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YOUNG PARIS SLAIN, CAPT. LEACH FEARS; GUN SALES ASSAILED

Missing Youth Victim
Of Hitchhikers,
Is Theory.

UNSEEN IN WEEK

Potts Slayers May
Have Killed Him,
He Says.

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Capt. Matt Leach today said that Lawrence L. Paris, husky Bargersville youth missing a week today, probably had been killed by hitchhikers.

"He can't be alive," Capt. Leach said. "There never has been a case of a kidnapped motorist being held alive for more than four hours."

Capt. Leach said he believes the bandits who killed Clayton Potts, foundry official, in a \$2300 holdup last week here, were responsible for the disappearance of Mr. Paris.

Two paroled convicts have been indicted by the Marion County grand jury on charges of murder and robbery in connection with the Potts slaying.

Leach Outlines Theory

Capt. Leach's theory is that the Paris' killers, who abandoned their car after the holdup, spent Tuesday night in hiding. On Wednesday night, he reasoned, they left this city and Mr. Paris picked them up as hitch-hikers.

They killed him, disposed of the body and made their getaway in his car, Capt. Leach said he believes.

"There were no automobile thefts in Indianapolis from Tuesday, the day of the shooting, and last Saturday, except for the disappearance of Mr. Paris in his car," Capt. Leach said.

Escape Plans Spoiled

"The robbers who shot Mr. Potts damaged their car in the getaway, and obviously had their escape plans disrupted. They were trying to get out of town and probably stopped Mr. Paris as he drove along in his automobile Wednesday morning," he continued.

"Paris was more than 6 feet tall, weighed about 190 pounds and was an amateur boxer and wrestler.

"They couldn't hold anyone like that a captive and attempt a getaway, so they killed him and disposed of the body to hide the direction of their escape," he concluded.

Sheriff Disagrees

Mr. Paris was last seen at an Indianapolis department store where he worked, Capt. Leach said he was to have gotten a better job next month at another Indianapolis business house.

Nothing in his private life has come to light that would provide a motive for voluntary disappearance, Capt. Leach said. He was reported to have had approximately \$75 cash on his person at the time of disappearance.

The Johnson County sheriff, of course, however, said their investigation had revealed no indications of foul play.

"The parents told us they were just trying to locate the boy and seemed to have no indication that he had been harmed," a deputy said.

Fair May Be Separated

William R. Kelso, 810 N. Hamilton Ave., reported yesterday that he saw Mr. Paris last Tuesday night, and that he seemed to be in good spirits.

The theory that one of the gunmen responsible for the slaying of Mr. Potts escaped with all the \$2300 loot and is being sought by his companion was expressed by city police today.

City officers said they believed the men became separated as they fled.

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BOB BURNS

Says: **H**ollywood,

Tactfulness is one of the finest traits a person can develop—especially if he's dealing with the public.

The only way you can possibly develop this trait is by studying human nature.

That way you learn to size people up. A remark that some people wouldn't pay any attention to might offend somebody else.

The best hand I ever saw at this was my Uncle Squincey. He use to be a sort of junk dealer down home. One day he went up to the house of a new family and rang the doorbell. The lady opened the door a little bit and peekin' through the crack says, "What do you want?"

Uncle Squincey says "Have ya got any old beer bottles?" The lady opened the door and stood there glarin' at him and said "Do I look like the kind of a lady who would have beer bottles?"

Uncle Squincey says "Well, I'm sorry, Sister, I didn't see you were well, but now I care see I was wrong and I apologize." Then he studied her face for a while and he says "Have ya got any old vinegar bottles?"

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Morrissey Moves for
Checkup on All
Permits.

ASKS COURT AID

Present Law Is Too
Liberal, Chief
Thinks.

Chief Morrissey, concerned over the increased sale of firearms reported here during the last six weeks, has asked County judges to co-operate with him in providing records of persons securing weapon permits, it was announced today.

The present State law is too broad to give police an adequate check on firearms sales, Chief Morrissey said.

In a letter to the County Circuit, Superior and Criminal Courts judges, Chief Morrissey asked that they require applicants to give police their fingerprints and ballistics records of their weapons.

The judges indicated they would favor such a plan in the interest of crime prevention.

"Fingerprints of persons holding firearm permits would be placed in our personal identification files, which are in no way connected with our criminal files," Chief Morrissey said.

Permit applicants would be asked to fire test shots for ballistic records.

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NEAL'S UNCLE HEARD BY JURY

Patrolman Who Arrested
Murder Suspect Testifies for State.

Times Special

SHELBYVILLE, March 31.—Patrolman Jake Neal of the State Police today testified for the State in the murder trial of his nephew, Curtis Neal, 22, and Hugh Marshall, 19.

It was Patrolman Neal who, a few days after the body of William H. Bright, Indianapolis druggist, was found in Big Sugar Creek, arrested his nephew in a small Kentucky town.

Other peace officers today testified to the investigation of the crime, and the recovery of the body.

The defense plans to call about 15 witnesses. The Court probably will call aliens who have examined the defendants. These aliens may be cross-examined by both defense and the State. The youths have entered insanity pleas.

To a crowded courtroom and a jury of 11 farmers and a retired railroad yesterday, another relative of Neal described the defendants' arrival at his Madison home.

Wilbur Kidwell, Neal's brother-in-law, who is held on a burglary charge, was present.

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Spencer to Ask Quashing Of Cox's Reply to Writ

Prosecutor Herbert M. Spencer said today he would file a motion tomorrow to quash the returns on Indiana Supreme Court writs of prohibition filed by Circuit Court Judge Earl R. Cox and Criminal Court Judge Frank P. Baker.

He said he would charge that the returns "did not set out facts relative to the issues of the writs."

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REBELS' CAUSE IMPERILED BY REVOLT, CLAIM

Foreign Intervention, at
First Welcomed, Proves
Boomerang.

OFFICERS DISILLUSIONED

Feel They Are Being Used to
Make Spain Vassal of
Her Allies.

By United Press

The Rebel cause in Spain seemed to be cracking today under military reverses and internal revolt.

Foreign intervention, which the Rebels counted on for victory, turned out to be a boomerang which threatens their defeat. Rebel officers who entered the revolt from patriotic motives, seeking to remodel the republic to their own political ideas, welcomed intervention.

Now many of them are disillusioned. They feel they are being used as tools to make Spain a vassal state of Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany.

The reported arrogance of some officers among their allies has been a blow to their fierce Spanish.

That, coupled with the Guadalajara and Pozoblanco defeats, has resulted in serious dissension.

Morocco Plot Reported

It seems fairly well established that a plot to revolt against the Rebel cause has been started in Morocco, where, ironically, the civil war broke out. It was planned to spread it all through Spain, including such vital centers as Burgos, Seville, Salamanca, Valladolid, Madrid and Algeciras.

Rebel leaders are trying desperately to stamp it out, with Gen. Francisco Franco, the high commander, going personally to Morocco. More than 200, including 150 officers, were reported to have been withdrawn.

The military situation meanwhile seemed desperate. The important Rebel Army operating in the Pozoblanco sector south of Madrid was in full retreat toward Cordoba, hard-pressed by four Loyalist columns. They were in danger of being trapped in the mountain passes by an encircling movement.

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Marr Withholds Plea

Marr also was arraigned late yesterday on charges of violating the state securities law but withheld his plea pending arrival of an attorney from Chicago.

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Marr is alleged to have represented himself as an agent of the Grand American National Co., Inc., an insurance firm incorporated in Delaware. He is accused of defrauding scores of Indiana residents by exchanging his stock for their securities of proven value.

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Paul-Boncour Is Brought Into Fontanges Case

By United Press

PARIS, March 31.—Mme. Magdeleine Fontanges introduced the name of former Premier Joseph Paul-Boncour of France today in testimony at the resumption of preliminary hearings on her shooting of Count Charles de Chambrun, former French ambassador to Rome.

The dark-haired writer again told the magistrate of her purported love affair with Premier Benito Mussolini and related how she tried to commit suicide in Rome last fall when Il Duce refused to see her.

Mme. de Fontanges blamed Count de Chambrun for the end of her alleged romance in Rome.

She told the magistrate that the Count acted against her in Rome last summer because he wanted to do a favor for Mr. Paul-Boncour who was Premier appointed Count de Chambrun as Ambassador to Italy.

PLEAS REVOKED BY MARION MEN

City Clerk and Ex-Farmer
Claim Innocence in
Stock Case.

By United Press

MARION, Ind., March 31.—Guilty pleas of two alleged accomplices of Warren T. Marr, 46, former Detroit millionaire, in a purported \$80,000 stock swindling scheme were withdrawn today in Grant County Superior Court.

Ray Norman, 38, Marion City Clerk, and Curtis Strange, 41, retired farmer, changed to not guilty their answer to charges of violating the State Securities Act in recommending sale of unregistered stock.

Withdrawal of the guilty pleas was permitted because the men were not represented by counsel at arraignment yesterday. They were represented in today's action by State Senator Edward C. Hays.

They were released under bond of \$1500 each.

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BOARD IS APPOINTED FOR FLOOD CONTROL

Mayor and Commissioners
Name Two to Posts.

By United Press

MARION COUNTY Commissioners and Mayor Kern today named the Marion County Flood Control Board, created by the last Legislature.

The commissioners nominated Charles E. Jefferson, 3528 College Ave., river engineer since 1914, who has done work for the city under three Administrations.

Mayor Kern nominated Carl Korpeter, Southport, district engineer for the Works Progress Administration. Salaries are \$2400 yearly. Henry B. Steeg, city engineer, is an ex-officio member.

The board will set up a bond district for flood control.

COW HAS THREE CALVES

By United Press

FORTVILLE, Ind., March 31.—Triplets calves were born on the farm of C. E. Colson yesterday. Cow and calves are doing well, it was reported.

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PAIR OF TITANS LEVEL LANCES IN COURT FIGHT

By United Press

BONVILLE, Ind., March 31.—There's a self-educated goose on S. Second St. here that has the town talking. Her name is Gladys. She belongs to the family of Murl Lockhart, is gray in color, and was acquired at a shooting match last fall.

Soon after coming to the Lockharts, the goose settled down and made herself at home. She followed members