

Knows Who Killed Serge Rubinstein, Prosecutor Believes

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The district attorney's office said today it believes it knows who killed Serge Rubinstein, colorful draft-dodging millionaire found slain in his Fifth Avenue mansion on January 27.

Identities of the suspects were not disclosed.

But Assistant District Attorney Alexander Herman told a judge he feels he knows who "did commit this crime."

Mr. Herman made the statement as Herman Scholz, 50-year-old driver of a luxury rental car, was held in \$25,000 bail in the Rubinstein case.

Mr. Herman said Scholz "convinced" a "very interesting idea" of kidnapping Rubinstein to some persons, and that those persons were his suspects.

Says He Gave Names.

General Sessions Court Judge Jonah J. Goldstein, before whom Scholz appeared, told the chauffeur:

"I advise you to tell the police and the district attorney who these men are."

Scholz replied:

"I did."

Mr. Herman told the court Scholz should be held as a material witness because "we feel his life could be in jeopardy from the underworld."

The judge then set the \$25,000 bail.

Mr. Herman had said last night, after questioning Scholz all day, that he hoped to obtain through the slender, nervous chauffeur information leading to the slayer or slayers of Rubinstein.

Mr. Herman said Scholz admitted planning two years ago to kidnap Rubinstein and hold him for ransom, but the plan fell through when Scholz' confederate was jailed for burglary.

While he was talking with investigators yesterday, Scholz Queens home was searched by a squad of 65 detectives. They reported finding guns and other weapons, newspaper clippings of the 20-day-old murder, venetian blind cord and adhesive tape.

No Comment on Import.

Police would not comment on the importance of these discoveries. Rubinstein was strangled, bound with venetian blind cord and gagged with extra-wide adhesive tape.

Hidden in a trunk in Scholz' basement, police reported, were a submachinegun, a loaded .45-caliber automatic, a loaded .32 revolver, a .38 revolver, a box of 38 ammunition, a blackjack and two switch-blade knives. Also in the trunk were the cord and tape.

Scholz said he kept the newspaper clippings to show to his friend when he got out of jail, police said. They quoted him as saying: "I wanted to show the swell chance we missed."

Police also disclosed that Scholz had been shadowed by detectives since January 29—two days after the murder.

School Band Concert

The Washington-Lee High School band will hold its annual concert at 8 p.m. Friday in the school auditorium. The 77-piece band is under the direction of William F. Pfeiffer.

Larceny Charge Is Dropped; Woman Blackmailed Into Act

A charge of grand larceny by trick against a 20-year-old mother was dropped in Municipal Court yesterday after Assistant United States Attorney Kenneth D. Wood said she was blackmailed into the offense.

Mr. Wood said Mrs. Barbara J. Clower, 20, of Portsmouth, Va., said she was forced by a man to defraud Charles F. Sherman of the Charles Ernest Jewellers, 711 Fourteenth street N.W., of two rings valued at \$504 by means of a bad check.

The Weather Here and Over the Nation

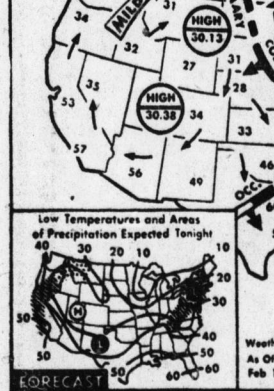
District and vicinity—Occasional rain late this afternoon or tonight, low near 32. Tomorrow partly cloudy and colder.

Virginia—Cloudy, occasional rain, possibly scattered thunderstorms in southwest portion tonight, low 30-36 in west and north, and 36-44 in southeast. Tomorrow, considerable cloudiness and somewhat colder, chance of some rain in extreme south-east portion in morning.

Maryland—Occasional light rain in mountains this afternoon, spreading to coast by night and changing to snow flurries in mountains late tonight. Low in 20s in west and 30s in east. Tomorrow, cloudy with snow flurries in Garrett County and somewhat colder.

Winds—North or northwest 15-25 miles per hour late tonight and tomorrow.

Road Conditions (AAA). West via Pennsylvania Turnpike: Scattered icy spots.



Snow or snow flurries are forecast tonight in the Northern Appalachians and the Northern Plateau, while rain is expected in Southern New England, the Middle Atlantic States, the Southern Appalachians, the Tennessee Valley and over much of California. It will be colder in the Lower Lakes area, the Tennessee Valley, the Northern Rockies and the North Pacific States.

Mystery Man Sought for Quiz In Baltimore Witness' Killing

2 Others Questioned In Brooklyn Slaying Of Former Convict

By the Associated Press

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Police today sought a mysterious man named "Blackie" for questioning in the gang-style slaying of Joseph Aronowitz, 40, an ex-convict who was scheduled to turn State's evidence in a Baltimore robbery case.

The search centered in New York and Baltimore.

Police quoted two friends of Aronowitz as saying "Blackie" otherwise unidentified—was one of a group of men who several days ago warned Joseph C. Sampson, 31, against giving evidence in the case.

Sampson and Aronowitz were scheduled to testify, in a trial starting today, concerning their alleged part in the robbery.

Sampson has been questioned by police along with Martin Yamin, 32, an ousted Baltimore police magistrate.

Aronowitz was found dead in an automobile in front of a Brooklyn coffin showroom yesterday with two bullet wounds in his head.

Yamin was allowed to go home early today. He commented to newsmen, "I'll be available any time I am wanted." Sampson had earlier left the police station, guarded by two detectives.

Sampson Finally Located.

After searching for Sampson during much of yesterday, police finally picked him up when he appeared at his Manhattan home late in the afternoon. Aronowitz' widow, Jane, had warned that Sampson, too, might be slated for death.

"You'd better protect Joe Sampson," she told police. "They're going to get him next."

With Sampson when he left the police station was a woman identified as his girl friend, Ursula Bergman, 32, of Manhattan.

Aronowitz and Sampson had been scheduled to go on trial in Baltimore today for an attempted armed robbery last September. They were regarded as potential witnesses against Yamin and John DiTomaso, also of Baltimore, who are accused of helping plot the robbery.

Yamin, who lost his Baltimore police job under a charge of larceny conspiracy and has been living in New York recently, was seized for questioning yesterday morning. His attorney, Elihu W. Golden, applied to the State Supreme Court to get him released and was granted a hearing for today.

Lawyer Protests.

Mr. Golden angrily protested that Yamin had been held for 13 hours without being allowed to see his lawyer. "This is unheard of," the lawyer said after being kept waiting five hours to see police officials.

Aronowitz was slain a day after he came north from Miami, where he had left his wife and their 2½-year-old daughter.

The murder victim had served a year in Los Angeles County jail for a 1953 narcotics violation and before that spent another year in jail at Tallahassee, Fla., on counterfeiting and narcotics convictions.

Police reported that Aronowitz' case had originally been set at \$40,000, but he fought to have it reduced to \$10,000. At the time, they said, he was warned, "You're crazy! If you go out of here on bail your life won't be worth a plugged nickel."

Executive Awarded \$950 In Dispute With Airline

By the Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Feb. 16.—A Federal Court jury today awarded \$950 in damages to a New York oil company executive who said he lost money by being refused airline passage.

Herschel C. Smith of Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y., sued Eastern Air Lines for \$16,673 for exemplary damages, claiming he missed schedules because he was refused a seat on a Tallahassee-Tampa plane December 30, 1953, after being given a reservation.

Mr. Smith said several persons, including Representative Sikes, Democrat of Florida, and former Senator Claude Pepper of Florida and their wives, bought tickets at the airport immediately before their departure.

The airline said Mr. Smith lost his reservation by failing to reconfirm it within six hours before departure of the plane, as required by regulations.

Seasonal Temperatures Seen in 30-Day Forecast

The eastern third of the Nation can expect below seasonal normal temperatures until the end of March, the Weather Bureau pointed out today in its 30-day forecast.

But for the next few days the prospects are for something close to a normal high of 46. After today, when readings in the mid-50s are expected, the mercury will drop off a bit, but nothing like last week end's cold snap.

Possible scattered showers were forecast tonight, with tomorrow partly cloudy. Fair skies are expected again Friday.

River Report.

(From U. S. Engineers.)

Potomac River cloudy at Harpers Ferry and muddy at Great Falls; Shenandoah cloudy at Harpers Ferry.

Humidity.

(Readings Washington National Airport.)

Yesterday—Feb. 15: 49 p.m. 87; 8 p.m. 87; 10 p.m. 87.

Today—Feb. 16: 8 a.m. 87; 10 a.m. 87; 12 p.m. 87.

Record Temperatures This Year.

Highest 83, on January 5.

Lowest 10, on February 5.

High and Low of 24 Hours Ending 8 A.M. Today.

High 80, at 4:15 p.m.

Low 30, at 2:30 a.m.

Title Tables.

(Furnished by United States Coast and Geodetic Survey.)

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The Sun and Moon.

Sun, today 6:59 a.m. 5:46 p.m.

Sun, tomorrow 6:59 a.m. 5:46 p.m.

Moon, today 12:37 a.m. 12:03 p.m.

Autumnal lights must be turned on one-half hour after sunset.

Precipitation.

Monthly precipitation (inches in the Capital) (current month to date):

January 0.31 2.59 3.24 7.83 37

February 0.12 1.12 1.12 1.12 1.12

March 0.31 3.03 3.03 3.03 3.03

April 0.31 3.03 3.03 3.03 3.03

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September 0.31 3.03 3.03 3.03 3.03

October 0.31 3.03 3.03 3.03 3.03

November 0.31 3.03 3.03 3.03 3.03

December 0.31 3.03 3.03 3.03 3.03

Temperatures in Various Cities.

Athens 30, Albany 30, Albuquerque 30, Anchorage 19, Atlanta 30, Atlantic City 30, Baltimore 30, Billings 30, Birmingham 30, Boise 30, Boston 30, Buffalo 30, Burlington 30, Charleston 30, Chicago 30, Cincinnati 30, Cleveland 30, Columbia 30, Dallas 30, Denver 30, Des Moines 30, Detroit 30, Duluth 30, Fort Worth 30, Grand Rapids 30, Harrisburg 30, Houston 30, Indianapolis 30, Jackson 30, Jacksonville 30, Kansas City 30, Knoxville 30, La Crosse 30, Little Rock 30, Louisville 30, Madison 30, Miami 30, Milwaukee 30, Minneapolis 30, Mobile 30, Montgomery 30, Norfolk 30, Omaha 30, Oklahoma City 30, Orlando 30, Philadelphia 30, Phoenix 30, Portland, Me. 30, Portland, Ore. 30, Raleigh 30, Richmond 30, Salt Lake City 30, San Antonio 30, San Diego 30, San Francisco 30, San Jose 30, Savannah 30, Seattle 30, Springfield 30, St. Louis 30, St. Paul 30, Tampa 30, Toledo 30, Tulsa 30, Wichita 30.

Arguments Voiced For 3 Cities Seeking G. O. P. Convention

By Gould Lincoln

The Site Committee of the Republican National Convention today heard representatives of Philadelphia, Chicago and San Francisco present arguments for the selection of their cities for the Republican National Convention in 1956.

The Site Committee is to report its recommendations to the full national committee tomorrow. Final decision is with the national committee.

Representatives of the broadcasting systems also appeared before the Site Committee and urged that the Republicans hold their national convention in the same city as the Democrats.

This was tantamount to advocating the selection of Chicago, which has already been picked by the Democrats. Their representatives said they did not believe it would be possible to have the same television coverage as was given in 1952 if the conventions were held in different cities.

They also pointed out that it would cost each network \$225,000 additional if the conventions were held in different cities. The estimated cost for each network if the conventions are held in the same city is approximately \$600,000 for the physical setup.

Cow Palace Offered Free.

Radio broadcasting, it was said, presents no such problem. The 11th-hour entry of San Francisco in the contest for the Republican National Convention has thrown a monkey wrench into the plan to hold both conventions in Chicago, at least temporarily.

Thomas Gray, representing the Mayor of San Francisco and the Downtown Association, told the Site Committee San Francisco was ready to put up \$250,000 for the Republican Convention, the sum offered by Chicago and by Philadelphia. Also, the Cow Palace would be provided for the use of the Republicans free of charge.

The Cow Palace, Mr. Gray said, would seat 16,800 persons with accommodations for 2,000 standees. He said that while the hall was 6 miles from the downtown hotels it could be reached in 15 minutes by way of new and improved highways. He said, too, that San Francisco has 62,000 hotel rooms and that 10,000 first class hotel rooms were now under option for the use of Republicans.

Present Cases for Cities.

Mason Owlette, Republican national committeeman for Pennsylvania, and Bennett Towsley, representing the hotel people, presented the case for Philadelphia.

Chicago was represented by former Senator Brooks, Chester A. Wilkins, executive director of the Convention Bureau, and M. E. Thayer, general manager of the International Amphitheater.

Following the hearing this morning the Site Committee attended a luncheon with the Republican National Finance Committee which also met here today.

It is expected that the Site Committee will announce its recommendations this afternoon.

Fitzhugh Green Named Aide to USIA Director

Fitzhugh Green of Washington today was named special assistant to L. S. Briggs, chief of the United States Information Agency's press service.

Mr. Green, former assistant to the chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, lives at 1522 Thirteenth street N.W. He is a trustee and officer of the Washington Multiple Sclerosis Association.

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The Federal Spotlight Hearings Planned Soon on Bill For Retirement After 30 Years

By Joseph Young

Chairman Johnston of the Senate Civil Service Committee has announced his committee soon will begin hearings on legislation to permit optional retirement of Government employees at full annuities after 30 years of service, regardless of age.

Senator Johnston, sponsor of the bill, said there is great need for such legislation. It is one of the measures being strongly pushed by Government employ organizations.

Senator Johnston disclosed his plans in a speech before the 17th annual convention of the National Association of Supervisors, Department of Defense, at the Shoreham Hotel.

The South Carolinaian also predicted favorable committee action on his bill to increase the salaries of classified and postal workers by an average 10 per cent.

A pay raise for classified and postal employees should also have a salutary effect on increasing the pay of Federal per diem (blue collar) workers whose salaries are set by Government wage boards, Senator Johnston declared.

WAGE ADJUSTMENT—Pay raises for thousands of Government engineers and other technical personnel has been authorized by the Civil Service Commission. The increases were predicted by The Star last week.

Acting under the new law authorizing hiring of employees in hard-to-fill jobs at rates above the starting grade salary, the commission last night gave agencies permission to pay higher wages for these groups of engineering and scientific jobs.

They include all types of engineering positions except engineering aides and draftsmen. They also include physicists, chemists, mathematicians, architects, electronic scientists, metallurgists and patent examiners.

All these jobs are in Grades 5 and 7.

Instead of the \$3,410 starting rate of Grade 5, agencies may now hire for these jobs at a salary of \$4,035 (the sixth step of the grade). The starting rate of Grade 7 in these jobs has been increased from \$4,205 to \$4,580 (the fourth step of the grade).

All present employees in these jobs, who are now paid less than the new minimum starting pay, will have their salaries increased to the new minimum rate.

The CSC estimated that the average increase given to present employees in these jobs will be about \$427 a year.

The law was approved by Congress and signed by the President last year to enable the Government to attract and retain key scientific and technical personnel.

AGE DISCRIMINATION—Several members of Congress have sharply criticized the Civil Service Commission for setting age limits for applicants for Federal jobs.

Representatives Yates and Price, both Illinois Democrats, declared the practice is in direct

violation of the law approved by Congress in 1952 abolishing age limits in Government positions.

The legislators criticized the 35-year-age limit for tax collector jobs in the Internal Revenue Service. A 36-year-old man, a bowler and softball player, applied for one of these jobs but was turned down because he was "too old."

Many other jobs, such as guards, agents, inspectors and policy-type work, also have 35-year limits. Other Federal jobs cannot be filled by persons over 45 years old.

The Civil Service Commission justifies the age limits on the grounds that some jobs are hazardous or demand physical strength and energy. Commission officials also claim that other jobs are trainee-type positions which require young persons who will work their way up the service.

However, these explanations are considered flimsy by Representatives Price and Yates, who are demanding that the age limits be dropped immediately.

The existence of the age limits on various Federal jobs was called to the attention of Congress by the International Association of Machinists (AFL).

PAY—The House Civil Service Committee today will hear officials of the Bureau of Labor Statistics regarding cost-of-living factors involved in the Federal pay raise legislation. Both the House and Senate Civil Service Committees have re-

vised their plans on completing Federal pay raise hearings this week and now expect to finish next week instead.

GPO WAGES—Public Printer Raymond Blattenburger will begin meetings this week with various craft groups of employees in the Government Printing Office regarding their requests for pay increases. The first sessions will be with the electrotypes, stereotypers, photo-engravers, offset photographers and negative cutters. Wage meetings with other crafts in the GPO will take place in the months ahead when the present wage contracts expire.

Craft employees in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing also have a keen interest in the wage talks, since their pay is patterned after the GPO salary scale.

The various unions in the GPO are also seeking a 37½-hour work-week for their members.

Ex-D. C. Pilot Killed In Carolina Jet Crash

Air Force Capt. James F. Furuholm, 29, formerly stationed in Washington, was killed yesterday when his T-33 jet trainer crashed near Verona, N. C.

Capt. Furuholm, assigned to Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter, S. C., was returning from the Cherry Point (N. C.) Marine Air Station about 50 miles north of Verona on the last leg of a routine pilot proficiency flight.

Capt. Furuholm formerly lived at 2423 E street N.W. He was a 1946 graduate of West Point.

He is survived by his widow, a daughter, 7, and a son, 4, living in Sumter, and his parents, Col. and Mrs. Blarne Furuholm of Eustis, Fla., who lived at 4808 South Twenty-third road, Arlington, until last September, when Col. Furuholm retired from active service.

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**Trade Outlook Discussed
At Civic Group Meeting**

An estimated 300 members of the East Central Civic Association last night heard Dr. Joel T. Atkinson, professor of economics of George Washington University, and Albert E. Baker of the Board of Trade, discuss the business outlook for 1955.

Both speakers predicted that the up-turn in business during the last quarter of 1954 will prevail through 1955.

The Randle Junior High School 90-voice glee club sang four selections during the meeting in the Scott Montgomery School, 415 P street N.W. Frank D. McKinney, president, conducted the meeting.

Rock-Throwing Report At Legation Here Probed

Reports that an anti-Communist demonstrator threw a rock at the Romanian Legation here last night were being investigated today by Metropolitan Police.

Capt. Albert Embrey of the third precinct said he had received a report about the rock throwing incident, but did not know if it were true. He said he had detailed a lieutenant to check with officials of the Communist-controlled Legation.

An inspection of the premises, however, showed a small section of a barred basement window at the tradesmen's entrance had been knocked out. The passageway leading to the window is protected by a large gate of iron bars.

Meanwhile, he said a special detail of policemen were assigned to patrol a "short beat" in front of the Legation and residence located at 1601 and 1607 Twenty-third street N.W.

A representative of the Legation, contacted by telephone, denied that any incidents had occurred during the night.

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