

Schricker Ready To Order Probe

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morning and walked around the town, "casing jobs." He said they visited the cigar store earlier in the evening, but decided to return because there were too many men in the place.

Survivors of the shooting gave conflicting stories to police. Some said they had been playing poker and others insisted it was rummy. They disagreed on whether Gratzler grappled with the store manager or whether the manager tackled Gratzler.

Gratzler refused to sign the statement until his attorney arrived from Bedford.

The reform group said it planned to create a municipal crime commission on the pattern of such commissions in Chicago, Gary and Los Angeles.

Mayor Orders Recheck Mayor Lester Holloway denied that organized gambling had sunk its roots in town. But he ordered Police Chief Earl Nelson to "re-examine" the slayings for evidence of a possible gang war or gambling motive.

Chief Nelson yesterday said he was satisfied that the men who did the shooting were "trigger-happy punks working on their first stick-up."

State police still were searching for Donald Dalton, 29, of Bedford, whom they believe to be the gunman who killed two men and shot and critically wounded Ralph Frazier, 40, manager of the store. Dalton is also accused of shooting his pal, George Gratzler, 27, Bedford; Glenn Casteel, 40, and Thomas Cook, 56, both of Muncie, and John Stewart, Cincinnati. All are in "good" condition.

The shock of the shootings wore off in Muncie, known as a "typical" U. S. city, as night fell yesterday.

Things Are Normal Poker games, craps and horse race bookies were running full blast. The red light district, which opens and closes its doors like a bank, ran unhindered.

Young girls, dressed in halters and shorts, coaxed passers-by into the plush confines of their establishments. In one joint—Dolly's, 900 block S. Mulberry St.—the girls and their customers talked of the shooting. One girl said she thought the two thugs visited the place.

Taxi drivers continued to pick up fares and politely inquire: "Do you want to get some girls or gamble a little?"

No effort is made to hide punchboards, pick 'n' wins, put 'n' take and other lotteries. On the cigar stand of the Delaware Hotel, one of the leading hotels in Muncie, a full gambling display, including a dice game, covers the counter.

'All Over Town' Asked if the games of chance were against the law, Mrs. Donna Kelly, hotel cigar stand clerk, said:

"They must not be against the law. They have them all over town."

Police Chief Nelson and Detective Chief Mervyn Collins said they had no information about this.

"I haven't seen any," said Detective Collins. "But then I don't go out very much at night."

Both police officials said they had no knowledge that gambling was going on in the cigar store where the shooting happened. Tipsters, lottery tickets and other gaming equipment found at the store have disappeared.

Were 'All Over Floor' Police said there never were any tickets. An earlier police report, however, said that lottery tickets were littered all over the floor.

Less than one month ago, a Delaware County Grand Jury heard evidence of gambling in Muncie but failed to return an indictment.

"There wasn't enough evidence to support an indictment," one member of the Grand Jury said. Spurred by the double tragedy, feeling against gambling interests mounted in Muncie.

A Social Action Committee, composed of clergymen from more than 50 churches in Delaware County, has indicated it will strike now "while the iron is hot."

The Muncie Evening Press editorialized:

"The double killing stands as a black mark on Muncie's name, a mark that can only be erased by a tightening of police control that will make such conditions impossible in the future."

Seek State Police Patrol of Muncie Dailey Maps Fight On Freeing Watts



The New Deal Cigar Store, 604 Walnut St., Muncie, was the scene of the early morning shooting. Crowds milled around all day as police sought the second bandit.

Defense Contents Indictment Illegal

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to go home when she reported for duty. But later Judge Rabb testified that records of that grand jury showed Mrs. Clay was 42d in a list of prospective jurors and that the six-member grand jury was completed with the 29th venireman, thus excusing all beyond the 29th man.

Cites Specific Case

The defense, however, argued exclusion on the basis of a United States Supreme Court ruling on the case of Patton vs. the State of Mississippi. In this action the high court ruled that in an instance where Negroes had not actually served on a grand jury in 30 years time when there was a substantial number of qualified Negroes it could be presumed there was systematic exclusion.

Judge Marshall took the bench in the Watts trial after the defense asked a change of judge. He granted four defense motions overruled by the previous judge, including the plea in abatement hearing which was heard yesterday.

Watts, once convicted and sentenced to die for the Burney slaying, was granted a new trial by the U. S. Supreme Court which held his confession was obtained illegally. In his appeal Watts also brought up the exclusion charge but the high court did not sustain this.

11 Reds Guilty Of Revolt Plot

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24 United States marshals were on guard. Fifteen of the marshals were inside the wall of the courtroom near the 11 defendants.

Thus ended the nine-month trial of the U. S. Communist Party national board.

Immediately after the verdict was announced in the tensely quiet courtroom, Judge Medina directed the court clerk to poll the jurors. The clerk read the name of the jurors and then the names of all 11 defendants. Each juror then confirmed the verdict as regards each of the defendants.

The Communists did not move a muscle when the verdict was announced. They all sat erect. There was no sound in the courtroom.

Face Heavy Sentence Each defendant faces a maximum sentence of 10 years imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000.

Each juror replied "I do" to the question as to whether he found the defendants "guilty as charged."

Immediately following the polling, Mr. Gladstein interrupted when Judge Medina began to thank the jury. Mr. Gladstein requested that the jury be asked if it had considered the evidence against each defendant "separately and individually."

The jury had started its second day of deliberations after arriving at the federal court house in a chartered bus from the midtown hotel where it spent the night.

McGrath 'Grateful' With Jury Verdict

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (UP)—Atty. Gen. J. Howard McGrath said today the conviction of 11 top Communist leaders in New York is "gratifying."

In an 80-word statement to the press, Mr. McGrath also said that "few juries have ever been called upon to exercise greater patience and fidelity to the institutions of law and justice."



George Gratzler, lying in a Muncie hospital, received word his wife in Bedford had borne him a son.



Glenn Casteel was treated for a wound in his thigh.



Ralph Frazier, cigar store proprietor, was shot in the chest.



Thomas Cook, shown with Mrs. Harold Burkey III, a nurse, received a shattered wrist.

Fund Drive Hits 28% of Goal

\$359,650 Received During First Week

First-week campaign collections in the 1949 Community Fund drive for support of Red Feather services have reached \$359,650.59 and 28 per cent of the campaign goal, division reports showed today.

Directors of the drive said the current movement is keeping pace with the 1947 campaign and has surpassed figures recorded in last year's drive during the same period. The goal is \$1,280,000.

Leading collection divisions at the close of the first week is the industrial division with \$126,155. To boost division activity, its members have organized tours of Red Feather agencies by labor leaders and management representatives.

Other reports submitted yesterday at a campaign luncheon at the Ipalco Club were:

Residential division, \$15,158.49 and 18 per cent of the division quota; downtown division, \$5239.50; public division, \$3483.17; and special gifts division, \$6226. Under the tours sponsored by

the industrial division, union leaders and management representatives of the Chevrolet Commercial Body Division were scheduled to see campaign dollars at work at the Goodwill Industries, Day Nursery and St. Elizabeth's Home.

Methodists Start Teaching Mission

A statewide Methodist preaching and teaching mission now is in progress in Indiana.

The mission was introduced by mass meetings this week as part of the Methodist "Advance for Christ and His Church."

Approximately 4000 laymen including Indianapolis Methodists and those from other towns in the southern part of the state attended the closing mass meeting yesterday in Bloomington.

Bishop Richard C. Raines of the Indiana area urged the laymen to supplement the salaries of German Methodist preachers so they can carry on evangelistic work in Germany. The bishop also asked for gifts to the Martha Mary Deaconess Hospital in Nuremberg, Germany, and for support for 17 young Germans who fled from behind the Iron Curtain. The young men are now studying for the ministry in the Methodist Seminary, Frankfurt, Germany.

Bishop Raines also reminded the laymen that the Methodist publishing house in Bremen, Germany, was bombed out during the war and needs money for a rebuilding program.

FILMS BECKON TO INGRID ROME, Oct. 14 (UP)—Actress Ingrid Bergman indicated today she may resume playing in motion pictures sometime next year after her divorce is granted.

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Funeral Tomorrow For Miss Julia Joyce

Time State Service ACTON, Oct. 14—Services for Miss Julia Etta Joyce, who died yesterday in her home here, will be held at 10:30 a. m. tomorrow in the Stirling Funeral Home here. Burial will be in the Acton Cemetery. She was 80.

A lifelong resident of Marion County, she was a member of the Acton Baptist Church. She is survived by a brother, William H. Joyce.

Good Turn Has Bad Outcome

An old axiom says that one good turn deserves another. But Robert Blakeman, an electrician at Billings General Hospital, today is convinced it doesn't always work out. He told deputy sheriffs he was driving back to the hospital last night after a bowling session when he was stopped by a motorist near Lawrence High School. He seemed to be in distress. He got out of his car to see what assistance he could offer.

As he approached the motorist, Mr. Blakeman said, he was slugged from behind. When he awakened four hours later, Mr. Blakeman continued on to the hospital where he was treated for a knot on the head. Mr. Blakeman was robbed, he said, but wasn't sure how much money had been taken.

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