the elephant trainer for the Maharajah of Karapur.

Sabu's discovery led to many films during and following his schooling in England and the United States. They include "Drums," "The Thief of Bagdad," "Jungle Book," "End of the River," "White Savage," "Song of India" and many others.

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7 Republicans Issue Civil Rights Plea

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Seven House Republicans today issued a plea for passage of the civil rights bill, saying it was needed to "conquer the forces of hate" loose in the nation.

All members of the House Judiciary Committee, the Republicans said the bill was not a cure-all for the nation's "ills" but they said it would eliminate "many of the worst manifestations of racial prejudice."

The GOP members issued their own argument to follow up

the main majority and minority reports on the bill published several weeks ago.

The seven lawmakers were: William M. McCulloch, Ohio; John V. Lainsay, N.Y.; Clark MacGregor, Minn.; Charles McC. Mathias Jr., Md.; William T. Cahill, N.J.; James E. Brownell, Iowa, and Garner E. Shriver, Kan.

Their report came as backers of the civil rights bill were trying to force the Southern-led House Rules Committee to clear

the measure for action. However, this was not expected to happen before early January.

Other congressional news: Textiles: House Democratic leaders today called up a long-stalled bill to five U.S. textile manufacturers a better break in buying price supported American cotton. Republicans called a party policy session at which opponents hoped to firm up opposition. However, the bill's backers claimed the votes were on hand to pass the measure.

Logging Mishap Fatal To Man

SHERWOOD, Ore. (UPI)—John Brickley, 66, Salem, was killed in a logging accident here Monday.

Brickley was crushed while unloading logs from a truck at the Brickley Sawmill. He operated the mill with his brother.

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