

One Kidnap Suspect Son Of Wealthy Man

FLINTRIDGE, Calif. (UPI)—Barry Worthington Keenan, 23, one of three men suspected of kidnaping Frank Sinatra Jr. for \$240,000 ransom, was the son of a wealthy stockbroker, it was learned Saturday.

The father and stepmother of Keenan, who live in a home valued at an estimated \$100,000 in this exclusive Los Angeles suburb, painted a picture of a boy from the right side of the tracks who supposedly fell in with someone from the wrong side.

"I can't believe it, there must be some mistake," said the stepmother, Mrs. John J. Keenan, when informed of the arrest of young Keenan by newsmen who began telephoning the Keenan home before dawn.

The elder Keenan was equally shocked.

"I think an older man combed him into this—saying it was a business deal or something. Maybe he said 'let me use your car.'"

The suspect's father added that he was searching for a reason, any reason.

Can't Believe It

"I can't believe it," the large handsome stockbroker muttered. "Barry's never done anything in his life that would give me any idea that he'd do anything like this—except he stole a keg of beer at a party once. But that was kid stuff."

Police records showed young Keenan was arrested in October 1959, on a burglary charge, but due to insufficient evidence was turned over to Beverly Hills police for petty theft charge. The proceedings against Keenan were suspended Dec. 16, 1960, when he paid \$25.16 costs, the FBI reported.

Equally stunned were young Keenan's three half-sisters. None of the family could give newsmen any reason why he might have been involved in the kidnap.

"He and his wife had just

broken up," said Mrs. Keenan. "And he was very unhappy over that. They were married just a year. He was always so full of life, never moody."

Keenan's father, in his mid-50s, recalled that "anyone he (Barry) brought to the house were always fine youngsters."

Nancy's Classmate

He also recalled that his son and Nancy Sinatra Sands, sister of the kidnap victim, were in the same graduating class at University High School in West Los Angeles.

"He worked hard," the father said of his son, a vacuum cleaner salesman. "He always worked hard. He was a swell kid, a wonderful boy. He had taken a lot of raps, taken them in stride like when his mother and I broke up."

"He called last night," Mrs. Keenan said. "He was coming up to spend the weekend with us. We were going to set up the Christmas tree."

The family vowed to stand by young Keenan and said they had hired attorney Rex Ellis of Los Angeles to represent him. Ellis confirmed that he had been retained.

Ransom Money Out As Bail

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—U.S. Commissioner Theodore Hocke said during the arraignment of two suspects in the Frank Sinatra Jr. kidnaping that neither would be able to use any of the \$240,000 ransom money for their bail.

He informed Barry Keenan and Joseph Amsler that FBI agents had confiscated all of the money found in their possession and were in the process of counting it.

Both young men expressed doubt they would be able to raise their designated bail of \$50,000 each.

Parents Express Surprise When Son Nabbed By FBI

PACIFIC PALISADES, Calif. (UPI)—The parents of one of the three suspects arrested in the Sinatra kidnap case, Joseph Clyde Amsler, Saturday expressed surprise at his apprehension by FBI agents.

Amsler, 23, Playa del Rey, Calif., was arrested shortly after midnight in a Culver City, Calif., apartment in which FBI agents said they recovered the bulk of the \$240,000 ransom money—\$188,927.

At the time of his arraignment, Amsler told U.S. Commissioner Theodore Hocke his parents "can't afford it and I don't think they would be interested. I don't blame them."

All three suspects were jailed in lieu of \$50,000 bond apiece.

The suspect's father, Clyde R. Amsler, declined comment on his son's arrest, adding "I don't know any of the facts of the case."

Mrs. Amsler, the suspect's stepmother, said he "has been

on his own the last few years and would call us when he was in town."

She said her son worked on an abalone fishing boat last summer off Santa Catalina Island. She said she and her husband had not seen or heard from Joseph for some time until his arrest was broadcast on radio.

A former professional boxer, Amsler has a police record of several arrests dating back to 1960, including one for trespassing and another for violating the Alcohol Beverage Control act.

GETS PAY HIKE

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (UPI)—Parliament voted Saturday to increase the pay of "paramount ruler" Putra Ibn Al-Marhum Syed Hassan Jamalullail from \$60,000 to \$76,000 a year.

East Side . . . West Side All Around the Town

By JOE CARAHER

Sign in front of Molatore's inn and eatery: "Avoid the Christmas Rush — Eat Spaghetti Now!"

Civic luncheon speaker Al Geiss, VP at Oregon Tech, told the story about the fella who got slightly inebriated at a stag party. As he staggered up the steps to the front door of his house, he lost his balance, fell backwards and right onto a near-empty pint he was carrying in his hip pocket. Inside, his wife called from the bedroom and asked him if he was drunk. "No!" he said, and then hurried to the medicine cabinet to repair the damage he'd done to his posterior. In the morning his wife said, "I knew you were drunk last night." He said, "How come?" And she replied, "When I saw that tape all over the bathroom mirror!"

District Ranger Homer Faulkner of the Winema National Forest tells us that next Friday will be open house at Chiloquin Ranger District's new headquarters, a real lash-up across from the Chiloquin airport. You can visit the complex between the hours of 10 in the morning until 5 p.m. or between 7 p.m. and 9. And you don't even have to drive up there. Transportation will be provided by merely calling the Supervisor's office, TU 2-2548.

Cheers for KU! The textbook used in American History, titled, "Rise of the American Nation," by Lewis Paul Todd and Merle Curti, contains Patrick Henry's great speech and devotes nearly a page to John Paul Jones. While it doesn't say anything about Nathan Hale, the book's batting average is .666, on these three issues we discussed last week in an editorial. Many history textbooks used in schools throughout the nation fail to mention some of these red-blooded American events which made The U.S.A. as good as she is today.

Les Shaw, editor of the Lake County Examiner over at neighboring Lakeview, dropped us a note the other day and reminded us that he had been "spouting off" on the same subject. Winding up his editorial on the matter, Shaw wrote in his bugle:

"You and I have let this happen. (Omission of stories about the heroes of American history). We keep the children too busy with birthday parties, clubs, and TV that we must cut out something and that is homework. That is one reason their history lessons have had all the rounding flesh cut away, leaving only the skeleton . . . none of the glory, none of the heroic that have made young people patriotic."

We can't squawk about KU Principal Cleo Claven not pushing a best seller in history books. Authors Todd and Curti give our topnotchers a good go in the text used by kids here.

CHITTER-CHATTER — Had a nice letter from Malcolm Epley, Jr., who is an advertising executive in Portland and who proves you can take a boy out of Klamath but you can't take Klamath out of the boy. He wrote "I take a great deal of pride in my Klamath past and out of habit can't resist extending warm hands to the county's new citizens." This is a lot better "habit" than the one referred to by Al Geiss in Paragraph 2 above . . . Sports Editor Royal Brougham (Seattle P-I) recently commented on the thrilling field goal Klamath's Hal Shidler kicked for Washington against Oregon in the dying seconds of a Thanksgiving game 'way back when at the UW Stadium, a boot that hit every part of the goal post before it fell in and the ref gave the signal Hal had connected. It was worth seeing, which we did, entering stadium as a little kid through hole in barrier . . . Another A-1 goodwill ambassador for KF: Bud Cloake, the cheerful petrol dispenser of upper Main Street . . . Speaking of signs, H & N scribe Dan Walters tells about the Presbyterian minister at Eureka who had this copy on the board in front of his church, "We're working to beat hell! Are you?" Visiting Rotarians usually introduce themselves at a meeting by giving their name and occupation like "Joe Doaks, insurance." We know of one, a minister, who gives his name and then adds, "fire fighting."

Airman Admits Vandalism

airman at Reese Air Force Base Friday confessed that he cut landing gear cables on six T38 jet trainers, knocking the planes out of operation.

It was the second such incident. Previously, 61 T38 jets were crippled in a similar manner at Williams Air Force Base, Chandler, Ariz.

The Air Force withheld the name of the airman at Reese until an investigation is completed. He was held.

CWO Henry Travinsky, security officer at Reese, said guards making routine checks of the planes found the severed and mangled cables. The cables

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SOON TO BE FREE — Sixty-four years in prison will end for 84-year-old Richard Honeck who has been granted a parole by the Illinois Pardon and Parole Board. Convicted of a murder in 1899, Honeck was a forgotten man at the Menard State Penitentiary at Chester, Ill., where he had received neither visitor nor letter in 59 years. A niece, Mrs. Clara Orth, San Leandro, Calif., heard of her uncle's plight and plans to have him live with her. —UPI Telephoto

Aged Convict To Leave Cell After 64 Years Behind Bars

CHESTER, Ill. (UPI)—The last time Richard Honeck spent Christmas outside prison walls he was 20 years old and William McKinley was president of a nation straining to start a new century.

Horatio Alger novels, with their young heroes making quick fortunes by honesty and hard work, were the literary rage.

But Honeck never saw the birth of the 20th Century as a free man. He was sentenced to life imprisonment at Menard Prison here on Nov. 17, 1899, for the murder of his former school teacher.

Friday the Illinois pardon and parole board gave Honeck, 84, the news that surpasses the ending of any Horatio Alger novel: He might be freed from prison before Christmas, after spending 64 years behind bars.

For Honeck, one of 11 children of a Hermann, Mo., blacksmith, the news couldn't have been better. "I'm ready to go," he said when Warden Ross V. Randolph told him of the parole board's decision.

Randolph said the one thing on the prisoner's mind when he was summoned to his office,

was whether he would be out in time to spend Christmas as a free man.

"This could be my first Christmas outside the penitentiary in 65 years," Honeck told the warden.

Honeck will be paroled to his niece, Mrs. Clara Orth, San Leandro, Calif., pending approval of California authorities. He was excited about the possibility of a trip cross country and said he would take a train.

Randolph said Honeck had seen airplanes fly over the prison "but wants to see where they fly from."

In The Day's News

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with lawyers and experienced accountants, established new departments for training, set up a central fingerprint file and began studies of scientific crime-detection methods.

He made the FBI into an institution that is respected and admired all over the world.

A thought in conclusion: The federal government in these days seems often to be reaching for authority over more and more of the affairs that formerly were reserved for the states and the counties and the cities and the villages. The schools, for example, which it is seeking increasingly to finance—knowing that where the money comes from the authority will reside.

Might it not be better if we kept the federal government out of the schools but invited it to take an INCREASING share in the detection and prevention of crime?

Crime is getting to be one of our big problems. We could use some help in preventing it.

Community Calendar

- SUNDAY**
- AMERICAN LEGION POST 8, 2:30 to 4 p.m., annual Kiddies Christmas Party, Legion Hall.
- MONDAY**
- BETHEL 61, Job's Daughters, 7 p.m., meeting, initiation, Scottish Rite Temple.
 - NEIGHBORS OF WOOD-CRAFT, 7:30 p.m., Christmas program, treats for children, KC Hall. Members and friends.
 - MT. LAKE GARDEN CLUB, 11 a.m., potluck luncheon, grange hall. Bring mission food donations.
 - HENLEY HOME EXT. UNIT, 11 a.m., potluck, gift exchange.
- TUESDAY**
- WW 1 BARRACKS 925, La-Sinatra Happy It's All Over
 - WEST LOS ANGELES UPI — Frank Sinatra Sr. said "thank God it's over" early today after learning of the arrests of three men in connection with the kidnaping of his son.
 - "Credit must go the FBI for a masterful operation," Sinatra said. "Our only hope is that the rapidity in which they were apprehended will act as a deterrent to others with such thoughts in the future."
- WEDNESDAY**
- MINUTEMEN LAUNCHED
 - VANDENBERG AFB, Calif. (UPI)—The Air Force Friday "successfully" fired two Minuteman "instant" intercontinental ballistic missiles—each bearing mock nuclear warheads.
 - The launches, described only as "routine," came within hours of each other and were the 23rd and 24th Minuteman shots from this West Coast missile base.
- THURSDAY**
- EVERGREEN GARDEN CLUB, 8:30 p.m., meeting, cookie exchange, Mrs. Lela Thurman, 3307 Hilyard.
 - JOLLY NEIGHBORS, 8 p.m., meeting, gift exchange, Mrs. Verda Lords, 1400 Nimitz.
- FRIDAY**
- MERRILL WOTM, Chapter 18, 6:30 p.m., potluck dinner with LOOM, Christmas party following, Moose Home.
 - COW BELLES, 2 to 5 p.m., Christmas tea, 6324 Juniper St., Moynia Heights. Members and guests.
- SATURDAY**
- die's Aux., 5 p.m., Christmas potluck dinner, KC Hall.

Negotiations Continue On Berlin Wall Visits

BERLIN (UPI)—West Berlin officials made a new attempt Saturday night to reach agreement with the Communists on a plan to let West Berliners visit relatives in East Berlin for Christmas.

Any agreement would mark the first time since the Communists built the wall across the city on Aug. 13, 1961, that citizens of the two sectors have intermingled.

Officials estimate that more than 500,000 West Berliners have relatives living on the Communist side of the wall.

Hope of agreement rose when officials of the two sides resumed negotiations in the afternoon after interrupting them at 2 a.m. in apparent deadlock.

Saturday morning, before the talks resumed, West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt flew to Bonn to discuss the situation with officials of the West German government.

Two obstacles to rapid agreement lay in the anxiety of Mayor Brandt and other West Berlin officials to avoid any conditions that could be construed as recognition of the existence of two Germanies.

When the East Germans first suggested the Christmas breach in the Communist wall a week ago, they wanted to open offices in West Berlin to issue the special passes. West Berlin authorities refused this.

Informed sources said in the resumed negotiations West Berlin officials were trying to get around a Communist demand that the pass agreement should be signed by a high-ranking West Berlin official.

The West Berliners wanted a minor official to sign it.

Before flying to Bonn to meet with West German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard, Mayor Brandt said he was not optimistic that agreement would be reached. He warned that even if the visits were agreed it would amount to "a very limited humanitarian outcome" from which all West Berliners would not benefit.

Secret negotiations on Christmas passes have been going on for more than a week.

Chou Starts Middle East, Africa Tour

CAIRO, U.A.R. (UPI)—Chinese Communist Premier Chou En-lai arrived here Saturday to begin a two-month Middle East and African tour aimed at increasing Peking's power and influence throughout this part of the world.

It is his first visit to Africa. Premier Ali Sabry led a host of high officials and diplomats at a 21-gun salute welcome but the festivities were dampened somewhat by the absence of President Gamal Abdel Nasser who was in Tunisia attending celebrations of France's withdrawal from the Bizerte naval base.

Nasser left Tunis Saturday for the flight back to Cairo and conferences later Saturday with Chou at the presidential residence before hosting a dinner in honor of the Chinese visitor.

Chou also was met by Red Chinese Foreign Minister Chen Yi who arrived in Cairo several hours earlier from Nairobi where he attended Kenya's independence celebrations.

The flag-waving crowd included Henri Fremont Maurice, French charge d'affaires in Cairo. France does not have diplomatic relations with Peking but there have been recurring reports President Charles de Gaulle was considering establishing them. Maurice asked to be invited to all official functions connected with Chou's visit.

In Belgrade the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug said there were persistent reports Chou would meet a "highly-placed French statesman" during his African tour. The Peking report did not identify the French official but said the meeting would be in connection with recognition and increased Sino-French trade.

In London diplomatic sources said Communist China appears to have undertaken a major campaign to eliminate Soviet influence in Africa and that the visits by Chou and Chen were major moves in this direction.

Africa's more than 200 million people are divided into thousands of tribes and speak more than 700 different languages.

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