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Wide World Wire Photo.

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## 'Shakes as With Palsy' At G-Men's Quizzing; Kidnap Trial Is Speeded

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 2 (U.S.)—Rushed here in a 14-passenger chartered plane after his sensational capture in New Orleans, Alvin Karpis, the nation's most desperate public enemy, was in a cell tonight to await trial in the Edward G. Bremer and William Hamm kidnappings.

J. Edgar Hoover, who set a startling precedent by flying to New Orleans to stage in person the trapping and capture of the No. 1 public enemy, took part again today in the renewed grilling of Karpis whose gang collected \$300,000 for the ransom of Hamm, wealthy brewer, and Bremer, St. Paul banker, and profited at least another \$200,000 from their mail and bank robberies.

### FLIES WITH AGENTS

Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was aboard the plane when it roared out of New Orleans late last night with five of his men guarding the heavily manacled prisoner.

And he was first to step out when the big ship slid smoothly into the hangar of the Minnesota National Guard, at the airport here at 8:45 a. m.

Karpis soon appeared, coatless, a straw hat on his head and shivering in temperature 30 degrees below that which he left in New Orleans. On each side and back of him walked grim G-men, their pistols and sawed-off shotguns ready for instant use. Karpis' hands were still manacled.

### CALLS HIM 'RAT'

Hoover gave some insight into the actual capture late in the day when he said:

"Stammering, stuttering, shaking as though he had the palsy, the man upon whom was bestowed the title of Public Enemy No. 1 folded up like the yellow rat he is."

Asked whom the Government now classes as Public Enemy No. 1, Hoover said:

"We don't rank the yellow rats. It is you fellows who do that for us. But if you want to know whom I rank as Public Enemy No. 1 today it is Old Man Politics."

### PAY NO REWARD

Hoover scoffed at reports that Karpis was delivered into their trap by a beautiful brunette who will collect the \$5,000 reward offered by the Department of Justice. Hoover said the G-men worked without outside assistance and that no reward will be paid.

### Hunter Kin Quizzed By Federal Agents

WARREN, Ohio, May 2 (U.S.). The 72-year-old father and a brother of Fred Hunter, newly-captured Karpis gangster, and the younger man's sweetheart, a pretty 25-year-old girl, were subjected to prolonged questioning by Federal agents in Warren jail today.

Simultaneously, another force of Federal operatives was conducting a search on the Hunter's farm near Warren for any trace of hidden loot from the \$46,000 Garrettsville (Ohio) mail train robbery and possible bank robberies in which the Karpis mob was involved.

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## Remarkable Resemblance to Campbell

Doctor's Wife Hits on  
Secret of Identity—  
but Tribune Erred

Just because a country doctor's wife happens to possess unusually sharp eyes a lot of excitement was caused last week. First, the little town of Mead, Ok., got excited. Then The Tribune news staff got excited. And finally America's enemy No. 2 almost got caught—but he wasn't. It all turned out to be a terrible mistake—and it was The Tribune's fault at that.

Several weeks ago a photograph of Harry Campbell, Oklahoma gunman who recently developed into a big-time desperado, appeared on the front page of the Sunday Tribune. In the sports section of the same paper there was an article about Harry Oswald, billiard champion, which was to have been accompanied by a picture.

But there was some sort of a mix-up down in the composing room and the picture of Campbell somehow got into the story about Oswald. Only a few hundred copies of that edition got off the presses before the mistake was discovered and the matter set to rights, but the damage had been done.

FRIDAY A LETTER ARRIVED from Mrs. W. G. Austin of Mead which read as follows:

Dear Sirs: (confidentially speaking) I am only a country doctor's wife, but I do read the papers and try to inform myself of what's going on around me—and after seeing the picture of Harry Campbell on the front page of The Tribune and then one of Harry Oswald on the inside covers I have watched the papers impatiently for a report of Harry Oswald's arrest as the real Harry Campbell.

"My friends and I have compared every feature of their hair line, eyebrows, noses, even to the careless swing of their ties, and we have decided as to looks that Oswald would grace the electric chair very well in Campbell's place.

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"PLEASE LOOK THEM OVER and see what you think and tell your attorney general and his bunch of G-men that if they want to share that reward with men they had better get busy. Please investigate.

Very truly yours," etc.

Puzzled reporters turned to the files, but found only a picture of the real Oswald, cue in hand and bearing not the slightest resemblance to the criminal. Then somebody recalled the quickly-rectified error.

A letter has been sent to Mrs. Austin, complimenting her on her eyesight and her public spirit, and apologizing for The Tribune's mistake.

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## A Bloodless Capture

The quiet capture of Alvin Karpis, rated as America's public enemy No. 1, is another feather in the cap of the investigation bureau of the department of justice.

Only recently when the appropriation for the activity of the G-Men came up there were loud dissenters who demanded a reduction in the amount of money spent on this type of law enforcement. The protesters contended that the G-Men were "running wild" over the country and had turned the public streets into shooting galleries endangering the lives of law-abiding citizens.

Nothing could be farther from the truth. Department of justice investigators always tried taking their prisoners without the use of bullets. The result was that several of them were sacrificed to too cautious methods in handling dangerous and desperate fugitives.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the bureau, took no chances on this capture. He hopped a plane and was in New Orleans when Karpis stepped into the trap. It was as fine a piece of detective work as this country has ever seen. For two years the investigators trailed Karpis. Relentlessly they kept at the job. Several times he slipped from their hands. But G-men, being true to their trust, kept on, knowing that in the end they would have their prisoner.

Those dissenters who deplored the cost of law enforcement and begrudged the investigation bureau the few dollars its needs to operate should take a look at the cost of uncontrolled crime. It costs every citizen in the United States \$120 a year to pay the invisible crime tax. Deduct this figure from your annual budget and see how much more coal you could buy or how much better house you could afford to own if you were not saddled with the luxury of crime.

Mr. Hoover has won the unqualified respect of every criminal, large and small, in the country. So far he has tackled only the big ones who have defied the law. These include such desperadoes as John Dillinger, Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd and "Baby Face" Nelson.

Mr. Hoover has done an admirable job. His budget should not be reduced. It should be doubled and redoubled until every major criminal is run out of the country and the family incomes relieved of the annual crime budget of \$120 a year.

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The "G-men" put on a good show in capturing Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, who is one of the few remaining major gangsters at large.

It was a good show because it went through exactly as scheduled and rehearsed. The slightest slip would have brought a blaze of gunfire and death. The government agents have been thoroughly learning their parts in these modern desperado captures. Upon precision and perfection of performance depend lives and the success of the drive against crime.

But there was another angle to the show that must not be overlooked. The government agents, in trying to make the capture as safe as possible, also try to humiliate the gangster as much as possible. The tough gang leader, the big shot in crime, the "boss" before whom lesser crooks trembled, is taken without resistance, without a shot being fired.

Karpis, as many another desperado before him, had sworn never to be taken alive. The publicity attendant on the ignominious end of such a blatant enemy of law and order is worth a great deal to a younger generation, fed up on the heroics of gangland. Possibly the desperado is glad that the affair turned out that way, relieving him of the necessity of carrying out his boast. But, of course, he cannot let that be known.

The capture of Karpis, charged with kidnaping and murder, after a search of three years and an intensive rehearsal for two months in New Orleans, is due to the dogged persistence of the "G-men." It just about wipes the slate clean in Uncle Sam's war against the public enemies.

We think the melodramatic effect of the Karpis capture was a little overdone, however, in the presence of J. Edgar Hoover on the spot. The "chief" could have as effectively ruled from Washington, where he has been on previous occasions of this sort. As it was, he grabbed off as much newspaper space as the gangster himself.

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International News Service.  
NEW ORLEANS, La., May 2. — Department of Justice agents today maintained a tight-lipped silence regarding the attractive young girl with honey-colored hair, the "mystery woman" in the capture of Alvin Karpis here.

His companion, Fred Hunter, also was captured. To inquiries as to whether the woman had "put the finger on Karpis," federal sleuths merely shrugged their shoulders.

## WOMAN "SUAVE"

Hunter and the woman were kept prisoners in the United States Bureau of Investigation offices and it was known that the G-men were checking her record.

The "mystery woman" is about 24, attractive, and of suave manner.

Hunter, of slight build like Karpis, was heavily chained.

NEW ORLEANS, May 2.—(AP.)—G-men, who captured Alvin Karpis, said today that a search of the apartment where Karpis resided for about a month with "Ruth" had yielded "plenty."

## QUESTION GRILL

David W. Magee, head of the local federal bureau, while his men continued to question "Ruth," the pretty "girl in white" and Fred Hunter, who is wanted for a \$34,000 mail robbery in Garrettsville, O., declared:

"We've found plenty."

Magee refused to go into detail.

Magee said he did not know the identity of "Ruth," but that her fingerprints were being checked in Washington in an effort to learn whether she was wanted by the government.

## GUARDED IN SLEEP

Throughout the night the girl was griled, along with Hunter.

Ruth and Hunter were furnished cots, bedding and meals in the offices of Magee and have not made their appearance outside of the building since they were captured, early last night.

All night officers with machine guns and pistols guarded the prisoners. They said both refused to talk.

## Karpis, in Chains, Under Heavy Guard in St. Paul

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 2.—(INS.)—Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, escorted by J. Edgar Hoover, G-men and a squad of his

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# Karpis' Girl Grilled, Kidnapers in Chains

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was brought here by plane today. A regiment of peace officers, bristling with machine guns and rifles, greeted Karpis at the municipal airport.

Included in the heavily-armed escort was a detachment of armed men from the Minnesota National Guard.

## SURROUNDED BY GUARDS

When the big airliner came to the ground, the army of agents and troops converged upon it.

There was a hurried conference at its door between Clinton W. Stein, agent in charge of the St. Paul office of the Department of Justice, and Hoover.

Then the doors of the 109th Minnesota National Guard hangar were flung open and the ship slowly proceeded under its own power into the hangar and the doors were closed and locked.

## KARPIS INDIFFERENT

Inside were six automobiles belonging to the Federal men. Karpis, manacled and surrounded, was hustled into one of them. The others were quickly crowded with G-Men and the cavalcade drove through the downtown streets to the Federal court house where, through a milling crowd, the gang chief was taken to face further questioning.

Karpis, clad in a white shirt and wearing no coat, was tanned and healthy looking.

The gang chief's fright and nervousness lived up to the nickname of "Old Creepy" given him by his pals, because he even got on their hardened nerves.

## INTENSIVE MANHUNT

Authorities were undecided whether they would prosecute him for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, banker, who paid \$100,000 ransom, or William Hamm, from whom it was alleged Karpis and his mob received a total of \$300,000 ransom.

The capture of Karpis ended one of the most intensive man-hunts in the Department of Justice history. For more than two years the G-Men hung on his trail until last night they closed in at New Orleans.

The gun man surrendered without a shot being fired. The 26-year-old gangster, cor-

nered in the Louisiana city, surrendered in abject fashion.

Aboard the plane, Karpis was chained to his seat.

## G-MEN TRAP QUARRY

While Karpis, the mystery girl, "Ruth," and Hunter, walked toward a parked automobile in the residential section of New Orleans, Hoover and his men, who had surrounded the house where the gangster was staying, raised their guns and commanded the trio to halt.

Karpis wheeled around and threw up his hands.

His companions followed suit. Automobiles rushed them to the Federal Building where the trio underwent a relentless grilling.

## HOOVER TELLS NEWS

Then newspaper men were called in and Hoover made the laconic statement:

"We have today taken Alvin Karpis into custody without firing of a single shot."

Karpis carried a pistol underneath his belt. He made no attempt to shoot, although he had boasted:

"I never will be taken alive." Hoover revealed that he had known Karpis was in and out of New Orleans for the past two months.

He was asked: "Did Karpis resist?" "He never had a chance. There were too many guns on him."

"How many?" "We never give out figures." Hoover personally put Karpis into the automobile, giving him a "gentle shove" to take him to the New Orleans airport.

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# KARPIS' 'WIFE' HIDES IDENTITY IN SILENCE

"Sweet Little Woman"  
Known Only as Ruth;  
New Clues Found

NEW ORLEANS, May 2 (A. P.)—

The identity of the attractive red haired woman who posed as the wife of Alvin Karpis, the Nation's most hunted criminal, before his capture here, was a guarded secret today of Federal agents—if they knew themselves.

The young woman, in her early 20's, was taken into custody when Karpis and Fred Hunter, wanted in the \$34,000 Garrettsville, O., mail robbery, were captured yesterday outside their apartment in a pretentious residential section.

While the woman, identified only as "Ruth," and Hunter were held here, Karpis was flown to St. Paul, where he is wanted in connection with the kidnapping of Edward Bremer and William Hamm, Jr.

Department of Justice agents remaining in New Orleans divided their time between questioning the woman and Hunter and searching the apartment occupied by Karpis with his "wife."

## G-Men Find "Plenty"

David W. Magee, inspector in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation here, said the search yielded "plenty." He declined to elaborate.

The apartment was under guard of the Federal men and even the owner and manager was denied entrance.

One of the investigators took two

traveling bags, a flashlight, fishing tackle and a .22 calibre rifle with a telescope sight from the Karpis apartment and carried it to the office.

Mrs. J. S. Meyer, owner and manager of the apartment, expressed surprise over the raid. She described the diminutive Karpis as "not much more than a boy, so small and delicate looking" and so kind to his wife under the alias of Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Hara that she "just could not believe" it was Karpis to whom she had rented the apartment.

## "Sweet Little Woman"

Mrs. Meyer described "Ruth" as acting like "just the sweetest little woman I have met in a long time," and said that the only strange thing about the couple she noticed was they never left the apartment much.

Ruth at times smiled and chatted with the Federal men in the guarded quarters and smoked cigarettes. Hunter was heard now and then to rattle his manacles.

Magee said the woman would not talk and that her fingerprints had been sent to Washington for identification purposes.

She and Hunter were held in the locked offices of Magee on the third floor of the Federal Building and there was no immediate indication of removing them from there to the Federal Prison.

Wallace Briggs, inspector in charge at Cincinnati, was reported enroute to New Orleans to take charge of Hunter and may remove him to Ohio.

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# G-MEN SEEKING ALL WHO AIDED KARPIS

More Arrests Predicted by Hoover; Face-lifting Doctor Dead

CHICAGO, May 2 (A. P.).—A series of new arrests along the crime trail of Alvin Karpis, captured "Public Enemy No. 1," was prophesied tonight by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the U. S. Justice Department's Bureau of Investigation.

A "diligent search" was under way for "anyone who harbored or aided" the gangster in his long flight from justice, Hoover asserted during a brief stop here on an airplane flight from St. Paul—where Karpis was a prisoner—to New York.

"Doctors, auto mechanics, private airplane pilots, gasoline station attendants and others" were under surveillance, he said, and "arrests will be made."

Although refusing to say directly how many aides Karpis had, Hoover hinted at the possibility of a large number by citing that whereas "there were only five in the actual (Hamm and Bremer) kidnap band, 26 persons are now under arrest in the case."

Hoover said Karpis definitely was known to have used private airplanes in fleeing the law.

It was also known, the chief of the Federal men added, that Karpis' face was lifted by Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Chicago, after the Bremer kidnapping.

So far as his department knew, Hoover said, Moran was dropped into Lake Michigan by underworld fellows who thought he talked too much.

Hoover said Karpis' capture in New Orleans was solely the result of investigation on the part of his men. There was no "tip off" like that of the "woman in red" in John Dillinger's case, he said.

Karpis was still under questioning in the St. Paul office of the Bureau of Investigation, Hoover continued, adding that the gangster probably would be arraigned on the Hamm kidnap charge on Monday.

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## **'CAGE' FOR KARPIS A 14-PLACE PLANE**

**Taken From East by Hoover in  
Preparation for Capture of the  
Outlaw at New Orleans.**

By The Associated Press.

KANSAS CITY, May 2.—J. Edgar Hoover took a "cage" for Alvin Karpis with him when he went to New Orleans to arrest the outlaw. The "cage" was the fourteen-passenger plane used to fly Karpis to St. Paul today after the arrest of the notorious criminal.

Details of the dramatic dash of the agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation became known at the airport here not until hours after they occurred, so strict was the secrecy with which they were surrounded.

Only then was a cryptically labeled "Flight No. 7" revealed as the sky prison of Karpis.

The huge plane was specially chartered in the East and made a stop at Washington to pick up Mr. Hoover for the climax at New Orleans.

With Karpis in custody, the flight for St. Paul started from New Orleans at 8:30 o'clock last night.

Instead of the plane being designated in radio dispatches as a "special" flight, the air lines cooperated with the desire of Mr. Hoover to have secrecy and the flight became simply "No. 7" in the dispatches and radio contacts in the air. Any one using short-wave sets to listen in would never have suspected that "No. 7" was in reality a prison plane with a dangerous prisoner as its passenger.

Arriving at St. Louis, "Flight No. 7" could not proceed on the next

leg to St. Paul because of a storm, so the flight dispatcher gave weather conditions here and the plane proceeded to Kansas City. It was rolled into the shops without any attention being called to it.

The agents were aided by the fact that other regular passenger flights were arriving at the same time and airport attendants furthered the secrecy with denials that Karpis would pass through here.

A half hour after its arrival the first person to leave the plane was Mr. Hoover, who went to the airport restaurant and had something to eat. When he returned the other agents took turns in going to the restaurant. The last ones to go over brought back a sandwich and coffee for Karpis and he ate in the plane.

Finally the machine took off at 5:30 A. M. (Central standard time). It reached St. Paul at 8:50.

THE HIDEOUT OF KARPIS IN NEW ORLEANS, AND HIS CAPTURE



Associated Press Photo.

The house where the long-sought Public Enemy No. 1 and a woman companion occupied the lower apartment as Mr. and Mrs. O'Hara, together with another man listed as Fred Hunter.



Associated Press Photo.

Shackled and coatless, Karpis is led to a Police Department automobile by two of the G-men who brought about his capture.

# KARPIS IN ST. PAUL FOR KIDNAP TRIAL

Heavily Shackled, He Is Taken  
Off Plane and Hustled Away  
Through Cordon of Guns.

FACES LIFE TERM AT LEAST

So Scared When Captured He  
Couldn't Talk, Hoover Says  
—Plastic Surgery Futile.

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.  
ST. PAUL, May 2.—Heavily shackled and surrounded by a cordon of machine gunners, Alvin Karpis, the nation's No. 1 desperado, was brought back to St. Paul by airplane today to face trial on kidnapping charges.

With his arrival here at 8:47 A. M. (Central standard time) following his capture by Federal agents in New Orleans last night, it was disclosed that the outlaw had emulated John Dillinger in having his face altered by plastic surgery in an attempt to perfect his disguise.

"But even with the plastic surgery he was easily recognizable from his picture," said J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who took personal charge in the capture and return of Karpis.

"He had two scars on his ears, apparently for the purpose of lifting his face, and a cut in the lobe of each ear. But he still looks exactly like his picture.

"The operation was performed by Dr. Joseph A. Moran of Chicago (gang doctor supposedly slain), who was paid \$350 by Karpis. But the job wasn't worth 30 cents."

The sullen young bandit was landed here slightly more than twelve hours after he left the Louisiana city in a "prison plane," guarded by eight Federal agents.

Shivering in a temperature just above freezing, somewhat out of keeping with his Summer suit and straw hat, Karpis was hustled from the plane immediately after it was taxied into a National Guard hangar. He was put in one of a gagup of five automobiles and, surrounded by machine guns in the speedy trip, was taken to the Federal

## Questioned in Two Cases

—The long-sought criminal, who had boasted that he would never be taken alive, was questioned by authorities regarding the kidnappings of William Hamm, brewer, and Edward G. Bremer, banker, which yielded a total ransom of \$300,000, and numerous other crimes with which he had been linked.

Although George F. Sullivan, Federal District Attorney, declared he had no plans for arraigning Karpis, Mr. Hoover said he believed the gangster would be arraigned Monday for the Hamm kidnapping.

Representatives of the Postoffice Department Inspection Service said at Washington that efforts would

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be made to try Karpis for the \$14,000 Garrettsville, Ohio, mail-train robbery last November unless he received a death sentence in an earlier trial.

Mr. Hoover told details of the capture and the trip to St. Paul. He said Karpis was "so damned scared he couldn't talk" when the agents swarmed around his car in front of the pretentious apartment house in which he had been living.

"Karpis said he'd never be taken alive," Mr. Hoover said, "but we took him without firing a shot. That marked him as a dirty, yellow rat. He was scared to death when we closed in on him. He shook all over—his voice, his hands and his knees."

Federal agents said Karpis and the two captured with him, Fred Hunter and a woman known as "Ruth," who posed as Karpis's wife, had been under surveillance by Federal agents for two or three days before their capture.

"When we had definite information Karpis was in New Orleans," Mr. Hoover explained, "we surrounded the apartment house in which he lived."

"We nabbed the three when they came out and entered their car. There was a rifle in the back seat, but neither Karpis nor Hunter had a chance to reach for it. Neither carried pistols."

Mr. Hoover revealed that several persons suspected of harboring Karpis were expected to be arrested soon. The entire department was following every connection the gangster had, he said, and "it is a good chance that there will be a number of arrests soon."

Karpis's capture was the culmination of a long and patient manhunt, which carried agents through many States, Mr. Hoover declared. Karpis visited the Florida hide-out of "Ma" Barker two days before agents raided it and killed "Ma" and her son, later shot his way out of Atlantic City and since had been trailed widely.

"After the Garrettsville robbery last November, Karpis went South," Mr. Hoover continued. "He has remained there ever since, spending his time fishing and hunting. The day we captured him Karpis planned to go on a fishing trip in the Gulf, but changed his mind."

"As far as we know he did not have even the nucleus of a gang about him. He was playing a lone hand because he was smart and because he was 'hot.' He sincerely believed that he had thrown the agents off his trail and would be able to live peacefully and quietly."

During the flight here Karpis laughingly declared he had "an ironclad alibi" for at least one crime of which he was accused, Mr. Hoover said. A newspaper story which the gangster read told that a Sheriff had identified him as one of the participants in a robbery in Detroit yesterday.

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"After he read the story," Mr. Hoover said, "Karpis laughed and said: 'Well, it looks like I have a good alibi on that job.'"

The Federal chief declared Karpis was wanted for three kidnappings—the Hamm and Bremer crimes and the abduction of a doctor whose car was commandeered after the gunman shot his way out of the trap in Atlantic City. Karpis already is under indictment for the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings.

He also was sought for the slaying of a Sheriff in Missouri, fifteen bank robberies, three or four mail hold-ups, and complicity in the slaying of several other persons, Mr. Hoover said.

Karpis was held temporarily in the Federal Building here, but it was expected he would be moved to the Ramsey County Jail and held there until arraigned. Even when he is placed in the county jail, Karpis will be guarded by Department of Justice agents, and the agents made preparations today to provide a guard as they have done in other instances when dangerous criminals have been held there.

It is expected that precautions will be taken to guard against a possible delivery. The front door of the jail was barred when Touhy and Karpis-Barker gangsters were held there. The only entrance then available was in the rear of the building, accessible through a narrow alley.

Meanwhile, Karpis's two companions are still being held in New Orleans pending arrival of postal inspectors to take Hunter back to Ohio, where he will be tried on the Garrettsville mail robbery charge.

The long flight from New Orleans was made with no untoward incidents except for wide detours and several stops necessitated by bad flying weather. Karpis was shackled hand and foot and chained to his seat during the journey.

Mr. Hoover had chartered the fourteen-passenger "prison plane" in the East and took it along with him when he went to New Orleans to seize the outlaw.

The plane left New Orleans at 8:30 o'clock last night, sped northward to Indianapolis, and then detoured West to St. Louis and Kansas City. It waited at the latter city three and a half hours for better flying conditions. To insure secrecy, it was known in airline radio dispatches only as "Flight No. 7."

Five car loads of Federal agents with submachine guns and shotguns were waiting at the Municipal Airport here when the plane arrived. Without a pause following its landing, the big ship was rolled inside the National Guard hangar, and the

doors were closed while agents swarmed all over the place.

Karpis's step was unsteady from his long ride and his shackles, but he was hustled from the plane into a big sedan before his feet hardly touched the ground. The route of a mile and a half from the airport to the Federal Building was patrolled by police squad cars and deputy sheriffs.

The car used to transport the prisoner from the airport had been waiting in the hangar. A moment after its passenger and his guards were loaded in, the machine shot out of the hangar and, escorted by the other cars, raced to the Federal Building.

There the outlaw was hurried from the machine at a brisk trot, with the large crowd of spectators that had assembled scarcely getting a glimpse of him.

Mr. Hoover, who said he was glad that the Department of Justice was able to ring down the curtain on the last of the principals in the Barker-Karpis mob, left by airplane for New York early this afternoon.

#### No Tip in Case, Hoover Says

By The Associated Press.

CHICAGO, May 2.—J. Edgar Hoover paused briefly here this afternoon en route by airplane to New York from St. Paul and continued on to Cleveland.

Concerning his arrest of Alvin Karpis, he said:

"Karpis's arrest was brought about entirely by Department of Justice agents. There were no tips from outsiders and no reward should be paid."

Regarding the "girl named Ruth" captured with Karpis, Mr. Hoover said she was an Arkansas girl.

"She has been traveling under

several names," he added, "and we do not know with certainty which is the right one."

#### Apartment Yields Evidence

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

NEW ORLEANS, May 2.—Federal agents who participated in the coup in which Alvin Karpis and two companions were captured here said today that a search of the apartment where the outlaw lived for about a month had yielded "plenty."

David W. Magee, head of the local Federal bureau, refused to go

into details concerning the evidence.

Throughout the night Karpis's companions, Fred Hunter and a young woman called "Ruth," who had lived with Karpis as his wife for about a month here, were questioned in the offices of the Bureau of Investigation in the Federal Building. Agents said both prisoners refused to talk.

Both prisoners have been eating and sleeping in Mr. Magee's offices and have not appeared outside the building since they were seized last night. At one time when the girl was brought into a corridor, a white sack was over her head to shield her face from newspaper men.

The capture here caused John J. Grosch, chief of detectives, to declare that New Orleans is "a hot spot for the rough-stuff boys to hole up."

"We've knocked off more of them than I can remember in the last few years," Mr. Grosch said. "New Orleans sounds good to them for a hideout and they slide into town. But the next slide is usually right into the hands of the authorities."

#### Karpis Faces Life Term

By The Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Alvin Karpis faces the prospect of spending the rest of his life in Alcatraz Island penitentiary if he is convicted in St. Paul of either the Bremer or Hamm kidnappings.

A death sentence might be asked if the trial should develop that a victim had been injured while held. The Lindbergh Law provides that a jury may recommend death, but government lawyers said such a sentence could not be imposed if the kidnapped person were "liberated unharmed."

Arthur (Doc) Barker, Volney Davis and others convicted for the Bremer crime are serving life sentences in Alcatraz.

#### HOOVER FLIES TO NEWARK

Chief Federal Agent Comes On to New York by Car.

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## Karpis Loves "Thrill of Kill"

**T**ODAY the name of Alvin Karpis, trapped gang leader, has been blazoned from every front page, but to learn the history of the killer, another name, almost unknown, must be summoned for the records of crime, told as never before by Courtney Ryley Cooper in "10,000 Public Enemies."

The name is "Frank Nash," a gangling, grinning character of Hobart, Oklahoma, who 22 years ago was one of the principals in an ordinary bank robbery.

All the twisted history of the little killer now held by the Federal men in St. Paul, Minn., stems from the story of Frank Nash.

From Hot Springs, Ark., came Nash, later came the Union Station massacre of Kansas City. Alvin Karpis, in between those events, had fallen in with Nash, and there lies the beginning of Karpis' sinister saga of bloodshed and kidnaping.

By COURTNEY RYLEY COOPER,

Famous Writer and Reporter, Author of "10,000 Public Enemies," from which this series is taken.

Freddie Barker and Alvin Karpis were young, but they were cold, fearless and calculating. Frank Nash always had liked Freddie, ever since that first meeting down at Herb Farmer's. Harvey Bailey liked him too and appraised Alvin Karpis as a deadly man with a gun. They were all together in Hot Springs, Ark., in the Spring of 1932.

Finally the inevitable urge to move hit everybody. They scattered, returning to Chicago, where, on May 3, there was a birthday party for Frances Nash; two murderers personally brought her presents to the Nash apartment. After that the incessant movement began again. But most

of them got together again in Kansas City, making numerous forays against banks in Kansas, Missouri and Iowa. Returning, they played golf. Always they played golf.

Patient Special Agents had not relaxed their vigilant search for an instant. Still checking, still asking questions, they went the rounds. A St. Paul bootlegger attempted to sell some bonds at a Minneapolis bank. The numbers were checked, and the collateral found to have been stolen from two messengers of the First American National Bank of Duluth.

The Bureau of Investigation was notified. The bootlegger broke down and confessed the names of the hot bond shovers from whom he had received the securities. They also talked, telling what they knew, which was not much.

Finally they found a lead. Kansas City Special Agents, picking up the information which St. Paul had forwarded, visited a manufacturer of handmade golf clubs. It seems that Charlie Harmon, a member of the gang, had telephoned this place, long distance, from St. Paul the summer before.

#### GOLF BETRAYAL

The manufacturer couldn't remember the call; he got so many. They showed the pictures. At last, however, his gaze centered. He was quite sure about Keating and Holden, two other gang members; they had been here recently. Holden had bought a golf hat only the day before.

Every golf course now became a place of surveillance. At one, the Old Mission, Special Agents got good news.

The next day out on the course, Jimmy Keating, Thomas Holden and Harvey Bailey, moved along the fairway; iron shots had been excellent, laying all three balls on the green. Far in the rear, Bernard Phillips dubbed along. Suddenly he looked up, his attention centered on a widespread circle of men, converging upon the fairway. He ran.

Keating, Holden and Bailey knew nothing of this until that circle of men had closed in. Automatics appeared in the hands of police and Special Agents. The three men raised their hands. A long hunt was over.

Frank Nash read of it in the Chicago newspapers. Keating and Holden already were headed back for Leavenworth. Old Harvey Bailey was in for trouble down there at Fort Scott. Frank Nash took many drinks that night. Usually this procedure was because he

liked whisky. Tonight it was because he never had liked golf.

There was another reaction to the arrest of Keating and Holden. A meal has just been laid on a table in an apartment on Ward Parkway in Kansas City. This was the home of Karpis, late of Kansas State Penitentiary, Fred Barker, also a graduate of the same institution, and Fred's loving mother, Kate, who had taken to traveling with them.

Police and law-enforcement officers charge that this trio came together shortly after Alvin's parole in the Autumn of 1931 and that Alvin and Fred and Mother Kate were in Kansas City to await, among other things, the release of Arthur (Doc) Barker from Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

In doing so they took no chances, as apparently they were in enemy territory. Some eight months before, following a robbery, the sheriff at West Plains, Missouri, had approached a car containing two young men and an elderly woman. He had sought to question them but the blaze of gunfire interrupted, and the officer fell dead.

Witnesses identified the pictures of Alvin and Fred and Mother Kate, but they never had been caught. Nor were they captured now. The telephone rang. An excited voice gave the news of the Old Mission capture. Out of the apartment hurried Mother and Fred and Alvin, once more on the run, and within half an hour they were out of town.

#### MYSTERY MAN

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**HARVEY BAILEY.**  
*Mid-West gunman early associate  
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**OLD MAN NABBED**  
is Doris Delaney, one-time moll of Alvin Karpis, whom G-Men grabbed in New Orleans. She was captured in a raid on the Atlantic City apartment she shared with Karpis. He escaped, however, leaving her holding the bag. Now she's in jail for harboring her sweetheart.

# KARPIS' FATE UP TO G-MEN

(Special to the Sunday Mirror)

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Federal officials late Saturday indicated that the first of a long list of crimes for which the captured Alvin Karpis will be prosecuted will be the kidnaping of William Hamm, St. Paul brewer, for whose release a ransom of \$100,000 was paid.

The former "Public Enemy No. 1" was held in the Federal Court House here, under a guard strong enough to repel an army, while J. Edgar Hoover, head of the jubilant G-men, flew to New York for conferences on the disposition of the gangster.

## FOE NO. 1

**PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER NO. 1** today is "Old Man Politics," J. Edgar Hoover, head of the G-Men, said Saturday when asked to name the successor of the captured Alvin Karpis.

"Now that you've got Karpis, whom does the Government rank as Number 1 Enemy?" a reporter asked Hoover.

"Why we don't rank the yellow rats. It is you fellows who do that for us. But if you want to know who I rank as No. 1, it is 'Old Man Politics.'"

The Federals also studied the possibility of putting Karpis to trial for any one of nine murders, with which they believe he was implicated.

From Cleveland, at the same time, came a request that Karpis be sent there for trial in the \$46,000 mail robbery, for which District Attorney Emerich B. Freed believes he has an air-tight case. Freed said that Karpis can readily be convicted and jailed for 25 years in the robbery case.

The possibility of sending the killer to the electric chair on one of the murder cases was leading the G-Men to delay their immediate completion of plans for Karpis' disposition.

In West Plains, Mo., Karpis is under indictment for the murder of a sheriff, while in the Hamm case in St. Paul, a number of his associates have already been convicted.

Fred Hunter, trapped in New Orleans Friday with Karpis and a "mystery woman," is named along with three others in the Cleveland indictment for the Grretsville, Ohio, mail robbery.

"Identification of the gang is positive," Freed said. "I'm positive we could win a conviction without the slightest trouble."

Hoover, planning to return to New York and later to Washington for conferences after the sensational coup of Friday, would not



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state prosecution had been ed upon for their striking quarry.

### 'KARPIS A CUR'

But he did elaborate on his story of the capture to call Karpis a cur, and to announce that Federal men and Federal men alone were responsible for the information that led to the capture.

"The man upon whom was bestowed the title of Public Enemy No. 1 folded up like the yellow rat that he is," Hoover said.

"There was no betrayal of Karpis by his pals or others. The man who said he'd never be captured quit like the rat he is, and the rest of gangland is as much rats as he."

He explained:

"When Dolores Delaney (St. Paul girl who was Karpis' 'moll') was going to have her baby, Karpis kidnaped a Philadelphia physician to attend her and transported him to New Jersey. That was in Jan. 1935, a short time before Karpis and Campbell escaped from an Atlantic City apartment hotel leaving the Delaney girl and Wynona Burdette behind.

"As far as we are concerned Karpis is a closed book with this bureau. The district attorney now has the case."

In Washington Thomas Quinn, assistant to Chief Hoover, said that none of the \$7,000 award for Karpis will be distributed, because the G-men get all the credit and are not allowed to accept such rewards.

### LIKE 'PRINCE'

The arrival of Karpis at St. Paul in the specially chartered 14-passenger plane was like the arrival of an enemy prince captured in war-time, even to the troops drawn up with machine guns and rifles, and the secret transfer from plane to auto.

For hours the municipal airport had been an armed fort. The strictest secrecy covered the itinerary of the big plane, yet when it was forced to land in Kansas City because of fog, word of the flying fortress of the G-men flashed into St. Paul.

Momentarily the airport became more tense. Thousands of sight-seers had learned of the impending arrival of the trapped killer and police had to drive off crowds of holiday size.

At last the big ship swooped down from the skies. But it did not halt after landing. Minnesota guardsmen stood all about the entrance of the National Guard hangar, machine-guns mounted, and riflemen supplementing the machine guns.

Without a moment's stop, the plane taxied into the hangar, the doors were closed, and the slim, tanned gunman, manacled and handcuffed, was transferred into an auto.

G-man, and E. J. Connolly, head of the kidnap division of the Federal men, were the chief officers aboard the plane. Never once were the heavy chains removed from Karpis, captured bloodlessly in New Orleans.

The trapping of Public Enemy Number 1 was the end of a two-year search.

And at its end, the Federal officers, as well as police of several States, had their choice of a list of crimes for which "Old Creepy" may be prosecuted. Only 26 years old, a slight creature of about 130 pounds, the coolness of his killings long ago won him the horrific "Old Creepy" for a title.

The slight glimpses the crowds got of him yesterday belied the title. He looks even younger than 26, and seemed tanned and in good health, a youngish, rather athletic-looking man who might be the mildest of citizens.

Yet here is the list of crimes which Federal agents are almost certain they can pin on Karpis.

### 9 MURDERS

Sheriff C. R. Kelly, of West Plains, -Mo.; A. W. Dunlap, father-in-law of his pal, Fred Barker; John Laxia, Kansas City Union Station massacre in which a Federal agent, three police officers and their prisoner were killed; Federal Agent W. Carter Baum.

### 2 KIDNAPINGS

Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, kidnaped Jan. 17, 1934, and released on payment of \$50,000.

William Hamm, St. Paul brewer, kidnaped June 16, 1933, and released on payment of \$100,000.

### \$46,000 STICK-UP

The \$46,000 hold-up of a mail train at Garrettsville, O., Nov. 7, 1935. Machine gun bandits, under the leadership of Karpis, with Harry Campbell and Fred Hunter, completed that job.

Hunter was captured with Karpis in New Orleans Friday, as was the mystery woman of the honey-colored hair who stepped

forth with Karpis from her apartment into a waiting ring of G-men.

Both Hunter and the mystery woman, who is described as about 24 years old, of unusually attractive appearance and suave manner, were being kept under the strongest possible guard in the federal building at New Orleans.

The official statement from J. Edgar Hoover, after the arrival at St. Paul, follows:

### FISHED, HUNTED

"Karpis was arrested at 3343 Canal St., New Orleans, where he was living with Fred Hunter and a woman posing as Mrs. Hunter. Hunter was also taken into custody and is being held at New Orleans.

"We have not yet decided whether he will be charged in connection with the postal robbery in Garrettsville, O., or as a harbinger of Karpis.

"Karpis was spending most of his time hunting and fishing. He was fishing a great deal in Florida and along the Gulf."

The head of the Federal men revealed that Karpis had unsuccessfully tried to alter his appearance through a plastic surgery operation.

"The operation was performed by Dr. Joseph Moran, former member of the gang, who is now believed to be dead. It was a crude job, from which resulted a deep scar under the left ear. The lobes of his ears had been cut and his fingerprints mutilated. It didn't in the least alter Karpis' features."

Hoover repeated his story of the sudden, brilliantly planned capture, and added that the supposed fearless killer had been in positive terror as it was made.

Karpis and Hunter were driving away from the New Orleans apartment when a car in which Hoover

## Where G-Men Trapped Karpis



The apartment house on Canal Street in New Orleans, where G-Men, under J. Edgar Hoover, apprehended Alvin Karpis. Karpis was living here with a young girl under the name of Mr. and Mrs. O'Hara.

## Trial As Hamm Kidnaper Seems Most Probable

was riding with other agents drew only two other major kidnaping alongside. unsolved, including the Weyerhaeuser steal. The other is the abduction of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, in Louisville, Ky., in 1933. Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., is being sought in that case.

### KARPIS TERRORIZED

"Karpis offered no resistance whatsoever," the boss of the G-men said. "His hands were shaking like a man in tremors, and his knees were shaking with palsy."

Karpis' wallet contained \$80 at the time of his capture.

A \$5,000 award recently offered for Karpis' capture will not be paid, because of the fact that it was made entirely by the Federal agents, Hoover added.

The head of the G-men was to have gone to New York last night on board the big plane which had been especially chartered hours before Uncle Sam's men swooped down upon the apartment house for the most sensational capture in recent gangster history.

### NEW NO. 1 FOE

While Hoover refused to rank "yellow rats" in naming Public Enemy Number 1, the man who doubtlessly is most sought now by G-men is William Mahan, West Coast kidnaper.

Mahan is wanted for the stealing of young George Weyerhaeuser abducted at Tacoma, Wash., on May 24, 1935. Mahan is accused of being the leader of the ring which received \$200,000 ransom for this "match."

The trapping of Karpis left

# ALVIN KARPIS KILLED GAILY

TODAY the name of Alvin Karpis, trapped gang leader, has been blazoned from every front page, but to learn the history of the killer, another name, almost unknown, must be summoned for the records of crime told as never before by Courtney Ryley Cooper in "10,000 Public Crimes."

The name is "Frank Nash," a gangling, grinning character of Hobart, Oklahoma, who 22 years ago was one of the principals in an ordinary bank robbery.

All the twisted history of the little killer now held by the Federal men in St. Paul, Minn., stems from the story of Frank Nash.

From Hot Springs, Ark., came Nash, later came the Union Station massacres of Kansas City. Alvin Karpis, in between those events, had fallen in with Nash, and there lies the beginning of Karpis' sinister saga of bloodshed and kidnaping.

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Freddie Barker and Alvin Karpis were young, but they were cold, fearless and calculating. Frank Nash always had liked Freddie, ever since that first meeting down at Herb Farmer's. Harvey Bailey liked him too and appraised Alvin Karpis as a deadly man with a gun. They were all together in Hot Springs, Ark., in the Spring of 1932.

Finally the inevitable urge to move hit everybody. They scattered, returning to Chicago, where, on May 3, there was a birthday party for Frances Nash; two murderers personally brought her presents to the Nash apartment. After that the incessant movement began again. But most

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of them got together again in Kansas City, making numerous forays against banks in Kansas, Missouri and Iowa. Returning, they played golf. Always they played golf.

Patient Special Agents had not relaxed their vigilant search for an instant. Still checking, still asking questions, they went the rounds. A St. Paul bootlegger attempted to sell some bonds at a Minneapolis bank. The numbers were checked, and the collateral found to have been stolen from two messengers of the First American National Bank of Duluth.

The Bureau of Investigation was notified. The bootlegger broke down and confessed the names of the hot bond shovers from whom he had received the securities. They also talked, telling what knew, which was not much.

Finally they found a lead. Kansas City Special Agents, picking up the information which St. Paul had forwarded, visited a manufacturer of handmade golf clubs. It seems that Charlie Harmon, a member of the gang, had telephoned this place, long distance, from St. Paul the Summer before.

#### GOLF BETRAYAL

The manufacturer couldn't remember the call; he got so many. They showed the pictures. At last, however, his gaze centered. He was quite sure about Keating and Holden, two other gang members; they had been here recently. Holden had bought a golf hat only the day before.

Every golf course now became a place of surveillance. At one the Old Mission, Special Agents got good news.

The next day out on the course, Jimmy Keating, Thomas Holden and Harvey Bailey, moved along the fairway; iron shots had been excellent, laying all three balls on the green. Far in the rear, Bernard Phillips dubbed along. Suddenly he looked up, his attention centered on a widespread circle of men, converging upon the fairway. He ran.

Keating, Holden and Bailey knew nothing of this until that circle of men had closed in. Automatics appeared in the hands of police and Special Agents. The three men raised their hands. A long hunt was over.

Frank Nash read of it in the Chicago newspapers. Keating and Holden already were headed back for Leavenworth. Old Harvey Bailey was in for trouble down there at Fort Scott. Frank Nash took many drinks that night. Usually this procedure was because he

liked whisky. Tonight it was because he never had liked golf.

There was another reaction to the arrest of Keating and Holden. A mal has just been laid on a table in an apartment on Ward Parkway in Kansas City. This was the home of Karpis, late of Kansas State Penitentiary, Fred Barker, also a graduate of the same institution, and Fred's loving mother, Kate, who had taken to traveling with them.

Police and law-enforcement officers charge that this trio came together shortly after Alvin's parole in the Autumn of 1931 and that Alvin and Fred and Mother Kate were in Kansas City to await, among other things, the release of Arthur (Doc) Barker from Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

In doing so they took no chances, as apparently they were in enemy territory. Some eight months before, following a robbery, the sheriff at West Plains, Missouri, had approached a car containing two young men and an elderly woman. He had sought to question them but the blaze of gunfire interrupted, and the officer fell dead.

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## ROBBERY OF TRAIN DECLARED BEHIND BREAKUP OF GANG

Karpis, Hunter and Brock  
Held in Connection  
With Crime

(By The Associated Press)  
Cleveland, May 2.—A mail train robbery in a small Northern Ohio town broke the Karpis gang.

In custody tonight, charged with the \$46,000 machine gun holdup of an Erie train last November 7 at Garrettsville, Ohio—population about 2000—are Alvin Karpis, Fred Hunter and John Brock, alias Harold Johnson.

Still at large are Limping Harry Campbell and a minor figure described in a warrant as John Doe, alias "Sam." Shortly after Brock was booked in Youngstown, Ohio, April 17, warrants were issued for the five members of the gang. Brock pleaded innocent and was brought to Cleveland.

In his cell today, Brock's only comment on learning of Karpis' capture was "I never thought they'd get him that way."

The story of Karpis' futile dash into the Southwest last November came today from John Zetzer, marine garageman at Port Clinton.

Zetzer said he piloted Karpis and two companions in a plane flight to the Southwest, not knowing their identity until federal agents later questioned him.

"A man wearing glasses," Zetzer said, asked him in November to fly South. Zetzer said as he did not have a plane at that time, he did not take the man "seriously."

### Buys Used Plane

Three days later the man came back and offered \$500, so Zetzer bought a used plane in Toledo for \$1700, he related.

Karpis and two companions, "well dressed and quiet mannered," with "only two suitcases between them" started the trip, Karpis being addressed as "Tom."

On the flight, Zetzer refueled in a farmer's field "somewhere near where the Ohio and Mississippi rivers meet," made an overnight stop in "a little town near Memphis," and then was told to "head for Hot Springs."

Karpis and one man were let out in Hot Springs and the last man at Tulsa, Okla., where Zetzer said he received his \$500. His passengers paid the bills during the trip, he said.

Zetzer, who was convicted during prohibition days of liquor violations, said he "kept my mouth shut," adding federal men had told him to, during a week in which Zetzer "disappeared" from his home.

From Zetzer's description of the men, it appeared one was Brock.

The first arrest made in the case by postal inspectors was that of Grover (Burhead) Keady, brought here February 26. The postal inspectors placed technical charges against him of participating in the robbery.

### Arrest Follows

The next event was a hurried flight by federal agents from Cleveland to Hot Springs, Ark. They stormed a house near Hot Springs, using tear gas bombs, later declining to comment on local reports that Karpis was their quarry.

Brock's arrest followed, and within a few days postal inspectors supplied the district attorney's office with information on which to base warrants against Karpis and four members of his gang. At that time federal sources intimated the case against Keady was lessened.

Hunter's father, George, a brother, Albert, and Mary Yoho, waitress in a tavern operated by Albert Hunter, were held by Warren, Ohio, police today pending an investigation by federal agents, but officers indicated none was under direct suspicion.

Wallace Briggs, postoffice inspector in charge of the Cincinnati office, left Cincinnati today for New Orleans to take Hunter into custody.

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**G-Men Fly  
Back to  
Newark**

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, landed at Newark Airport last night aboard a chartered TWA plane, en route to New York to "relax" following the capture in New Orleans Friday night of Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1.

The Department of Justice head, with six of his G-men, took off at 4:15 P. M., Thursday from the local air terminal.

The pilot of the giant Douglas craft, Jack Zimmerman, 29, of 425 Harding dr., South Orange, was unaware of their mission.

"I didn't know who they were until after Karpis was in the bag," Zimmerman said after his arrival here with Hoover last night. "I enjoyed the trip immensely but I didn't get any sleep."

Zimmerman, crack pilot who distinguished himself with his aerial work during the recent Pittsburgh floods, said Karpis was chained to a plane seat during the flight from New Orleans to St. Paul.

Zimmerman said two of the agents alighted at Chicago and two at Cleveland, leaving only Hoover and a close lieutenant named Tolson to finish the trip to Newark.

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Chief G-Man Says  
New Arrests Are  
Due in Sweep-up

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CHICAGO, May 2 (AP).—A series of new arrests along the crime trail of Alvin Karpis, captured "Public Enemy No. 1," was prophesied tonight by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the United States Justice Department's bureau of investigation.

A "diligent search" was under way for "any one who harbored or aided" the gangster in his long flight from justice, Hoover asserted during a brief stop here on an airplane flight from St. Paul to New York.

"Doctors, auto mechanics, private airplane pilots, gasoline station attendants and others" were under surveillance, he said, and "arrests will be made."

Although refusing to say directly how many aides Karpis had, Hoover hinted at the possibility of a large number by citing that whereas "there were only five in the actual (Hamm and Bremer) kidnap band, 26 persons are now under arrest in the case."

Hoover said Karpis definitely was known to have used private airplanes in fleeing the law.

It was also known, the chief of the federal men added, that Karpis' face was lifted by Dr. Joseph F. Moran, Chicago, after the Bremer kidnaping. So far as his department knew, Hoover said, Moran was dropped into Lake Michigan by underworld fellows who thought he talked too much.

Hoover said Karpis' capture in New Orleans was solely the result of investigation on the part of his men. There was no "tip off" like that of the "Woman in Red" in John Dillinger's case, he said.

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## Flier Tells Story Of Trip From Here for Karpis

Didn't Know Mission of  
Hoover Till He Saw  
Prisoner in Chains.

J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Department of Justice, landed safely at Newark Airport at 8.40 last night after leading in the capture of Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy Number 1, in New Orleans, and then taking the gangster by plane to St. Paul.

Hoover's ship, chartered at Newark and piloted by Jack Zimmerman of 245 Harding road, South Orange, crack TWA flier, drew up to the northwest corner of the field far from the passenger stations. A car was waiting in the TWA maintenance hangar. Hoover and a companion left the plane quickly and sped from the airport.

Zimmerman told a reporter he had known nothing of his unusual flying assignment until he was ordered by telephone at 3 P. M. Thursday to report at once to the airport.

"I reached the airport at 8.45 and found a Douglas airliner waiting for me," Zimmerman said. "I had no idea what it was all about. I was told to fly to New Orleans, making a stop at Washington."

**Karpis in Chains**  
At 4 o'clock Hoover and his companion appeared. Fifteen minutes later the big ship, with Zimmerman at the controls and P. H. Smith as co-pilot, took off. At Washington they landed an hour later and picked up another government agent.

"From there we headed for New Orleans," Zimmerman said. "We arrived at 11.30 P. M. Hoover's assistant told me they had some business to attend to. They told Smith and me to go to a hotel and get some rest, and that they would call us when they were ready to leave."

"We did get some sleep. At 6 P. M. Hoover's man called and told us to get ready to leave. 'We've finished our business very successfully,' he said."

"Not till we reached the field and saw a gang of reporters did we know what had happened. In a little while Hoover and half a dozen agents appeared. Karpis was heavily chained. 'All the time we were in the air they kept questioning Karpis. Karpis wasn't tough at all and never tried to show any bravado.'"

**Spurned Blanket.**  
"After looking at his face with a strong light Hoover and the others decided Karpis had had the lower part of his face lifted and his ears operated on. One of the men told me Karpis had sandpaper in his pocket for destroying his fingerprints by filing his fingertips."

"Once while they stopped questioning Karpis I went back and asked him if he was chilly and wanted a blanket. He said: 'Nah!'"

"I would never have recognized Karpis from any photographs I've seen of him."

All the government men but Hoover and his assistant remained at St. Paul with Karpis.

"From there to Newark," Zimmerman said, "the two of them sat in the plane and talked all the way. They seemed very much elated and too excited to sleep, although I understand they hadn't even caught him from Washington."

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# Stitch in Time

It took 20 government agents to bring Karpis to bay, and nearly a dozen to see that he got safely back to St. Paul. There is something ridiculous about a ring of big, husky, quick-triggered men being required to master one frail little outlaw.

Not one of those men would have been needed if a Kansas pardon board and an Oklahoma judge had made up their minds to master Karpis by keeping him in their respective state penitentiaries some years ago.

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### Magnifying Criminals.

There is a reasonable doubt that Alvin Karpis is the super-criminal the federal agents would have the country believe he is. Like other so-called public enemies, he would have to be on the jump day and night to fulfill the reputation the officers have created for him.

Karpis is suspected of participating in nine murders, two major kidnappings and an assortment of other crimes which range from a mail train robbery in Ohio to bicycle thefts in Topeka. Like the late "Pretty Boy" Floyd, he has been "suspected" in crimes committed almost simultaneously hundreds of miles apart.

The practice of designating criminals as "public enemies" results in a concentration on them and their activities to the advantage of the army of less widely known crooks who commit the bulk of the nation's crime. A bank clerk who sees a newspaper picture of Karpis on Monday could, with a little imagination, identify him as the bandit who robs the bank on Tuesday. Karpis may or may not have committed the robbery, and if he did not, his "identification" removes suspicion from the bandit who did.

Nothing is gained in magnifying desperadoes beyond probability. Most of them are cowardly and unintelligent men who, when labeled "public enemies" by officers of the law, are impelled by their twisted egos to attempt to live up to the role. Karpis might still be a burglar had he not learned that the public expected bigger things.

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### Sheriff Asks Custody.

In West Plains, Mo., Sheriff Ed Threlkeld of Howell county said he had asked that Karpis be brought there for trial for the slaying of Sheriff Roy C. Kelley in December, 1931, but did not expect his request would be complied with.

Karpis had undergone plastic surgery but was easily recognizable from photographs, Hoover said. He also had had his finger tips treated in an effort to disguise his fingertips.

Karpis's seizure followed by only a few days his indictment for the Hamm kidnaping, and capture of three others as plotters in the crime.

Indicted here several days ago for the Hamm kidnaping along with Karpis and his former partner, Arthur (Doc) Barker, now serving a life term in Alcatraz for the Bremer abduction were:

Bryan (Byron) Bolton, in jail here awaiting sentence on his guilty plea in the Bremer case; Elmer Farmer, serving a jail term for the Bremer abduction; John Peifer, St. Paul night club operator; Charles Fitzgerald, Los Angeles, Cal., and Edmund C. Bartholmey, former Bensenville (Ill.) postmaster.

### Quite a Fisherman.

Saying Karpis had been under surveillance by Federal agents for two or three days before his capture, Hoover asserted the gangster, "quite a fisherman and hunter," was in and out of New Orleans.

"He had two scars on his ears, apparently for the purpose of lifting his face, and a cut into the lobe of each ear, but he looks exactly like his picture," Hoover said.

Hunter and the woman taken with Karpis, who was known to her captors only as Ruth, were held in New Orleans. Authorities planned to return Hunter to Ohio to answer to charges of participating in the Garrettsville robbery.

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# KARPIS' PARENTS PLAN TO TAKE HIS BABY TO SEE HIM

## Bandit's Son, Born in Jail, to Visit St. Paul.

John Karpavicz and his wife, Anna, parents of Alvin Karpis, remained secluded yesterday in their basement apartment at 2842 North Francisco avenue. The white haired mother of the nation's public enemy No. 1 refused to leave the apartment, while her husband, who is janitor for the apartment building, asserted that he "had nothing to say."

Members of the family gathered around to comfort the mother and protect her from interviewers. "I am happy that my son was captured without being wounded or killed," she told friends. "It is also a relief to know that no one else was injured in the arrest."

### Plan to Visit Prisoner.

Mrs. Karpis expressed a desire to see her son, and, when notified that he was in custody in St. Paul, said she and her husband would visit the prisoner within a few days. When asked whether she had any message to send her son she said: "Tell him we will bring his son Raymond along for him to see. He is getting to be a big boy and one to be proud of."

Karpis' son, Raymond, was born to Miss Dolores Delaney, his sweetheart, Feb. 2, 1935, while she was a prisoner in Miami. Miss Delaney was abandoned in an Atlantic City hotel several weeks previous when the desperado escaped in a revolver battle after federal agents had set a trap for him. Miss Delaney is now serving a sentence of five years imprisonment at the Milan, Mich., prison for harboring the bandit.

### Never Has Seen Baby.

Following her sentence of imprisonment at Miami, a year ago, the baby was turned over to Karpis' parents. He has never seen the child. "Tell my son that Dolores was here to visit the boy on his first birthday—she thinks that he is quite a bouncer," Mrs. Karpavicz added. This visit, it was learned, came when Miss

Delaney was transferred to the Milan penitentiary.

Walter Johnson, chief postoffice inspector here, said yesterday that the federal authorities had no definite information of any crime that the notorious bandit had committed here. Johnson said, however, that Karpis had been suspected of participating in the robbery of a federal reserve messenger Sept. 22, 1933, at Jackson boulevard and Clark street. Two policemen were wounded, one fatally, by the bandits while they were making their escape.

### Sought for Postoffice Robbery.

The postoffice inspector said Karpis, Fred Hunter and Harry Campbell had been sought for the \$34,000 postoffice robbery at Garrettsville, O., Nov. 7, 1935. It was the belief of local agents that Karpis' hideout had been located during the search for Hunter and others who participated in the Ohio robbery.

Significance was attached to the announcement by Attorney General Cummings in Washington a week ago

that \$5,000 would be paid for "information leading to the arrest of Karpis." It is believed that the bandit's associates may have been dickering with the federal officials and refused to turn over Karpis until a promise of reward was made definite.

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# Crime

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With only one slim clew, police of Chattanooga, Tenn., were attempting yesterday to solve the brutal assault which cost the life of Mrs. Lulu Mae McConnell, 23, wife of a Chattanooga theater manager. She was attacked in her fashionable apartment Friday. The only clew police had were the words "White man did it," which Mrs. McConnell mumbled before she died. She was the mother of 2 year old twin girls. She died of internal injuries, a broken jaw and head and face lacerations. Hospital officials said the young woman had not been raped.

Thomas E. Dugger, 31, was hanged Friday in San Quentin prison, Cal., the first person to be executed under various new laws designed to curb kidnaping. Dugger, called an "ape man" by police because of his record of abducting and assaulting women, was convicted and sentenced to death after he admitted abducting and assaulting three Los Angeles women.

Department of justice agents and police forces throughout Michigan were pressing a search Friday night for a gang of five gunmen who earlier in the day robbed the National Bank of Detroit of \$50,000. The police were closing in on the Lake Erie shore section of Stony Point, suspected of being the location of the gang hide-out.

Chicago police Thursday arrested Alfred Brady, 26, formerly a paroled Indiana convict, who tried to emulate the late John Dillinger. Brady told a graphic story of how he and three other men he recruited for his gang shot and killed a policeman in Indianapolis Monday. He also told how the gang had robbed jewelry stores in Lima and Dayton, O., of gems valued at \$25,000. Brady was seized in the

Sheridan Plaza hotel. Also in custody are two alleged receivers of stolen property, Jack Becker, 28 and William Geftman, 26, and three women, Margaret Barry, 21, alias Margaret Brady, former Lake View High school student; Mrs. Laura Becker, 21, and Mrs. Anna Geftman. Police in Indiana and Illinois continued the search yesterday for the three other members of Brady's gang.

Ellis Parker Jr., son of a New Jersey detective, was pictured during the week as the key figure in the kidnaping and torture of Paul H. Wendel, former Trenton attorney, whose "forced confession" of the Lindbergh baby kidnap murder delayed the execution of Bruno Hauptmann for three days. Parker, still at large, is one of five men who have been indicted in the Wendel case. On Wednesday District Attorney William F. X. Geoghan of Brooklyn, where Wendel was tortured, said young Parker not only originated the plot against Wendel, but furnished the "props" used by his confederates. These were toy pistols, handcuffs and badges. Three of five men indicted are in custody. One of them, Harry Weiss, attempted to commit suicide Thursday. The others are Martin Schlossman and Harry Bleefeld.

Indictments were returned by a New York federal grand jury Friday against a woman and eight men accused of being members of a gang that stole \$590,000 in treasury notes from the United States Trust company in December, 1934. The woman, Amelia Linkovich, was accused of transporting the stolen notes to a safety deposit box in New Haven. Three of the men, Charles Hartmann, Walter O. Evans, and Theodore D. Crowley were charged with the actual stealing.

Douglas Burton, 30, London literary critic, who killed a young British novelist at a dinner party, was convicted of murder Thursday in London, but was adjudged insane and was ordered confined to a mental home. Burton struck Douglas Bose, 21 year old author, with a sculptor's hammer during a studio party. The critic became enraged, witnesses said, when Bose flipped a brazil nut at Sylvia Gough, 42 year old author, blackening her eye.

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## THREE PUBLIC ENEMIES AT LARGE



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## Kin of Gangster Arrested in Ohio

**Hunter's Father, Brother And Girl Are Found In Beer Parlor**

WARREN, O., May 2.—(US)—Two men, taken into custody early today in a raid by federal agents and police on a Warren beer place, and held incommunicado in Warren city jail, were revealed this afternoon to be the father and a brother of Fred Hunter, gangster who was captured with Alvin Karpis in New Orleans last night. A woman said to be the younger man's sweetheart, also was taken into custody at the beer parlor.

A short time after it was announced that the two men held are George and Al Hunter, father and brother of Fred Hunter, a squad of agents went to the elder man's farm near here and began digging operations which they refused to discuss.

It was reported that they were acting on reports that part of the Garrettsville mail train robbery loot is buried at the farm.

Fred Hunter is to be brought from New Orleans to Cleveland for trial in connection with the Garrettsville holdup, in which loot amounted to \$46,000.

It was in this city that Fred Hunter dynamited his way out of the Trumbull county jail 13 years ago while he was held to face charges of automobile theft and attempted safe cracking. He was recaptured and sent to Ohio penitentiary. Later, in June, 1927, he was released.

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# KARPIS CRINGES IN CELL AS HE WAITS TO PAY PENALTIES

## GRILL GUNMAN

**Air-Tight Case Against Gang Chief Claimed in Hamm Kidnap**

**2 CAPTURED IN OHIO**

**Brother and Father of Public Enemy's Pal Face Holdup Probe**

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 2 (UP).—Robbed of his bravado and trembling like a man with palsy, Alvin Karpis sat in an "escape proof" jail cell tonight waiting for the law to punish him for crimes which earned him the unofficial title, "public enemy No. 1."

"This was the man who said he never would be taken alive," mocked J. Edgar Hoover, dynamic chief of the federal bureau of investigation who personally made the arrest at New Orleans Friday night.

"He offered no resistance whatsoever," Hoover said. "He was so nervous he could scarcely talk. His hands were shaking like a leaf and his knees shook as if he had the palsy."

Karpis was a cringing, beaten man all during the 16-hour airplane trip with 10 G-men in a chartered airliner from New Orleans. His hands rattling the chains that bound him, he stepped about as ordered.

Thrown into the cell after hours of questioning at department of justice headquarters, he muttered bitterly.

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**Have Airtight Case**  
Authorities indicated they had an "airtight" case linking Karpis to the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer, Karpis and his late pal, Arthur "Doc" Barker—victim of G-man guns—also are alleged to have kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul.

Hoover revealed before returning to New York aboard the plane which brought him here with Karpis that the killer had attempted to conceal his identity like the late John Dillinger by plastic surgery. A crude operation was performed on his long-jawed, pasty features by a former member of the Barker-Karpis gang, Dr. Joseph Moran now believed dead.

The lobes of Karpis' ears had been cut and there was a deep scar under his left ear. His fingerprints had been mutilated.

Hoover's tone as he announced details of the public enemy's capture was one of elation. Karpis once wrote to Hoover threatening to kill him so the G-man chief made a personal flight to New Orleans to be in at the finish when he heard Karpis was there a few days ago.

### Hoover Cows Him

When federal men who had lain in wait outside Karpis' apartment jumped into their automobile and drove Karpis and a man and woman companion to the curb, it was the stocky Hoover who cowed him with his gun and hustled him out from behind the wheel.

Hoover personally commanded the roundabout airplane flight north from New Orleans. Delayed by headwinds, the airliner finally slipped into the airport here at 8:45 a. m., and taxied directly into the 109th army air squadron hangar.

Karpis, still wearing the same faded strawhat and the soiled white shirt open at the collar which he had worn when seized by the G-men, stepped down, glancing neither to right nor left.

Ten minutes later, after a swift trip wedged into the back seat of an automobile between two agents, he was in the department of justice offices.

### Eats Heartily

He ate heartily of breakfast but a few minutes later was distinctly ill at ease as operatives questioned him on the \$200,000 Bremer abduction and the \$100,000 Hamm kidnaping.

For Karpis it was bitter contrast to the gang's hey-day in St. Paul two years ago.

Hoover told how the G-men took their stations outside the apartment house where the gang leader had been living.

"He didn't have a chance after he left the door," Hoover said today.

"He was covered from every angle."

And the man who owed his standing in gangland to his reputation as a killer was careful to make no move which might cost him his life.

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# Arrest Broke Karpis' Nerve

## No. 1 Bad Man Scared Speechless, Says Hoover—Face Lifting Fails

St. Paul, May 2 (P)—Alvin Karpis, long hunted as leader of a gang charged with carrying out two of the nation's major kidnappings, was returned today to the scene of those crimes after being seized last night in a bloodless Department of Justice coup in New Orleans.

Karpis, the nation's most widely sought criminal, had boasted he "wouldn't be taken alive," but J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who led the capture and immediately after escorted the prisoner here by airplane, said Karpis was "so damned scared he couldn't talk."

Not a shot was fired by the heavily armed agents who ended a three-year search for Karpis.

Karpis was brought here by Hoover and eight Federal agents on a 12-hour sleepless airplane trip marked by detours and hazardous flying weather.

### Prisoner Is Chained

Shackled with heavy chains on the long ride, the prisoner, often dubbed the latest Public Enemy No. 1, was rushed under heavy guard to the Federal Building upon arrival. He was held there for questioning.

Authorities in Washington said

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the 26-year-old ex-convict faces the prospect of spending the remainder of his life in Alcatraz Island prison, if convicted of either the Hamm or Bremer kidnappings.

A death penalty might be asked under the Lindbergh law if the trial should develop that a victim had been injured while held, legal authorities in the capital added.

At least two other demands for custody of Karpis were indicated. Hoover told newspapermen Karpis was wanted for three kidnappings, including those of Bremer and Hamm, the slaying of a sheriff, 15 bank robberies, three or four small holdups and complicity in the slaying of "three or four other fellows."

### Holdup Broke Gang

Cleveland, May 2 —A mail train robbery in a small northern Ohio town broke the Karpis gang.

In custody tonight, charged with the \$46,000 machine gun holdup of an Erie train last Nov. 7 at Garrettsville, Ohio—population about 2,000—are Alvin Karpis, Fred Hunter and John Brock, alias Harold Johnson.

The story of Karpis' futile dash into the Southwest last November came today from John Zetzer, Marine garageman at Port Clinton.

Zetzer said he piloted Karpis and two companions in a plane flight to the Southwest, not knowing their identity until Federal agents later questioned him. He was paid \$500 for the trip.

Zetzer, who was convicted during prohibition on a liquor smuggling charge involving airplane flights of contraband liquor, said he "kept my mouth shut," adding Federal men had told him to, during a week in which Zetzer "disappeared" from his home.

From Zetzer's description of the men, it appeared one was Brock.

The first arrest made in the case by postal inspectors was that of Grover (Burhead) Keady, brought here Feb. 26. The postal inspectors placed technical charges against him of participating in the robbery.

The next event was a hurried flight by Federal agents from Cleveland to Hot Springs, Ark. They stormed a house near Hot Springs, using tear gas bombs, later declining to comment on local reports that Karpis was their quarry.

Brock's arrest followed, and within a few days postal inspectors supplied the district attorney's office with information on which to base warrants against Karpis and four members of his gang.

Chicago, May 2 (P)—J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Department of Justice Bureau of Investigation, paused only briefly here this afternoon en route to New York from St. Paul, where he delivered Alvin Karpis, the desperado, to Federal authorities.

"Karpis' arrest," Hoover said, "was brought about entirely by the Department of Justice Agents. There were no tips from outsiders and no reward will be paid."

"We nabbed them after they had entered their car," Hoover said. "There was a rifle in the back seat, but Karpis or Hunter didn't have a chance to reach for it. Neither carried pistols."

"Notwithstanding plastic surgery on his face, Karpis was easily recognizable from his photograph," the Federal agent chief said.

"He had two scars on his ears, apparently for the purpose of lifting his face, and a cut into the lobe of each ear, but he looks exactly like his picture."

"He told me he paid \$350 for the job, but it wasn't worth 35 cents. We knew him immediately."

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### Concerning Public Enemies.

Whoever first thought of tagging the nation's best publicized criminal-at-large as Public Enemy No. 1 had a nice sense of the theatrical. The title means little or nothing, but its arbitrary bestowal upon a long line of fugitives from justice has given a melodramatic fillip to the whole business of criminal apprehension. There is nothing like visualizing the crime problem in terms of a single scoundrel to oversimplify it, to personalize it, and to render it tremendously exciting.

The capture of Alvin Karpis, who was currently rated as Public Enemy No. 1, represents another triumph for J. Edgar Hoover's bureau of investigation, and congratulations are in order. It culminated months of dogged effort, and too much credit cannot be given the federal agents who followed the long and devious trail to its end. Whether Karpis deserved first rank among the nation's criminals or not, he is at last in the toils of the law and that is, by any test, good news.

We suspect, nevertheless, that Mr. Hoover would be the first to confess that the apprehension of Karpis can be given an exaggerated importance. The spectacular seizure of Public Enemy No. 1, at any rate, may sensibly be viewed against the background of statistics which Mr. Hoover himself authenticated last week in an address before the Daughters of the American Revolution. According to this eminent authority on crime, there are 150,000 murderers at large in the country today. One out of every 25 persons in the United States is "inclined toward criminality" and the population includes 3,000,000 convicted criminals. If crime were to marshal its forces, Mr. Hoover estimated that they would "tramp ceaselessly past this hall, hour upon hour, in daylight and darkness, and back to daylight and darkness again, 10 and 20 abreast."

The head of the bureau of investigation, in short, knows that all our Public Enemies No. 1, from Dillinger through "Babyface" Nelson and "Pretty Boy" Floyd to Alvin Karpis, have simply been convenient symbols of crime. They have happened, through some combination of circumstances, to stand out from the pack, but that is all. So while the capture of a Karpis may inspire whole-souled satisfaction, his title of Public Enemy No. 1 need hardly blind us to realities. As Mr. Hoover suggests, the real crime problem lies beneath the superficial ballyhoo. It ranges from Public Enemy No. 1 to Public Enemy No. 3,000,000 and beyond. It embraces venal politicians, stupid parole authorities, corrupt police departments, unscrupulous attorneys, and an all-pervading public lethargy. We should be careful then, as we exult over the downfall of another first-ranking public enemy, that we see the whole picture in perspective. For though Alvin Karpis is in jail, he only typifies, in a sensational way, the army of criminals that remains outside and a problem that is still a national disgrace.

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Three things stand out in the arrest of Alvin Karpis, kidnaper, killer and robber, all of which deserve the thought and consideration of this country in its war on crime.

The first point has to do with the relentless, unending work of the department of justice bureau of investigation, better known as the G-men. The agents trailed Karpis for two years and finally got him in New Orleans.

No local body of police, however efficient, could have kept after Karpis for this length of time. Of course, any time during this period, he might have been recognized by local police and taken, as he nearly was in an eastern city. These things happen, as accidents or incidents. But to keep the trail, to follow him from place to place, to seek out his hiding—that requires a centrally directed and managed body.

We are coming along with that, surprisingly well for the time we have been at it—for the short time that has elapsed since we outgrew the idea that modern crime could be handled by the village constable. Only four years ago, the department of justice had to go before congress and beg that it be allowed to arm its agents so that they might be on equal terms with machine gun bandits. Until a year ago, these same agents could not make an arrest. They had to call in the village officer, or the chief of police or a federal marshal. Now they have full power, anywhere in the United States, and they are getting results.

And just as they are, a proposal is heard to cut their appropriation, to save a few thousand dollars on dividend-paying law enforcement while the criminals take millions. Fortunately, congress gave no ear to this movement, but it will come up again. The G-men tread on the toes of too many politicians who are in alliance with crime, or at least command the support of the criminal element politically. The people of this country had best be on their guard to see that there is no interference with this department—not so long as it gets the men it goes after.

The second point is the old, old disclosure that Alvin Karpis came up to his unenviable eminence as "Public Enemy No. 1" by the parole route. As a youth he showed criminal tendencies and was in trouble with the law at 16. He was given a long term for stealing, when perhaps something might have been done for the boy if he had been handled intelligently. Instead he was beaten in prison and embittered until he sawed his way out.

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Government agents, operating under the personal supervision of their chief, J. Edgar Hoover, seem to have turned in another very neat sort of job in arresting Alvin Karpis without any shooting or violence. It is true enough that the performance may seem to some folks to have been attended by a bit of the theatrical, but it is probably well enough to do what may be reasonably possible to attract public attention to the success of officers in such matters. Certainly we have had enough and to spare of the dramatization of the anti criminals, and it is well enough to see the G-men supplanting them as popular heroes, if heroes we must have in the matter of controlling and punishing crime.

At all events, the G-men are beginning to lay a very broad foundation in fact to support the currently popular belief that they hang on and on, once they take a criminal's trail, and heaven knows we need that sort of thing in this country. Men of the Karpis type, bolstered up by the tremendous profits available to them under prohibition, made a sorry mock of the law in a great many American communities and in a very spectacular sort of way. It may very well be that the air of mystery and romance that envelopes the G-men at the moment is the soundest antidote for the poison the emittance of the gangster and gunman distilled in and for a lot of unstable minds.

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#### THE LAW'S LONG ARM.

Alvin Karpis is no longer public enemy No. 1, J. Edgar Hoover announces. "Not to us," he says. "Karpis is in custody." The long chase is ended. The finale will soon be written to the Hamm and Bremer kidnaping cases and to a number of other crime stories.

The arrest of Karpis was brought about without a single shot being fired. G men, led by Chief Hoover himself, closed in on the man wanted before the fugitive realized what had happened. When he knew they were officers, one false move on his part would have started guns to barking. He made no effort to reach for his gun. So, Karpis is caught.

The search for this man has been a long one. He was regarded as a key man in several crime cases and was much wanted. He was handy with his gun and had been known to use it with deadly effect. Therefore when his time came to be taken it was anticipated there would be shooting. The strategy of the G men precluded the necessity for that. Karpis was whisked away from New Orleans in an airplane. A few hours later he was far north. The idea was to get him away quickly from the scene of his arrest and where he may have confederates ready to undertake his release.

For more than three years the law has been on this man's trail. While searching for him many lesser lights have been taken, and other major criminals have been put away. The long arm of the law is continually reaching out to get those who transgress, and, under the present administration of the department of justice service, the cleanup effort has been constant and effective.

The raids on gang have had telling effect. Organized crime in the larger cities has had serious setbacks. Taking toll from the public is not so easy nor escape so certain. The fear of the law has been put in criminals. No longer can they walk the streets in safety and without fear of apprehension.

There may be well placed criticism of the department of justice men. It may be that too much money is spent in doing what is done. For instance it does not seem that a long airplane trip to the north was necessary immediately after the arrest of Karpis. Yet peace officers will point out that by using the airplane the prisoner was moved immediately from his surroundings, away from pals who may have been nearby, and that the expense was not much greater than it would have been to move him by train or motor car with a convoy of guards. The use of a plane in another case might have avoided the Kansas City massacre.

Regardless of criticism it will be generally admitted that the G men get their man. Sometimes the getting is spectacular, and where it isn't the federal men later supply the dramatics.

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Karpis' arrest is another splendid tribute to Uncle Sam's determined band of federal agents gathered together under number one G-man J. Edgar Hoover, and should serve to make Tennessee's hill-billy Senator McKellar still further ashamed of his attempt to slice the appropriation for this department so there might be more money left for federal projects in his home state.

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### *The G-Men Capture Karpis*

While J. Edgar Hoover intimates that Alvin Karpis is not "Public Enemy No. 1" to him, notwithstanding, Karpis has long held that rating in public esteem. So, his capture by the G-men, as last week was closing, has afforded a deal of public interest and heightened confidence in the G-man.

The capture of Karpis and two others with him was in quite a measure a matter of hardihood, since Karpis had the reputation of shooting to kill without compunction. But more than the hardihood involved, it must seem, is the success of the three year hunt in finding the man. It is this aspect of persistent relentlessness and success at the end that must impress the criminal world, as it impresses us all.

It becomes increasingly evident to the public and to the criminals that there is no such thing as permanent hiding away from the search of the G-men. In view of the feeling that a hunted man must have that he is sure to be captured sooner or later, his final arrest must come as a matter of relief.

Only a few years ago, the problem of crime began to seem pretty nigh hopeless here in the United States. This country became a mark of derision with other nations of the world, in respect to crime. It still is, but not so deservingly as it was a few years ago.

J. Edgar Hoover appears to be a man strikingly fitted by nature and disposition to his task; but, after due allowance is made for strong personality, it is doubtless a well considered scientific approach to the problem of crime that is turning the trick.

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### Gangsters on the Way Out.

One by one the big boys of the gangster reign have fallen by or ~~into~~ the hands of the federal department of justice, a fact illuminated by the capture of Alvin Karpis. One by one the kings of crime have abdicated to violent death or prison walls. This country is a much safer place in which to live than it was a few years ago.

All of that did not come about merely through wishing on the part of a harassed citizenship. The beneficial results can be traced directly to the revitalizing of an always potentially effective branch of the federal government—the bureau of investigation of the department of justice. And in giving credit, it is impossible to ignore J. Edgar Hoover, the head of the bureau. It was he who reorganized it, who fought for funds with which to operate it, for freedom from politics, for efficiency.

In view of what has been accomplished in the organization itself, it becomes comparatively easy to explain the successful warfare the bureau has waged relentlessly against organized crime.

First, the bureau is a free agent as far as politics is concerned. It owes no allegiance to any party or politician, and that is important to a law-enforcement agency. It need not fear it is stepping upon the corn of some influential politician when it makes an arrest.

Another important factor is its personnel. It has attracted to it young men, many of them college men, many of them athletes, some of them law graduates who know what evidence is and what to do with it as they proceed with their work. They have been trained to their jobs, drilled in the effective use of all types of firearms and drilled in respect for their calling.

There isn't any Sherlock Holmes short-cut in the work of the bureau. It is precisely what the name signifies, a bureau of "investigation." Its men investigate, they run down the smallest clue and record their findings, they leave no rumor open, they compile a record in every case which not only aids in captures, but furnishes solid background for later convictions.

Essential to the whole set-up is the fingerprint system. There in Washington, under inspection of the bureau, ~~are~~ 6 million fingerprints from cities, villages, prisons and jails all over the country. That record is growing momentarily. It is proving effective every hour of the day and night. A person, seemingly harmless but unable to explain his presence, is picked up say, at Dodge City, Kas., and because the system is working local officials send his fingerprint to Washington. There may be an immediate flash from the bureau instructing that the man be held, that his fingerprint shows he is "wanted" for some major crime, possibly in Detroit, St. Paul or Salt Lake City.

The success of the bureau of investigation since its reorganization is based upon intelligence, upon unimpeded efforts of clean investigators and upon a large measure of undramatic hard work. Yet the effect has been to dramatize the "G-men," to give them a place in the public confidence such as once was enjoyed by the Mounted Police of Canada and the Texas Rangers. The "G-man" has divested the "public enemies" of the thrill they once held for the impressionable, and disclosed them for just what they are—common, ordinary vicious criminals, and plenty yellow.

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Actually the manner of Karpis' capture supplies an outstanding example of the right way to use weapons in police work. An impressive display of strength to overawe a dangerous character, to make him see at once the utter futility of resistance, is more than likely to spare many lives including that of the fugitive himself.

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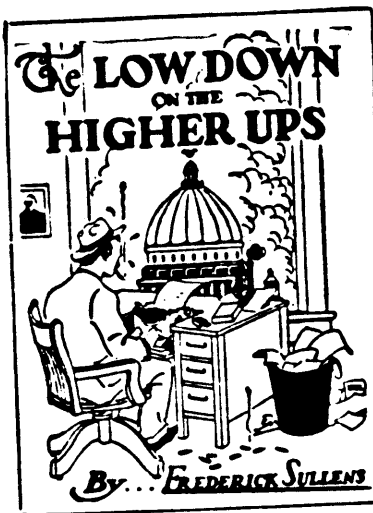
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It is now noon in Washington. Senator Bilbo has not yet returned from Mississippi. He says he went home to buy a new straw hat. Since when did Jackson haberdashers commence selling size 12 hats? Theodore used to wear a 7 1-8. A year or so in Washington does make some people big-headed.

Some time this week the House may vote on the subject of currency inflation. The bill is backed by a belligerent bloc, but the number of members who honestly believe inflation would be a good thing is exceedingly small. Yet many of them signed a demand to force the bill out of the rules committee. One Pennsylvania Congressman signed the demand, withdrew his name, and then put it back again. He was defeated for renomination in the recent primaries. That's what comes of trying to carry water on both political shoulders.

There is much discussion in Congress of a bill providing for the pensioning of G-men of the department of justice and it will probably pass despite the fact that Senator McKellar says G-men should not carry guns. They might have had a tough time capturing Alvin Karpis in New Orleans Friday night if it were the law that G-men must not carry guns. The pending bill involves \$70,000 per year. Present force of G-men in service is 625. At least, that's the official number. Gangsters no doubt think it is ten times that large.

## COURAGE—REAL AND

J. Edgar Hoover, head of the G-men, regarded Alvin Karpis as "Public Enemy No. 1" all the desperate doings of Karpis—stretching over half the nation.

Time after time Karpis had declined to meet Hoover face to face and also boastfully asserted that he would live.

Hoover laughed it off. "That man will meet anybody face to face," he said, "anybody who threatens me in advance."

On that could be written a whole final psychology, but it can all be summed up in one sentence: "The barking dog is the best." That is, unless he nips your heels.

Karpis met Hoover face to face. He didn't even try to beat him to the draw. Like most criminals will do, unless fortified with the false courage of deadly drugs, he meekly surrendered.

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## G-MAN CHIEF RAPS POLICE OF MID-WEST

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#### MORE PAROLE BLOTS.

THE country naturally is gratified by the success of Federal agents in capturing Alvin Karpis, whose real name, incidentally, is Karpavicz. This slayer, kidnaper, bank bandit and burglar has left a bloody trail across the country. He had become, in popular conception, the nation's public enemy No. 1. Karpis seemed unusually successful in eluding the grasp of Federal, state and local officers. The unrelenting vigilance of the G men, however, finally effected his capture in New Orleans without the firing of a shot.

This arch offender has been connected with so many crimes that he should be permanently removed from any return to society, even if he escapes the chair. While the country is ringing with plaudits of the Federal operatives and awaiting the capture of other fugitives linked with major kidnappings, a survey of the Karpis record demonstrates once more the shameful betrayal of public responsibility by easy paroles granted to desperadoes. This nation-wide hunt would not have been necessary, lives of officers would not have been sacrificed and vast sums stolen if law enforcement agencies had done their duty to society. The experience of Karpis duplicates the discreditable Dillinger parole record.

While serving a term for burglary, Karpis escaped from the penitentiary and participated in a sensational bank holdup in which two policemen were slain. He was arrested in March, 1930, but in little more than a year he was freed. Karpis then joined a desperate Oklahoma band. In September, 1931, he received a four-year sentence. Then comes this remarkable entry in the record compiled by the Associated Press: "The trial judge paroled him." After that act of criminal negligence Karpis entered on the lurid career that was dotted with murders and bank banditry—all because law enforcement agencies twice permitted this desperado to escape just punishment.

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# Harmful Epithets

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All the melodramatic genius of dime-novel and scenario writers could not make a hero out of anything so contemptible.

Alvin Karpis is just another sniveling kidnaper and murderer, with whom the law has caught up, and whose kind could be erased entirely from this Country if politics could be eliminated from criminal law enforcement.

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Six men, recently indicted with Karpis in the Hamm case, are in custody.

Three others are serving prison terms for the Minneapolis robbery. One, Lawrence De Vol, former pal of Karpis, recently became insane in the penitentiary and was transferred to the state insane hospital at St. Peter.

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### Mr. Darrow's View

A majority of people, we suppose, can go along with Mr. Clarence Darrow, the lawyer, who feels that the criminal types are the world's unfortunates. It is easy enough to accept this view until one happens to think of the victims of the unfortunate criminals and then it seems that they, too, have known hard luck.

It is Mr. Darrow's widely known view that the system of handling violators of the social order and the laws is wrong, that capital punishment, prison sentences and jail terms are futile, that the only one affected is the defendant and that there is a much better way of handling him. He can think of nothing, not even war, which has brought as much misery to the human race as prisons. "The life of almost any unfortunate, if rightly understood," he asserts, "can be readjusted to some plan of order and system."

Of this the Kansas City Star says:

Maybe Mr. Darrow is right. We aren't so strong for our system of punishment except that we don't see any better system in sight. So far we haven't devised any more effective way of preserving order than the common one of maintaining police departments in the cities, sheriffs in the counties, constables in the villages and the "G-men" ranging the whole country. Does anyone imagine the popularity of the criminal pastime of kidnaping would have taken such a slump if it had not been for the activity of the federal agents operating under the department of justice? How long would the tempting windows of the jewelry stores in the downtown district remain intact if there were no police department here? Such agencies have not stopped crime. Nor have the courts, with stiff sentences, stopped it. But they may be given credit for having been a powerful deterrent.

Most persons who are familiar with criminals will have difficulty following Mr. Darrow all the way. For, with the merit system, the parole system, the pardon system in effective operation, with emotionalism and sticky sentimentality reaching into every death cell, every prison, every jail, it is difficult to accept Mr. Darrow's views. No citizen

would advocate or even tolerate cruelty to breakers of the law. Prison improvement is urgently needed in many cases. But most of us believe we require the protection provided by the instruments of justice.

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A NEW WEAPON FOR LAW-ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS: William Bray demonstrates before Superintendent John Smith of the Detroit Police Department, a new multi-chambered tear-gas gun which fires self-exploding shells for a distance of several hundred feet.

You see the so-called lurid portrayal of the "G-Men." As a matter of fact, a very small portion of our time is devoted to shooting. We refer to it as "bing-bang" publicity.—J. Edgar Hoover, Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

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'Snatch' Cases**

**Declares Last Two Years  
Were 'Hell On Earth'**

**Won't Name Accomplices  
Or Doctors Who 'Lifted'  
His Face**

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 3—(US)—Cracking abjectly under 36 hours of merciless grilling at the hands of federal agents, Alvin Karpis, characterized as America's most desperate public enemy, confessed today the \$300,000 ransom kidnappings of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, and William Hamm, St. Paul Brewer.

This was learned from an unimpeachable source at the federal building here, where the desperado has been under almost constant questioning since he was rushed to St. Paul by plane by J. Edgar Hoover, national chief of the federal agents, after the outlaw's capture Friday night in New Orleans.

## Offers to Plead Guilty

With the word of the confession came the further statement that Karpis had offered to plead guilty to either one of the kidnappings if the government would agree to "forget" the other.

His willingness to cooperate led also to the speculation that Karpis believed imprisonment for the kidnapping might save him from prosecution on murder charges which carry the death penalty.

Life imprisonment is the maximum for the abductions since they took place before the amended "Lindbergh law" became operative.

Despite the confession of the public enemy who had boasted he would "never be taken alive," but who meekly surrendered in New Orleans Friday without firing a shot, the government men continued their unrelenting interrogation.

Karpis, it was said, while freely confessing his own part in the "snatching," has so far refused to name accomplices in the actual crime, to give the names of persons who harbored him, or to identify physicians who performed his "face-lifting" operation, and these are the main points the government seeks. Karpis is already thoroughly linked with abductions through the statements of Edmund Bartholmey, Bensenville, Ill., postmaster, and Byron Bolton, Chicago gangster.

It was in Bensenville that both Bremer and Hamm were held, pending payment of the ransom for their safety.

## Arraignment Due Today

According to U. S. Atty. George F. Sullivan, Karpis will be arraigned tomorrow morning for the Hamm kidnapping. Whether he will be formally charged, also, at that time with the Bremer abduction was not decided late today.

Intimation that a sensational "break" had taken place, came earlier when weary "G-men" emerged from the questioning with almost jubilant expressions. That Karpis was "talking" was indicated when one of the federal agents revealed: "Karpis said he was glad it was over and that the last two years had been a 'hell on earth' for him. He said he was tired of being constantly on his guard day and night against a possible raid by law officers."

Not for two years has he gone a foot without an automatic pistol, a shotgun, a rifle or a tommy gun, he told his captors.

"He told us he ate with a gun on the chair beside him, slept with one under his pillow, carried one in his pocket and kept one or more in his car at all times," the federal men said.

"The slightest noise at night would wake him and send him into a cold sweat, a sub machine gun in his hands, waiting to find out

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what the noise meant."

## Rests on Floor

The smooth-faced, slender Karpis, whose appearance belies his reputation as a ruthless killer and daring robber and kidnaper, got his only rest last night lying on the floor of the federal building with weapons pointing at him from all sides.

This was after federal agents had worked on him in relays, seeking to extract confessions of the Bremer and Hamm kidnappings, the five or more murders that are charged to the old Barker-Karpis gang and a large number of bank and mail holdups in which they are alleged to have participated.

The now deflated public enemy No. 1 had scant sleep, in fact, since Hoover, head of the department of justice bureau of investigation, personally staged his capture in New Orleans and brought him here by plane yesterday morning to stand trial for one or both of the kidnappings.

Further startling developments, with new arrests—possibly of supposedly respectable citizens—were freely predicted by local authorities, who pointed out that Karpis and his mob made St. Paul their headquarters for some of their most sensational maraudings.

Lending credence to these predictions was the cryptic comment of Hoover, that "the case is not closed."

Of the persons still sought, some are those who helped dispose of the ransom money and those who helped the outlaws find hiding places.

They include doctors, automobile mechanics and operators of several privately-owned planes used by Karpis.

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# Hoover Proved Worth When He Captured 'Rat'

**Karpis Had Made Threat To Kill Him on Sight; Arrest Also Answer To Senator Skeptic**

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NEW YORK, May 3.—The "inside" on why J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the "G-men", personally supervised the capture of Alvin Karpis in New Orleans was because "public rat No. 1" (as Hoover calls him) had threatened to shoot and kill Hoover on sight.

Then, too, Sen. McKellar of Tennessee, at a recent hearing in Washington concerning appropriations for the federal bureau of investigation, heckled Hoover with:

"Tell me, Mr. Hoover—did you ever make an arrest?"

**Pair Meet at Last**

From reliable information it was learned that when Karpis was cornered exiting from his apartment in New Orleans, the bank burglar and murderer sarcastically said:

"I see we've finally met."

"Yes," said Hoover, "and if memory serves you were going to kill me."

"I would have," replied Karpis, "if I had the chance."

The jailing of Karpis in St. Paul where he will stand trial for the kidnaping of William Hamm, jr., for \$100,000 ransom, gives Karpis "the break." If found guilty, Karpis will get a life term at Alcatraz, instead of death in Missouri, where he is charged with murdering a sheriff.

"Are you glad it is all over?" Hoover asked Karpis in the plane bound for St. Paul.

Karpis replied that he intended to fight the charges because "the longer I fight it, the longer it will be before I go to Alcatraz."

In the car that took Karpis to the federal bureau's offices in New Orleans, he turned to the girl captured with him and said:

"You see! If you listened to me you wouldn't be in this."

**Urged Her to Go Home**

Karpis explained to the "G-men" that he had urged Ruth Robinson, nicknamed "Connie," an Arkansas girl, to "go home" two days before

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the capture.

"And Hunter's a dope, too," said Karpis. "I told him to take in the baseball game. If he'd done that you wouldn't have nailed him, either."

"Why did you go in for crime?" one of the officers asked Karpis.

"I've seen too many people hungry and without jobs," he answered, "and I made up my mind a long time ago that I wouldn't be like them."

The apartment in which Karpis, Hunter and the Robinson girl lived "was appointed in extravagant taste," said a "G-man." "It was lucky for passersby that we got Karpis without firing a shot for the crowd was as thick as the crowds you see at Forty-second street and Fifth avenue during the rush hour. We might have hurt someone by shooting."

When they asked him about the 16 bank burglaries, the four mail robberies, three kidnaps and four murders, of which he stands accused, Karpis was stubborn in answering.

"You're going to kill me, anyway," he said, trembling, "so why talk? Why don't you kill me now and get it over with?"

"No one is going to bother you," he was told, "unless you get fresh. We don't kill people unless they start killing first. Besides, you've seen too many 'G-man' movies!"

The government men believe that a plastic surgeon who did a poor job on Karpis' facial renovation was murdered "and thrown into Lake Erie." Not because his surgery didn't click, it was said, but because "he started talking when he was drunk, which was often."

When they were taking Karpis from the federal bureau's New Orleans offices to the airport, the car stopped for the traffic signals at a corner where a newsboy, offered a newspaper to Karpis.

"Paper! Read all about public

enemy No. 1 being captured!"

Karpis turned to Hoover, smiled, and said:

"Would you be so kind as to read it to me, I want to go to sleep."

The arrest of Karpis, it was pointed out, doesn't "end this case." There will be several arrests in various cities of venal politicians (some police executives) who harbored and abetted Karpis and his henchmen.

"A lot of them are sick to their middles," remarked a "G-man," "from worrying, already. Karpis is going to have the pleasure of their company again—very soon."

The Robinson girl was not living with Karpis—she was the mistress of Hunter.

Karpis told his captors he had given up "steady girl friends." They were so much excess baggage when "you are in a hurry," he said.

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## "THEY GET THEIR MAN"

Capture by federal agents of Alvin Karpis, kidnaper, bank robber and murderer, marks another important victory for the government in its war on organized crime. For nearly three years the Department of Justice had sought incessantly for the man who succeeded Al Capone, John Dillinger, "Baby Face" Nelson and others in the infamous role of "Public Enemy No. 1." The chase led from coast to coast and even to Cuba before he was finally run to earth in New Orleans.

The arrest of Karpis has greater importance than merely putting a vicious criminal behind the bars, although that of

itself is noteworthy. It proves anew that time and distance mean nothing once the government forces take up the hunt for a malefactor. It is irrefutable evidence that "come hell and high water" they will follow the trail relentlessly and tirelessly to the end. It helps to build for the "G-men" a reputation that they, like the famous Mounties who are the terror of criminals in Canada, "always get their man."

There is something of inestimable value in this. When a police force has a reputation for weakness, for failure to attain its goal, criminals are emboldened thereby. They ply their trade with increased vigor, encouraged by the probability that they will escape punishment. But when officers are known as determined pursuers of lawbreakers, never forgetting, never forgiving, the situation is different. The man tempted to do wrong is more inclined to weigh the risks involved.

The fact that Canada has comparatively few major crimes is directly traceable to its mounted police. Year after year the members of that organization have held tenaciously to the tradition of solving crimes, "getting their man," and obtaining convincing evidence of his guilt. As a result, the fear of the law has become a potent, tangible thing.

J. Edgar Hoover's "G-men" are building a similar record. People in general feel that when they tackle a case they will succeed because that is the normal course with them. As criminals get the same idea there will be less crime.

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# ALVIN KARPIS FACES CHARGE OF ABDUCTION

## Will Be Arraigned First for His Part in Hamm Kidnaping



(Wide World Photo)

Alvin Karpis, characterized as America's Public Enemy No. 1, tried to shield his face from photographers when he arrived in St. Paul, Minn., with G-men after a plane trip from New Orleans, where he was captured. He is wanted in St. Paul for kidnapings.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 4 (UP)—Relentless questioning by grim Department of Justice officials left Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, pale and shaking to-day as he faced arraignment on a charge of kidnaping William Hamm, Jr.

J. Edgar Hoover, Justice Department chief, said in New York that Karpis would be tried first for his part in the \$100,000 Hamm abduction. The maximum penalty is life imprisonment. Later, he may be turned over to Missouri authorities who would like to convict him and sentence him to death for the murder of Sheriff C. R. Kelly, of West Plains.

Karpis has been indicted in the Hamm and Kelly cases and in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul financier.

Agents questioning Karpis concentrated on still unsolved angles of the Hamm case. They have announced possibility of further arrests in the case—probably of persons suspected of aiding the escape of the abductors. In addition they are seeking further evidence in the case which they now consider "air tight."

Karpis will be turned over to District Attorney George F. Sullivan this week for arraignment.

Following usual custom, agents refused to discuss results of their prolonged questioning.

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#### ANOTHER PAROLED DESPERADO

The war of government detectives on gangsters is climaxed by the capture of Alvin Karpis in New Orleans. This criminal, who bore the dubious distinction of being known as "Public Enemy No. 1," is the last of the underworld "big shots" who moved about the country, committing one crime after another. Judging by his record, there was nothing Karpis and his gang would not do for money. He was considered to be one of the most successful of the kidnapers.

Karpis was in the truest sense a public enemy. He is a natural criminal, who began a career of crime by preference when a boy. The government's men made it more difficult for him to operate and the disintegration of his gang, under the blow dealt it by federal detectives, further circumscribed his activities. Here of late, Karpis may have considered himself lucky just to be able to keep under cover. But his days of freedom were numbered, his capture ends a spectacular chase.

Incidentally, Karpis is another beneficiary of the parole system. When he was arrested in Oklahoma in 1931 for a jewel robbery at Henrietta he was already a hardened criminal with a prison record, but he never went to prison to serve the four-year term imposed upon him for that crime. He stayed three months in the county jail and was then paroled by the trial judge, according to the Associated Press summary of his career. That trial judge has a good deal to answer for, and so have the lax parole systems in many states which allow such desperate criminals as John Dillinger and Alvin Karpis to be set at liberty to prey upon law-abiding citizens.

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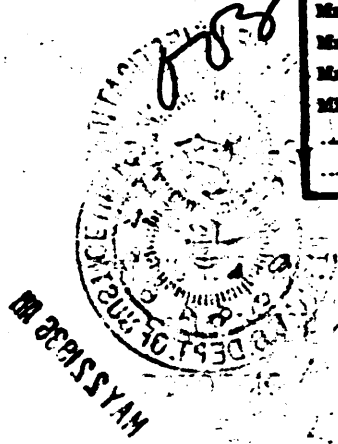
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# **U. S. Agents Escort Alvin Karpis to Waiting Plane**



Wide World Wire Photo.

Flanked by three of the Federal agents who assisted in his capture at New Orleans, the much-sought public enemy, securely handcuffed, is rushed to a plane that had been chartered by the Government men in advance of their raid on the Karpis hideout.

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## Scared Karpis Held in Cell at St. Paul

St. Paul, Minn., May 2.—(P)—Alvin Karpis, long hunted as leader of a gang charged with carrying out two of the nation's major kidnappings was returned today to the scene of those crimes after being seized last night in a bloodless department of justice coup in New Orleans.

Karpis, the nation's most widely sought criminal, had boasted he "wouldn't be taken alive," but J. Edgar Hoover, head of the federal bureau of investigation, who led the capture and immediately after escorted the prisoner here by airplane, said Karpis was "so damned scared he couldn't talk."

Not a shot was fired by the heavily armed agents who ended a three year search.

### Delivered by Airplane.

Karpis was brought here by Hoover and eight federal agents on a 12 hour sleepless airplane trip marked by detours and hazardous flying weather.

Shackled with heavy chains on the long ride, the prisoner often dubbed the latest public enemy No. 1, was rushed under heavy guard to the federal building upon arrival.

Hoover left early this afternoon by plane for New York. When his chartered ship paused briefly at Chicago, he announced, according to a wire from that city:

"Karpis' arrest was brought about entirely by department of justice agents. There were no tips from outsiders and no reward will be paid."

### \$7,000 Rewards Offered.

Rewards totaling \$7,000 had been offered for the apprehension and conviction of the gang leader.

When he would be arraigned and whether he would be tried first for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Banker Edward G. Bremer or the seizure of William Hamm Jr., brewing company head, who paid \$100,000 for his freedom, District Attorney George F. Sullivan was unable to say. Hamm was kidnaped June 15, 1933, and Bremer, Jan. 17, 1934.

At any rate, authorities in Washington said the 26 year old ex-convict faces the prospect of spending the remainder of his life in Alcatraz Island prison, if convicted of either kidnaping.

### Others Seek Custody.

At least two other demands for custody of Karpis were indicated. Hoover told newsmen Karpis was wanted for three kidnappings, including those of Bremer and Hamm, the slaying of a sheriff, 16 bank robberies, three or four small holdups and complicity in the slaying of "three or four other fellows."

Postal authorities say they would like to try Karpis for the \$46,000 mail train robbery at Garrettsville, O., last Nov. 7, if he did not receive a death sentence on some other charge. Fred Hunter, also wanted for the Garrettsville holdup, and a woman were captured with Karpis. In West Plains, Mo., Sheriff Ed

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# KARPIS IS FLOWN TO ST. PAUL FOR KIDNAPING TRIAL

## Facial Operation Fails to Hide Identity.

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Threlkeld of Howell county said he had asked that Karpis be brought there for trial for the slaying of Sheriff Roy C. Kelley in Dec., 1931. Threlkeld said his county has a hanging case against Karpis.

Hoover said agents had been trailing Karpis for two or three days before his capture last night. When definite information was obtained they surrounded the apartment in which he lived with the woman and Hunter, planning to raid it. But before they could enter, the three emerged.

"We nabbed them after they had entered their car," Hoover said. "There was a rifle in the back seat but neither had a chance to reach for it. Neither carried pistols."

"The capture," he continued, "rings down the curtain on all the principals in the Barker-Karpis mob," charged by the government with perpetrating the Hamm and Bremer abductions.

### Karpis Face Lifted, Too.

Karpis had undergone plastic surgery but was easily recognizable from photographs, Hoover said. He also had had his finger tips treated in an effort to disguise his finger prints.

A sidelight on the capture was the statement in Port Clinton, O., of John Zetser, 35, who said he believed he had unwittingly aided Karpis and two companions by flying them to Hot Springs, Ark., and Tulsa, Okla., a few weeks after the Garrettsville holdup.

Karpis' seizure followed by only a few days his indictment for the Hamm kidnaping, and capture of three others as plotters in the crime. The only member of the gang still at large is Harry Campbell, long an associate of Karpis.

Indicted here several days ago for the Hamm kidnaping along with Karpis and his former partner, Arthur [Doc] Barker, now serving a life term in Alcatraz for the Bremer abduction were:

Bryan [Byron] Bolton, in jail here awaiting sentence on his guilty plea in the Bremer case; Elmer Farmer, serving a jail term for the Bremer abduction; John Peifer, St. Paul night club operator; Charles Fitzgerald, Los Angeles, and Edmund C. Bartholmey, former Bensenville, Ill., postmaster.

The latter three were arrested in the latest roundup of Hamm suspects, which the department of justice had solution of the case.

### Woman Is Unidentified.

New Orleans, La., May 2.—(AP)—The identity of the attractive red haired woman who posed as the wife of Alvin Karpis before his capture here, was a guarded secret tonight of federal agents—if they knew themselves.

The woman, in her early 20's, and Fred Hunter, wanted in the \$46,000 Garrettsville, O., mail robbery, were held in locked offices of David W. Magee, inspector in charge of the federal bureau of investigation here, who said a search of Karpis' apartment yielded "plenty." He declined to elaborate.

Mrs. J. S. Meyer, owner and manager of the apartment, expressed surprise over the raid. She described Karpis as "not much more than a boy, so small and delicate looking" and so kind to his wife under the alias of Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Hara that she "just could not believe" it was Karpis to whom she had rented the apartment.

Magee said the woman would not talk and that her finger prints had been sent to Washington for identification.

### HOOVER IN CHICAGO.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the department of justice agents, stopped briefly at the Chicago airport yesterday afternoon, while a specially chartered TWA plane dropped two Chicago agents who had taken part in the capture of Karpis. There were six agents in the Hoover party. The plane then continued on to Cleveland and New York.

Hoover discussed the capture of the notorious gangster and the long investigation which eventually brought the government agents to his hideout in New Orleans. He declared that so far as his department is concerned, there is no public enemy No. 1.

"Our biggest public enemy is poli-

tics," Hoover declared. "We have more trouble guarding against the political sniping than catching gangsters."

Hoover commended Police Commissioner James P. Allman as "one of the most intelligent and resourceful police officials in the United States."

Hoover posed willingly for photographers, but only at a distance of ten feet. He refused to allow any "closeups," apparently to prevent his features from becoming too well recognized by the criminals he hunts.

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*Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, captured by federal agents in New Orleans, lived with a woman seized with him in a lower apartment of this building. They were known as Mr. and Mrs. O'Hara.*  
[Associated Press Wirephoto.]

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Alvin Karpis (coatless) being conducted into federal building at St. Paul yesterday after plane flight from New Orleans, where he was captured by department of justice agents. J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the G-men, who led the raid that resulted in Karpis' capture, is in the left foreground.

[Aome Photo.]

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# G-MAN HOOVER TELLS INSIDE KARPIS STORY

Life of Quarry Studied; Results Guide Pursuers to Hide-out; Twenty Others Sought

J. Edgar Hoover, head of the department of justice bureau of investigation at Washington, yesterday revealed in Chicago the amazing inside story of the way Alvin Karpis was tracked down and captured.

In it he made public for the first time the systematic, scientific study the G-men make into the life of each of the country's public enemies, and told how the facts learned in that study are used to trap the outlaws.

Alvin Karpis, the nation's Public Enemy No. 1, liked to hunt and fish, and hated cold weather.

## ROUNDUP ORDERED.

And that is the principal reason Karpis was captured Friday night in New Orleans, Hoover said.

Hoover arrived in Chicago on a Transcontinental & Western Air plane after delivering Karpis to the federal authorities in St. Paul. He left immediately for Washington.

But, before he left, he announced that he has ordered a roundup of more than twenty persons who helped Karpis in his incredible es-

capades from the law. Hoover said:

"We realized that Karpis was a clever criminal, with powerful connections. We had little hope that his friends would turn him in. And so we made our study, from his childhood through all of the twenty-six years of his life.

## HATES COLD WEATHER.

"We found that all his life he had enjoyed hunting and fishing. The kind of fish he liked best lived in southern streams. He hated cold weather. He liked living in large cities. And he wanted company, usually women.

"As he had money, Miami and New Orleans were the most likely places for him to go. He went both places. We missed him in Miami. And then we trailed him to New Orleans, where he could hunt, fish, keep warm, and catch the very kind of fish he liked best to eat."

When it had been established definitely that Karpis was in New Orleans, Hoover said, Hoover flew to New Orleans to direct the capture. The house in which Karpis and Fred Hunter and the mystery girl known only as "Ruth" lived was surrounded.

Then Hoover and his men closed in.

"I personally gave the command for him to put up his hands and surrender," Hoover said.

"He had boasted that he would never be taken alive. But we took him without firing a shot. That marked him as a dirty, yellow rat. He was scared to death.

"Stuttering, stammering, shaking as though he had the palsies, this man upon whom was b-

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# LIFE OF KARPIS GAVE CLUE TO HIDING PLACE

Habits, Likes and Dislikes  
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they had entered their car. There  
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ried pistols.

"We had Karpis covered. With-  
out a murmur of protest, he, Hun-  
ter, and the woman stepped from  
the car, with their hands above  
their heads."

Asked how Karpis acted when  
told to throw up his hands, Hoo-  
ver said:

"He was so damned scared he  
couldn't talk."

But finally Karpis blurted out,  
Hoover said:

"You are Mr. Hoover. I recog-  
nize you from a picture I saw of  
you with a sailfish in a Florida  
paper."

Hoover explained, indeed, that  
Karpis had been in Miami dur-  
ing Hoover's recent vacation there.  
Learning that the head of the  
G-men was too close for com-  
fort, Karpis hurriedly fled to New

Orleans. This Hoover's men  
learned later.

## FACE LIFTED.

Like the late John Dillinger,  
Hoover revealed, Karpis had re-  
sorted to plastic surgery in an  
effort to disguise himself.

And, the government chief said,  
Karpis told him the face-lifting  
was done by Dr. Joseph P. Moran,  
the Chicago plastic surgeon the  
Karpis gang is believed to have  
slain—taken for a "boat ride" and  
dumped in Lake Erie—lest he  
might some time betray them.  
Dr. Moran, a young medical man  
who abandoned his profession to  
align himself with the under-  
world, has been missing for  
months. He was the face-lifter  
for the Dillinger gang originally,  
and later for the Karpis and  
Barker gangs.

"Karpis told me he paid \$350  
for the job," Hoover said. "But  
it wasn't worth 30 cents. We  
knew him immediately.

"He has two scars on his ear,  
evidently from a face-lifting op-  
eration, and a cut in the lobe of  
each ear."

Hoover said that while Karpis  
was wanted principally for the  
\$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G.  
Bremer, St. Paul banker, and the  
\$100,000 kidnaping of William A.  
Hamm Jr., St. Paul brewer, these  
crimes have been definitely fast-  
ened upon him:

One to four murders.

Three train robberies.

A total of three kidnapings.

Sixteen bank robberies.

"His was a false courage," Hoo-  
ver said. "Gangsters seldom have  
any real courage. They are all yel-  
low dogs.

"The odds were always in  
Karpis' favor. He went around  
with a machine gun or an auto-

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matic. He specialized in robbing defenseless bank clerks. His kidnapping victims were unarmed, while he had his machine guns.

"Gangsters of his type are usually stimulated by drink and dope, and many of them are driven to their most atrocious crimes by twisted mentalities."

"Before this night is over we shall have in custody some of the aviators who helped Karpis. In a short time most of those who aided and harbored him will be behind the bars, doctors, lawyers and others."

Hoover admitted that he does not himself know the true identity of "Ruth," the mystery girl who was seized with Karpis. A slim, attractive young woman with honey-colored hair, she has suddenly refused to tell who she is, Hoover said.

But the government men believe that she may be an important figure in the major kidnappings of recent years. And they are convinced that they will

soon find out who she is and her place in the underworld.

Her reluctance to talk, Hoover said, convinced him that she is in possession of gangland information of untold importance. She was still being questioned last night in New Orleans.

But she was loyal to Karpis, Hoover said, and did not turn him in for the \$7,000 in rewards that the government was offering. Nor was the government "tipped off" by the beautiful brunette credited in New Orleans with making possible the capture.

No outsider helped in the capture, as Hoover told the story. And since the government men are not eligible to rewards, he said, the reward money never will be paid.

Karpis' capture was Hoover's answer to death threats that he revealed the outlaw had sent him last Summer.

Hoover was met here by D. M. Ladd, head of the department's Chicago bureau of investigation.

## Tells of Capture



J. EDGAR HOOVER (LEFT) AND REPORTERS.

G-man is shown being interviewed in Chicago.

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