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Two Suspects Held in Girl Kidnaping

Jailed on Vagrancy Charges; Hearing Saturday; Hunt 4 Others

Two suspects in a brutal kidnaping and rape of a South Side girl today were placed under \$10,000. The crime happened shortly after midnight.

Held on vagrancy charges, the suspects appeared this morning before Municipal Court Judge Alex Clark who postponed the hearing until Saturday.

Meanwhile, police sought four other assailants, expecting to link them to the crime with bits of the girl's clothing found in what is believed to be the car used by the hoodlums.

The car police impounded belongs to one of the suspects. Neither of the suspects is employed.

Seek Positive Identity
The girl's companion, who was alleged, was to see the suspects this afternoon in an attempt to positively identify them.

The girl, an 18-year-old factory worker, was kidnaped by six men in a black sedan and raped a dozen times and threatened with death, she sobbed to police. (The Times does not publish the names of rape victims.)

The kidnaping took place in the 800 block of Church St. The girl was walking home from work at the Zenite Metals Corp. with an escort, Willis Huddleston, 19, of 641 S. Missouri St.

Held Knife at Her Throat
She and Mr. Huddleston told police that the black sedan swooped down upon them and stopped. Six men piled out of the car. One of them blackjacked Mr. Huddleston. Another covered him with a gun.

The girl was dragged kicking and screaming into the sedan by the other four men. Residents of Church St. were aroused by the girl's cries for help, but were unable to rescue her.

The car careened away, south on West St. Then "somewhere below Morris St.," she said, the six men dragged her out of the car, one of them holding a knife at her throat.

Debate Killing Her
Each of the men, she said, assaulted her several times. They held a conference on whether to kill her. Five of the men were youths in their 20's, she said, the sixth, in his 30's. One of the youths prevailed on the others to spare her life.

She said she was then thrown back into the car after her abductors changed license plates to conceal the vehicle's identity. The kidnapers threw her out of the automobile in an alley west of Meridian St. between Wilkins and Morris Sts.

The girl was sent to General Hospital for treatment. She was released early this morning and sent home, where she was still suffering from shock.

Linked to Earlier Escape
Police immediately linked the assault with an earlier report that six men in a dark-colored sedan attempted to force a car operated by Thomas Hughes Jr., 30, of Brooklyn, Ind., to the curb on Kentucky Ave.

Mr. Hughes said the six men followed him southwest on Kentucky until he pulled into a filling station. One of them hurled a bottle of kerosene against the side of his car.

The six men swerved away in a flash of gears, but not before Mr. Hughes took their license number.

Car Traced
Police Lt. Noel Jones and his squad checked the license number to a Udel St. resident. In front of the address, they found a dark sedan.

The license plate on the front of car tallied with the number Mr. Hughes had taken. The plate on the rear, however, did not match. Inside the car, the squad found a license plate matching the one on the front and a Michigan license plate. They also found a tan, cloth covered button and a gold-colored belt buckle.

The girl identified the button and buckle as parts of the clothing she wore when she was abducted last night.

Meanwhile, a police identification bureau team found that tire marks near the scene of the abduction on Church St. matched the tires on the sedan.

St. Paul Fire Quelled

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 7 (U. P.).—Fire broke out in huge stockpiles of the Waldorf Paper Co. early today. For a time the blaze threatened the heart of St. Paul's midway industrial district. Then it was brought under control.

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Girl's Death Hikes County's Auto Toll to 73

Injuries Received Last Week Are Fatal

The Marion County traffic death toll for 1947 increased to 73 here today with the death of Miss Estelaine Barkdull, 15, of Anderson. She died in General Hospital.

She was the second victim fatality injured in the two-car crash at 30th St. and Arlington Ave. Saturday night. Miss Diana Hale, 13, of Anderson, was killed instantly in the crash.

They were riding in a car with six other young persons, driven by Mrs. Katherine Jacques, 32, Anderson, when it collided with an automobile driven by Scottie Webb, 32, of Fortville.

Auto, Tractor Collide
Frampton Rockhill, 57, president of the Big Ben Collieries Corp., Brazil, was killed last night when the car he was driving collided with a farm tractor on Highway 56, five miles south of Brazil. The tractor was driven by Wayne Perkins, Prairie City.

Thomas Burke, 21, Anderson factory worker, was killed last night when his motorcycle collided with a wagon on Highway 32 near Anderson.

Donald Ray Fair, 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Fair, migrant workers at Marlie, was killed yesterday when he ran into the path of a train near Marlie.

Pupil Dies of Injuries
Miss Catherine Sprecht, 17, Valparaiso High School pupil, died in the Porter Memorial Hospital last night of injuries received in a traffic collision Sunday which killed her father, Ben Sprecht.

James Edward Stephenson, 65, Terre Haute, died in a Terre Haute hospital last night of injuries received Sept. 22 when he was struck by an automobile.

In Indianapolis last night, two persons were injured in two accidents that involved eight vehicles.

Mrs. M. J. Hougland, 62, of 317 E. 15th St., was seriously hurt when the parked truck in which she was sitting was struck by another truck driven by Donald W. Moore, 28, of Martinsville, in the 500 block, N. Capitol Ave. The parked truck crashed into three other cars parked along the curb.

Ralph Franklin, 21, of 1431 West View Drive, was slightly hurt when the truck he was driving collided with a car driven by Dorval Christman, 1234 N. Grant St., in the 300 block, W. 16th St. The Christman car then crashed into another vehicle.

Wider and 1-Way Streets Asked
The safety board sought to remove additional traffic bottlenecks today by recommending a series of street widening projects to the board of works.

The board also asked for an ordinance from the City Council making 10th St. one way west bound from Central Ave. to Alabama St., and 11th St. one way east bound from Alabama to Central.

Streets which the board recommended be widened to relieve traffic congestion are:

Senate Ave. from Washington St. to Indiana Ave.; West St. from Georgia St. to Washington St.; New York St. from Illinois St. to West St.; New Jersey St. from Pearl St. north to Massachusetts Ave.

Alabama St. from Washington St. to Maryland St., and from Maryland St. to Virginia Ave.; Maryland St. from Capitol Ave. to West St., and W. Market St. from Senate Ave. to West St.

Textile Workers to Sign Anti-Red Pledge
BOSTON, Oct. 7 (U. P.).—Leaders of the Textile Workers of America, fourth largest affiliate of the CIO, were pledged today to sign the non-Communist affidavit required by the Taft-Hartley labor law.

The decision was announced yesterday by Emil Rieve, president of the Textile Workers, and a vice president of the national CIO.

Ex-GI Father Flies to U. S. With Baby; Denies 'Kidnaping' From British Wife
GREENSBORO, N. C., Oct. 7 (U. P.).—Curtis Elmer Vincent cast a father's anxious glance at his 10-month-old son lying squalling in an oversized hotel bed here today.

He declared bringing the baby 4000 miles by plane and train from London "wasn't much trouble."

The 24-year-old shoe clerk for a local department store arrived by train from New York with the infant early today after taking the baby from his British bride "for a walk" in London Sunday.

"I gave Van a soother to chew on and his ears weren't bothered at all by the altitude on the flight to New York over the ocean," Mr. Vincent said. "I took milk and dried foods with me when I left the States and he had plenty to eat."

Told that Scotland Yard had started a search for him when his wife charged he had kidnaped the child, Mr. Vincent shouted:

"There was no kidnaping about it. My passport stated I was going to England to get my wife and child and return them to this country."

"I arrived in London two weeks ago and found my wife had left the baby in someone else's care. When she returned, I offered her a home in Greensboro or Talladega County, Ala., where I originally made my home. But she refused to come to America."

The ex-GI married his wife, Marjorie, before the Army sent him home for discharge. He indicated his wife's absence when he arrived in London was the thing that made him decide to bring the baby across the Atlantic alone.

"I stayed with the baby constantly for a week in London and learned how to care for him. I didn't think the trip would be easy—but it wasn't as tough as I expected."

When Mr. Vincent arrived at the Carolina

Restaurants In Indiana To Furnish 'Truman Diet'



DRESS REHEARSAL—Members of the Link-Belt Co. fire brigade hold a dress rehearsal for a fire prevention demonstration tomorrow at the plant. Left to right are Carl Merrick, Carol D. Starkey, David Matlock and Volmer Jense.

Around the World—Portugal Jails 350 In Revolt Plot

5 Generals, Admiral Called Ringleaders

LONDON, Oct. 7 (U. P.).—A new revolt by Army officers against the regime of Premier Antonio de Oliveira Salazar in Portugal has been crushed. It was learned in diplomatic quarters last night.

Six ringleaders—five generals and an admiral—are reported under arrest.

Diplomatic sources said 350 Army and Navy officers were involved in the latest plotting against the dictator's regime. Portugal's jails now are overflowing with political prisoners. Thus it was necessary to imprison the ringleaders in the private Julio de Matos asylum on the outskirts of Lisbon.

Linked to Monarchy

One of the top figures in the revolt was said to be Adm. Jose Mendes Cabecadas, former provisional president of Portugal in 1926 and one of the small group which brought President Salazar to power in 1928.

According to rumor, one of the main points of the revolution was restoration of the monarchy.

It was said that Premier Salazar was informed of the plan by Spanish sources.

President Implicated

Adm. Cabecadas has signed a confession implicating President Antonio Oscar de Fregueses Carmona as having knowledge of the move to unseat Premier Salazar.

It was said. As a result there is a distinct coolness between Premier Salazar and President Carmona.

Gen. Carmona has been president since 1926. He and Adm. Cabecadas were members of the group of officers whose revolt against the

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Talks, Music Planned For Tech High Patrons

Parents of senior students at Technical High School will hear Hanson H. Anderson, Tech principal, and William H. Book, executive vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, in a program in the Tech gymnasium tomorrow night at 7:30.

The program includes music by the Tech choir, concert orchestra and dance band. A reception has been arranged to allow parents to meet class sponsors and teachers.

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Cafe Owners Split On Whether Customers Are Going to Like It

Many Local Dining Places Already Meatless; Hoarding Indicated by One Dealer

Here's today's \$64 question:

"Will Hoosiers take meatless Tuesdays and poultry-less (including no eggs) Thursdays without a fuss? Or won't they?"

Restaurant owners, opening a three-day convention at the Murat Temple here, say they'll go along with President Truman.

On the question of whether their customers will do likewise, they're divided.

A large number of local restaurants already were meatless on the first meatless Tuesday. So far there were no serious repercussions.

In Anderson, however, one restaurant reported a customer stomped out in a rage over eggs with no bacon.

Butchers and grocers said the early signs were a little hard to read. Roughly speaking, sales aren't off much.

Hoarding Indicated
Harvey Hagelskamp, executive secretary of the Indiana Retail Grocers and Meat Dealers Association, contacted a few meat markets today and found some odd developments. Business was generally normal, though a few dealers reported drops. One dealer remarked:

"I'm afraid I don't have meat on my menu, my customers just won't come in on Tuesday or will rather huff if they do. On the other hand, if I have a nice beef entree on the menu, for instance, I'm blamed by everybody as refusing to co-operate with a humanitarian program. Today I took a chance on the lesser evil—no meat."

They'll Follow Truman
Comment by the restaurant operators made one thing clear—they'll follow the course urged by President Truman. They believe, eventually, the public will pick up the spirit of the thing, and probably will take formal action before the convention closes to signify their willingness to try anything the government feels is necessary.

They also agree they're going to take it on the chin from a business standpoint, for a while at least. Here's what they say:

Merrill Tilman of Anderson: "We started right out this morning, and it's obvious that it's going to hurt business. A large percentage of our breakfast and noon luncheon customers are working men, and they need substantial meals. We will, as least, be able to cut down on the waste of bread which is one thing restaurant patrons waste most."

Daniel Lee, Mandarin Inn, Indianapolis: "I believe our customers will go along if we serve meatless dishes on Tuesday. We already serve a number of items without meat, eggs or fowl and customers seem to like them."

Ray O. Zimlich, Charley's Steak House, Indianapolis: "A business which specializes pretty much on steaks will be hit hard by a meatless day, but we'll comply. However, I do believe the public will have to be educated to the idea or there'll be an awful uproar."

William G. Bowman, Muncie, president of the association: "I feel that a huge majority of the restaurant owners in the state will co-operate with the President's program. I also think the program will have a two-fold effect—first the conservation of much-needed food and the elimination of much waste, particularly of bread, and second, it may help to bring prices down."

A. L. Simmons, New Castle: "The restaurants surely will co-operate, even though it's going to hurt from a business standpoint."

James Duke, Kokomo: "I believe a general campaign to cut down on portions of meat every day would have been more practical, but of course, that's not the way."

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Tuesday Meatless For Catholics, Too

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7 (U. P.).—The 24,450,000 Roman Catholics in the U. S. will not be exempted from President Truman's meatless Tuesday program, even though most of them are obliged by church law to abstain from meat on Friday.

A spokesman for the Citizens Food Conservation Committee said the President's request applied to everybody. Some Catholics, who live in areas where fish is not plentiful, have a special dispensation to eat meat on Fridays.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES
6 a. m. . . . 60 10 a. m. . . . 77
7 a. m. . . . 64 11 a. m. . . . 79
8 a. m. . . . 70 12 (Noon) . . . 81
9 a. m. . . . 75 1 p. m. . . . 81

Clear skies and warm temperatures will bring at least two more days of delayed summer to Indianapolis and vicinity.

The weather bureau predicted the mercury would rise to 83 this afternoon and drop to only 56 tonight. It will continue to be mild tomorrow, said the weatherman, but it will be increasingly cloudy.

Yesterday the temperature reached 84 here.

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