

Stickups, Larcenies, Burglaries Across Nation

# It's A Season For Larceny

It seemed to be the season of larceny instead of holly. Police from Connecticut to Wisconsin, and numerous points in between, had their hands full today with a sudden surge of pre-Christmas burglaries, stickups and thefts.

There was a bit of humor in Milwaukee and the customers in one Toledo, Ohio, had a hold-up man with ice cubes.

The granddaddy of the robberies was the daring holdup of a bank's delivery truck Monday at Paterson, N. J. Three masked bandits jumped three priests at a church rectory, waited until the truck arrived to pick up Sunday collection. (It was also delivering money to several branch banks) and took \$514,000.

Two bumbling bandits tried to hold up a bank in Milwaukee, fled with a cashier in hot pursuit, seized two hostages, and finally wound up in a maternity ward.

Seems a woman patient had been with the men earlier, a motel owner remembered them and police went to check the hospital.

The pair surrendered. Along the way their car had been wrecked by the pursuing cashier and a policeman was taken hostage.

At Toledo, customers at a bar were confronted early today by a holdup man waving a shotgun and

demanding money. They responded by throwing bottles and ice cubes at the man who fired a shot into the floor. It ricocheted and nicked a customer. Police seized a suspect 10 minutes later.

Other items from the police blotter:

—A gunman abducted a dairy company secretary in Irvington, N. J., then fled in the victim's car with \$16,700.

—Two Chicago men suspected in the safe burglaries at eight Holland Mich. Churches were placed under \$50,000 bond pending a hearing later this month.

—Burglars slipped into one of the largest department stores in Charlotte, N. C. Ivey's during the weekend and took nearly \$70,000 in gems. The loss was discovered Monday.

—Two gunmen at Meriden, Conn., ignored the crush in a shopping center, pulled a pistol on a department store manager and escaped with \$17,000.

## Store Burglary Added Against Two Dunn Men

Two Harnett County men have been bound over to Superior Court on safe robbery charges.

Bond for the pair was set at \$7,500 after they waived the preliminary hearing in County Recorder's Court Monday. They are Judas Campbell, 22, 801 Wilson Ave., Dunn; and Isaac S. Monk, 22, 705 Edgerton St., Dunn.

They have been accused of stealing a safe, valued at 2,000, from Tart's Lumber Co. in Wade. The safe was cut open and \$300 was taken from it on the night of Dec. 18.

The two men have also been accused of breaking into a store owned by M. T. Geddie in Wade and stealing \$333 worth of merchandise, including 104 cartons of cigarettes, 4 cakes, 6 watchbands, 5 packs of mixed candy, 24 bottles of Vitalls, 4 wrist watches, 1 pistol and 1 box of firing caps.

## Three Divorces

resenting Nu-Home. Other cases to be heard on Monday and Tuesday, according to the calendar released today by Clark Kyle Harrington are:

Sylvia Jean Johnson vs L'Her Eugene Gaston; Manucher Avasta vs Henry Elton Barefoot; Fred-doun Hamedeni vs Henry Elton Barefoot; Robert Kenneth Meadows vs Hilliard Glancey; Harvey Mangum Lee vs George Clarence Julian; Corine S. Williams vs Pyramid Life Ins. Co.; Jeanette J. Jackson vs James Gearld Smith; James Felton Hobbs vs Larry Earl Allen; Wicker Oil Co., Inc. vs Rex Taylor and D. J. Taylor and E. D. Snider vs Susie Lee Ball and John Dove.

Wednesday, January 6  
William B. Lassiter vs D. J. Black; M. B. Stewart vs Clarence McNeill; Gertrude Glover vs Sam Bryant and Clyde A. Bryant; Onco Oil Co. vs Millard F. Matthews; Larry C. Parker vs Jimmie Tilman Thomas; Evelyn McKinney vs M. B. Wade, Sr.; Willie Marshall Wallace vs James Clifton Pointer; Roy Cameron vs James Clifton Painter; Bobby Tom Lucas vs Harold C. Strickland.

Lela Edwards Naylor vs Robert Charles Naylor; Richard E. Pratt vs Shirley Ann Cheavis; Aggie Jones vs Herman Glenn Dunn; Edward H. McCullough vs Rufus Peebles; Cad C. Collins vs Hospital Care Assn.; Mayo Irvin Cameron vs John Allen Black.

Jurors drawn for this term are: Gilbert Womack, Hugh W. Smith, Elbert Stewart; Kenneth M. Smith, Marshall E. Strickland, Robert E. Weaver, R. C. Price, Jr., John Billy Nash, John Reece Cotton, Jack Dean, Lester H. Jordan, Edward P. Jones, Landis Phillips, John Boyce Strickland, J. B. Seals, Willie Pate, Charles Lloyd Lucas, Earl Bass, Woodrow Stewart, James Fletcher Parrish, Henry Lloyd, James D. Grimes, Troy H. Daniels, Stacy G. Avery, Fletcher Flowers, W. S. Motley, E. D. Holder, F. J. Howell, Carey Ellis, J. W. (Buddy) Cannaday, Alvis F. Cox, D. P. Ray, Jr., Clifton H. Brock, Jr., John B. Lee, W. B. Mangum, Jr., Frank Chatman, R. B. Waddell, T. C. Wester, C. A. Strickland, J. Carlyle Williams, Sherrill Webb, Roy Rogers, Neill B. Thomas and Paul McLean.

BLANCHARDS RETURN  
Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Blanchard have returned home after spending 10 days in Mexico, Missouri visit-tickets friends and relatives.

## VIEWPOINT

By JESSE HELMS

We had at first decided, on the grounds that the matter speaks for itself, to lay aside the inclination to comment upon one of the more recent examples of Governor Sanford's astonishing ideas about mercy. His decision to commute the sentences — jail terms and fines — of those convicted of irresponsible conduct in so-called civil rights mob action at Chapel Hill several months ago is, however, not at all a measurement of the Governor's mercy. It is simply an indication of his willingness to flout justice.

Undoubtedly the Governor is counting upon the public to have a short memory. The people he has set free, without their having to serve a day in jail or pay a penny in fines, are in no sense citizens who made an accidental or impetuous mistake. These are people who, by careful planning and design, engaged in a conspiracy to lie down in the streets of Chapel Hill, deliberately blocking traffic and causing as much disorder and unrest as possible.

Nobody will ever know precisely how much this ragtag group of sophisticated hoodlums cost their fellow citizens. It cost in excess of \$33,000, according to the District Solicitor, merely to try them in Superior Court. They were given fair trials. And even though the cases were labeled "civil rights," these people whom the Governor has relieved of all penalties were convicted by a jury which included Negroes.

Furthermore, there is not the slightest shred of evidence that those upon whom the Governor has bestowed his bountiful "mercy" have expressed regret in any way that they deliberately violated the rules of society and the laws of the State. One can imagine how they must now be laughing behind their hands at the mockery they — and the Governor of North Carolina — have made of law and order.

During their trials, it was noted that the parents of only two of the defendants bothered to appear in court. Yet, these hoodlums were, for the most part, college students, aided and abetted by professional agitators and college professors. Does the Governor contend that these people were unable to understand what they were doing?

Let it be said in plain words: Governor Sanford has made a laughingstock not merely of himself but of the State of North Carolina. He has insulted a respected judge who patiently and painstakingly presided over a lengthy and difficult trial, not to mention the jury which rendered the verdict of guilty after carefully considering the law and the evidence.

Some newspapers of North Carolina, which throughout Mr. Sanford's political career have veiled his mistakes with loving protection, have been moved to slap him gently on the wrist for his judgment in this matter. But editors from other states have been somewhat less charitable. The editor of The Danville Bee concluded that Mr. Sanford obviously has come down with a bad case of what the Danville editor called "federal fever." Mr. Sanford is praying, said the Danville editor, that "his ultimate reward is praying, said the Danville editor, that 'his ultimate reward office."

We have never underestimated Terry Sanford's ability as a politician. His action in this so-called "civil rights" matter may indeed result in effective support by pressure groups to gain for him that "ultimate reward" mentioned by the Virginia editor. Still, the question persists as to the price of such glory.

There is, then, a difference between being meriful and being mercenary. There are a great many men sitting behind bars in North Carolina who deserve mercy, but who will not get it because they have no powerful political forces behind them. It is a travesty that the arrogant lawbreakers who brought ugliness to Chapel Hill are relieved of society's penalties by a decision so suspiciously laden with politics. One must hope that January will speedily come without further instances of this kind and that the New Year and a new Governor will demonstrate that justice and mercy are not to continue to be twisted and distorted beyond recognition. It seems little enough to ask.

PATERSON, N. J. — Police today had little more than a bundle of clothing and the description of an automobile to lead them to three gunmen who ambushed a bank truck at a church rectory and escaped with \$514,000 in one of America's richest robberies.

GALVESTON, Tex. — An assistant secretary of labor was ordered to join deadlocked negotiations between shippers and longshoremen's union leaders today to prevent a threatened dock strike that could tie up the nation's Gulf and Atlantic seaports.

NEW YORK — Three anti-Castro Cubans faced arraignment today on charges stemming from the Dec. 11 bazooka shot at the United Nations headquarters here. Police arrested the three Tuesday night and charged them on three counts: Endangering life maliciously by placing an explosive near a building, attempting to destroy buildings or vessels, and conspiracy. The first two charges are felonies, the last a misdemeanor.

## They'll Travel Path of Christ

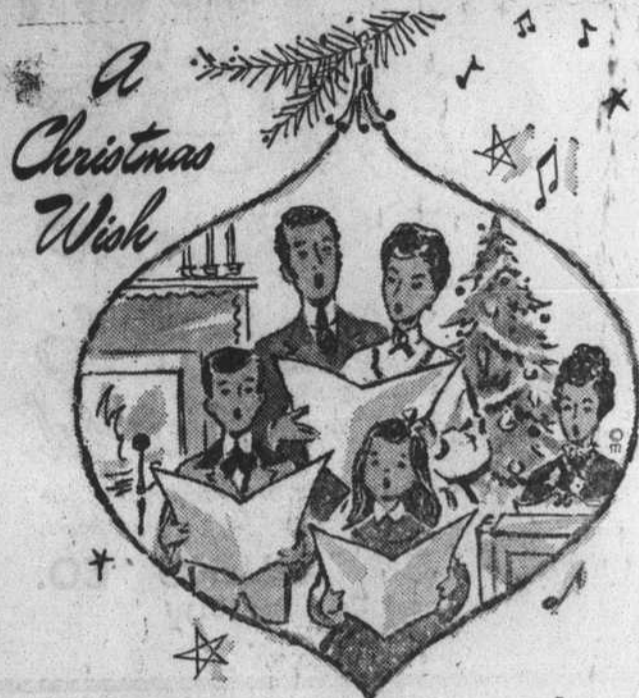
NAZARETH, Israel (UPI) — Giant Christmas trees along the streets where Jesus once walked marked mounting preparations today for the celebration of Christmas.

Six big trees with lights were placed along the city's main thoroughfare, named Pope Paul VI street in honor of the Roman Catholic pontiff who visited here

in January.

At midnight Thursday two enormous projectors will blaze an illuminated cross in the sky over the town where Christ grew to manhood.

Seven major churches will celebrate high mass on Christmas Eve. The Christmas festivities will be ushered in with a gala reception held for three religious leaders — Archbishop George Hakim, head of Israel's Greek Catholic community; Greek Orthodox Archbishop Isodoros, and Roman Catholic Bishop KKaKltani, who was consecrated by the Pope during his visit here.



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P.S. We want to make good Santa's mistakes and we will appreciate your cooperation, so... PLEASE MAKE EXCHANGES BEFORE JANUARY 1st.

## Judy Garland Gets Children

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (UPI) — Superior Judge Edward Brand gave singer Judy Garland a Christmas present Tuesday — custody of her two children for one week.

The judge granted an order permitting Lorna, 12, and Joseph, 9, to be flown from Los Angeles to New York on Christmas Day. They must return by Jan. 2.

Earlier in the day, the judge warned attorneys for Miss Garland and her estranged husband, producer Sid Luft, that the couple should not try to punish one another through the children.

The judge had warned that if the custody battle between the singer and the producer continued in its present vein, the youngsters probably would "grow up to despise both their parents."

A pony will be given away tonight (Wed) by the Meadow Fire Dept. at its turkey shoot, which will continue through Thursday night. Another pony and a shotgun will be given to some lucky ticket holder tomorrow night.



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