

CHARGE F. B. I. HEAD BROKE CONFIDENCE IN EXTORTION CASES

Providence (R. I.) Police Rap Edgar Hoover for Revealing Bomb Threats Against Theaters

Providence, R. I., Aug. 14.—Police chief E. Edgar Hoover broke the confidence in revealing whole-sale extortion threats against five Providence theaters and the city of Providence was made today as authorities sought to trace a "demented crank" believed to be the instigator.

"The extortionist threatened to bomb the five theaters unless they contributed \$20,000 each," the chief said, acting as doorman and ushers have been guarding the theaters since July 19.

Another guard was placed about the home of Deputy City Treasurer Philip E. Cunningham after a special delivery letter threatened death to him and his son, Philip, Jr., unless he paid \$20,000 in a specified place. The writer warned Cunningham that he would be the same fate as Dr. George W. Webster, prominent obstetrician mysteriously slain July 1. One letter threatened to blow up a home on a street in Providence, where Dr. Webster was chief obstetrician.

Police attempted to trap the extortionist by placing a dummy package at the spot, but no one claimed it. Cunningham insisted the writer of the threatening letter to him was employed by the city. The letter to him, he said, was written on a city type-writer.

Providence Police Capt Thomas J. Rattigan declared: "The department of justice in Washington handed out the information as they did at the time that a boy threatened the life of former Gov. Theodore Francis Green."

"This same situation was a confidential one and Mr. Hoover's department immediately gave the picture nationwide publicity after we had apprehended the youth and sent him to a psychiatric hospital."

WOMAN IS HELD IN POISONINGS

Mrs. Anna Hahn Pleads Not Guilty to Murder While Police Probe 'Mass Slayings'

Cincinnati, O., Aug. 14.—(AP)—Miss Anna Hahn, 31, was held today to a murder charge in the death of George Geselman, 67, as Prosecutor Dudley M. Outcall turned to new leads in what he termed "one of the biggest mass murders in this country."

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TROOPERS RAID CLUB IN EVENING CLOTHES

Montauk Point, N. Y., Aug. 14.—State troopers dressed in evening clothes, raided the swanky Montauk Island club early today and confiscated five roulette tables, a "bird cage," a dice table and \$2000 in cash. The raid was the first since the county board had been re-elected.

MEXICO SEEKS TOURISTS

Mexico City, Aug. 14.—(AP)—The state of San Luis Potosi, through which run many miles of the international highway, has acted to boost its young tourist business.

Literary Heavyweight Title Open After Eastman-Hemingway Bout

New York, Aug. 14.—(AP)—That literary heavyweight title, left vacant since the memorable Sinclair Lewis-Theodore Dreiser go in the Metropolitan Club in 1931 was still open today.

A new historic bout between Max Eastman, leftist essayist, and Ernest Hemingway, writer of "the man" novel, failed to settle anything.

Editor Maxwell Perkins of Charles Scribner's Sons, publishers, in whose named office (laughingly called a sanctuary) the fight occurred on Wednesday, was noncommittal as to whether to give the nod to either man. Although he was referred, it was not by choice, he said.

"If the prize was publicity, they both won," (Please note Hemingway's sale for Spain today to have an audience of about 10,000. Eastman was at Martha's Vineyard, Mass., after arranging for publication of a new book on poetry.)

Hemingway looked at the closed book, and, in his own words, "began to cheer so." First he bared his chest to prove he had hair on it.

Then, whether Hemingway picked up the volume and threw it in Eastman's face, as Eastman says, or whether Eastman picked up the volume and threw it in Hemingway's face, as Eastman contends, the fight was on.

Max said he hurled the strapping Hemingway backward over the post and then denied it, and offered to post a \$1000 purse for a return engagement "in a closed room—where no one can interfere."

"Better, is the word, Mr. Hemingway," he said.

Behind this fundamental development will be specific, generating causes, according to the senator.

Behind Washington Headlines Vandenberg Picks 'Law and Order' as 1940 Slogan—G. O. P. Leader Calls Lawlessness 'Major Campaign Issue—Sees Three Years of 'Vivid Crises' Ahead—Thinks Realignment of Parties a Possibility

Washington, Aug. 14.—Senator Vandenberg, Republican of Michigan, has discovered a "paragon issue" now germinating in America, which he believes may well become the slogan to carry the Republicans to victory in 1940.

It isn't new, but it's tried and true. It set one candidate, Calvin Coolidge, on the road to the White House, just three years after the other.

"Law and order," he said, "is the slogan of the country today. It is the slogan of the country today. It is the slogan of the country today. It is the slogan of the country today."

Then, pausing for a moment to drive his point home, he pronounced with conviction: "There is a need of liberal leadership in this country today. When I say liberal, I mean liberal in the mentalist who declines to be static."

"Seventy-five per cent of the people wish to go neither to the right nor to the left. They want to travel the middle of the road, the path of rational compromise."

"I am a middle-of-the-roader," he said. "This is the way the majority of the people wish to live. It is the way of the majority of the people."

"The campaign of 1940 will be no synthetic affair," the senator Republican asserted. "It will be based on the facts of life. The issues will defy trimming."

On the subject of new parties and party splits, he refused to prophesy. However, he said, "the new parties and events may produce a realistic realignment of parties by 1940, for like thinkers will join together then as they joined forces over the field of public credit, inflation and the need of reorganizing the supreme court."

"That controversy, the Michigan senator believed, was a symbol of the situation which would be the result of a new deal leadership, which he felt was the only way to produce a revolution in the supreme court in an effort to secure its legislative needs."

Screen Guild Trying to Purge 'Ranks of Hollywood 'Floaters'

Hollywood, Cal., Aug. 14.—(AP)—Ridding the extra ranks of "floaters" has been the main objective of the Screen Actors Guild during the first three months of its existence.

On May 15, three months ago tomorrow, the contract proposed by the actor organization was signed—under the pressure of a general strike threat—by the producers. But, said Secretary Kenneth Thompson today, it will be another six months before the guild accomplishes everything it set out to do.

"The extra problem, we discovered after getting into this thing, is the most serious," said Thompson. "There are too many extras and too many workers with other sources of income. Nine thousand extras are doing the work that 6000 could easily do."

The Junior Guild, whose members average less than \$250 a year, started immediately to purge its ranks of "occasional" dues had been set at \$5, payable with the \$10 initiation fee, but it was deliberately not specified how long the \$5 tax would carry one. Most extras took it for granted that the period was a year. Then, this month, the first dues were more than tripled, raised to \$18.50.

Extras at once began crying "racket" and asking what was to be done with the surplus income.

"The action was taken by the Junior Guild," said Thompson, "and its purpose was to get rid of the hundreds of floaters who work in pictures but a few days a year. If their average yearly income from pictures is less than \$50, they can't very well pay \$22.50 to join the guild."

Another immediate accomplishment of the guild was the increase in income for extras and bit players. With the signing of the guild contract, \$750 extras became \$820 extras. And bit players working for independent companies now get \$11 a day, with no agent's deduction of 10 per cent. Instead of the former \$10 a day, less the commission of \$1.

Lee Sheds an Inquiring Glance On Berkshire Summer Boarders

Boarding House Keepers Sometimes Deserve Carnegie Medal for Heroic Swallowing of Tempers

60 SILK PLANTS SIGN AGREEMENT ENDING STRIKE

Settlement Affects About 8000 T. W. O. C. Members—Extension to 30,000 Workers Predicted

New York, Aug. 14.—(AP)—An agreement was signed early today between some 60 silk and rayon manufacturers of New Jersey and Pennsylvania employing about 8000 workers and the Textile Workers Organizing Committee, an affiliate of the C. I. O., ending the week-old silk strike in the union office.

T. W. O. C. Makes Announcement "The announcement was made by Nathan Shavrov, publicity director of the T. W. O. C. He said that it was the most far-reaching agreement ever made in the silk industry and predicted that during next week it would be extended to include 30,000 workers or more-fourths of the industry. The strike will be continued against plants of manufacturers not signing, he said."

The agreement was signed after an all night meeting in the Pennsylvania headquarters attended by Sidney Hillman, head of the T. W. O. C., and other union officers, and David H. Franes Perkins, head of the newly formed National Association of Silk and Rayon Manufacturers. Some six manufacturers were present, Shavrov said.

The agreement, according to Shavrov, called for increases throughout the industry's enrollment place work scale, a minimum of \$18 a week for weavers and \$35 for other workers, a six-hour, five-day week, time and half for overtime, and recognition of the union shop, and election of permanent arbitrator of disputes.

Rev. Francis J. Haas, special mediator appointed by Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, is scheduled to arrive in New York today to take part in negotiations for further settlement.

FIRE IMPERILS PIER IN PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Fire threatened today to engulf the Pennsylvania railroad freight pier on the Delaware river at the foot of Walnut street today. It was the third pier in three months to be destroyed.

McCANN'S Ice Cream Store