VICAR'S DAUGHTER: HOTELIER FACES CHARGES

A 43-years-old hoteller's conduct after he had been staying as a guest at a vicarage did not match that of the vicar, and he took the vicar's stepdaughter to hotels and had sexual intercourse with her, said Mr. Richard Otley, prosecuting at Doncaster to-day.

Arthur Dolley Potter, of Queens House, Leicester Square, London, was charged with unlawfully taking Jane Barber, aged 16, out of the possession of her parents, and against their will, on May 8 with intent unlawfully to have sexual intercourse with her.

Mr. Otley said that Potter, for a time prior to the beginning of this year, was the manager of Wentbridge House Hotel, and during that time became quite friendly with the vicar of Owston, near Doncaster, The Rev. Dennis Smith.

Potter got to know Miss Barber, who was not 17, Mrs. Smith's daughter by a previous marriage.

INVITATION

When Potter lost his job the vicar invited him and his wife to stay with him for a time.

"Unfortunately, Potter's conduct does not seem to have matched that of the vicar's and during the period that he was in the vicar's house, and possibly before that, Potter formed an association with Miss Barber which culminated in the defendant taking her away from home on Friday, May 6, and staying with her as man and wife in hotels in Robin Hood's Bay, Yorkshire, and near Pickering, Yorkshire.

Finally, they went to a cottage at Stow-on-the-Wold. It was there that Miss Barber was seen by a police officer on May 9.

Mr. Otley said that asked if he arranged to go away with the girl, Potter said: "Yes I suppose we did. We talked about it."

Asked if they had lived together as man and wife, he said: "Yes." He was asked if he knew she was only 16, and replied: "Oh yes, it was her birthday yesterday."

Mr. Otley said the girl was 17 on July 13.

STUDENT

Miss Jane Barber, told the court she was a student at the Leeds College of Technology. She had known the defendant for nearly two years.

At the beginning of January, Mr. and Mrs. Potter went to live at the Owston Vicarage. Mr. Potter got a job which meant he was away from home during the week, returning most week-ends when they often went out as a group.

In April she went away with Potter on her own in Warwickshire. "Because we wanted to go away on our own for a little while."

Mr. Otley: "Was that decision the result of any discussion with Mr. Potter??

Miss Barber: "We obviously talked about it."

Mr. Otley: "While you were away did sexual intercourse take place?"

Miss Barber: "We had separate rooms."

Mr. Otley: "That is not what I asked you."

Miss Barber: "Yes, it did."

She said that on May 6 Potter met her with his car from a dancing class. They sat and talked and decided to go away and went to York where they stayed in an hotel. From York they went to the coast and then to Warwickshire.

Sexual intercourse did not take place on all of the nights they were away.

ANSWER

Mr. Otley.—On one of them?

Miss Barber.—I suppose it did, I cannot remember.

Miss Barber said they later went to a vacant cottage near Stow-on-the-Wold. They had discussed the question of Mr. Potter obtaining a divorce.

Asked by Mr. Otley if she went away with Potter quite willingly, Miss Barber said: "Yes," and when intercourse took place it was with her consent.

Answering Mr. Nathan Vengroff, defending, Miss Barber said that before May of this year she had been to public houses with her father and Mr. Potter.

Replying to Mr. Vengroff, she said Mr. and Mrs. Potter were part of the family at the vicarage.

Her mother had known of telephone calls to Potter, and had recently agreed to her going out with him.

(Proceeding)

CHIEF SPEAKER

Chief speaker at the South East Lancashire and Chester Accident Prevention Federation at their quarterly meeting at Cheadle to-day was Cheshire's Assistant Chief Constable, Mr. J. A. Renne.

Matter of luck at Childwall Boys' Club's dance

Tombola was an attraction at Childwall Boys' Club's second annual dance held at the Irish Centre, Liverpool, last night. Left to right are, Mrs. Leslie Moore (chairm an of the ladies' committee), Miss Doris Garnett, Mr. G. M. McGeachin, Dr. J. Chisnall, Mr. D. D. Allan, Miss Beryl Abbott and Mr. D. Pritchard.

Princess Benedikte

Another princess to wed

COPENHAGEN, Thursday.

The Copenhagen newspaper Ekstrabladet to-day reported rumours in circles close to the Royal Family of a romance between Denmark's Princess Benedikte and German Prince Robin zu Sayn - Wittgenste - in - Burleburg.

The newspaper, which on September 2 carried the first report of the engagement of Princess Benedikte's elder sister Margrethe to French diplomat Count Henride Monpezat, said the German prince had visited Copenhagen several times recently.

Princess Benedikte, aged 22, is the second daughter of King Frederik and Queen Ingrid. Their third daughter, Princess Anne-Marie, married King Constantine of Greece, in September 1964.

Prince Robin, aged 28, is a member of a German family which traces its lineage back to the 16th century.

Ekstrabladet said that, according to sources close to the Royal Family, the engagement of Princess Margrethe was hastened by the developing romance of her younger sister.

"This was because Princess Margrethe, the eldest daughter, was not to be left as the last to become engaged."—Reuter.

Brothers At Arms

A British Army record is being claimed by the 1st Battalion of the Durham Light Infantry, now at Colchester, for the brothers it has serving with it.

The battalion has 22 pairs of brothers and two sets of three.

The 50 brothers range in rank from private to sergeant. They work in nearly every department of the battalion, from the cookhouse to the transport section.

Vauxhall strikers go back to work

Production was normal toda; at the Vauxhall Motors factory at Luton, a company spokesman said: "So far as we can see, everybody appears to be back at work to-day."

Employees stopped work on Monday after a dispute in the trim and paint shop, which they said was dirty. Within hours of returning to work on Tuesday they halted production again and caused a disturbance outside the company executive suite.

Talks between management and shop stewards and union officials were due to be resumed later to-day.

An official of the National Union of Vehicle Builders said he expected national officials to take over the talks with the management, but it was too early to say when this would be.

ROVERS' REPORT BOOST

An Amalgamated Engineering Union official in the factory said the men were off to-morrow and Monday because of the four-day week. But, he added, there might be more trouble on Tuesday. "Then, there could be an official strike, and we would call out Dunstable and Ellesmere Port," he said.

Export orders worth over £1,600,000 for Rover cars to go to Switzerland have been revived at the London Motor Show from distributors in Zurich and Lausanne.

Covered in the order are 1,200 Rover 2000 and 2000 T.T. cars, the high-performance version. Rove. sales director, Mr. John Carpenter, said the orders had been achieved in the face of fierce competition.

"We have recently started a night shift at Solihull to cope with the tremendous world-wide demand for our cars," he added. "We don't intend to let our customers down with drawn-out delivery dates. Now that we have increased production we are actively promoting all markets to the fullest extent."

3,000 MORE WORKLESS ON MERSEYSIDE

There was a rise of nearly 3,000 in the number of people unMerseyside last month.

Figures released to-day by the Ministry of Labour show that on October 10 there were 22,151 people out of work compared with 19,240 on September 12—an increase of 2,911.

The percentage unemployed on Merseyside has risen from September's 2.5 to 2.9. The average over the whole country is 1.9.

The effects of the economic squeeze are illustrated by the number of workers classed by the Ministry as "temporarily stopped." Twelve hundred Merseyside workers were placed in this category compared with only 38 in September.

There was also a drop in the number of unfilled vacancies available. The number of jobs open on October 5 was 6,117—a decrease of 681.

BIRKENHEAD UNCHANGED

Liverpool and district—it includes Bootle, Crosby and Kirkby as w..l as the city offices—was the hardest hit by the employment slump.

There was a rise in unemployment from 13,789 (2.6 per cent.) to 16,564 (3.2 per cent.).

Birkenhead and district, which takes in Bebington and Wallasey, stayed almost static with just a slight increase from 2,752 to 2,763 which represents 2.8 per cent.

Numbers of unemployed in other parts of the Merseyside Development Area were: Ellesmere Port 419 (1.3 per cent.); Hoylake 190 (3.1); Neston 77 (3.1); Runcorn 352 (1.8); St. Helens 1,242 (2.1) and Widnes 539 (2.9).

The number of men unemployed in the Merseyside area showed a sharper rise than any other category. On October 10 there were 16,329 out of work, an increase of 2,809 on the previous month. The number of unemployed women also rose by 709 to 4,102.

JOBS FOR BOYS

By contrast there was an improvement as far as boys and girls under 18 were concerned.

The number of boys unemployed dropped by 460 to 1,205 and the number of girls by 147 to 315.

In the city of Liverpool itself there was an increase of 2.005 in the number of men unemployed (9,753), of 370 in the number of women (1,849); but there was a drop of 189 in the number of boys out of work (614) and an increase of only one in the number of girls (224).

During the four weeks ending October 5 employment was found for 3,730 men, 1,755 women and 1,566 boys and girls in the development area. The figures for the city of Liverpool were 1,166 men, 1,047 women and 584 boys and girls.

The number of registered unemployed in the North Western Region on October 10 was 52,679. This represents 1.7 per cent. of the estimated total number of employees, compared with 1.5 per cent. in the previous month and 1.5 per cent. in October last year.

The number registered as unemployed in Great Britain was 437,229. This represents 1.9 per cent. compared with 1.5 per cent. in September and 1.4 in October last year.

Summonses against artist adjourned

When summonses against an artist were adjourned *sine die* at Leeds to-day his solicitor, Mr. H. Waterman, said the case involved important issues.

Stassinos Paraskos, aged 33, of Lucas Street, Leeds, appeared on two summonses under the Vagrancy Act of 1824 and 1838 of exposing to public view an obscene picture, and one summons of publishing an obscene article under the Obscene Publications Act of 1959.

Mr. S. Cox, prosecuting, applying for the summonses to be adjourned *sine die* said the defending solicitor had given an undertaking to agree a date for the actual hearing to take place before the end of November.

RIGHT TO TRIAL

Mr. Waterman said he would like to preserve for his client the right of election to go for trial, in case he felt it was the kind of case which should be tried by jury.

"I don't know what you feel," he told the stipendiary magistrate. "You may not feel you wish to be cast in the role of censor in a matter of art."

The magistrate said the Vagrancy Act matters would be dealt with by him because he did not think Paraskos had any right of trial on these summonses.

"With regard to the one under the Obscene Publications Act he has the right of trial and it seems to me for the prosecution to decide what course they are to follow in a matter about which I can give no direction," he added.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

Mr. Waterman said: "There are important issues. These were not exhibits at a fair for gain. These were exhibits as part of a serious art exhibition in an important Leeds gallery. There is no doubt that the defendant is a serious artist and regards himself as such

"It is essential that expert evidence should be called so that people who are conversant with the whole history of art can place these pictures into their proper setting

"There are many instances of similar things being shown, and it is my intention to call Sir Herbert Read, the the writer conversant with the history of art and who can advise expertly on these matters."

RALLY TO GO ON

Paisley meets released colleagues

The Rev. Ian Paisley, Moderator of the Free Presbyterian Church in Northern Ireland, met his two colleagues, the Rev. John Wylie and the Rev. Ivan Foster, on their release from Crumlin Road Prison, Belfast, to-day.

All three had been in prison for the past three months for refusing to sign an order of bail to keep the peace for one year.

When Mr. Paisley left the prison to-day he said that his plans for a Protestant rally at Dundonald, near Belfast, on Sunday would go ahead, whether the Government decided to ban it or not.

Mr. William Craig, Minister of Home Affairs, has power to ban any gathering of three or more people if he considers it likely to result in disturbance.

VIETCONG STEP UP GRENADE ATTACKS

SAIGON, Thursday.

A grenade explosion near an American servicemen's billet this morning—third such incident this week—wounded four South Vietnamese civilians, a Saigon police spokesman said.

Police later arrested two youths, one wounded by the blast.

In the Mekong Delta, southwest of Saigon, six Vietnamese were killed and 27 wounded when a terrorist Vietcong threw a grenade into a pagoda.

EXECUTION REMEMBERED

Police and military sources claim the Vietcong have stepped up their terrorism and sabotage in the Saigon area in memory of a Vietcong executed two years ago for trying to assassinate Mr. Robert McNamara, United States Defence Secretary.

South Vietnamese troops have killed 138 Vietcong in the Mekong Delta during the past two days, a military spokesman said to-day, and suffered only light casualties themselves.

Over North Vietnam, pilots concentrated on hitting waterborne traffic.—Reuter.

STRIKE AT NO-SMOKE GAS PLANT

Men employed on one of the two gas-making plants being constructed at the Maelor Works, near Wrexham, stopped work to-day.

They are understood to have asked their employers for extra pay. The firm's reply was that negotiations over payments should be made through the unions.

When the men did not resume work the firm — Humphreys and Glasgow Ltd. —said it considered the men's action to be a voluntary withdrawal of labour and therefore would not pay them while they were not working.

A spokesman for the company said that the No. 1 plant, on which the men were working, was nearly completed and was required urgently for commissioning by the Wales Gas Board. Work was continuing on the No. 2 plant.

The men on No. 1 had asked for a pre-commissioning payment and for an overtime payment for working after 5 p.m. to make up for time lost in holding meetings during working hours.

Earlier this week the company refused a claim by men on the site for an extra 1s an hour "no smoking" allowance. They are constructing plants to make gas from petroleum distillate. When the petrol is taken into the works, smoking is banned.

SHOT P.C.S: TRIAL OPENS ON NOVEMBER 14

The trial of the two men, John Duddy and John Witney, charged with the murder of three policemen at Shepherd's Bush, London, was fixed at the Old Bailey to-day to open on November 14.

Attorney-General, Sir Elwyn Jones, Q.C., will conduct the case for the Crown.

Duddy, aged 37, a driver, of Treverton Tower, Trevorton Street, North Kensington, and Witney, aged 36, unemployed, of Fernhead Road, Paddington, had been committed for trial charged with murdering Detective Sergeant Christopher Head, Detective Constable David Wombell and Constable Geoffrey Fox at Braybrook Street, Shepherd's Bush, on August 12.

Mr. Michael Corkrey Treasury Counsel, applied to Mr. Justice Glyn-Jones for a bill of indictment to be lodged, and said it might well be there might be further charges. The judge agreed.

BODY ON BEACH

Foul play not ruled out, say police

A woman whose body was found on the beach at Seafield, Edinburgh, yesterday has been identified as Mrs. Clelia Love, aged 54, of Kerry Close, Glasgow.

A post-mortem was being held to-day.

Police said foul play could not be ruled out.

Pools before rates

The town council of Montemaggiore Belsito, Sicily (population 5,800) has decided to play the football pools in hopes of clearing its chronic debts. The council said the community's debts did not cover even half routine expenses.—Reuter.

Bedside picture may help trap bet shop attacker

Seventy-three-years-old betting shop manager, Mr. William Bretherton, victim of a savage attack by a thief, sat up in bed at Waterloo Hospital yesterday afternoon and provided details for an artist to build up a picture of the young man who attacked him.

The artist was called in to help by police seeking Mr. Bretherton's assailant.

This picture, drawn by the artist, was to-day being used by detectives in the hunt. They are appealing for anyone who has any information which might help identify Mr. Bretherton's attacker, to contact Seaforth Division Police Headquarters (Telephone Waterloo 2211).

A £50 reward has been offered for information leading to the arrest of the man who beat up Mr. Bretherton, whose home is at 52 Cosgrove Road, Walton.

Mr. Bretherton was alone in the betting shop he manages, 115 Oxford Road, Waterloo, at about 5.30 last Friday evening when a young man entered, butted and punched him, and demanded, "Where's the money?"

Mr. Bretherton, semi-conscious, cut and bruised about the face and with his jaw fractured, was found soon afterwards by a caller at the shop, who, police think, may have disturbed the attacker, who stole about £140 but left other money behind.

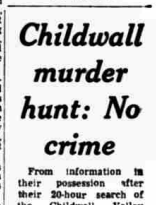
At Waterloo Hospital it is said that an improvement in Mr. Bretherton's condition is being maintained.

Intensive inquiries to trace the assailant are being carried out in the Crosby area and are being led by Detective Inspector Clifford Kellett and Detective Sergeant Philip Fenerty, of Seaforth Division of Lancashire Police. They believe the attacker probably lives in the Crosby area, that he had been in the betting shop earlier on Friday, and that he was probably loitering outside the shop for a little time before 5.30 p.m. that day.

They are seeking information from anyone who passed the shop—which belongs to William Forbes Limited, commission agents—around that time and about any man seen in the Crosby area on Friday evening with newly blood-stained clothing, no matter what his explanation may have been.

Equally they want to be told of any man, hard up for money on Friday, who has since embarked on a flush of spending. They think the attacker probably bears some marks from his efforts and may be explaining them away by merely saying he has been in a fight

The £50 reward has been offered by Mr. Charles Forbes, of Green Gables, Blundellsands Road East, Blundellsands, a director of William Forbes Limited, employers of Mr. Bretherton.



An artist's impression of the attacker.

Childwall murder hunt: No crime

From information in their possession after their 20-hour search of the Childwall Valley Road area yesterday for the body of a woman supposed to have been left in playing fields, Liverpool Police are now satisfied that no crime was committed.

Detective Chief Superintendent Ernest Richardson (Head of Liverpool C.I.D.) said to-day: "We are now almost certain that all this trouble arose from some domestic strife between two people.

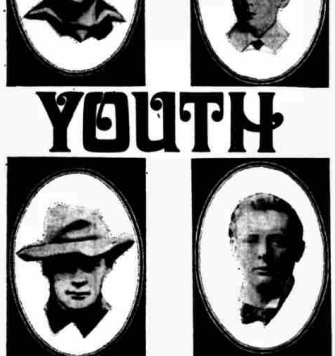
"Our intensive investigations have satisfied us that no-one was seriously injured, and the whole mystery will be solved, I hope, some time to-day, when we find a man for whom we are looking.

"He is a man known to live at a number of addresses, and when we trace him and interview him I am sure we will get a satisfactory explanation of how he came to have a lot of blood on his face, hands, and clothing."

HAILE SELASSIE IN PARIS

PARIS, Thursday.

Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia arrived in Paris today for a meeting with President de Gaulle at which the main topic is expected to be French Somaliland.— Reuter.



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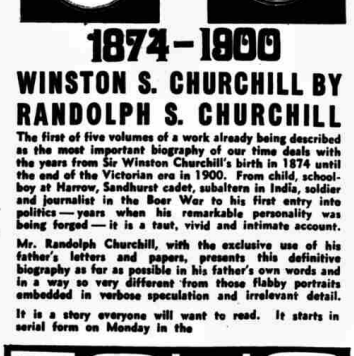

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