

'Gangland-Style' Slaying in Bluffs; Club Manager, Patrolman Are Dead

By Nick Lamberto
(Register Staff Writer)

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA. — The manager of a plush night club and an off-duty policeman were slain here early Tuesday in what some officials called "a gangland-style killing."

"Either it was that or a senseless, cold-blooded waste of bullets," said one investigator.

Dead are Council Bluffs Patrolman John L. Stephens, 32, and Paul J. Rayer, 51, manager of Club 64 about a half-mile east of the Council Bluffs city limits.

An estimated \$1,500 Rayer was preparing to place in a bank's night depository was missing.

Pottawattamie County Sheriff Roy Michael said Stephens was shot at least five times.

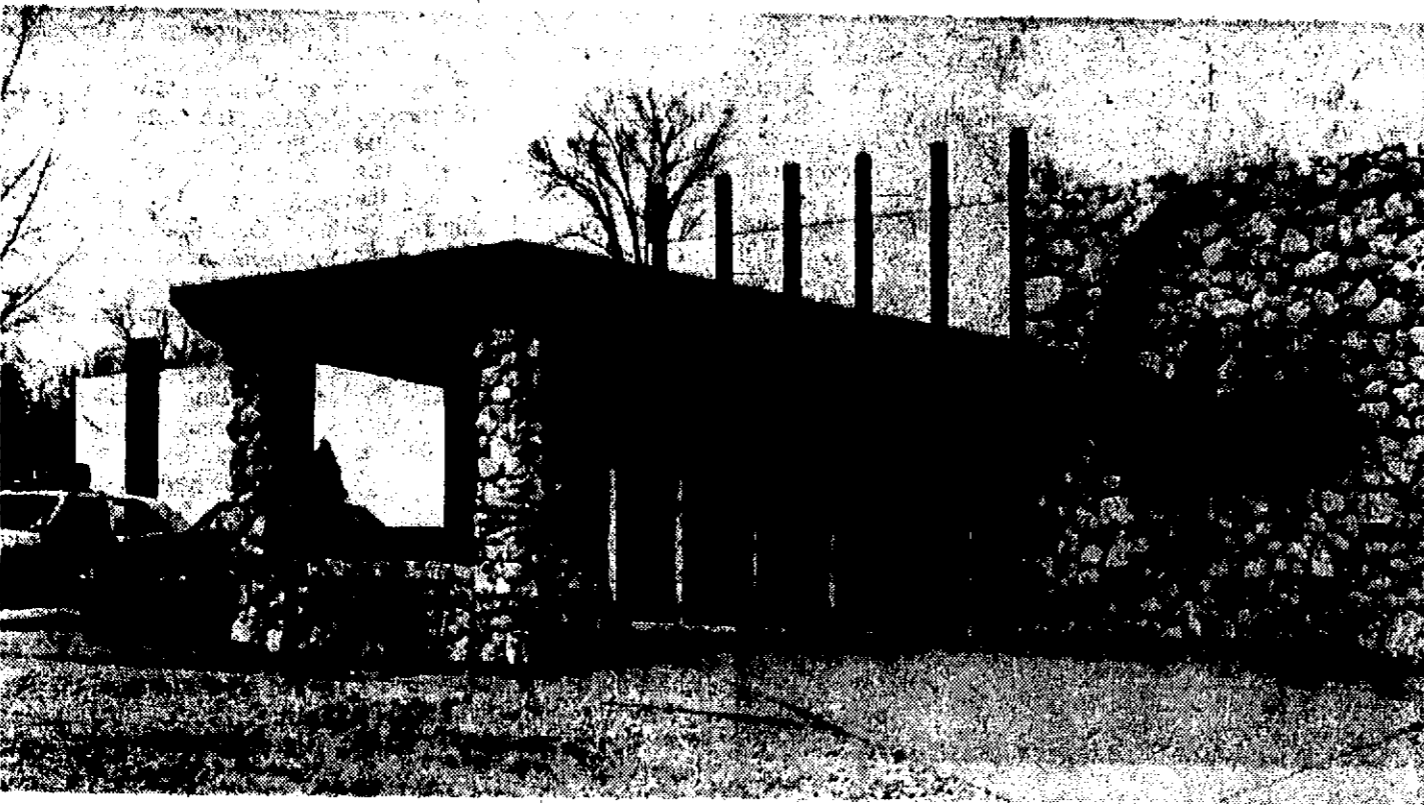
Powder Burns

Four of the shots were fired into the chest at such close range that there were powder burns on Stephens' shirt. A fifth shot hit Stephens in the neck, Michael said.

Rayer was "shot at least three times," twice in the head and once in the arm, Michael said. One of the shots entered Rayer's forehead just above the eye. Another entered his ear, Michael said.

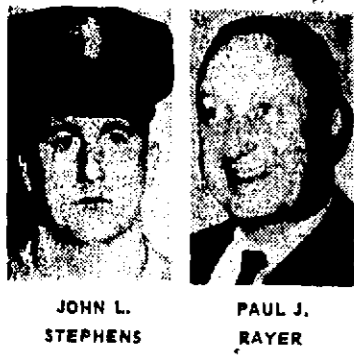
"Any one of the shots into Stephens' chest might have killed him," Michael said. "The same with one of the shots to Rayer's head."

"There may have been more bullets fired. We think they



This Is Club 64, Where Two Were Murdered Tuesday

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JOHN L. STEPHENS and PAUL J. RAYER

were fired from two different guns—one probably a .25-caliber and the other a .38—indicating we think that there were two men doing the shooting."

The bullet which went through Stephens' neck was found embedded in the wood of the chair.

The crime was discovered about 7:30 a.m. Tuesday when Nick Elias, 73, a clean-up man who lives about 100 feet from the club, saw the body of Stephens sprawled in a chair in the club office.

Elias said he entered the club through the side door and noticed the door to the office in the northwest part of the building was open and the office lights were on.

"The door is usually closed," Elias said. He didn't see the body of Rayer. Officers later found Rayer's body lying in a pool of blood behind the office desk.

Stephens, a Council Bluffs policeman since Aug. 2, 1960, worked the 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. motorcycle traffic patrol shift and then later worked as a security guard for the club from about midnight until after closing time.

Stephens would then accompany Rayer to deposit the daily receipts from the club, which is open from 5 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. daily except Sunday.

"The key to the unlocked safe was found in Rayer's hand. The meal check tickets for the day were in an envelope on the desk ready for the daily audit."

Stephens was in civilian clothes. His jacket was in another part of the club. Rayer was coatless when found, indicating, officers think, the two were not ready to leave.

Stephens' service revolver was found in his locker at the police station, but Police Chief William Stawson said Stephens often carried his own "snub-nosed revolver loose in his pocket" on his off-duty guard job.

The snub-nosed revolver has not been found, officers said.

Stephens may have "recognized the gunman," Sheriff Michael theorized.

"Being a policeman he knows a lot of people," the sheriff said. "Or they might have wanted to make sure no one would ever recognize them."

After discovering the crime, the clean-up man telephoned his cousin, George Elias, 53, owner of the club for 14 years.

The robbery and slayings are believed to have happened some time after 2 a.m.

After the club closes at 1:30 a.m. the receipts are taken to the 12-foot-square office and a daily report is prepared. The last employee, besides Rayer and Stephens, left at 2:06 a.m.

Deputy Donald Dinatelli, a radio dispatcher in the sheriff's office, called the club at 1:30 a.m. and talked with Rayer and told him to have Stephens call him.

Dinatelli said he calls the club each night to make sure Stephens is there to accompany Rayer to the night bank depository. Dinatelli said Stephens never called him and he called the club again at 2:30 a.m. and got no answer.

ARREST 'NURSE' WITH PEP PILLS

By Dick Spry

Dorothy Darley Long, 48, of 1422 Seventy-third st., was arrested late Tuesday on a charge of obtaining prescription drugs by impersonating a doctor's nurse.

State narcotics agents said that Mrs. Long had been obtaining capsules of the pep-pill variety at the Neal Drugstore, 2261 E. Grand ave.

The state men said that Mrs. Long called the drugstore some time ago, claiming she was a doctor's nurse and ordered a prescription, giving a fictitious name for the "patient."

After calls from the "nurse" for refills of the prescription became increasingly frequent, the druggist alerted them, the narcotics agents said.

They waited at the drugstore last Saturday, Sunday and Monday for the woman to pick up a refill prescription but she did not show up. The druggist called the agents when she appeared about 5 p.m. Tuesday. They arrested Mrs. Long as she left the store and confiscated about 100 of the pills.

She was released on \$1,000 bond after arraignment before Municipal Judge Ray Harrison for a preliminary hearing on Dec. 14.

71 Refugees Fly From Cuba

MATAMOROS, MEXICO (AP) — A plane load of refugees from Communist Cuba, most of them elderly, landed at this Mexican border town Tuesday night and were taken in two buses to Brownsville, Tex., just across the Rio Grande from Matamoros.

Carl Davis, a U.S. State Department press officer, said all the 71 persons aboard the plane, all U.S. citizens and their Cuban relatives, were in good condition.

The flight was the first to take U.S. citizens out of Cuba since December, 1966, when the government halted repatriations without explanation after 169 Americans had left the island. About 3,000 Americans and their Cuban relatives are waiting permission and opportunity to leave.

Cuba and Mexico, the only Western Hemisphere nation with which Cuba has diplomatic relations, worked out a new repatriation agreement last year. Prospects of all Americans leaving Cuba appear good, some Mexican sources have said.

Latin Nuclear Arms Ban Voted at U.N.

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — The General Assembly approved Tuesday a resolution on a treaty banning nuclear weapons from Latin America and asking all nations to observe the area's denuclearized status.

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Mondale Praises Smith For Carrying on Fight

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nated the current practice of granting these exemptions.

President Johnson hailed the conference report as "a significant step forward and another victory for the American consumer."

The President added: "This bill will help guarantee to every American family that the meat on their table and in their stores and supermarkets will be safe and fit for human consumption."

Smith, Foley and Mondale have carried the brunt of the fight for five months and all were satisfied with the results of the conference, which almost certainly will be ratified by both the House and the Senate in the next few days.

The three were slightly disappointed that governors will not be able to turn inspection over to the federal government if states cannot handle the job immediately, but emphasized the legislation contains other safeguards to guarantee that the states will act.

Action Authorized

They pointed out that the U.S. secretary of agriculture is authorized and instructed to survey conditions in intrastate meat plants immediately and to take action against unsanitary plants, if states refuse to correct improper conditions.

Furthermore, the secretary must assure that states come up to federal standards, take over inadequate systems after two to three years, and maintain continuous surveillance on state inspection systems from now on.

Said Smith: "After a great deal of controversy and strong opposition from the 'dirty meat lobby' and from some state secretaries of agriculture, Congress finally has adopted a strong meat inspection bill. I think it is the greatest victory consumers have scored in recent years."

"It is good for consumers because it will protect them against paying good meat prices for inferior meat. It is a good bill for farmers because they have lost billions of pounds of market when consumers were paying for water and other additives when they thought they were buying meat."

"It is a great victory over the most skillful lobby that has ever worked in Washington. This lobby had the help of some state secretaries of agriculture who jumped every time the meat lobby told them to. This lobby could not have been overcome

without the help of some of the news media who informed consumers as to what was being done to them."

Most of Goals

Smith said the legislation contained 95 per cent of what he wanted in the seven-year fight he has been waging — often alone — for improved meat inspection.

Mondale praised Smith for carrying the fight before others were even aware of the issue.

Mondale, who single-handedly insisted that the Senate adopt strong legislation, said: "This is one of the most remarkable victories for the consumer in recent years. This legislation provides the secretary of agriculture with broad powers to get the job done. We now have the tools to work with."

"With an adequate appropriation, we should be well on our way toward having the best meat inspection system in the world."

Foley hailed the bill as "an impressive and effective advance in meat inspection in the United States."

The Senate conferees unanimously approved the bill. The House conferees voted 5-2 in favor with Representatives W. R. Poage (Dem., Tex.), chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, and Representative E. C. Gathings (Dem., Ark.) holdouts to the end.

Vows Battle

Poage vowed to fight the conference report bill on the House floor, but there is no doubt that he will be overcome.

The two ranking Republicans on the committee supported the conference report and promised that Republicans will back the bill.

Senator Spessard Holland (Dem., Fla.), a crusty conservative, disagreed with Poage's concerns about federal encroachments on states rights and said bluntly:

"I think when states fail to act, the federal government has got to step in. I believe in states rights as strongly as anyone, but when the public is not protected one way, it will get protection another way."

Senator Miller said the bill is a "strong" one, and that the only problem will be hiring enough federal and state inspectors to perform an expanded job.

Miller said he thought enough inspectors could be hired and trained to get the job done within two years.

Exemptions Ending

Miller said he agreed to give up his amendment continuing

the retail exemption provision because the secretary of agriculture said Tuesday he planned to phase out such exemptions anyway.

The legislation will first be considered by the House, possibly today, and then by the Senate. Final congressional approval could come today if both houses have an opportunity to consider the bill.

The bill closes loopholes in the present federal law by giving the agriculture secretary greater authority to track down unwholesome meat that finds its way from rendering plants and other places into the human food supply.

But its most controversial provisions are those which will require intrastate meat to come up to federal standards.

Twenty-five per cent of processed meat and 15 per cent of meat slaughtering are now exempt from federal inspection because the meat is not sold across state lines. Federal inspectors have shown conclusively that only a few states provide state inspection that even approximates the standards of federal inspection.

Ten states, including Minnesota, make no provision for meat inspection. That is, the states do not require that trained inspectors perform continuous ante mortem and post mortem examination on cattle as they are slaughtered, and do not supervise meat processing in a sanitary fashion and that dangerous or deceptive additives and chemicals are not added to the meat.

Rob Operator of Bar at Gunpoint

Mrs. Pauline Taylor, 46, operator of Peggy's Lounge, 1044 Sixth ave., reported to police that two men, one of them armed, robbed her of \$225 about 9:30 p.m. Tuesday.

She said that there were no other customers in the tavern and that she was in a rear room when she heard the men enter.

Both were dressed in well-pressed work "uniforms" or matched sets of work clothing, she said. Both were 35 to 40 years old, she said.

One of them, with dark hair, pointed a .38- or .45-caliber pistol at her while the other, with sandy or blond hair, took all of the bills from the cash register, she said. The two ran out and across Sixth avenue to a waiting auto.

Ask States' Aid on Truth in Packaging

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) called Tuesday for a joint federal-state attack on unfair and deceptive labeling and packaging.

GIVES WARNING ON ROAD PLANS

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AMES, IA. (AP)—Iowa Highway Commission officials called in representatives of urban areas Tuesday to warn them that federal road-building will be delayed if they don't get on with required federal planning.

For purposes of urban-areas transportation planning, Iowa is divided into seven sections, each having population of at least 50,000 and at least one municipality.

The Iowa areas are Council Bluffs, Sioux City, Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Cedar Falls-Waterloo, Davenport, and Dubuque. About 60 officials from these areas met for some two hours Tuesday with Highway Commission officials here.

Joseph Coupal, Iowa director of highways, said the federal government in 1962 began requiring urban areas to develop co-ordinated transportation plans, to help determine what construction should be done, where, and when, to best meet anticipated needs.

"Some federal aid highway projects are in jeopardy of being deferred for periods of from several months up to one or two years if more activity is not shown and more progress demonstrated in this planning," Coupal said.

Youth Tortured, Beaten by Gang

NEW YORK, N.Y. (AP) — Members of a bikeless motorcycle club beat a member of a rival gang with bicycle chains and tortured him for being an informer, police said Tuesday.

They arrested four youths on felonious assault charges in the bizarre story. Two girls are being sought.

The victim, Billy Joe Cheek, 19, of El Paso, Tex., stumbled battered and bloody into a Manhattan police station Monday night and blurted out the story after first trying to blame his wounds on muggers, police said.

They said the incident was the result of a war between several clubs in lower Manhattan whose members imitate the dress of motorcycle clubs but can't afford motorcycles. Cheek, detectives said, told police that the four arrested youths and two girls stripped him to the waist, beat him with a bicycle chain and crutches, then carved their initials in his face and back.

"Waterloo is doing a real fine job. They have no projects in jeopardy in the greater Waterloo area," Coupal said.

Most of the other five have their planning about 40-50 per cent complete, he added.

Not Blameless

Coupal said the Highway Commission "is not entirely blameless" for the planning delay. The staff is preparing to recommend to the commission that its urban planning department be strengthened, and that the Highway Commission "become more involved" in urban planning, he added.

The commission has contributed cash of about 30 cents per capita and has done survey work to bring its contribution to the equivalent of about \$1 per capita for the area planning, Coupal said, "but we are recognizing that highway commissions have more responsibility than we used to feel we had in urban transportation planning."

Rioting, Violence in Many Parts of India

NEW DELHI, INDIA (AP) — Riots and violence were reported from many parts of India Tuesday. In Calcutta, New Delhi and Andhra Pradesh mobs of political and student demonstrators were reported in bloody struggles with police.

ASSAILS U.S. LAW BLIGHT

By James Beaumont

The president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, who is a former governor of Texas, scored "selective disobedience" of the nation's laws in a speech to Des Moines businessmen Tuesday night.

Allan Shivers said that choosing the laws we want to obey and disobeying those we don't like leads to anarchy.

He said that the government has "encouraged" disobedience of laws in order to test them in the courts. In turn, the courts have "downgraded" law officers, he said.

The courts, Shivers remarked, "have said you cannot convict on confession alone and have given criminals almost more rights than law-abiding citizens."

Shivers, 60, was governor of Texas from 1949 to 1957 and now is the chief executive officer of an Austin, Tex., insurance firm, National Bankers Life. He spoke to the annual dinner of the Greater Des Moines Committee at the Des Moines Club.

Use Muscle

Shivers urged the businessmen to help elect people to Congress favorable to the business-industry viewpoint. "The business power, if it would only use it," he predicted that businessmen would be good at getting people elected: "That's all there is about electing someone to office; you sell the product to a majority of the voters."

He said that business-oriented Congressmen are needed to combat the "liberal or labor-oriented crowd." The former governor claimed the present national administration "lets labor run rampant."

Liked Ike

Shivers, a conservative Democrat, bolted the Democratic national ticket to support Dwight Eisenhower in 1952 and 1956 and Nixon in 1960, but came out for President Johnson in 1964 and expects Mr. Johnson to be the Democratic candidate in 1968. "The convention nominates the candidate," he noted.

Jonathan M. Fletcher, president of the Home Federal Savings and Loan Association of Des Moines, took over as president of the Greater Des Moines Committee. He succeeds Edward J. Burchette, chairman of the board of the Valley Bank and Trust Co.

Queen

Martha Mull of Bettendorf has been named the 1967-68 Queen of Regis College of Denver, Colo. Miss Mull, a sophomore at Temple Buell College in Denver, was one of 10 candidates. She will reign over various student activities conducted at Regis, a 4-year liberal arts college for men.

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Federalists Elect Patton President

(Special Dispatch to The Register)

ST. LOUIS, MO. — James G. Patton, former president of the National Farmers Union, has been elected president of the United World Federalists at the Federalists' National Council here.

He succeeds Dr. Arnold S. Zander, currently a member of the University of Wisconsin faculty at Green Bay, Wis.

Founded in Asheville, N.C., 20 years ago as a voluntary non-partisan membership association, the United World Federalists seeks world peace through world law by strengthening the United Nations.

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