

Financial Wizard Returns To Face Conspiracy Count

NEW YORK (UPI) — Earl Belle, "boy financial wizard" whose paper financial empire fraud and conspiracy charges, returned from his Brazilian refuge Saturday to face federal prosecution.

Belle, 31, arrived at New York International Airport on a Varig Airlines flight from Rio de Janeiro. He was accompanied by an agent of the International Police Organization (Interpol). FBI agents took Belle into custody.

Informed sources said Belle had been "invited" to leave Brazil by authorities there. This did not necessarily mean he had been deported.

Belle fled Pittsburgh in 1958, leaving behind a vast financial tangle which resulted in a federal grand jury indictment on 29 counts of fraud and conspiracy.

Belle appeared weary as he left the plane. He wore a raincoat and carried a pair of trousers and a shirt on his arm.

In 1967 at the age of 25, Belle and Murray Talenfeld, 24, acquired control of Cornucopia Gold Mines, Inc., and expanded their holdings to include a drapery firm, a water heater manufactory.

Their "empire" was represented as being worth more than \$3.5 million. But troubles beset the youthful financiers and creditors began filing legal actions.

The Peoples Union Bank & Trust Company of McKeesport, Pa., filed judgment with a \$200,000 note against Eastern Investment & Development Company, a firm in the Belle group.

Belle fled the country July 4, 1958. Eastern Investment and Development was declared bankrupt, and the "paper" empire of other firms collapsed.

Belle, a cum laude graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, described himself as a "front negotiating man." He maintained that he was "duped."

"I did nothing wrong," he said after fleeing. "Other people were responsible."

Belle lived openly in Rio. The United States requested Brazilian authorities to return him for trial, but lack of a formal extradition treaty between the two countries enabled him to stay south of the border.

Belle left the country with his fashion-model bride, Naomi, his second wife, who bore him a child in Brazil.



GOING HOME — Andrew Fischer and his wife, Mary Ann, take two of the quints home from St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen Saturday. The two girls are Mary Magdalene (left) and Mary Margaret. —UPI Telephoto

Hospital Releases Two More Quints

ABERDEEN, S.D. (UPI) — Two more of the Fischer quintuplets joined the rest of the brood at home Saturday and their proud but tired mother started looking for a babysitter.

Mary Magdalene and Mary Margaret, who along with their two sisters and home-body brother were three months old Saturday, were picked to go home simply because they are the largest of the four girls.

The other two girls stayed behind in the St. Luke's Hospital nursery where they have been since their birth Sept. 14. The quints are the first to survive in the United States.

James Andrew, the huskiest of the five and a trailblazer of sorts, has been home with his four older sisters and brother for two weeks.

Dr. James Berbos, the family physician who delivered the quints and gave his name to the boy, said South Dakota's bitter cold weather—with temperatures dropping to 4 degrees

below zero—presented no problem in transferring the two infants from the hospital.

"They are as well prepared for it as any other baby that leaves the hospital," he said.

Mary Magdalene and Margaret will continue their diet of fruit, cereal and milk at home, Berbos said. The quints were being put in one room of the Fischer's four-bedroom split-level home so that their mother can care for them with as little difficulty as possible.

SUSPEND EVICTIONS
ROME (UPI) — Rome police Saturday suspended the eviction of all residents from Monday until Jan. 16 in an annual Christmas gesture.

Diplomat Recalled

WASHINGTON (UPI) — U.S. Ambassador to Cambodia Philip D. Sproule is being called back to Washington "for consultations."

The action was in apparent retaliation for Cambodia's recall of its envoy here, Nong Kimmy, who informed the State Department Friday he had been ordered home and "will be leaving Washington in the near future."

State Department Press Officer Richard L. Phillips, who made the announcement Friday, said the U.S. action did not constitute a break in relations. Other American officials will remain in the embassy in Cambodia.

Overdose Of Pills Claims Dinah Washington

DETROIT (UPI)—Singer Dinah Washington, 39-year-old "Queen of the Blues" whose throaty renditions of jazz classics made her a top recording artist, died Saturday of an apparent overdose of pills.

The singer's body was found in bed by her seventh husband, professional football star Dick "Night Train" Lane. Her personal physician, Dr. B. C. Ross, said he believed Miss Washington had "ingested pills of an unknown type."

Homicide Det. William J. Chubb said an unmarked bottle of orange and blue pills was found next to the bed. The contents were not immediately known.

The body was taken to the Wayne County morgue where an autopsy was scheduled later Saturday.

"Nervous Condition"
Miss Washington, whose biggest hit was "What A Difference A Day Makes," had been taking pills for a "nervous condition," according to Mrs. Ethel Harrison, 67, who lived with the Lanes.

Lane, a standout defensive star with the Detroit Lions, said he and his wife had retired about 1 a.m. He said he awoke at about 4 a.m. when he heard the bedroom television set buzzing. He found his wife unconscious and called Ross. She was pronounced dead at 4:30 a.m.

Lane and Miss Washington had gone to the airport Friday

night to pick up her two sons by previous marriages, George Jenkins, 18, and Robert Grayson, 15. They were home for the holidays from a Boston area prep school.

Mrs. Harrison said Miss Washington often took the pills when performing and that they had been prescribed by a physician.

Born in Tuscaloosa, Ala., as Ruth Jones, Miss Washington's family moved to Chicago when she was still a child. She won an amateur singing contest at the Regal Theater in Chicago when only 15.

Joe Glaser, then head of a large jazz booking agency, heard her singing in a Chicago

bar in 1942, talked her into changing her name to Dinah Washington, and got her a job with Lionel Hampton.

Miss Washington hit the big time in 1943. She recorded four songs at that time—"Evil Gal Blues," "I Know How To Do It," "Homeward Bound," and "Sally Papa."

Blaze Levels Grade School

EDDYVILLE (UPI) — Fire of undetermined cause destroyed the grade school at Eddyville, 35 miles west of Corvallis on U.S. Highway 20, Friday night.

About 100 pupils were without classrooms as result of the blaze that leveled the four-room frame structure. Grades one through five were taught in the building.

A meeting was scheduled Saturday at the nearby high school to determine how classes were to be continued.

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