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## Alleged Gang Leaders Held In New York

NEW YORK (UPI) — Police today captured the alleged leaders of the Hell's Kitchen playground attack early Sunday that left two teen-agers dead and prompted state and city officials to call a series of top-level meetings on this city's rising youth violence.

Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller asked FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover to enter the battle by attending an emergency meeting next week. State and city leaders were preparing for other conferences scheduled Thursday.

The cape-clad "Dracula" and "The Umbrella Man" were arrested early today after fleeing from a police radio car in the East Bronx. With them was a third youth who was not identified.

**Denies Killing**  
Police said Sal Agron readily admitted: "I'm Dracula, the guy you are looking for."

But the slender youth who in the attack wore a blue cape with red lining and silver buckles on his shoes denied killing either of the victims.

"I cut somebody early Sunday but I didn't kill anybody," police

## 20 Years Ago Today

Sept. 2, 1939 — Three Adams county youths, aged 17 and 18, have been arrested for breaking into the Harry Crownover home, south of Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Garard and daughter attended a family reunion at Fort Wayne.

Authorities are continuing their investigation of the robbery-slaying of Anthony Michaud, the first murder in the history of Berne.

The annual meeting of the St. Joseph conference of the United Brethren church, will open Sept. 5 at Winona Lake.

The 34th annual Shady reunion was held at Washington park in Bluffton.

quoted him as saying.

However, a witness was reported to have said "Dracula" boasted he had done the stabbing after the attack in a darkened playground.

**Four Charged With Murder**  
Agron said Tony Hernandez, arrested with him, was "The Umbrella Man," also wanted in connection with the murders. Four other youths already have been charged with murder.

Gov. Rockefeller was to meet Thursday morning with state leaders. That same afternoon, Mayor Robert F. Wagner had a conference schedule with city officials.

The streets already were being patrolled by an extra force of police. Mayor Robert F. Wagner Tuesday backed up Police Commissioner Stephen P. Kennedy's move transferring 1,400 police to juvenile crime duty and indicated he favored tough measures in combatting teen gangs.

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## Name New Manager For Murphy Store

A managerial change at the G. C. Murphy store brings Chuck Peters, 31, a veteran of 15 years with the firm, to the Decatur branch from Fort Wayne. Peters, who was an assistant manager at Fort Wayne, replaces Don Stafford, who will be re-assigned to another branch, as yet undecided.

The Duquesne, Pa., native started as a stock boy at the Murphy store in his home town and has steadily advanced through the ranks to his present position. On his fourth assignment as assistant manager at the Hillsdale, Mich. store, he met and married his wife, Bette Jane. They have two boys, Charles Theodore, Jr., two years old, and Keith Allan, four months old.

Peters has also served as assistant manager in three other locations besides Fort Wayne and Hillsdale, Mich. They were at Warren, Pa.; Sidney, O., and Brentwood, Pa.

Peters and his family are Lutherans and will join the church here. He also plans to join the Chamber of Commerce to continue active participation in retail and civic promotions.

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## Lung Cancer Research In Society's Program

Lung Cancer and Research

(Editor's note: From the Adams county chapter of the American Cancer Society, the Fifth in a series of articles explaining the new policy and the Cancer Society's program.)

Less tars in cigarette smoke has been a prominent point in salesmen's talks about cigarettes recently.

During the past few years, the rate of deaths from lung cancer has been increasing rapidly, and a far fraction in cigarette smoke has been found to be a cause of cancer.

But how can an organization working to fight cancer change a personal habit such as smoking, a habit with a wide variety of strong personal needs being satisfied by that habit? It is hard to see how the elimination of smoking could come about, even in the face of the knowledge that eliminating cigarette smoking as a cause of cancer could reduce cancer deaths by 10 per cent or more.

Two other courses of action are open then to organizations such as the American Cancer Society. First, it can simply make public the facts researchers have found out about the relationship between cigarette smoking and lung cancer. Let the individual decide for himself.

**Eliminate the Tars**

Sponsoring research into the possible elimination of the cancer-causing tars from cigarette smoke is the second way. The first course of action is part of the ACS's education program, which will be outlined in the next article in this series.

The second action is a part of the society's work to aid research by providing money for research grants, and for studies dealing with the early detection and treatment of lung cancer.

Dr. John R. Heller, of the National Cancer Institute, a part of the public health service, sees little use in trying to change smoking habits, and believes that research in finding the specific part of tobacco tars that cause cancer and a way in eliminating it in smoke is the way to lick lung cancer.

**Patients Mainly Cigarette Smokers**  
Is this part of the fight against cancer just stirring up a furor for nothing?

Twenty-two studies in six countries have shown that lung cancer patients are predominantly cigarette smokers. (No evidence of any kind has ever been produced that is inconsistent with the generally held view that excessive cigarette smoking is one of the principal causes of lung cancer.)

Studying the smoking habits and fate of 187,783 men from 50 to 70 years of age has shown that deaths from all causes combined rises with the number of cigarettes smoked daily: rates were more than two times as high for two or more pack-a-day smokers as non-smokers.

Men who stopped smoking had death rates lower than those who continued to smoke. Lung cancer death rates were more than 10 times as high among regular cigarette smokers as among men who had never smoked. Deaths from lung diseases other than cancer were nearly three times as high among cigarette smokers as non-smokers.

In response to the sharply rising death rate from lung cancer, the American Cancer Society has provided some \$2,000,000 for lung cancer research.

**Kills 35,000 a Year**  
Lung cancer kills 35,000 Americans every year, having increased its annual toll eightfold in 20 years. Although it is the main cause of cancer deaths in men, in 1958 new studies showed for the first time that women who smoke a pack a day get five times as much cancer as women who do not smoke.

The society was supporting research investigations into all phases of the lung cancer problem in 1958, with a group of specialists being organized to review published reports and to try to analyze the benefits of treatment by surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy.

**Five-Year Study Begins**

In November, the American Cancer Society and the Veterans Administration will begin working together on a five-year project to determine whether lung cancer can be detected early through x-ray and other examination. Approximately 12,000 men will be given examinations twice each year.

The study will teach researchers whether the examinations such as X-rays can detect significant numbers of lung cancers before symptoms appear, Dr. Dean F. Davies, ACS administrator for research on lung cancer, said, pointing out, "The disease is insidious; almost always it is far advanced before the person becomes aware of symptoms."

**House Approves Cut In Night Club Tax**

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A House-passed bill to cut in half the 20 per cent tax on night club tabs today faced an uncertain fate in the Senate.

The House approved the administration-opposed measure Tuesday, 209-4. It passed a similar bill two years ago but it died in the Senate when no further action was taken.

## Fails To Appear In Court On Charge

William Ostermeyer, 23, of Decatur, who was arrested Saturday by the state police for speeding on U.S. 33, failed to appear in justice of the peace court Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. as scheduled.

## Minor Accident Here Tuesday Afternoon

City police reported a minor, two-car collision Tuesday at 1:40 p.m. at the intersection of First and Jackson streets, involving \$40 damage to the left fender and door of one car.

A car driven by Dave J. Brown, 21, of route 3, Decatur, sustained the damage when a car driven by John Berlin Anderson, 77, of 722 Washington street, skidded into the Brown machine, which was traveling west on Jackson. Anderson was attempting a right turn onto Jackson from First street when the mishap occurred. No damage was reported to the Anderson car and no one was injured.

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