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COURT LAXITY IS TYPIFIED BY ELUSIVE JONES

Arrested 76 Times in 15 Years, Fruster Has Yet To Serve Term.

By SHERLEY UHL

Fruster Jones, 38, is a classic example of what's wrong with Marion county's court and prosecution system.

Arrested 76 times in the past 15 years, Fruster has never served a jail or prison sentence. In fact, he's been convicted on only 16 of more than a hundred charges filed against him by police.

The rest of his cases either were dismissed, discharged, "continued indefinitely" or pigeonholed externally with the notation "judgment withheld."

True, Fruster's paid \$440 worth of fines. But he's allergic to jails. Even now he's free on bond, although he faces a murder charge in connection with the morphine party death of Mrs. Vinnell Davis Sept. 4 in a hotel at 309 W. Vermont.

Has Knack of Getting Out

Fruster has a knack of getting himself "sprung" faster than a Riviera club diving board. He was charged with murder last Thursday on an affidavit signed by Detective Casper Kleffgen.

By Thursday night, Fruster's attorney, Thurl Rhodes, former deputy prosecutor, had filed a habeas corpus petition in Superior court 5.

Superior Judge Ralph Hamill discovered his docket was clogged with 35 cases Friday. So he asked both prosecution and defense if they would consent to having the habeas corpus hearing conducted by special judge. Everybody was agreeable.

Lewis Named Judge

From a list of attorneys supplied by Judge Hamill, prosecution and defense lawyers chose as special judge David M. Lewis, Democratic politician and former Marion county prosecutor.

Special Judge Lewis ruled the murder charge against Jones was erroneous. He thought evidence against Fruster indicated he's involved in manslaughter, not murder.

Fruster is accused of detections of shooting excessive doses of morphine into Mrs. Vinnell, as the result of which she died. Special Judge Lewis reasoned thusly:

"The illegal possession and ministration of narcotics is a misdemeanor. When a person commits a misdemeanor which is the proximate cause of unlawful death, the charge is involuntary manslaughter."

Freed on \$10,000 Bail

Although the murder affidavit remains effective, Jones was released on \$10,000 bond. His bond was posted by Joe Mitchell, Indiana area character.

The closest Fruster ever got to a state institution was back in 1934 when Municipal Judge Dewey Myers had the affront to sentence him to 60 days on the state farm for trespassing.

Enraged, Fruster immediately appealed the decision to criminal court. One month later (fast action for criminal court), the 60-day sentence was cancelled when Prosecutor Herb Spencer "rolled" the case, refusing to prosecute.

Partial to Loud Clothes

Partial to yellow shirts, loud ties, jaunty hats and well-tailored suits, Fruster operates the East Side Popularity club at 1318 E. 25th st., and an Indiana ave. "smoker." He lists his address as 1520 E. 30th st.

Fruster boasts a wide circle of friends, political and otherwise. His political connections, though chiefly Democratic, have strong bi-partisan links.

While it appears police have emerged second best in their jousts with Jones, the debonair Fruster contends they have persecuted him by singling him out as a whipping post.

There seems to be some justification to this claim inasmuch as Fruster has been even arrested for keeping a vicious dog and failing to have a dog license, charges very rarely applied against anybody.

Here's Fruster's police record:

Jan. 26, 1931, burglary and grand larceny.

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The Indianapolis Times

FORECAST: Clear and cool tonight. Tomorrow fair and warmer.

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He was managing editor of the Prairie Farmer, Midwestern agricultural journal, until he started on the trip to Russia. He is president of the American Agricultural Editors' association.

Non-Strikers' Busses Stoned At Film Studio

By UNITED PRESS

Busses carrying non-striking workers were stoned at a picketed Hollywood studio today, and a new segment of Pittsburgh business was hit by a power strike now in its 16th day.

Government officials, however, looked for an early end to the maritime shipping tie-up, largest among the current wave of labor disputes. Strikes also curtailed public transportation in five major cities.

Let Busses Pass

A squad of 150 helmed sheriff's deputies, bearing guns, night-sticks and gas masks, gathered at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studio at dawn to prevent a recurrence of battling which has marked the seven-day-old film strike. Eleven busses carrying workers into the studio were stoned, but no one was hurt and the deputies let the action pass.

Sixteen men went to the hospital and 13 to jail after a bloody fight yesterday which raged through Culver City, Cal., to the gates of the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studio, then to the city jail where demonstrators tried to storm the walls. Pickets were led by veterans wearing parts of their old uniforms and carrying American flags.

Federal conciliators kept union and company representatives in almost continuous session in an attempt to end the Pittsburgh strike, but there was no indication of progress. The Duquesne Light Co.

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DOUBT RUSS-TURK DISPUTE DANGEROUS

U. S. Says New Soviet Note Adds Little to Situation.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (U.P.)—

The United States does not believe the Russo-Turkish argument over the Dardanelles has reached a "dangerous" stage, informed quarters said today.

While it would be difficult to bring the issue before the United Nations.

Diplomatic sources said Russia's second note to Turkey added little to the situation created by the earlier demand for joint Russo-Turkish control of the strategic water gateway to the Black sea.

About the only difference, it was pointed out, is that in the second note Russia politely rejected Turkey's arguments in refusing to consider the request made in an earlier note.

HOLD GIRL CARRYING LETTER TO TRUMAN

PT. WAYNE, Ind., Oct. 2 (U.P.)—

Police today held a 19-year-old girl found in a city park with a letter addressed to President Harry S. Truman.

Dorothy Jane Hensel said she sought the park's seclusion to pray, and tried to escape police at the city hall.

Police would not reveal contents of the letter except to say it was in a religious vein."

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STATE TO WIDEN MERIDIAN ST.

By UNITED PRESS

Plans to widen Meridian st. from 16th st. to Fall Creek blvd. were announced today by John H. Lauer, state highway commission chairman.

Expansion of the heavily travelled north-south thoroughfare to a minimum of 56 feet hinges on two factors, Mr. Lauer said.

One is approval by the city of plans to replace curbs and sidewalks. The other is approval by the Public Works Administration for expenditure of federal funds on the project.

Expect City Approval

Noble Hollister, city plans commissioner, said that city officials are expected to approve the widening if money in the thoroughfare fund can be used for the improvement.

Thomas R. Jacobi, city engineer, said that a rough estimate of the new sidewalks cost is about \$25,000.

Since street lights would have to be moved for the widening, city officials also were studying a proposal to install modern, brighter fixtures.

Extreme Increase in Traffic

A survey showing an extreme increase in traffic on Meridian south of Fall creek and the poor condition of the base and surface in this section brought about the decision of the commission to construct a modern thoroughfare.

Mr. Lauer said that the present asphalt pavements have a badly warped crown and many "turtlebacks" at intersections.

Italy, Turkey, Syria, Lebanon Join Fund

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (U.P.)—

Italy and three other nations were admitted to membership in the \$8,000,000 international monetary fund.

From Michigan st. north, Meridian is a state highway and maintenance is under the state highway department. The department survey shows that the street narrows from 65 feet at St. Clair st. to 50 feet at Fall Creek.

Besides bearing highway traffic, the street is choked with inbound traffic in the mornings and outbound traffic in the evenings, linking northside and suburban homes with the downtown-business district.

Motorists have complained of ruts where new pavement was added in an earlier expansion. In addition, the highway department pointed out that the present asphalt pavement has a badly warped crown and many "turtlebacks" at intersections.

Army, Navy OK Use of CIVILIAN CLOTHES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (U.P.)—

The army, navy and marines announced today that officers and enlisted men may wear civilian clothes during off-duty hours, effective immediately.

The services also authorized personnel on furlough to wear civilian clothes. But if they do this, they will not receive the benefits of reduced furlough rates offered by railroads and other common carriers.