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Father's Day at Alcatraz—for the Capones

BY ERNEST LENN

It was father's day on Alcatraz the other day.

In a dramatic meeting Al Capone saw his son for the first time in five years. They scarcely recognized each other.

They had been strangers since 1933, when Capone was sentenced to prison for income tax evasion. The son, then, was a youngster of about 14, kept unaware of his father's gangland activities.

He knew his father only as a busy man who came home tired, lavished affection on him, and who had once played tin soldiers with him on the floor.

Capone, then, was the underworld big-shot. Those were the days when gorillas and torpedoes meted out "handfuls of clouds"—death—and machine guns chattered like noisy typewriters in Chicago's streets.

He was the fastidious dresser who flaunted finely woven, pearly gray

suits. Yet who, in the security of a hideaway home, parted with his retinue of 18 bodyguards who flanked him like a Maharajah's escort and protected his wife and young son like any other father.

When they met in Alcatraz, they stared at each other. For both had changed.

Capone looked at the young man in a college-cut suit, poised and tall, on summer vacation from an East-

ern college, and muttered, "My boy."

The son looked at the short man in the ill-fitting gray prison uniform, the uniform of the toughest son in the country, and said, "Dad!"

Capone wanted to take him by the shoulders, and hold him, and thump him affectionately on the back.

The boy wanted to put his arm around his father and tell him he

understood, and that in no time he would be out, and they could start all over again.

But they couldn't. This was Alcatraz. This was the visiting room, where plateglass separates you, and you talk through a narrow slit in the glass, with a guard looking at you all the time.

Capone moped about his cell glumly after his son had left.

"I tried to keep all this from the

kid, when he was little," he muttered. "I tried to be a good father. I didn't want him to know about me. Now he comes and sees me here, like this. It must have hit him between the eyes."

Word of the meeting streaked through the prison. Convicts buzzed it in the shops, whispered it out of the sides of mouths in the mess hall. It got to the dungeon, and solitary, via the thumpings and

bangings that are the special grapevine.

Sentimental softies that they are—even though they're the nation's toughest criminals—the convicts glowed, and wagged their heads approvingly, and said it was decent of the kid to come.

And those who had children of their own were strangely silent.

And the spirit of Father's Day permeated each and every cell.

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Capone's Son Visits Alcatraz



Twist sky and sea down steps that lead to a yard, over concrete that leads to the shops, through green that mocks their own drab array, moves a long line of convicts each morning — the men of Alcatraz. This picture, snapped from a ferry by a news-Acme photographer, is one of the most dramatic ever taken of The Rock. It also reveals a new style trend on the island — the men are wearing their "summer gray" instead of the old tan uniforms. The change was recent.

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Capone Appeals for Freedom
 CHICAGO, May 29. — At-
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 ster, moved today to clear the way
 for permanent freedom for him
 when he is released from Alcatraz
 Prison, supposedly next year.

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Life on the Rock Shows Case Hardened Criminals They Can't Beat the Law

Warden James A. Johnston of Alcatraz prison, in an interview authorized by Atty. Gen. Cummings, tells here the behind-the-scenes story of the life of Al Capone and other criminals confined on "the rock" in San Francisco bay. This is the first of three articles presenting for the first time a complete account of conditions, administration and policies at Alcatraz.

By ALFRED P. RECK

OAKLAND, Calif.—They can't be reformed! The federal prison on Alcatraz island is an institution of punishment, not of reformation. A prisoner at Alcatraz, dread "devil's island" of America, not only gives up his identity for a number but he loses his individuality and becomes, as far as his warders can make him, an automaton, entirely subservient to the strict rules of the penitentiary.

There is little or no hope of preparing men, regarded as tough enough for confinement on the island, to be useful citizens upon their release. The men on the bleak, 12-acre rock in the middle of San Francisco Bay are case-hardened criminals.

Incorrigibles to Alcatraz

The main job is to impress on their minds a life-long lesson of the power of the United States government and a realization that they are not greater than the constituted authorities.

These and other facts of life on "the rock" were revealed by Warden James A. Johnston in an interview authorized by Atty. Gen. Homer Cummings.

"Alcatraz as a civil prison is an experiment which may have its effect on prison systems throughout the world," said Warden Johnston. "We get only the most perplexing problems—problems for the most part which cannot be solved in other prisons."

"No prisoner is ever sentenced directly to Alcatraz. All have been transferred from other institutions as incorrigible or to break up prison gangs."

"Other prisons have no way to control the type of men or the number which they receive. On Alcatraz we can handle only a limited number and take only those prisoners whose cases have been passed upon by prison boards and when their transfer is approved by the federal director of prisons."

Deflate Their Ego

With such notorious criminals as Al Capone, Machine Gun Kelly, Harmon Waley and Albert Bates on "the rock," Warden Johnston has a difficult task but he believes he is accomplishing the purposes for which the prison was established.

"We get the super-criminals, or at

least those with super ego, and our job is to deflate that ego," he explained. "We play them down, not up."

"We have had some tough customers, but I believe we have whittled them down to their proper size. We have brought all of them to the realization that they are not as big as they thought they were."

At the present time there are approximately 370 prisoners on escape proof Alcatraz. That term "escape proof" is used intentionally, for, according to Warden Johnston, an es-

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cape from the island is next to impossible.

Everywhere, night and day, the prisoners are surrounded with safeguards impressing them with the helplessness of their position. Military trained guards, crack shots, schooled in the latest theories and practices of keeping a man confined, maintain an alert, 24-hour vigil.

Electric Eye Guards

The keen eyes and ears of the guards are supposed to see all, hear all. If by chance the human element should fail in alertness, there are mechanical safeguards which cannot be tampered with. At strategic points throughout the prison are located electrical metal detectors, which are both visible and audible.

No prisoner can enter a cell block or leave his place of work with a single piece of metal on his person, whether it is a gun, a knife or a tiny nail.

Should a prisoner, concealing a bit of metal, pass one of the electric detectors, lights flash, revealing the exact location of the metal, and a buzzer sounds.

Not only are the men inspected by the "electric eye," but every bit of raw material, foodstuff and laundry entering the island is subjected to the same mechanical scrutiny as well as human inspection.

"We take no chances," said Warden Johnston. "We cannot afford to relax for an instant."

All of the cells and bars are built of tool-proof steel.

"No tools, which could be smuggled into the prison or made by the prisoners, themselves, can make a dent in this steel," the warden explained.

One Tried to Escape

If by some unforeseen relaxation in vigilance a prisoner should happen to scale the wall of the recreation yard or make a break while outside the enclosure, there are strands upon strands of barbed wire skirting the entire border of the island.

"The wire, which follows the edge of the island, is not so much to stop an escaping prisoner," Warden Johnston said, "but to slow him down."

"How many prisoners have attempted to escape since the department of justice took over Alcatraz from the army?" the warden was asked.

"One," he replied grimly, "and that one died."

The one break for freedom was made by Joe Bowers, a mail robber, on Apr. 27, 1936. Bowers, working at the incinerator outside of the main prison walls, tried to climb the barbed wire.

Alert guards called for him to halt. Bowers kept on, climbing to the top of the wire. Below was the churning surf and jagged rocks. Two shots sounded. Two bullets struck Bowers and he tumbled off, head first, to the rocks 50 feet below. Not only were the bullets fatal but Bowers' neck was broken.

Other prisoners did not consider Bowers' break as an attempt to escape. The imprisoned mail robber went "stir crazy" is the way the prisoners explained it. He chose death to continued confinement on Alcatraz.

Prisoners "Dressed In"

The first impression a prisoner receives of Alcatraz may not be unpleasant. True enough, the island is rocky and bleak but there are a few trees, palm and pine, growing in the rocks and the buildings are neat and clean.

But lined up to receive the prisoners is a reception committee of waiting guards with ready rifles. The guards are dressed in trim blue uniforms of a military cut. One glance at the guards and the prisoners know they mean business. The alert rifles are the first lesson in obedience.

The prisoners are marched up the steps. A guard in the office makes certain of their identity. They want to make sure they are getting the right men, for it's mighty hard to get off "the rock" once you get on. "Then," said Warden Johnston, "we dress them in."

The "dressing them in" business as practiced at Alcatraz serves a double purpose. It doesn't mean what it sounds like. Literally, it's undressing them in.

In the first place, this operation provides the guards an opportunity to make a thorough search for any hidden weapons and, secondly, it serves further to deflate the prisoner's ego.

It is lesson No. 2 in the course on obedience.

"I never saw a naked man yet who could maintain any sort of dignity," said Warden Johnston. "There is very little egotism left in a man when you parade him before other men in his birthday suit."

Firm but Just

The doctors next take the prisoner to hand. He is given a complete medical examination. This may take anywhere from one to 10 days, during which time the prisoner remains in quarantine.

During the quarantine period, Warden Johnston talks to the new prisoners. The gray haired prison chief, with years of experience at Folsom and San Quentin behind him, explains the rules of the prison fully and the convict is impressed with the fact that no infractions will be tolerated.

"We try to be firm but just," Warden Johnston said. "We tell the prisoners what they have to do and that as long as they obey the rules without question we'll get along together. But once they try to violate a rule, then we step on them."

If a prisoner is found to be in need of medical attention, he is so classified and, according to the warden, receives better treatment than the average person on the outside.

Conversation Restricted

About this "rule of silence"—a rule often complained of by departing prisoners.

"There is no absolute rule of silence on Alcatraz," Warden Johnston said. "There are places where we do not permit talking and there are places where we do."

"The prisoners at work are allowed to talk to men in their own shops on matters referring to their work. In the yard there is no restriction to conversation during the recreation period, except when the men are en route to and from their cells."

"General conversation is not permitted in the mess hall during meals or while the men are marching in. They are permitted to ask for food to be passed them from the man across the table or beside them but they cannot talk to a person behind them or at a distance away."

"In the mess hall and at work, conversation is restricted to the absolute necessity. Otherwise, they must remain silent."

"This so-called man breaking rule of silence' does not exist throughout the prison."

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An American You Should Know

Irey Brings 30 Million
Dollars to U. S.
Annually.

BY DELIA PYNCHON.

THE chase goes on for tax evaders. Elmer Irey, chief of the intelligence unit of Internal Revenue, Treasury Department, with a force of 215 special agents, extracts from shy taxpayers about 30 million unexpected dollars a year.

Irey has been 35 years in Government service. Almost he qualifies as a "cliff dweller." At the age of 5 he moved to Washington from Kansas City, where he was born. Educated in Washington public schools, with a year's sniff of law at Georgetown, Irey was holding a clerk's job at 18 in the Post Office Department. For 12 years he



Elmer Irey

worked up inside and outside as the "eyes and ears" of the postmaster. Athletically speaking, he is "no bench warmer." Criminal investigations have aired qualities of physical and mental activity. Here is a man, you say, who will not give up nor lose his good nature, his ready smile.

The intelligence unit harks back to war times. In 1917 Daniel C. Roper, present Secretary of Commerce, was appointed commissioner of internal revenue.

"Almost over night," Irey says, "Roper was charged with the duty of building up a tremendous organization to take care of work incident to the new income tax and other tax laws to raise money for war needs." Roper sent for Irey. The intelligence unit was born in 1918, with Irey its first chief from inception to date.

Volume and needs increase with the Nation's growth. Internal Revenue personnel is now 24,000, Treasury, 85,000. The unit investigates all income, inheritance and miscellaneous tax evasions. It investigates all charges affecting Internal Revenue personnel, attorneys and agents practicing before the Treasury Department and all persons being considered for appointment to responsible positions in all branches of the Treasury.

Tax evaders have continued hopeful. Irey has had some dramatic cases. For two years he worked on Al Capone and his "gang" before these public enemies "took the count" on tax evasions. The "big shots" in New York racketeering came next. Forty-seven gamblers, bootleggers, public officials and a new type of racketeer, who exacted tribute from legitimate business—all landed in jail. The movie colony came in for a bit of unfavorable publicity. In excess of several millions was collected from tax-shy "stars."

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At Capone's civil income tax obligations have been stipulated as \$157,416 for the years 1924 to 1929, the United States board of tax appeals announced yesterday in Washington. Capone's attorney, Michael Ahern, appealed from original claims of \$222,842 and the stipulation was the result. Capone is serving an eleven year prison sentence at Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay.

Cases against five of Capone's associates were also settled, the board announced, as the result of Chicago hearings completed Monday. The cases were those of Capone's brother, Ralph, Jack Guzik, and James, Frank and Louis Mondt. The five claimed that the government had erroneously computed their taxable income on the basis of "unidentified bank deposits."

The claims were scaled down as follows: Ralph Capone, from \$311,282 to \$69,608; Guzik, from \$832,752 to \$378,534; James Mondt, from \$107,563 to \$31,021. Frank Mondt agreed to an assessment of \$26.50 in taxes and \$6.63 in penalties and Louis dropped his appeal of \$20.41 in taxes and \$10.21 in penalties.

Chicago Tribune

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U. S. AND CAPONE CLAN TALK TAXES

Some Agreement Reached on
Amounts Owed—How to
Collect, Next Question.

By the Associated Press.
CHICAGO, March 12.—The big-
time "collectors" of 1924-1925—the
Capone clan—yesterday came to some
agreement with Uncle Sam on what
the Treasury Department "may" col-

lect on back income taxes,
the books at a million af-
ter dollars.

Attorneys for the Un-
Board of Tax Appeals
for various members of the
syndicate, negotiated
amount which the Govt
settle for.

Ralph Capone, brother
has already served a pri-
for tax evasion, will be
pay \$82,508 to settle
claim.

Jack Guzik, Capone li-
like Al serving a term in
tax delinquencies of \$378
pared with the Govern-
752 claim.

James Mondt, gambler,

ment decided, must pay \$81,021 of a
\$107,582 assessment.

The appeal of Al Capone, sched-
uled to be heard today, was post-
poned until Monday. Al's bill read
\$322,842.

Just what is going to be done to
get the cash in the till was not indi-
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ANOTHER DAY FOR CAPONE

CHRISTMAS BRINGS NOT A REAL CARD

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—(U.S.)—Al Capone, "Machine Gun" Kelly and the rest of the tough boys at Alcatraz will know it's Christmas tomorrow, but not by the presents they get.

Warden James A. Johnston disclosed today that no packages have been or will be delivered to prisoners, not even after a close inspection by guards.

Christmas cards delivered to the rock-bound fortress in San Fran-



cisco Bay have been copied in the warden's office, and typewritten transcripts are delivered to the convicts.

The only Christmas present the inmates will receive, it was intimated, will be the pack of trained

police dogs assigned to Alcatraz by authorities in Washington. The dogs are in training elsewhere, and may be shipped here in time to spend Christmas watching Uncle Sam's prize "bad boys" to see that they don't get away.

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LEGAL ADVISORS OF AL CAPONE TODAY FILED WITH THE SUPREME COURT A PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI, WHICH, IF GRANTED, WOULD MEAN THE COURT WOULD REVIEW THE DECISION OF THE LOWER COURT BY WHICH THE GANGSTER WAS DENIED A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS.

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Jail 'Overworld' and Capones Will Vanish, He Feels

Editor, The News:

TERROR is driven into the heart of the underworld by sending Al Capone to the American Devil's Island for failure to pay his income taxes!

What a travesty all this pother concerning the underworld while on a wholesale scale the "overworld", the big bankers, profiteers, food gougers and rent sharks, spread suffering to millions!

There is this difference: Al Capone and his like take from the rich while the profiteers and financial buccaneers take from the poor. Also the latter are above the law; in fact, they put up the money to elect men who will make laws in their favor.

There is warfare in every Congress, equal to any gangland warfare between the few men who are fighting for the poor people and the representatives of the munitions trust, the steel trust, the cotton trust and others.

If we could send all the labor-exploiting, consumer-gouging individuals to Devil's Island, then wipe out the whole profit-motive system by government ownership, our Al Capones would automatically disappear.

ROBIN HOOD.

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Mr. Capone's lawyer still protests against moving his famous client from Atlanta to the Government's prison for "bad man" on Alcatraz, rocky island just inside the Golden Gate of San Francisco. You sympathize with the lawyer, his prosperous client

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Capone is said to be indignant because the warden of Alcatraz plans to "keep him away from all contact with his former underworld associates."

He and the other alleged "bad men" will be isolated, no baseball club, not even a radio. Well may Mr. Capone say "You might as well be in jail."

He may, like a distinguished prisoner of long ago, find comfort and encouragement watching some spider spin its web, never discouraged. But one spider is poor amusement compared with a good radio set.

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Evening Newspaper * * THURSDAY, AUGUST

Capone Glimpses New Bridge from Alcatraz Island Prison

By WEBSTER K. NOLAN.
ALCATRAZ FEDERAL PENITENTIARY, SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23 (By International News Service). — From this bridgeless islet around whose rocky apron a swirling sea races toward the Golden Gate, "Scarface" Al Capone, erstwhile monarch of the underworld, today gazed at the gaunt half-completed steel skeleton of the world's two mightiest bridges.

They seemed to mock the linkless loneliness of this Gibraltar-like "Devil's Island" that is now the home of the former gangster king and of 99 lesser entities from the nether life.

Capone and a select assortment of the country's most desperate felons were brought here from Atlanta, manacled in pairs on a traveling fortress that did not disgorge its human cargo until Alcatraz itself was reached.

FETTERED TO SEATS.

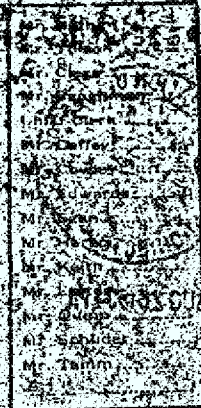
Chained and bolted in their "chair car" seats, Capone and his 52 companions of the bizarre tour were released only when the barge carrying their "private cars"

moored at the Alcatraz Government wharf.

It was the first time in the history of this grim little islet in midstream that a train had touched its steep and rocky shores. Warden James S. Johnston said the famous aggregation of convicts is making itself at home and apparently likes the new surroundings, that is, compared to the penitentiaries.

"No one will ever know the name or number of a prisoner on Alcatraz," said Warden Johnston.

Within a few hours after the transfer had been effected, all the newcomers had been photographed, fingerprinted, numbered and garbed in the new uniform specially provided by the Government for its Alcatraz prisoners.



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(By the Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22.—Al (Scarface) Capone and fifty-two other segregated prisoners slept tonight in their cells on Alcatraz Island, the new federal prison where horns below throazy blasts when fog sweeps through the Golden Gate.

The former gang leader of Chicago and his fellow prisoners arrived at the new prison today from Atlanta penitentiary, where an escape plot had been discovered and quickly were locked in cells declared to be escape-proof.

Extreme secrecy surrounded the transfer of the convicts from the special armored prison train to the bleak, 12-acre island in San Francisco Bay, a mile and a half from the mainland.

A coast guard cutter, guns ready for any emergency, maneuvered near-by as a barge carrying the three prison railway coaches was towed to the island dock.

CONFIRMATION FROM WASHINGTON.

Warden James A. Johnston, who directed the bringing of the prisoners from the mainland, even refused to admit that Capone was among the group until Sanford Bates, director of the federal prison bureau at Washington, admitted the former Chicago gangster had been sent to the so-called American "Devil's Island."

The train, which left Atlanta Sunday, was brought to Tiburon, a small town on the bay's edge north of Alcatraz by a circuitous route.

This was done to prevent any possible attempt of confederates to liberate the prisoners who were chained in pairs to the seats of the coaches.

Crowds gathered at the small stations as the train neared its destination, but guards kept curious spectators at a safe distance.

CRY FOR "AL" UNHEEDED.

At one station a cry went up for "Al" but Capone did not answer.

Two of the three coaches were occupied by the prisoners and guards in the other kept constant watch.

Warden Johnston was waiting at the barge, docked at Tiburon, and the custody of the prisoners was turned over to him by Warden A. C. Aderholt of Atlanta.

Capone received the same treatment as the other prisoners upon his arrival at the island.

The convicts received numbers from 49 to 101, as forty-eight numerals already had been used for forty-seven prisoners already on hand and one man had been sent to Folsom prison with an Alcatraz number.

The new prison, formerly an army disciplinary barracks, once was an old Spanish fortress.

Swirling tides lash at its rocky sides and although trained swimmers have paddled to and from the island, prison officials said it was unlikely that any of the prisoners ever would escape by attempting to swim ashore.

In Washington, Bates also confirmed the transfer of James Carson and "Friaco" Eddie O'Brien. He declined to name others in the group.

THE KANSAS CITY TIMES, THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 1934.

CAPONE IN ISLAND CELL

SAY PRISON OF ALCATRAZ GETS
FORMER GANG CHIEF.

Guns of Coast Guard Cutter Cover
Final Stage of Transfer of Two
Carloads of Atlanta Pris-
oners.

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The former gang leader of Chicago and his fellow prisoners arrived at the new prison today from Atlanta penitentiary, where an escape plot had been discovered and quickly were locked in cells declared to be escape-proof.

Extreme secrecy surrounded the transfer of the convicts from the special armored prison train to the bleak, 12-acre island in San Francisco Bay, a mile and a half from the mainland.

A coast guard cutter, guns ready for any emergency, maneuvered near-by as a barge carrying the three prison railway coaches was towed to the island dock.

CONFIRMATION FROM WASHINGTON.

Warden James A. Johnston, who directed the bringing of the prisoners from the mainland, even refused to admit that Capone was among the group until Sanford Bates, director of the federal prison bureau at Washington, admitted the former Chicago gangster had been sent to the so-called American "Devil's Island."

The train, which left Atlanta Sunday, was brought to Tiburon, a small town on the bay's edge north of Alcatraz by a circuitous route.

This was done to prevent any possible attempt of confederates to liberate the prisoners who were chained in pairs to the seats of the coaches.

Crowds gathered at the small stations as the train neared its destination, but guards kept curious spectators at a safe distance.

CRY FOR "AL" UNHEEDEN.

At one station a cry went up for "Al" but Capone did not answer.

Two of the three coaches were occupied by the prisoners and guards in the other kept constant watch.

Warden Johnston was waiting on the barge, docked at Tiburon, and the custody of the prisoners was turned over to him by Warden A. C. Aderholt of Atlanta.

Capone received the same treatment as the other prisoners upon his arrival at the island.

The convicts received numbers from 49 to 101, as forty-eight numerals already had been used for forty-seven prisoners already on hand and one man had been sent to Folsom prison with an Alcatraz number.

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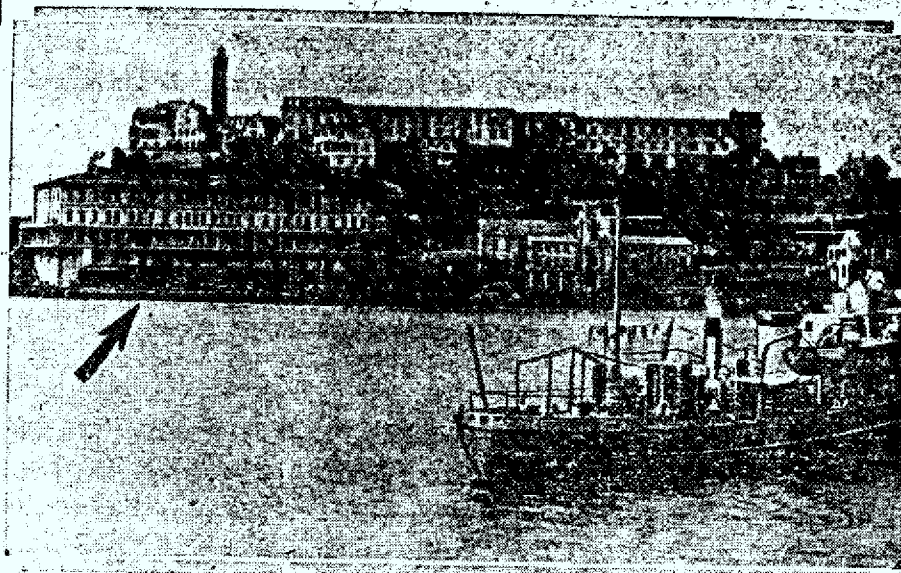
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AL CAPONE ARRIVES AT "DEVIL'S ISLAND"



Al Capone and forty-two other dangerous prisoners were being unloaded at the "Devil's island" of the United States, Alcatraz prison, off the coast of San Francisco, when this picture was made. The prison train is seen on a barge at the dock in the distance. In the foreground is a United States coast guard cutter, which prevented all boats from approaching closer than 300 yards.

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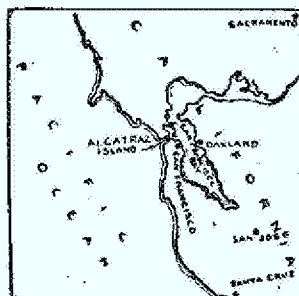
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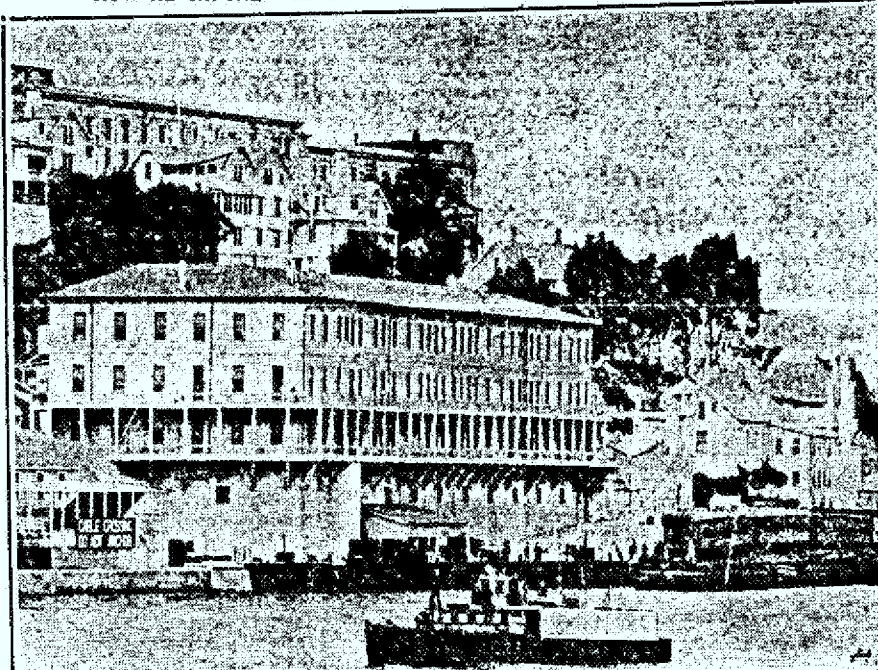
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Al Capone resents being referred to as "public enemy No. 1." In view of the numerous exploits in crime, there seems to be no reason for acceding to Capone's desire to be retired from the head of his class.

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Al Capone Loses His Identity in Cell at Alcatraz

Not Even Given Number as
Worker in Prison's
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ALCATRAZ FEDERAL PENITENTIARY, SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23 (U.S.).—Al Capone, who once ruled an underworld kingdom but who now has not even a number to distinguish him from 99 other blue clad Federal felons, tonight awaited the order which is expected to send him to the prison tailor shop for eight years.

In the Atlanta penitentiary "Scarface Al" worked in the shoe shop and became proficient in the bootmaker's art. Now he will have an opportunity to turn out men's suits—but not the \$150 variety he wore as the sartorially perfect "big shot" of gangdom.

NO OUTSIDE CONTACTS

Only by secret listings behind the grim walls of Alcatraz will the prisoners be known. Keepers cannot talk about the inmates, Warden James S. Johnston said today:

"No one will ever know the name or number of a prisoner on Alcatraz. If the identity of a prisoner is revealed, the disclosure must come from Washington. This is an island of no outside contacts for convicts."

Warden Johnston said Capone and the 52 others who came here with him manacled in pairs and chained and bolted in their "chair car" seats, apparently "approved of" the surroundings. There are now 100 Federal convicts on the "Isle de Alcatrazes," or "Island of the Pelicans."

LIFE NOT CRUSHING

All were to be assigned today to routine duties, some in the shoe shop, some in the laundry. Some in the clean-up brigades, and some, including "the big fellow," to the tailor shop.

Although none but dangerous and virtually incorrigible prisoners will be assigned here, Alcatraz prison life will not be of the rigorous, life-crushing type the "American Devil's Island" description connotes.

Each Sunday the men will be permitted the comparative freedom of the prison yard, to engage in baseball games or any other recreational activities that can easily be arranged. Warden Johnston was careful to point out the inmates will not be "coddled," however.

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Mr. Al Capone, able in his line, is indignant, his lawyers almost weep because Mr. Capone, in the dead of night, is transferred from the peaceful prison of Atlanta, Georgia, to the rock prison of Alcatraz Island, where Government keeps its "most desperate prisoners."

Mr. Capone, who says he has been "a model prisoner, as all his guards will testify," may be comforted by the suggestion that our Government sees in him some resemblance to Napoleon Bonaparte. Napoleon was a model prisoner on the Island of Elba, but did not stay there long, and, when he came back, made considerable trouble.

The British transferred him to St. Helena, a rocky, distant island, like Alcatraz, only more so. And there Napoleon stayed till he died, his corpse coming back in triumph, to be buried in Paris.

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Al Capone and 42 Prison Pals Locked in New Island Cells

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The train was shunted several times as it neared its destination to prevent any possible attempt to escape and to avoid crowds which gathered at towns along the route.

Warden James A. Johnston, who several days ago informed Attorney General Homer S. Cummings that "Alcatraz is ready," personally supervised the transfer of the desperadoes from the mainland to the fortress-like island prison.

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Escape Plot Foiled.

The prisoners were brought here in the government's plan to segregate the more desperate characters. Atlanta prison officials also had reported an escape plot was brewing in the prison there and the convicts were removed Sunday night, four days ahead of schedule.

Capone's Atlanta attorney, Frank A. Doughman, said Capone had protested being transferred. He added his conduct had been classed as excellent by the Atlanta warden. The attorney expressed the belief the government might eventually take Capone to McNeil Island prison near Seattle, Wash.

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A Model Prisoner.

Transfer of Al Capone from Atlanta Penitentiary to Alcatraz Island, in San Francisco Bay, along with nearly half a hundred other prisoners, is reported to be bitterly resented, not publicly by the prisoner himself, for he has been given no chance at proclamation, but by his attorney, who declares that the former "Public Enemy Number One" of Chicago was in every respect a model prisoner. According to the lawyer, Capone has conducted himself ideally as an inmate of the Atlanta institution and does not deserve this stigma of removal along with convicts who are rated as dangerous. He intimates that the warden at Atlanta wanted to get rid of Capone because he feared he would be charged with granting him special privileges, even if he was treated only as well as others with similar records.

Capone, given a ten-year term for tax evasion—a trifling offense compared with those of which he was accused, but which could not be proved against him, including murder by proxy and ruthless racketeering—has a year and a half to serve before he will be eligible to parole. Which brings up the question of why a

parole should be granted to a man who cannot conceivably be restored to liberty without danger to the community. Probably he has been a "model prisoner." That is his established line of action. He outwardly conformed to the law even in his most active days as head of a robbery and murder gang. So careful was he in his work that the only way to "get" him was to dig up his income tax returns and prove that he had cheated the Government out of large sums by concealment of revenues derived from illegal sources.

There should be no sympathy for this man, and there should be no parole. The leniency that has been shown toward malefactors of his type in the past has been productive of the most evil results. No degree of rule observance on his part while in prison can make him worthy of any abatement of his term, which should, in view of his utter viciousness, have been far longer than ten years.

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EXPLAINED AS PRECAUTION.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—(AP)—Capone, ex-Chicago gangland king, was lodged today in Uncle Sam's new "Devil's Island" prison in San Francisco Bay, the Department of Justice announced officially.

"Just precautionary," said Sanford Bates, director of federal prisons, in explaining Capone's removal from the Atlanta penitentiary. Capone had not been violent, Bates added.

Others in the party with Capone, Bates disclosed, included "Frisco Eddle" O'Brien, a train robber, and James Colson. Alvin Karp, a Chicago gunman and enemy of Capone, was not in the party. Bates declined to make public the entire list, but said most of the men were not well known.

CAPONE PROTESTS.

ATLANTA, Aug. 22.—(AP)—Shaken from a sound sleep and hauled out of his cell in the federal prison here at midnight, Al Capone protested vigorously, his attorney said, against such treatment being accorded "a model prisoner."

Frank A. Doughman, Capone's Atlanta attorney, today said he had learned that the former Chicago gangster was the last prisoner rounded up.

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Federal authorities, charged with keeping Capone six more years on an income tax violation conviction, desired this isolation for the former gang leader. Officials at Atlanta, it is said, failed to prevent him from maintaining underworld contacts.

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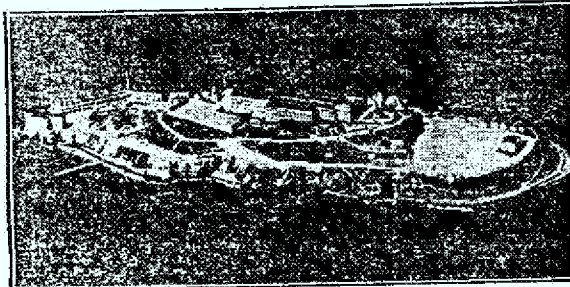
Federal authorities, charged with keeping Capone six more years on an income tax violation conviction, desired this isolation for the former gangland leader. That is why he is

the future, for another phase of the Federal plan of isolation is complete silence regarding the activities of its charges in the new Devil's Island.

With the elaborate precaution of war maneuvers in uncertain territory, the Federal government transferred Capone and the 52 other prisoners.

Among the companions of Capone, it was reported, is Alvin Crip. When Capone ruled the Chicago liquor trade Crip was one of his arch enemies.

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Capone and the 62 other prisoners brought here by special train yesterday were "dressed in" soon after their arrival. After their light summer outfits had been exchanged for heavier wear—cool fogs and cooler winds sweep this lonely island—the prisoners were fed in the new mess hall.

In the ceiling above them were steel knobs. From those knobs can pour suffocating floods of tear gas, for it is the Federal theory that most prison riots start in the mess hall and the authorities seek to prevent disturbances at Alcatraz.

Inside Guards Unarmed

Following this same plan of preventing outbreaks, the inside guards carry no arms. But the men on the battlements are said to be the keenest sharpshooters in Federal service.

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Manacled in Pairs, Capone, 99 Others Reach Alcatraz

By WEBSTER K. NOLAN
ALCATRAZ FEDERAL PENITENTIARY, SAN FRANCISCO.

Aug. 23 (I.N.S.).—From this bridgeless islet, around whose rocky apron a swirling sea races toward the Golden Gate, "Scarface" Al Capone, erstwhile monarch of the underworld, today gazed at the gaunt half-completed steel skeleton of the world's two mightiest bridges.

They seemed to mock the linkless loneliness of this Gibraltar-like "Devil's Island" that is now the home of the former gangster king, and of 98 lesser entities from the nether life.

Capone and a select assortment of the country's most desperate felons were brought here from Atlanta, Ga., manacled in pairs on a travelling fortress that did not disgorge its human cargo until Alcatraz itself was reached.

Chained and bolted in their "chair car" seats, Capone and his 52 companions of the bizarre tour were released only when the barge carrying their "private cars" moored at the Alcatraz government wharf. It was the first time in the history of this grim little islet in midstream that a train had touched its steep and rocky shores.

Identities Guarded

Warden James E. Johnston said:

"No one will ever know the name or number of a prisoner on Alcatraz. If the identity of any prisoner is revealed, the disclosure must come from Washington. This is an island of no outside contacts for convicts."

Alcatraz is an island of no contacts, but from the barred windows of the cells. The nation's worst desperadoes may see in the near distance the Metropolitan centers of San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda and Piedmont.

Alcatraz, a name that is redolent of California's cavalier days, has long been likened to the famed and fearful Chateau d'If, on a Mediterranean islet off Mar-

seilles, in whose dungeon Dumas' Count of Monte Cristo languished for 20 years, until the Abbe Faria effected his escape.

Escape Impossible

No Count of Monte Cristo, "Scarface" Al Capone, late vice lord of Chicago, nor any of the incorrigible cohort that keeps him company on wind-blown Alcatraz, can entertain any schemes of escape.

The Federal authorities selected Alcatraz because they believe no man can conquer the currents that swirl fiercely about the islet's jagged cliffs.

Within a few hours after the transfer had been effected with military thoroughness, all the newcomers had been photographed, fingerprinted, numbered and garbed in the new raiment specially provided by the government for its Alcatraz contingent of undesirables.

Atlanta denims were discarded for Alcatraz cassimere of a misty blue, as though, oddly enough, to camouflage the convicts, making them almost indiscernible in the fog that drapes the isle at dawn.

The freshly arrived inmates were to be assigned today to their new jobs—to the prison shoe shop, the tailor shop, the laundry and the cleanup brigades. Capone, it is expected, will be assigned to the tailor shop.

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CAPONE IS PLACED ON 48-HOUR WEEK

Chicago Gangster Is As-
signed to Labor in New
Alcatraz Prison.

By the Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 23.—
Prison labor—48 hours a week of it—
was in store today for Al "Scarface"
Capone and 52 other convicts trans-
ferred yesterday from other prisons to
the new escape-proof Federal peni-
tentiary on Alcatraz Island.

An eight-hour work period for each
day except Sunday has been mapped
out for the new arrivals, including the
former Chicago gang chief, Warden
James A. Johnston said.

The convicts, whose arrival in-
creased the prison population to an
even 100, will labor in the prison
laundry, the clothing shop, shoe shop,
kitchens and at maintenance occupa-
tions.

View of San Francisco.

In their leisure and recreational
hours, they may study the San Fran-
cisco skyline, so close that details are
clearly visible when not obscured by
fog; watch ocean liners and freighters
pass in and out of the Golden Gate,
or keep track of the progress on the
two great bridge projects stretching
out across the surging water.

The transfer of Capone to the new
prison, which Attorney General Homer
S. Cummings said was for convicts
who attempted to maintain outside
contacts at other penitentiaries and
were potential jail-breakers, brought a
protest from his attorney at Atlanta,
Frank A. Doughman.

Capone Also Protests.

Capone himself protested when he
was shaken from a sound sleep at At-
lanta and hustled aboard the Alcatraz-
bound train against such treatment
for "a model prisoner," Doughman de-
clared.

The former Chicago gangster was
convicted of income tax evasion and
sentenced to 11 years—he will be
eligible for parole in a year and a
half.

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Capone Resentful at Transfer To American "Devils Island"

Atlanta, Aug. 22 (U.P.)—Al Capone is deeply resentful toward the Federal Government for having removed him from Atlanta Penitentiary to Alcatraz Prison, in San Francisco Bay.

Frank A. Doughman, Capone's attorney here, said he was certain his client was among the 43 prisoners who reached the island prison by transcontinental train today.

Doughman was informed, he said that Capone took the transfer "mightily seriously."

"He complained," the lawyer said, "that his good prison record did not merit his being classed with the dangerous type of prisoner destined for Alcatraz. He reminded prison

officials that he had never been disciplined.

"This prison transfer is shockingly unfair to a man who has made a perfect prison record and obeyed all the rules."

San Francisco, Aug. 23 (U.P.)—Al Capone, mightiest gang leader in the prohibition era, was behind the walls of Alcatraz Island Prison tonight after his arrival here, with 42 "dangerous" prisoners aboard a transcontinental train.

Traveling in six cars, under heavy guard and with all windows barred, the prisoners reached San Francisco from Atlanta and were taken at once aboard a rail car ferry to the American "Devil's Island."

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CAPONE AND 52 OTHER FELONS ON DEVIL'S ISLE

U. S. Moves Mass Transfer
of Incurable Criminals to
New Prison at Alcatraz

By EDWARD McQUAID

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22 (U.S.).—Across the gray waters of San Francisco Bay there moved today the most sinister cargo of local history.

It was a human cargo, and reluctantly it reached journey's end—the glowering battlements of Alcatraz, America's newly christened "Devil's Isle."

CAPONE ONE OF THEM

Manacled in pairs, 53 of the nation's worst desperadoes, among them the once powerful "Scarface Al" Capone, stepped suddenly ashore and marched to their cells amid a sudden, ironic burst of sunshine that bared the full beauty of the hills and the bay and the skyline that many of these men will never see again except from behind bars.

Thus ended one of the most bizarre incidents in American penal history—a mass transfer of incurable criminals across the continent, attended by all the secrecy and special precautions that marked wartime troop movements.

All the way from the Federal prison in Atlanta, Ga., they came to institute at Alcatraz the new Federal policy of segregating the unregenerate.

FIRST IN 26 YEARS

To avoid both sensation-seekers and possible attempts at a "rail jail break" of its passengers, the prison train back-tracked into a circuitous route at dawn today, switched to a little-used single spur track at Greenbrae and finally arrived at Liburon.

It was the first passenger train that has visited the picturesque little yachting center in 26 years.

But despite the supposed secrecy of the train's movement, the town was there en masse to see it roll into the yards.

They didn't see much. There was just a locomotive and five cars. Two cars were left behind. A locomotive shunted the remaining three onto a waiting barge. Department of Justice agents and railroad detectives, brandishing rifles, kept the crowds at a distance as the cars groaned onto the pier.

All that could be discerned behind the thick steel mesh covering the prison car windows was a row of wryly grinning faces, each indistinguishable from its neighbor, and a blur of blue denim shirts.

Soon the barge, towed by the tug Sea Rover, left the tip of Marin county's south shore and slid through Raccoon Straits, in the shadow of the beautiful villas on Belvedere's wooded hills, and on to Alcatraz.

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Ralph Capone Seized In Chicago Raid

CHICAGO, Aug. 22 (I.N.S.).
Ralph ("Bottles") Capone was arrested in Berwyn today for questioning concerning his trying to restore the Capone vice, gambling and racketeering dynasty, dormant since the imprisonment of brother Al.

Capone's Attorney May Protest

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 22 (U.S.).
Al Capone was not pleased by his transfer from the Atlanta penitentiary to "escape-proof" Alcatraz in California, but his Atlanta attorney, Frank Doughman, said he was undecided whether he would file a formal protest.

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CAPONE IN A CELL ON ALCATRAZ ISLE

With 42 Others He Is Whisked
to Bay Prison In Secrecy
After Trip From Atlanta.

HE PROTESTED TRANSFER

Felt It Would 'Taint Record,'
Attorney Says—Brother Is
Held in Chicago Racket.

By The Associated Press.
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22.—Al Capone, former Chicago gang leader, and forty-two other convicts were imprisoned with the utmost secrecy today in the new Federal prison on Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay.

The announcement that Capone was in the group came from Sanford Bates, director of the Federal Prison Bureau at Washington, shortly after the special train bearing the prisoners from Atlanta penitentiary arrived here.

The train was shunted several times as it neared its destination to prevent any possible attempt to escape and to avoid crowds which gathered at towns along the route.

Warden James A. Johnston, who several days ago informed Attorney General Cummings that "Alcatraz is ready," personally superintended the transfer of the desperadoes from the mainland to the fortress-like island prison.

A group of heavily armed Federal men and guards from the new prison hastened to Tiburon, a town north of the island, as the train arrived.

The cars then were switched to a large barge and a launch towed it to the island dock. Spectators, who were warned by the guards not to approach too closely, said they observed gray-clad men behind the screen windows.

After the barge docked at the island, prison automobiles took the convicts up the steep roads of the island to the newly reinforced cells.

The prisoners were brought here in the government's plan to segregate the more desperate characters among the convicts. Atlanta prison officials also had reported an escape plot was brewing in the prison there and the convicts were removed Sunday night, four days ahead of schedule.

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and the warden faced possibilities of being charged with granting him special privileges if he was treated even as well as other prisoners with similar records.

"They admitted to me Capone's record was good," Mr. Doughman said as he vehemently criticized the transfer and called it "an outrageous act" because Alcatraz has been set aside for dangerous and unruly prisoners.

Such "unfair treatment," he charged, would "taint the record" of the former gangster, a record in prison which was "above reproach."

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Special to The New York Times.

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—Ralph Capone, brother of Al Capone, and five other men, several of whom are believed to be former members of the old Capone gang, were arrested today by police from the State Attorney's office in a raid on a flat above a tavern in Berwyn, a western suburb.

The State Attorney's office asserted that Ralph Capone and his associates were forcing saloonkeepers in the western part of Cook County to buy the beer of the Calumet City Brewing Company.

It was reported that the police found records in the flat which indicated the extent of these operations.

The procedure by which Ralph Capone and his newly organized gang are alleged to have attempted to force saloon keepers into taking

the beer is reminiscent, according to the State Attorney of the methods used by Al Capone in the days of his power, when he was forcing speakeasy owners to handle his illegal beer.

When the tavern keepers demurred Ralph Capone's "sales force" would leave a barrel or two, telling the proprietor to use it and pay for it later, authorities alleged.

In Cicero and neighboring suburbs the Capone men, through what is alleged to be a tie-up with authorities, could force those saloons not taking their beer to obey the 1 A. M. closing law, while competing saloons, which took the beer, could stay open later, it is charged.

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MYSTERY IS SOLVED— CAPONE AT ALCATRAZ

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 22.—
(UP)—Al Capone, king of the prohibition era gangsters, entered Alcatraz prison today in company with forty-two other federal prisoners classed as among the most dangerous convicts in the United States.

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Al Capone Spirited to Isle

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22.—

(By International News Service.)—

Presence of a large white launch near Alcatraz Island shortly after 7 a. m. today led to reports that the transfer of forty-three prisoners, supposedly including Al Capone, from eastern prisons to the new federal "Devil's Island" in San Francisco Bay and had been accomplished.

No information or confirmation was forthcoming from prison authorities.

And there was no report of their transfer from train to boat at any northern bay point.

The heavily guarded "ghost train," on which the prisoners made a fast trip from Atlanta and other eastern points to California, arrived at Martinez shortly before 6 a. m.

After heading ostensibly for Oakland and the regular bay crossing to San Francisco, the train "back tracked" and crossed the Southern Pacific bridge at Martinez for the north side of San Francisco Bay.

This would have enabled the transfer to be made to boat at any number of isolated points, or at San Rafael, bay point near the prison.

It also would have been possible for the train to have made its way into the great Mare Island Naval Yards at Vallejo, although this was regarded as unlikely on account of the additional mileage that would have been required for the switching operation.

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AL'S ISLAND' TSCAPONE

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 32. (By International News Service).—Utmost secrecy surrounded the expected arrival here today of 43 Federal convicts, one reported to be "Scarface" Al Capone, from Atlanta Penitentiary for transfer to Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay—the American "Devil's Island."

A special squad of Department of Justice agents surrounded the train when locomotives were changed at Los Angeles. The scene bristled with sawed-off shotguns, rifles and tear gas guns. Spectators were ordered to "stand away from the cars."

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Capone Feels He's Victimized

Transfer to Coast Prison an 'Injustice' and He May Start Legal Proceedings.

ATLANTA, Aug. 22.—Al Capone, America's first public enemy No. 1, feels that the Government has done him an injustice by removing him, along with forty-two dangerous prisoners, from the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary to the escape-proof Alcatraz Prison in San Francisco Bay.

Frank A. Doughman, Capone's Atlanta attorney, revealed to the United Press that the former Chicago gangster is definitely a member of the convict group which was secretly removed by Government men from the penitentiary here at midnight on Saturday and, en-trained for a speedy trip across the continent.

Department of Justice officials have refused to confirm whether Capone is on the train, which is expected to reach San Francisco late today. The assumption is that the convicts are designed for Alcatraz Island, where the Government's incorrigibles are being confined.

Complained of Transfer.

"My informant, who told me definitely that Capone is a member of the convict group, said that the Chicagoan took his transfer from the Atlanta prison mighty hard," Mr. Doughman said. "Capone complained that his good prison record did not merit him being classed with the dangerous type of prisoner."

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CAPONE BELIEVES HE'S VICTIMIZED

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destined for Alcatraz. He reminded prison officials that he had never been disciplined."

In the statement of United States Attorney-General Homer S. Cummings that the former Chicago gang leader and beer baron "is not headed for Alcatraz," Mr. Doughman saw a bare possibility that Capone may be imprisoned at McNeil Island Prison in Puget Sound across from Seattle. It was here that Ralph Capone, a brother of Al, served a sentence for income tax evasion, a charge that resulted in an eleven-year term for Al Capone. The gangster has worked in the prison shoe shop here.

Whether Mr. Doughman will start legal proceedings as a result of the removal from here will not be decided until he has conferred with Capone's wife, who is in Chicago. What legal action could be taken was not revealed by Mr. Doughman.

"Legally, Capone is in the custody of the United States Supreme Court and if the court decides the case in his favor, the Government would have to return him to Atlanta," Mr. Doughman said. "A petition for a writ of certiorari in Capone's case to obtain his release on habeas corpus is pending before the Federal Supreme Court, which will not act until October."

Called Great Injustice.

"This prison transfer is shockingly unfair to a man who has made a perfect prison record and obeyed all the rules."

There were unconfirmed reports that the prisoners were hustled out of Atlanta's "Big House" because paraphernalia for a possible break was found inside the prison. There was no indication, however, that the one-time immigrant boy had any connection with any jail break plans.

Although a model prisoner, Capone has made plenty of attempts to obtain his release since his incarceration here on May 8, 1932, through the legal process of habeas corpus. His last attempt resulted in the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals at New Orleans denying him freedom on the plea that his conviction was circumvented by the statute of limitation. It is on this last refusal of habeas corpus that a writ of certiorari is being sought from the highest court.

Prison Train Changes Route.

MARTINEZ, Cal., Aug. 22 (U.P.).—The course of the Federal prison train, believed to be carrying Al Capone among forty-three prisoners, was changed abruptly today, apparently in a maneuver to avoid bringing the train directly into San Francisco.

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secretly removed by Government men from the penitentiary here at midnight on Saturday and entrained for a speedy trip across the continent.

Department of Justice officials have refused to confirm whether Capone is on the train, which is expected to reach San Francisco late today. The assumption is that the convicts are destined for Alcatraz Island, where the Government's incorrigibles are being confined.

Complained of Transfer.

"My informant, who told me definitely that Capone is a member of the convict group, said that the Chicagoan took his transfer from the Atlanta prison mighty hard," Mr. Doughman said. "Capone complained that his good prison record did not merit him being classed with the dangerous type of prisoner

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destined for Alcatraz. He reminded prison officials that he had never been disciplined."

In the statement of United States Attorney-General Homer S. Cummings that the former Chicago gang leader and beer baron "is not headed for Alcatraz," Mr. Doughman saw a bare possibility that Capone may be imprisoned at McNeil Island Prison in Puget Sound across from Seattle. It was here that Ralph Capone, a brother of Al, served a sentence for income tax evasion, a charge that resulted in an eleven-year term for Al Capone. The gangster has worked in the prison shoe shop here.

Whether Mr. Doughman will start legal proceedings as a result of the removal from here will not be decided until he has conferred with Capone's wife, who is in Chicago. What legal action could be taken was not revealed by Mr. Doughman.

"Legally, Capone is in the custody of the United States Supreme Court and if the court decides the case in his favor, the Government would have to return him to Atlanta," Mr. Doughman said. "A petition for a writ of certiorari in Capone's case to obtain his release on habeas corpus is pending before the Federal Supreme Court, which will not act until October."

Called Great Injustice.

"This prison transfer is shockingly unfair to a man who has made a perfect prison record and obeyed all the rules."

There were unconfirmed reports that the prisoners were hustled out of Atlanta's "Big House" because paraphernalia for a possible break was found inside the prison. There was no indication, however, that the one-time immigrant boy had any connection with any jail break plans.

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While train crews guarded the shift closely, it was believed that the train would be moved over the Shellville branch to the Northwestern Pacific lines in Marin County.

This course would bring it into Sausalito, which faces the rear walls of Alcatraz Prison, to which stronghold the prisoners are being moved.

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CAPONE'S TRAIN REACHES COAST

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22 (I.N.S.).—Utmost secrecy surrounded the expected arrival here today of 43 Federal convicts, one reported to be "Scarface" Al Capone, from Atlanta Penitentiary for transfer to Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay—the new American "Devils Island."

The six-car train bearing the convicts passed through Los Angeles at 8:20 o'clock last night, but Southern Pacific Railway officials, enforced to secrecy by Department of Justice agents, refused to give out any information.

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'CAPONE TRAIN' DRAWING NEAR ISLE PRISON

Al May Be Aboard, but No
One Knows; Alcatraz Ready;
Guards Repel Curious Crowd

(Picture on Back Page.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 20.—While two barred and guarded coaches neared Alcatraz prison tonight with its cargo of federal prisoners, no one appeared to know if Al Capone was one aboard.

United States Attorney General Cummings, after being quoted to the effect that Capone is definitely not headed for the desolate isle, designated for criminals of the savage type, refused to say anything more.

However, from his utterances it appeared that Chicago's No. 1 income tax dodger is being moved. He said:

"That's one point on which reports are wrong. Capone is not headed for Alcatraz. That's all I can say at this time."

At Del Rio, Tex., a guard on the Atlanta train threatened to shoot citizens who dared to try for a peep at its passengers.

For a few moments, the throng disregarded his warning but stepped back when he upraised his rifle and prepared to shoot.

At New Orleans some persons thought they recognized Capone, and newspaper photographers attempted to take pictures, but the man they had nominated quickly stepped aside.

There was no satisfaction to be had from Warden James A. Johnson at the federal government's "Devil's Island." He said simply that if Capone was coming he would be taken care of.

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Scarface Al's Whereabouts a Big Mystery

(Picture on Page 2.)

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 20.—[Special.]—Considerable mystery developed tonight as to just where Al Capone, supposed to be serving an eleven year sentence in Atlanta federal penitentiary, might be.

Attorney General Cummings, who is in San Francisco at the present time, was quoted by a daily newspaper today as saying the former gang chief of Chicago was not on his way with forty-two others to Alcatraz Island, the government's new "Devil's Island," in San Francisco bay. At the same time he refused to say where Capone is; that "we never discuss such matters."

Two Cars of Men on Way.

Two closely guarded and steel barred cars are now en route to the island from the Atlanta penitentiary. The cars left Atlanta night before last, the prisoners having been transferred one by one from their cells in the darkened institution to the train.

Capone was believed to have been definitely recognized when the train reached New Orleans yesterday. A convict said he was on the car, pointed him out, and the person pointed out was said at least closely to resemble Capone. He ducked, as of yore, when a camera was aimed at him. In a "slip" a guard on the train practically admitted that Capone was one of the group of "incorrigibles" being transported to the new prison.

Guns Bristle in Texas.

Today at De Rio, Tex., a guard threatened to shoot when spectators crowded too close to the train bearing the 42 men. The convicts jeered at the guard, but the crowd fell back when rifles and machine guns bristled throughout the two cars.

"Capone is not headed for Alcatraz," Cummings was quoted as saying here tonight. "That's all I can say at this time. But that's one point on which the newspapers are wrong." Later he denied making any statement whatever.

At the new prison Warden James A. Johnston said:

"If Capone's coming here we are ready to take care of him."

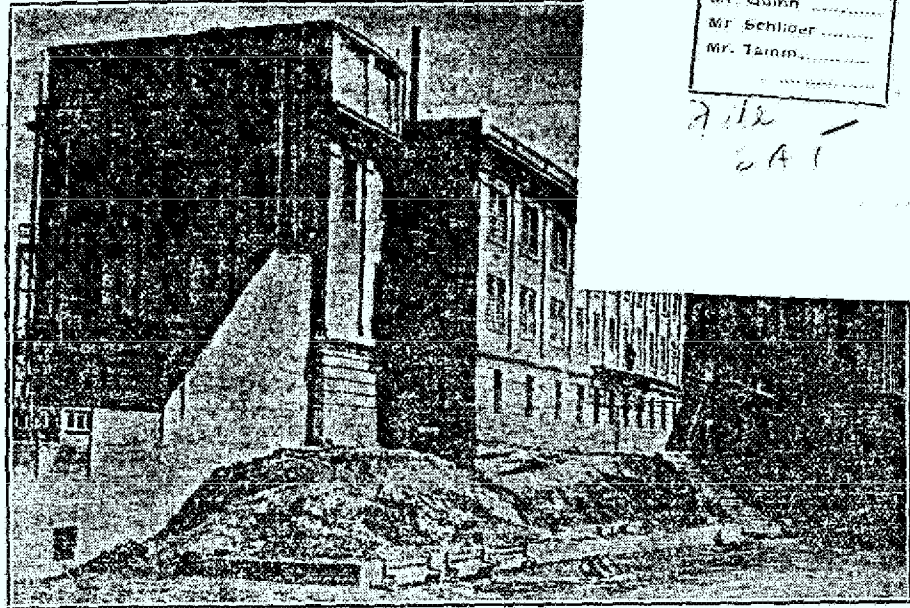
If on schedule, the train bearing the 42 should arrive here Wednesday. It is expected the prisoners will be taken from the train at some small station and brought in armed cars to a point on the bay where they will be put aboard tugs and carried to the island.

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Where Capone May Be Imprisoned



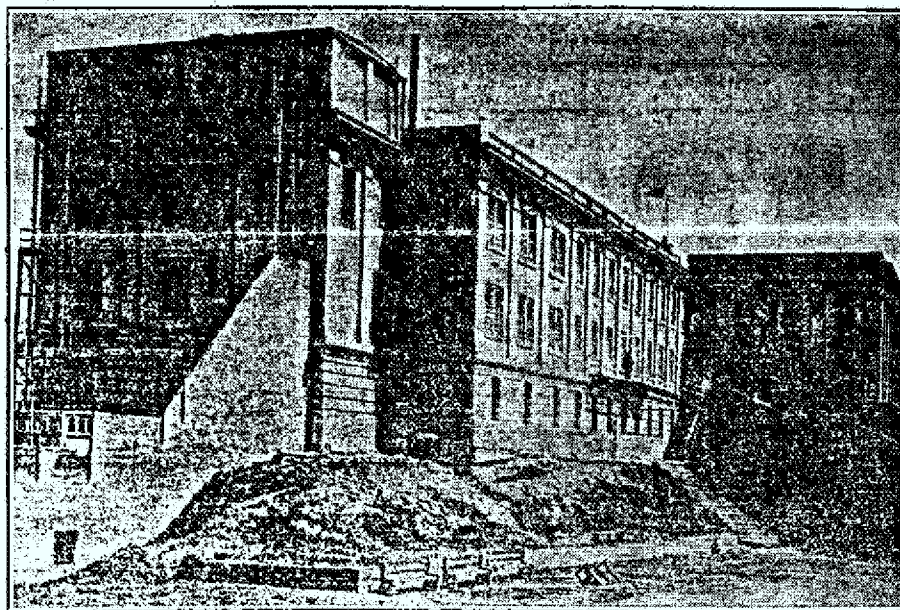
The main building on Alcatraz Island in San Francisco bay, the prison to which Al Capone and other convicts are being moved. In the foreground is the exercise yard. The wing jutting to the right is the main cell block. (Story on page 3.) [Associated Press Photo.]

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Where Capone May Be Imprisoned on Alcatraz Island



The main building on Alcatraz Island in San Francisco bay, the prison to which Al Capone and other convicts are being moved. In the foreground is the exercise yard. The wing jutting to the right is the main cell block.
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CAPONE? TRY UNCLE SAM

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 21.—(AP)—Reports that Al Capone is aboard a heavily guarded train bearing him to the new federal prison on Alcatraz Island remained without official confirmation today.

United States Attorney General Homer S. Cummings declined to discuss the matter after the San Francisco Chronicle quoted him as saying the former Chicago gang leader "is not headed for Alcatraz."

The train, presumably carrying Capone and forty-two other prisoners, passed through El Paso, Tex., about midnight. One of the prisoners, who closely resembled Capone—even to the long scar on his face—waved to a news reporter, but heavily armed guards refused to allow any one to communicate with the prisoners.

The prison cars should reach here late tomorrow.

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THE KANSAS CITY STAR, MONDAY.

ISLAND WAITS FOR CAPONE.

The Convict Population of Alcatraz Is Only Forty-Seven.

(By the Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 20.—Everything is ready for Al Capone—on a rock in San Francisco Bay.

Alcatraz Island, the new federal penitentiary for incorrigibles, to which Capone and forty-two other convicts are being brought, has been ready for several days.

The convict population of the island—a twelve-acre rock a mile and a half from the San Francisco shore—was announced at forty-seven just prior to the attorney general's visit. It is equipped to hold several hundred.

Once a Spanish fortress, the island served for many years as a United States army disciplinary barracks until its transformation into a regular prison. Equipped with the latest devices of steel and weapons against attempted escape, it was described by Attorney General Cummings as "a vital part of our work of segregating the most dangerous criminals."

The swirling currents from the Golden Gate form a natural barrier against escape and also isolate the island against unauthorized communications from the outside.

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AL CAPONE PASSES THROUGH CITY ON WAY TO ALCATRAZ

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Former Overlord of Chicago
Underworld Transferred
from Atlanta

Heavily guarded by government officers, Al Capone, once supreme master of Chicago's underworld and now a federal convict, passed through New Orleans Sunday en route, with 42 other prisoners, to the new Alcatraz prison at San Francisco.

The prisoners are being transferred from the federal penitentiary in Atlanta. Alcatraz prison was recently established to house the more desperate criminals in federal prisons over the country.

The departure of Capone and his convict companions from Atlanta was guarded with the deepest secrecy. The fact that the former underworld chieftain was being transferred did not become known publicly until the train on which he

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was a passenger neared New Orleans.

The federal officers and prisoners traveled aboard private cars attached to a Louisville and Nashville railroad train which reached New Orleans early Sunday night.

The two cars carrying the prisoners and federal agents were switched from the L. and N. engine to a Southern Pacific locomotive at Esplanade avenue and the Mississippi river.

A train ferry was waiting at the river for the transfer, which took place around 5 p. m. The ferry was then dispatched across the river and the train and four coaches of prisoners and guards headed westward.

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CAPONE AND 42 OTHERS SPEEDING TO ISLAND PRISON

**Movement from Atlanta to
Alcatraz Veiled in Deep
Mystery.**

New Orleans, La., Aug. 20.—(P)—Al Capone, America's public enemy No. 1 long before the world had ever heard of John Dillinger, is on his way to a new prison home.

He is being transferred, with great secrecy, from the Atlanta penitentiary to the new Alcatraz prison in San Francisco bay—the prison federal authorities call "impregnable."

With forty-two other prisoners, Capone was whisked out of the penitentiary in Atlanta early yesterday. Guarded by a picked squad of federal agents carrying automatic shotguns, the prisoners were placed in two specially built screened and barred railroad cars and started on their way to Alcatraz—the island prison fortress designed for convicts considered too dangerous to be kept in ordinary penitentiaries.

Identified by Reporters.

Although federal authorities maintained silence about reports the former Chicago gang leader was being sent to the Pacific coast prison, his presence in the group was established by newspaper men when the convict cars arrived here.

Files and other utensils for a jail break found in the cells of some of the forty-three prisoners speeded the plans of the government to send the men to Alcatraz.

The only other known prisoners reported in the group with Capone were "Frisco" Eddie O'Brien, Eddie Colson and Alvin Crip. O'Brien and Colson were train robbers and Crip was a Chicago gunman, at one time an enemy of Capone.

Warden Accompanies Prisoners.

Warden A. C. Aderholt of the Atlanta penitentiary accompanied the prisoners.

Extreme measures were taken by guards to prevent news of the transfer from becoming known. Nothing was done until midnight Saturday. Then, in the darkened cell blocks, guards awakened each man separately and escorted him silently to the prison door. There four guards took him to the railroad cars, where he was assigned quarters for the transcontinental journey.

Capone is serving eleven years for income tax evasion. He was lodged in the Atlanta penitentiary on May 4, 1932.

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Warn Boats to Shun U. S. 'Devil's Island'

BY HAROLD HEROUX,
International News Service Staff
Correspondent.

ALCATRAZ ISLAND, Cal., Aug. 20.—Within a few days ferryboat captains will be changing their courses to avoid coming close to this island in the middle of San Francisco Bay and the site of Uncle Sam's newest federal penitentiary.

Because James A. Johnston, warden of America's so-called "Devil's Island," has erected huge signs for all to read, including ferryboat skippers.

A typical sign, painted in large black letters on a vivid yellow background, reads:

"Warning—Keep Off!"
 "Persons attempting to enter without authority do so at their own risk!"

To back up this warning are numbers of trained gun guards, armed with the latest efficient equipment and stationed in a series of towers; some to be seen from a distance; other guards are concealed.

Advised of a report that Al Capone was being transferred here from Atlanta, Johnston said:

"Whether or not Al Capone is



"Scarface Al" Capone,

coming, we are ready for the worst of them."

Forty-eight "tough customers" are already in cells here.

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CAPONE RUSHED TO NEW 'DEVIL'S ISLAND' CELL

HOUSTON, Tex., Aug. 20.—(By International News Service.)—The train bearing forty-two federal prisoners from Atlanta to Alcatraz prison in San Francisco Bay slipped quietly through Houston early today.

It was not known that the train had passed through Houston until several hours afterward.

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Although federal authorities maintained a tight-lipped silence about reports the former Chicago gang leader was being sent to the Pacific coast prison, his presence in the group was established by newspapermen when the convict cars arrived here.

When the two cars were stopped for a change of trains a prisoner who strongly resembled Capone just grinned when some one called:

"Is that you, Al?"

While the cars waited to be ferried across the Mississippi River the guards kept the curious at a distance, but newspaper men got within hailing distance. One called out:

"Is Al Capone in there?"

One prisoner nodded his head and yelled back:

"In this car, by the sixth window."

SIGHTED IN WINDOW.

The occupant of window No. 6 looked just like the ex-gang lord. He grinned when the reporter called to him and ducked hurriedly—as Capone did in days gone by—when a photographer aimed a camera in his direction.

An unidentified official was asked if Capone had special drawing room accommodations. He replied heatedly:

"Of course he hasn't."

Then he checked himself and added hurriedly:

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WHISK CAPONE ACROSS U. S. TO DUNGEON ISLE

Al Capone and 42 other federal prisoners from Atlanta were on their way today to America's Devil's Island.

As the convicts were being whisked across Texas in two especially built and heavily guarded prison cars, officials of Alcatraz island, the new federal prison in San Francisco bay, pointed out that escape from the place was practically impossible.

Group's Departure Abrupt Life

Capone and the others had been spirited away from the Atlanta penitentiary three days ahead of schedule after it was reported that files had been discovered in the cells of some of the men slated for removal.

The new home of Chicago's erstwhile public enemy No. 1, where he will serve more than eight years of his original 11-year term, was once a Spanish fortress. The island, a grim rock in the middle of the bay, served for many years as a U. S. army disciplinary barracks until its transformation into a regular prison.

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Warden James A. Johnston, on the occasion of the inspection of the prison Saturday by Gen. Cummings, announced that everything was in readiness for the several hundred prisoners scheduled to be taken there.

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Al Capone Is on Way to New 'Devil's Island'

(Picture on Back Page.)

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 19.—(AP)—The Constitution says that Al Capone was among 43 prisoners transferred today from the federal penitentiary here to the government's new Alcatraz Island prison in San Francisco bay.

The transfer was made three days ahead of schedule because of the discovery of flies in the cells of some of the prisoners selected for removal.

In the special car attached to a regular passenger train leaving here at 6:16 a. m. were 19 prisoners who arrived last night from Pennsylvania en route to the new prison to which the government has announced its most notorious prisoners will be sent.

Serves in Shoe Shop.

Capone, former Chicago gang chief, has been doing a turn in the prison shoe shop to which he was assigned upon entering the prison three years ago to serve 11 years for income tax evasion.

Last midnight two passenger coaches were shunted onto the federal penitentiary siding and a few minutes later the guards began marching the prisoners, one by one, from their cells to the cars.

The only prisoners whose names were learned besides Capone were Frisco Eddie O'Brien, Eddie Colson, and Alvin Crip. O'Brien and Colson were identified as notorious train robbers and Crip was said to be a former Chicago gunman and a bitter enemy of Capone before they were sent to the penitentiary.

Keep Convicts in Ignorance.

Working silently and under cover of darkness, the guards took every precaution to keep the news of the transfer from other prisoners, and it was presumed the 43 selected were not aware of the fact until they were tapped on the shoulder and told to dress.

Each prisoner was awakened separately, marched through the darkened cell blocks and escorted from the prison door to the cars by four guards. In the coaches they were assigned immediately to quarters for the trip across the continent to the "Devil's Island" of the United States, from which escape is considered impossible.

Convicts at New Orleans.

New Orleans, La., Aug. 19.—(AP)—Two heavily guarded railroad coaches carrying two score or more prisoners from the federal penitentiary at Atlanta passed through here late today headed for Alcatraz Island.

A picked squad of government agents armed with automatic shotguns guarded the two specially constructed steel barred coaches.

No one was allowed near the cars as they stood for ten minutes shunted off to a siding in the Louisville and Nashville yards waiting to be ferried across the Mississippi river.

Bystanders were able to get within hailing distance.

Says Al's Among Them.

"Is Al Capone in there?" one called out.

A prisoner nodded his head and yelled back: "In this car—by the sixth window."

The prisoner at the sixth window closely resembled Capone.

Unable to distinguish the prisoner because of the poor light, the bystander called out again:

"Is that you, Al?"

"Al," or whoever it was, grinned back, but ducked out of sight when a camera was aimed at him.

At the same time a uniformed prison guard standing on the train steps raised his gun and commanded the photographer to "get away, from here."

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"Of course he hasn't," exclaimed the official. Checking himself, he added hurriedly: "That is, if he was on here he'd be treated just like the rest of them."

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SENT TO 'DEVIL'S ISLAND'



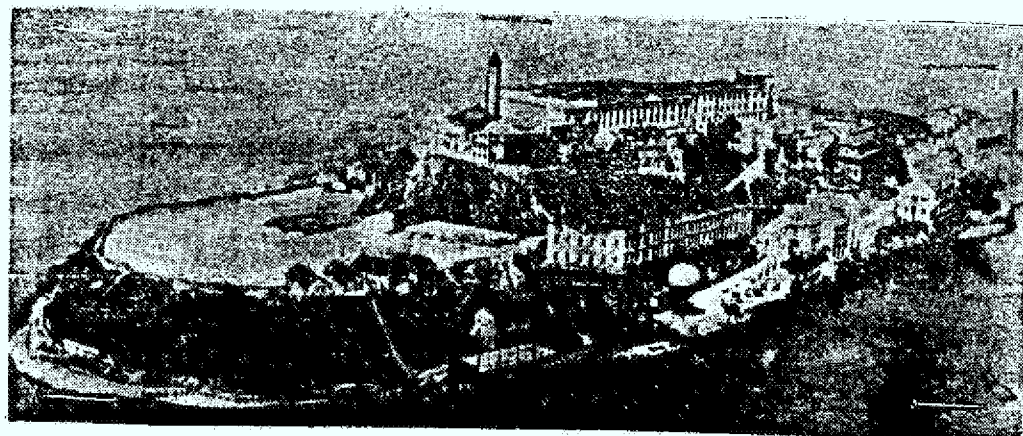
Al Capone, shown at left, Chicago's erstwhile public enemy No. 1, who is being transferred from the Atlanta federal penitentiary to Alcatraz Island prison off the Pacific coast. At bottom right is a view of desolate Alcatraz Island, surrounded by the swirling waters of San Francisco Bay.

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ALCATRAZ SITS ON HIGH BLUFF IN CHOPPY SEA

Prison for Capone Formerly Used by U. S. Military; Only One Escape Recorded

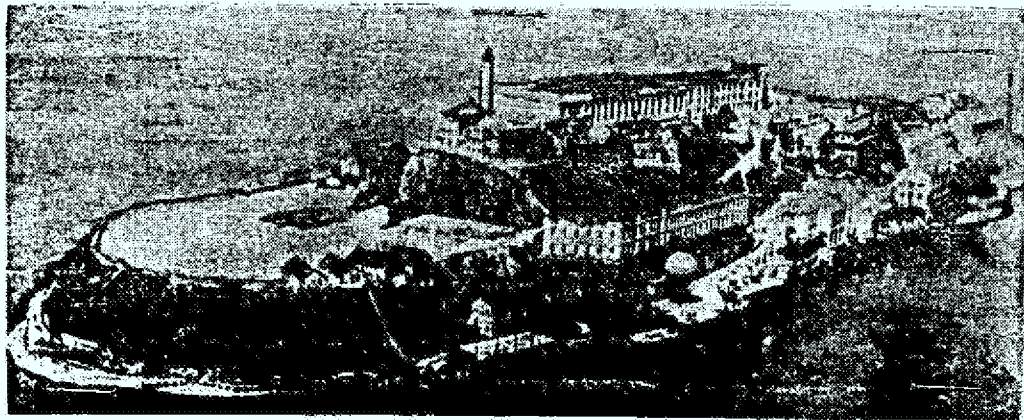
Desolate Alcatraz, known as America's "Devil's Island," was established as a military prison twenty-five years ago. At the request of Attorney General Cummings it was transferred to the Department of Justice last October, so that the government might confine there 600 of its most dangerous convicts.

In the records of the prison during the years it was used by the military, only one escape occurred. This was accomplished through forged release papers.

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Al Capone Bound for Grim Island Prison at Alcatraz

Sped by Train With 42 Others
From Atlanta; Faces Eight
More Years.

From the comparative ease and
quiet of the federal penitentiary at
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Chicago's
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Map shows location of
Alcatraz Island.

The coun-
try's erstwhile No. 1 bad man was
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IN SPECIAL COACHES.

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MOVE DISCLOSED.

Government officials made every
effort to keep Capone's transfer a
secret.

It was understood that the rea-
son for secrecy was to avert any
possibility of an attempt by an
army of criminals to storm the
train and free not only Capone but
the more desperate criminals who
are his traveling companions.

At the federal prison at Atlanta
no confirmation was forthcoming
as to whether there had been a
movement of prisoners.

Capone has been doing a term in
the prison shoe shop, to which he
was assigned upon entering the
prison three years ago to serve
eleven years for income tax evasion.

(A description of Alcatraz pris-
on, America's "Devil's Island," ap-
pears on Page 2.)

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DEL RIO, TEX.--FIFTY-THREE FEDERAL PRISONERS, BELIEVED TO INCLUDE AL CAPONE, PASSED THROUGH HERE TODAY BY TRAIN EN ROUTE TO ALCATRAZ FORTRESS.

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SAN ANTONIO, TEX.--THE TRAIN BELIEVED TO BE CARRYING AL CAPONE AND SOME 40 OTHER PRISONERS FROM ATLANTA TO ALCATRAZ PRISON WAS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE HERE AT 2:50 P.M. FEDERAL AND RAILROAD OFFICIALS MAINTAINED STRICT SECRECY REGARDING THE TRIP.

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PROBE CAPONE RULE OF BERWYN TAVERNS

Mayor Maurice Shay of Berwyn today ordered Chief of Police John Regan to investigate all taverns in the suburb, and if he finds any former associates in the one-powerful Capone syndicate to run them out of town. The action followed reports that the Caponeites have been moving their gambling interests from Cicero to Berwyn.

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Berwyn Balks Capone Gang Tavern Rule

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Tavern owners are said to have been promised immunity from the 1 o'clock closing ordinance if they took on beer put out by breweries in which the gangsters have an interest.

Mayor Shay revealed he had

asked for the resignations of Frank O. Rettig and David Radcliffe, members of the police and fire commission.

Mayor Shay's action followed a conference of Cook County village mayors with State's Attorney Courtney last Tuesday. At that time Mr. Shay was complimented by the prosecutor for closing the Club Ritz in Berwyn, when it was learned that "Machine Gun Jack" McGurn and Louis "Doc" Stacy, well-known hoodlums, had an interest in the place.

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BERWYN MAYOR ACTS TO BLOCK OLD CAPONE GANG

Reports Hoodlums Are Invading Town.

Acting on reports that members of the once powerful Capone gang were invading Berwyn with their slot machines, gambling houses, and outlaw liquor, Mayor Maurice Shay yesterday ordered Chief of Police John Regan to make a thorough investigation of every tavern owner. Should any of them be found to have hoodlum connections, the mayor said, their licenses will be revoked immediately.

For some time reports have been current that the old Capone syndicate has been gradually shifting its seat from Cicero to Berwyn, the suburb directly to the west. Concerted action by the state's attorney and federal agents in seizing slot machines and raiding illicit stills is believed to have spurred the gangsters to seek a more quiet territory for their business.

Taverns Promised Immunity.

Tavern owners are said to have been promised immunity from the 1 o'clock closing ordinance if they took on beer put out by breweries in which the gangsters have an interest. This protection is reported to have been arranged through certain town officials. Mayor Shay said yesterday that he had decided to act on these reports.

"It has been brought to my attention that certain political appointees and office holders are encouraging the migration of the gangsters," he asserted. "While I have nothing definite on which to act, I have ordered Chief Regan to investigate the records of every tavern owner."

War on Gambling.

The mayor and Chief Regan consulted the state's attorney recently on the alleged activities of a slot machine and gambling syndicate in the suburb. After promising his cooperation, State's Attorney Courtney complimented the mayor on his recent action with regard to the Club Ritz at Wesley avenue and Roosevelt road.

The club opened for a few days before a license had been applied for. Mayor Shay said when he learned "Machine Gun Jack" McGurn, Capone gunner, and Louis (Doc) Stacey, another well known hoodlum, were reported to be interested in it he closed the club immediately. Recently it was reopened under reputable management, he declared.

Ministers Pledge Aid.

When apprised of the investigation the Rev. Warren M. Clark, president of the Berwyn Ministers' association, promised the cooperation of the organization to keep hoodlums out of the suburb. At a recent board meeting another citizen arose and announced that unless village officials took action, he would see to it that a vigilance committee was formed to take matters into their own hands.

Following the board meeting Tuesday night, Mayor Shay revealed he had asked for the resignations of Frank O. Rettig and David Radcliffe, the two members of the police and fire commission, holdover appointees from the previous administration. "For the good of the community and the department," was the reason Mayor Shay gave for his action. He said they would be replaced by a board of three.

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Capone Hurts Hand in Prison Shop

A hand injury, received in the shoe shop of the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., is forcing Al Capone, former Chicago beer lord, to go to the prison hospital daily for treatment. The injury is not serious, it was learned, but physicians are carefully watching it.

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Big-Shot Al Capone Bets Cigaretts on Prison Pugilists

ATLANTA, July 5.—(AP)—Al Capone enjoyed his Fourth of July—he took time out from work in a shoe shop at the federal penitentiary to watch a two-hour boxing show.

The one-time big gang leader of Chicago, in the best of health, climbed on a bench and shouted advice to the boxers and wagered cigarette on the outcome of the fights, cigarette being the legal tender of the penitentiary. The show was an all-prison affair.

Capone entered the prison two years ago. He is serving eleven years for federal income tax evasion.

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CAPONE LOSES LIBERTY PLEA

NEW ORLEANS, May 29.—
(AP.)—Al Capone, American No. 1 public enemy of prohibition times, today lost his appeal for release from the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga.

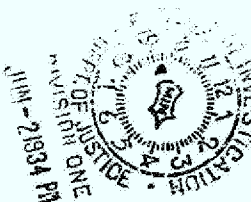
The United States District Court of Appeals here denied the appeal of the former gangster chief of Chicago for release from the penitentiary on a writ of habeas corpus where he is serving a 10 year sentence for evasion of the income tax laws.

The former beer and liquor baron sought the writ on the contention that the offenses for which he was convicted were barred by the three-year statute of limitations.

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THE APPLICATION FOR THE WRIT, APPEALED FROM THE ATLANTA DISTRICT COURT, WAS BASED ON CAPONE'S CONTENTION THAT THE STATUTE OF LIMITATION HAD EXPIRED WHEN HE WAS INDICTED FOR DEFRAUDING THE GOVERNMENT C INCOME TAX.

THE DECISION WAS WRITTEN BY SENIOR CIRCUIT JUDGE NATHAN P. BRYAN, AND CIRCUIT JUDGES JOSEPH C. HUTCHINSON, JR., AND SAMUEL H. SIBLEY.

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Capone Lawyers File New Writ for Liberty

**Court Sets Saturday for U. S.
to Act on Plea**

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 15 (AP).—
Another effort to obtain the release
of Alvin Karpis, Chicago gangster
now serving a 30-year term in the
Atlanta Federal penitentiary for in-
come tax evasion, was made today
when lawyers filed a writ of habeas
corpus in Federal District
Court.

Judge E. Marvin Anderson set
10 A. M. Saturday for the hearing
when the Government will be called upon
to show cause why Karpis should not
be released. The writ also asks that
Capone be released for the
hearing. In the petition, attorneys
allegations are made regarding the
statute of limitations in the
Capone's case and the charges were
made that he was being held in
The petition was filed by
Doughman, Atlanta, who
is associated with William C. Leahy
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CAPONE MUSTERS PRISON MOB TO SAVE SELF FROM FOES

Who are the men that form Al Capone's bodyguard in the Atlanta Penitentiary and protect him from the threat of assassination, stalking him even behind prison walls? In this, the last installment of his fascinating series on Capone, Tarleton Collier describes the big boy's cellmates and their manner of operation as an "inside mob."

BY TARLETON COLLIER.

ATLANTA, Nov. 11.—A dark-eyed stripling paused at the telegraph desk in an Atlanta hotel lobby the other night and wrote a message to his father. It announced the lad's safe arrival. It concluded:

"You are the bull head in the world.—Son."

The boy was John Capone, son of prisoner No. 40884 of the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary. Arriving from Chicago for his monthly visit to his father, he had performed the first duty imposed on him by his father's friends, to say all was well and he had added for himself that assurance of loyalty.

REDEEMING QUALITY.

Alphonse Capone, undoubtedly possessed some quality that attracts the loyalty of those he trusts and commands without it he could not have become the leader of a powerful outlaw empire in which men lived and fattened on violence, and every one had a price on his head.

This loyalty, may not always be

metal clubs from the prison shops are no less dangerous.

DOMINATES FIVE MEN.

Capone dominates also the five men who live with him in cell 3-7 of section "A" in the Atlanta prison. It is a mutually sympathetic group which dwells there (subject, of course, to being shifted at any time even as this is written). They are outlaws with the burden of many years imprisonment upon them, restless and reckless souls.

Sentences of the six men total 117 years and all but one of the other five are facing longer terms than Al Capone. That one is Joe McCann, sent from New York for money order theft and falsification and, like Capone, in for a stretch of ten years.

The others have the name of desperate criminals, as their hopeless, long terms signify, and three of them have known the game of long chances.

Denny Kolback and Chippie Robinson are two of them. They were partners in a mail robbery venture in St. Louis which ended, as all outlaw ventures must end at last, in failure, in arrest and in



BODYGUARD—One of Al Capone's cell-mates, who acts as a bodyguard in prison. This is Joseph McCann, serving 10 years for money order theft in New York.

inspired by affection as in the case of his son. Reward of one sort or another, promise of reward, or moral and spiritual intimidation may gather men to a leader.

In the Atlanta penitentiary Capone has mustered a following of fellow-prisoners, a sort of new mob, who accompany him upon occasions of recreation when all prisoners mingle together.

He may need help sometime, because he has enemies here and in a sense is "on the spot," envious of his reputed wealth, several prisoners are known to have made arrogant demands upon him for money. A more active danger menaces from underworld figures who had reason to hate him in the old gang days and whom fate

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Carter Rose is another of Capone's cellmates in for a 25-year stretch. He was sentenced in Atlanta, also, for mail robbery. Armand Marquis is the sixth man of the group. Marquis is the unusual type, a "dark, intense, nervous man. He has the name of being a "pyromaniac," a "fire-bug," and he is doing 22 years for arson.

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And then there are men whose dislike he has incurred for one reason or another — for grievances fancied, trivial, or serious — since he has been here. Already there are tales of several brushes in which Capone or members of his bodyguard have figured — fights the details of which have been carefully veiled by the tight-

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Others who have dwelled in section "A" say there has never been a quarrel among these prisoners.

There has never been a difference, for example, about the occupancy of the bunks, two of which are upper berths, four lower. Capone sleeps below.

Number 40888 watches silently



PARTNER—Edward W. O'Brien, who is Al Capone's usual tennis partner in the Atlanta Federal prison. O'Brien was star shortstop of the prison ball team known as the "Commodore Feds."

slipped attitude of the underworld and which have not gone into Capone's conduct record.

In the bodyguard of the big shot are to be found "Barber" Rocco, "Dago" Marks, Carl Bolton, known as "Pegleg," Armand Marquis, "Suwanee," a laundry worker; a prisoner from Washington known generally as "Lifer," another named McGinnis, and a few others.

This bodyguard is vigilant and loyal. Capone, accustomed to vigilance outside, figures he may need help here. The old menace of machine guns and shotgun slugs is gone, but knives and

with a contained interest while his cellmates play at dominoes in the leisure hour after the radio is turned off. Cards and dice being forbidden—although the latter are contrived occasionally in secret—prisoners have devised a sort of poker to be played with dominoes.

It can, and does at times, become a furious gambling game, but Capone rarely takes part. He is the backer of gamblers rather than himself a participant.

With no great amount of money in circulation among the prisoners cigarettes become the prison currency. With cigarettes you buy favors, you reward services, you tip the barber, you bet on ball games. They are legal tender in this half-world.

Neither at gambling nor backing gamblers, whether the pawn is a cigarette or a million dollars, is Al Capone likely to be stirred or discomfited. He is described as a "deep one," poised and rational. His habits and tastes are normal and intelligently calculated to be of service to his needs.