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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 teenagers 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 this week.

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. Rockfeller 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.

A veteran of two years with the Army, Peters spent 18 months at Neurenberg, Germany, in the publications department of the adjutant general.

His main project here will be to broaden the merchandise selection at the store and add a home furnishings line. The expansion program will include the opening of the building to the south (formerly the Why store) for the new lines sometime in September.

Peters said that he is pleased to be in Decatur and relishes the new and added responsibilities of his position.

Polio-Paralyzed Woman Gives Birth

Montreal (UPI) — Authorities confronted with a polio epidemic appealed today to thieves who stole 75,000 shots of polio vaccine to return the vitally needed serum.

But they feared that the vaccine, unless stored in refrigerators after the theft early Monday, may already have become worthless.

Alex Solomon, head of the Quebec March of Dimes, appealed to the thieves through press and radio to return the vaccine.

"The persons most affected by this are children," Solomon said, "and if the men who took the vaccine have any conscience they will bring it back."

Some authorities believed the vaccine may already have been taken out of Canada. They said it would be almost impossible for the thieves to sell the serum to either physicians or drug distribution houses.

The thieves took the vaccine, valued at \$50,000, from refrigerators at the University of Montreal laboratory at suburban Laval after tying up a watchman.

Name New Manager For Murphy Store

A managerial change at 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 tar 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 tar 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 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.

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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."

Lung Cancer Research In Society's Program

THE DECATUR DAILY DEMOCRAT, DECATUR, INDIANA

Baptist Association Meet Here Thursday

The annual meeting of the Salamonie Baptist association will be held Thursday at the First Baptist church in Decatur. This will be the 119th meeting of the association.

Theme of the meeting will be "Christian love confronts a changing world."

The Rev. Marvin Hall, pastor of the First Baptist church at Bluffton, will be the moderator. Special speakers will be Miss Ruth Daniels, missionary to India; Dr. Dallas West, executive secretary of the Indiana Baptist convention; Dr. Ray C. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist church at Muncie, and the Rev. Robert Odean, pastor of the First Baptist church at Montpelier.

The Rev. Stuart Brightwell is pastor of the host Decatur church. There will be three sessions, at 9:30 a. m., 1:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. All sessions are open to the public.

Jobless Pay Claims Decrease In State

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — A healthy drop in the number of claims for jobless benefits last week was credited by the Indiana Employment Security Division today to the resumption of automobile production in Hoosier plants.

Director William C. Stalnaker said 29,563 claims were filed last week, a decrease of 5,200 from the week previous.

Included in the total, however,

are 4,075 claims from newly unemployed persons and 25,490 claims from persons out of work a week or more.

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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