

Enraged Detective Shoots Wife, Slays Her Alleged Suitor

Fires on Pair Sitting in Car At Pontiac

GM Plant Workers See Michigan Killing

PONTIAC, Mich., Sept. 20 (U.P.)—An enraged Pontiac detective today fired a bullet into his wife's leg and then shot and killed her alleged suitor.

The slaying occurred before horrified workers emerging from General Motors yellow truck plant, police reported.

Pontiac police said Detective Sgt. Harry Engelby, 45, ordered his wife to come out of the plant to talk to him. When she refused, he waited for the shift to change and then accosted her when she entered a car.

Get out of that car and come with me," police quoted him as shouting at his wife, Sarah, 42.

Shot in leg.

When she refused to leave, police said, he pulled open the door and tried to drag her from the car. During the scuffle she was shot in the leg.

According to police, the veteran detective, who was on the force some 18 years, ordered James C. Harris, 38, out of the back seat. Harris, who Engelby said was paying attentions to his wife, refused to leave.

It was then that Engelby fired, police said, wounding Harris in the neck. After firing, the detective then went around the back of the car and fired two more shots.

Capt. Frank Nelson, chief of detectives, said one of the shots apparently hit Harris in the shoulder while the other missed. Capt. Nelson said that Engelby then rushed his wounded wife to the hospital while Harris died where he lay.

Police said that Engelby claimed the shooting of his wife was an accident. Engelby also told police that he had fired at Harris only when he thought the latter lunged at him with a knife.

Capt. Nelson said that Harris was the double of Engelby's late wife. The double shooting developed out of a triangular love affair, Capt. Nelson said. He said that Engelby had talked with a lawyer about seeking a divorce from his wife only yesterday.

Engelby and his wife have been married 26 years and have three children.

Reuther Blasts G. M. Contest

Walter P. Reuther, United Auto Workers (I.O.) president, today called the General Motors Corp. essay contest, "What I Like About My Job," an attempt to "conduct a one-sided opinion poll of workers."

The contest is being held among employees at Allison division here and other G. M. plants throughout the country.

Mr. Reuther said, "If General Motors is sincerely interested in a true opinion poll of its workers, the corporation should be willing to offer equal prizes for letters stating what is wrong with G. M. employee-employer relations."

"The corporation hopes by offering a number of valuable prizes, to buy employee statements to the effect that General Motors is a kindly, fatherly and understanding employer, which will be used later in so-called goodwill advertising," the union head declared.

Ex-Convict Seized In Kidnap-Robbery

FBI and Dearborn county police authorities today held an ex-convict on kidnapping and robbery charges.

The suspect, Paul E. Winters, was arrested last night at Lawrenceburg.

Harvey Foster, in charge of the FBI office here, said Winters was believed to be the man who slugged and robbed William Groesbeud, Lawrenceburg alcoholic tax unit employee, Sept. 17.

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CURIOSITY AND THE CAT—Odd squeak in automobile of J. E. Hasselle, Memphis, Tenn., high school teacher annoyed Mr. Hasselle half a day. The squeak sounded like a kitten, but Mr. Hasselle could find no kitten. He went to a service station. C. W. Jones, attendant, above, went under the car with an oil gun, and found the kitten stuck in the springs. The kitten was unharmed.

Washington Calling—

Expect Truman to Take Time on Rising Prices

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state department resistance. Grain export cut for November has already been announced, cut in coal shipments, probably 20 per cent below August figure, will be announced for October.

Probable date for special session is Nov. 17 to Dec. 1.

Mr. Truman will need help of all leading congressmen to put over European relief program. So far there's no way to tell whether first hand inspections abroad have convinced enough members that aid is imperative.

GOP Fears Trap

THE POLITICS of U. S. Republican leadership is solid against special session, fears a trap. But just to make sure, they're sounding out key congressmen round the country on cost of living and foreign relief issues. They have no plan to stop price rise, say they haven't been shown proof that Europe's situation is critical.

Some Democrats want Mr. Truman to ask congress for price controls. If Republican majority refused to vote them, it would be good campaign issue next year—when things are apt to be worse—they say.

But President's advisers say he'll not recommend price control as a political move, will ask it only if he's convinced there's no other way out.

Ball's 'Watchdogs'

FIRST CONGRESSIONAL survey of Taft-Hartley law in operation will be made Oct. 7-8 when Senator Ball's "watchdog" committee meets here.

Amendments will be discussed and committee will start with section prohibiting political expenditures by labor unions. Committee will try to write out implications of control of free speech, free press; will try to leave in teeth enough to prevent use of individual's money for political purposes in which he may not concur.

Don't expect Mr. Taft to favor lifting ban on closed shop, despite his western quotes. He's expected to try for some way to let established institutions, such as maritime hiring halls, continue operating, but that's all.

Republican leaders are calm about Taft-Hartley update. House Speaker Joseph W. Martin Jr., just back from visit to his district, says no one complained to him about it.

HERE'S WHY A. F. of L. is feverishly trying to soften Denham ruling withholding NLRB privileges until all officers of labor organization file non-Communist affidavits.

Some big unions threaten to withdraw from A. F. of L. because all its units are barred from NLRB privileges until 11th Vice President John L. Lewis swears he's not a Communist. These unions saw a chance to get members from rival C. I. O. organizations, some of whom can't qualify their present officers.

They don't want to lose any more time.

If A. F. of L. deadlock lasts till the convention, look for fireworks. Effort may be made to unseat Mr. Lewis. Or A. F. of L. constitution may be changed to make only president and secretary-treasurer general officers.

Mr. Lewis on the other hand, might once more pull his miners out of A. F. of L.

Stassen's Fight

HAROLD E. STASSEN will win the Wisconsin fight next April for Republican convention delegates, Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, Wisconsin's new Republican senator, predicts. He says Mr. Stassen will win from Governor Dewey and Gen. MacArthur. Gen. MacArthur, who'll be entered as a favorite son candidate, is expected to throw any delegates he may pick up to Senator Taft.

Another prediction: Mr. Stassen's not likely to take second place on the Republican ticket no matter who heads it. His friends now say he didn't mean it when he said he'd take VP.

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State Opens Fight To Save Taxes

Court Holds Gasoline Levy Illegal

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In a brief filed here by Special Counsel M. Elliott Belshaw, the state claimed that its gasoline tax was legal even though the state had not been reapportioned since 1921.

The state constitution requires reapportionment every six years. Four residents, charged with conspiracy to defraud the state of \$45,000 in gasoline taxes, claim the gas tax is illegal because the legislature failed to reapportion the state.

Other Taxes Challenged

A court decision holding the tax illegal also would cast a shadow of illegality over the state's income, cigarette, excise and liquor taxes.

The four taxes furnish a major part of the state's income.

The issue probably will go to the state supreme court for final decision.

The legality question arose when the state filed civil suit against Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Coughlin, Ft. Wayne. O. D. Barcus, Hammond, and Leonard Skaggs, Gary.

The four contended that the gasoline tax was illegal since it was passed by the legislature in 1943.

Judge Harold L. Strickland of Lake county superior court dismissed the state's demurrer against the four. His decision, in effect, upheld the defense contention that the tax law was void because state representation had not been changed under the constitution.

State Files Answer

Mr. Belshaw filed an answer to the demurrer dismissal yesterday. He contended that the ruling, if followed to its logical conclusion, would make the state's cigarette, income, liquor and excise taxes also illegal. They were all passed since 1927, more than six years after the last reapportionment.

Some observers said such a decision might cast doubt over the legality of all laws passed by the state legislature since 1927.

DINNER MEETING MONDAY

Maj. Harold C. McGraw camp and auxiliary, Spanish-American War Veterans, will hold a dinner meeting at 6 p. m. Monday at 437 Prospect st. I. W. McCormick of Birdseye, department commander, and Mrs. Anna Nation of Evansville, department president, will attend.

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