

Peace Returns To Street Where Fanatic Slaughtered 13

Stains Washed Away, All Blinds Are Drawn And Shops Shut Down

Kinsmen Prepare to Bury the Dead
Left by Maniac in 20 Minutes of Carnage

By RUSS GREEN, United Press Staff Correspondent
CAMDEN, N. J., Sept. 7.—The shades were drawn on stores and homes and all was peaceful today at 32nd St. and River Road.

That was where Howard Unruh, the 27-year-old religious fanatic, shot 16 people in a 20-minute reign of terror.

Yesterday morning, there were bodies of men, women and children lying about—in the streets, in automobiles, in homes and in the shops of neighborhood merchants whom Unruh hated.

By today the stains of blood had been washed away. The throngs of curious had left. Families of the victims were preparing to bury their dead. And the other people in the neighborhood just went on their way.

There was little curiosity among the workers going out this morning, and children going to their first day of school. Some cast a glance at the spot where four persons were shot in their automobiles but none stopped.

Tap Room Open

Some of the children didn't have their usual pre-school haircuts. Their favorite barber, Clark Hoover, was one of those killed by Unruh. And one of their playmates, Orris Smith, was gone, too. He was shot while sitting on a hobbyhorse as Mr. Hoover was trimming his hair.

The only place open this morning was the tap room of Frank Engle. Unruh had tried to get in there yesterday morning, but found it locked and fired several shots around the door. Mr. Engle fired back at Unruh and believes it was his shot that wounded the crazed veteran.

Mr. Engle's customers discussed the shooting in awed and dazed tones last night. "He didn't want to talk about it any more."

"I had a bad night," he said.

But there was much bitterness at the corner drugstore where Maurice Cohen, his wife and his mother were slain. Mr. Cohen's brother-in-law, Irving Fine, of Philadelphia, said he wanted just one thing—"to put a bullet in Unruh's brain."

Son Coming Home

"Why didn't they kill him?" Mr. Fine demanded. "With all those cops there and their guns, why didn't they shoot to kill when he came out of the house?"

Mr. Fine said the funeral of his sister, her husband and the latter's mother was being delayed until the couple's son, Leonard, 18, can return from Japan. Leonard is serving with the U. S. Air Force and Mr. Fine said he had been advised the youth is flying back.

In another part of Camden, the killer's mother, Mrs. Freda Unruh, was under a doctor's care at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. M. Womster. The sister said Mrs. Unruh was "very, very ill."

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Howard Unruh . . . Thirteen persons paid with their lives because he hated "moneychangers."

Doctors Doubt That War Turned Unruh Into Slayer

Psychiatrists Otherwise Differ in Views
As to Why Veteran Became a Maniac

By PAUL F. ELLIS, United Press Science Writer
NEW YORK, Sept. 7—Why should a man suddenly go berserk and kill 13 persons.

The question was put today to four psychiatrists. There could be a dozen reasons, but the scientists were agreed that the war service of the Camden veteran who shot and killed three children, five men and five women had nothing to do with it.

One expert, recently returned from Germany where he was a witness in the trial of a GI, said that the Camden veteran may have had an illusion that he could save the world and that his failure caused him to crack up.

Persecution Complex
The veteran, Howard Unruh, believed that his neighbors were talking about him and definitely had a persecution complex, another expert pointed out.

"If a man has homicidal tendencies, such belief of persecution can break out those tendencies in violent fury," he said.

He said that Unruh, apparently a religious fanatic, probably had an illusion that he could save the world.

"Balked in his efforts," the expert said, "the man's homicidal tendencies broke loose."

He and the other psychiatrists said teaching a man to shoot an enemy in war does not teach that.

LOCAL MAN WINS DEGREE
Huckleberry Hawkins, 2822 N. Indiana St., was graduated with a bachelor of science degree from the University of Cincinnati at the close of summer session. He is a Tech High School graduate and attended Indiana University.

Under the "restricted" listing none may serve a sentence in the jail, however, unless it is an exceedingly short one—like 30 days—officials explained. They hold the view that about the only adequate answer to the problem is a new jail. Otherwise the Marion County Jail is unlikely ever again to be placed on the "approved" list, they indicated.

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13th Victim Dies
In N. J. Slaughter

Wounds Fatal
13 Hours Later

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mation were available to police seeking the reason for the "resentment" that changed him from a Bible-pounding churchgoer to a ruthless gunman.

Relatives told Capt. James Mulligan that the only neighborhood dispute in which they knew he was involved was with druggist Maurice Cohen.

Argued Over Fence

Unruh apparently argued with Mr. Cohen several months ago when the druggist erected a picket fence which blocked Unruh from crossing a back yard to enter the second floor apartment occupied by him and his mother.

Cohen was the seventh person killed in the massacre.

His brother and sister blamed the outburst on his World War II army service in which he saw combat in Italy, Austria, Germany, France and Belgium with an armored field artillery unit. He was discharged honorably in 1945.

At police headquarters where he was questioned for two hours Unruh was quiet, soft-spoken and seemingly harmless. "He didn't look like a killer," a detective said.

The killer told police he knew everything he did. But his account of the murder left out two slayings. The best version that police could piece together was this:

When Unruh left his apartment he carried a 38-caliber German automatic in plain sight, loaded with nine bullets. A clip of eight more bullets and 16 loose cartridges were in his pocket.

He first walked up to a bread truck operated by Roxy De Marco, 33. The driver, thinking it was a holdup, dived into the back of the truck. Unruh fired but missed.

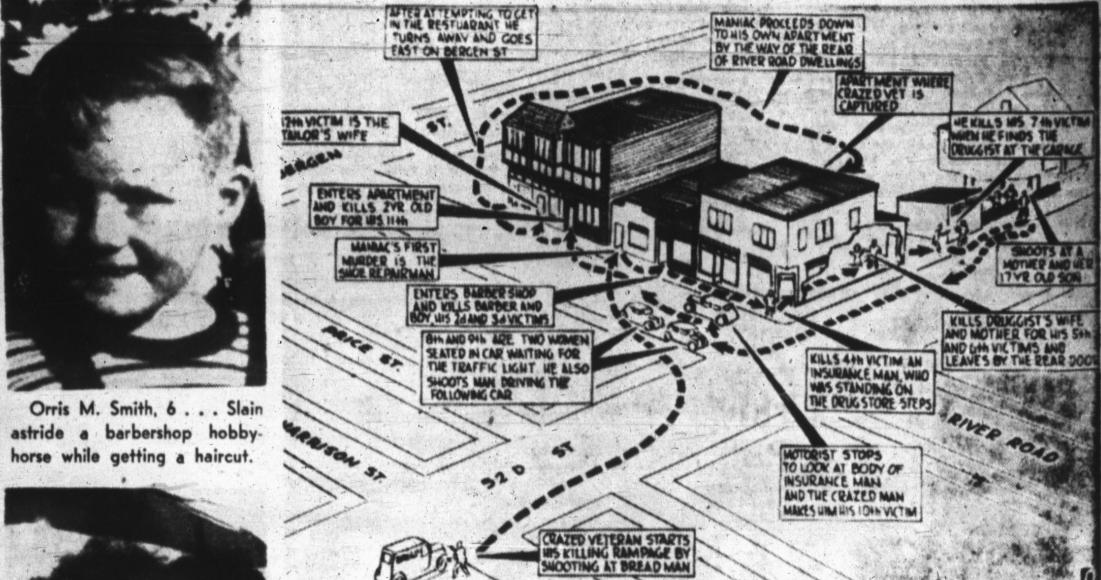
Kills Cobbler

Then he walked around a corner to the River Road shopping center and killed shopkeeper John J. Klarichuk Jr. in his shop with one shot.

From there the slayer entered a barber shop next door, crowded with children waiting to get haircuts for the opening of school today. He shot the barber, Clark Hoover, 33, to death and killed 6-year-old Orris Smith who sat astride a rocking horse while having his hair trimmed.

The other youngsters ran screaming to the street, but Unruh did not fire at them. He

Shooting Victims • Route Taken by Unruh



Route taken by Unruh during the 20 minutes it took him to kill 13 persons at Camden, N. J.

Eyewitness—

'Gunman Shot Boy Getting Haircut on Hobbyhorse'

Spectator Describes Wild Rampage
Of Slayer Who Killed 13 in New Jersey

By ROXIE DE MARCO
At Tel. to United Press

CAMDEN, N. J., Sept. 7.—I was delivering bread to River Road yesterday and ran right into the middle of the shooting.

It was an awful sight. I can still see the blood and the kids laying around.

He (Unruh) didn't shoot anybody at long range. He came right close every time. He would just walk up and shoot and run away.

I was serving bread to a saloon when he almost shot me as I was in my truck. I had delivered bread to a corner store and I heard some kids yelling there was a man shooting a gun around the corner.

There was a lot of commotion, and then I could hear some shots. I put the kids on my truck and I drove around the corner. I heard two women screaming and hunting for their children. I asked them if the kids in my truck were their kids and they said yes. Then I thought the noise I heard was only a family argument.

I DROVE around the corner and stopped in front of the saloon on the wrong side of the street.

Then I saw this fellow walking in and out of places across the street and shooting people. He walked to the middle of the street just casual like. Anybody who came along was just a dead duck.

He shot the people in the Nash and the Oldsmobile as they came along and slowed up for fear of hitting him.

He had the gun on me when the kid in the "Olds" came up. That luger looked like a cannon. The boy in the automobile blew his horn, and the fellow turned and fired point-blank at him.

AS I WENT to jump from the seat into the back of the truck, he fired at me and the bullet whizzed past the steering wheel. I got in the back of the truck and I heard the saloon-keeper shout, "Rox's shot."

I yelled, "I am not," and the saloon-keeper opened the back of my truck and was able to run into his saloon.

We saw Unruh deliberately shoot the barber and the boy on the hobby horse getting his hair cut.

You couldn't do anything. He had the gun and he must have reloaded two or three times. He shoved full clips into the pistol.

THEN, TOO, you didn't know where he was at. He popped in and out of the doors across the street. Even when the police came, they didn't know at first where he was.

Three cops lay under my truck to pick him off if he showed up. I didn't hear him say a word, but there was blood slopped all over. It was horrible, with the bodies laying all over.

You don't see things like that in the movies. They just don't happen like that in the movies.

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