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#### CAMPBELL GETS LIFE TERM

Karpis Gangster Pleads Guilty in Bremer Kidnapping.

ST. PAUL, May 12 (AP).—Harry Campbell pleaded guilty in Federal court today to participation in the \$200,000 kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer. Judge M. M. Joyce immediately sentenced him to life imprisonment.

Campbell, captured last Thursday in Toledo and brought here by airplane the same day, had been questioned by Federal agents since then. Of twenty-six persons indicted for kidnapping the banker on Jan. 17, 1934, Campbell was the last to be rounded up.

Alvin Karpis, leader of the Barker-Karpis gang, captured in New Orleans, is under indictment for the Bremer kidnapping but is scheduled to be arraigned first for the \$100,000 kidnapping of William Hamm, brewing company head.

George F. Sullivan, Federal Attorney, outlined in court the part played by Campbell in the kidnapping of Mr. Bremer, who was imprisoned for twenty-two days in Bensenville (Ill.) hideout. He named Campbell and Karpis as the "principals" in the abduction. The group seized Mr. Bremer a block

from the school where he had driven his young daughter. Mr. Sullivan also said Campbell was "almost constantly" one of the guards at the hideout and that Campbell and Karpis drove Mr. Bremer to Bensenville and back home after the ransom was paid.

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# KARPIS CAUGHT THROUGH LACK OF SPEEDY CAR

**'Public Enemy' Recognized by Dealer; G-Men Crept In to Capture Without a Shot**

*In this second of a series of articles on the secret methods of the G-men in running down murderers, kidnapers and robbers, the capture of Alvin Karpis, who ascended to the underworld throne as "Public Enemy No. 1," is analyzed:*

**By STANLEY CARROLL,**  
Universal Service Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Alvin Karpis, co-leader of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang, which terrorized the Middle West and Southwest, was the first of the nation's public enemies to fall in the recent dramatic round-up of "bad men."

Modern transportation was the key that was the undoing of "Old Creepy" as Karpis was known intimately to his associates. Like all Federal fugitives, Karpis needed to move swiftly when the "heat" grew too intense in the spots where he sought hiding from the law.

## Dealers Get Posters

Knowing this, J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, thoroughly circularized auto dealers with posters of the kidnapers and killers who had earned a place on his public enemy list.

Karpis needed a fast car to make a getaway in event he saw signs the G-Men were closing in. He went to a dealer in New Orleans and talked with Clarence Pucheu, a salesman. Pucheu talked of the selling points of the car, carefully studying his prospective customer's face—particularly the scars left by a botch-job face-lifting operation.

Word drifted back to special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The house where Karpis, known as "Edward O'Hama," was staying, became the subject of the most intensive secret surveillance by G-Men.

Operatives saw enough to convince them it was here Karpis was hiding. Swift plans for a capture took form, but even police were uninformed of preparations.

Hoover, reached by long distance telephone, chartered a plane for New Orleans. Several hours later he descended at Shushan airport and rushed at once to a secret gathering place of his men.

There followed a hurried consultation, in which Hoover was given a clear description of the house and the neighborhood.

## Auto Arsenal Arrive

Moments later a stream of high-powered cars, filled with picked G-Men armed with Tommy guns, automatic pistols and tear gas bombs, rolled quietly down the street to reconnoiter around the front of the apartment house.

Just at that moment Karpis, Fred Hunter, alleged mail robber, and Hunter's girl walked out of the house and started for Karpis' car.

Hoover leaped from the car, followed by his men, all brandishing weapons ready for instant firing. Hoover addressed Karpis:

"All right, Karpis, put up your hands."

And Karpis threw up his hands, captured without a shot.

(The next article of this series will reveal the sensational circumstances surrounding the capture of Harry Campbell, in Toledo, on May 7.)

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# GOVERNMENT PLANS EARLY KARPIS TRIAL

## Bank Robbery And Murder Indictments Sought Against Gangster

ST. PAUL, May 4.—(AP)—The government today planned an early arraignment of Alvin Karpis on kidnaping charges as county authorities at Minneapolis moved to seek his indictment there for bank robbery and murder.

U. S. District Attorney George F. Sullivan said Karpis would be arraigned on four kidnaping and conspiracy counts in the abductions of two St. Paul business leaders, William Hamm, Jr., brewer, and Edward G. Bremer, banker. The time has not been set, he said, but it would be soon. The maximum penalty for kidnaping is life imprisonment.

Protracted questioning of Karpis continued today as federal agents attempted to learn additional details of the kidnaping plots and the names of other accomplices—particularly the money changers who handled the \$100,000 Hamm ransom.

**MURDER INDICTMENT LIKELY**  
While Karpis was held in the federal building, Ed J. Goff, Hennepin (Minneapolis) county attorney, announced he was taking steps to have the outlaw indicted for murder and bank robbery in that city.

Goff asserted the charges were based on Karpis' participation in the holdup of the Third Northwestern National bank in Minneapolis in 1932, when two policemen and a motorist were slain by the robbers. Goff said witnesses to the robbery would view Karpis, and if they identify him, the case would be presented to the grand jury.

### SECRECY RULES

Federal agents surrounded their questioning of Karpis with greatest secrecy and would not disclose whether he had made any statements.

In New York, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation, said that if Karpis is found guilty of kidnaping here, he may also be tried for the slaying of Sheriff C. R. Kelley of West Plains, Mo., in 1931. Missouri authorities said they wanted Karpis to face the death penalty in a murder trial there.

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 a state insane hospital at St. Peter.

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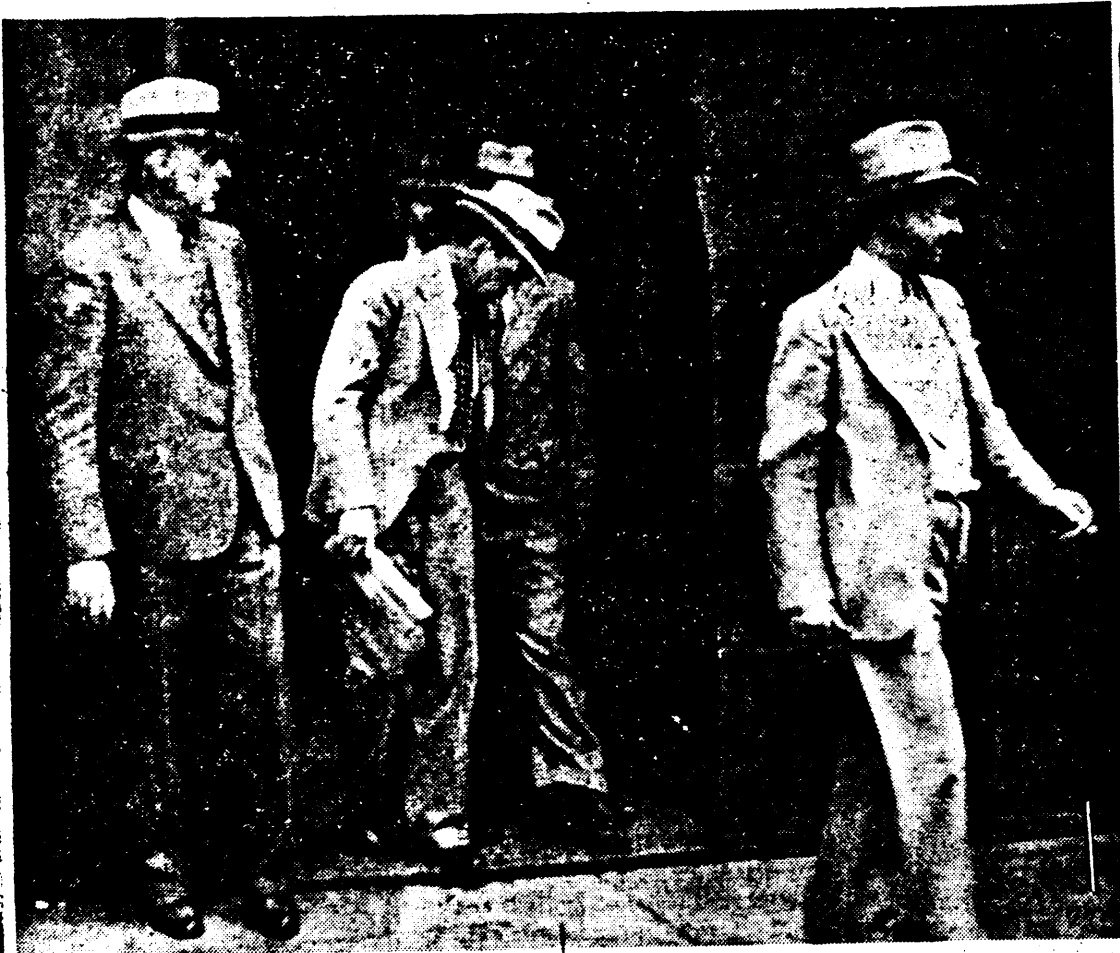
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## ON THE ROAD TO ALCATRAZ



Harry Campbell, confessed kidnaper of Edward G. Bremer, started on his last trip Tuesday afternoon. He pleaded guilty to the kidnapping conspiracy and was sentenced to life imprisonment at the Federal penitentiary at Leavenworth "or such other institution as the attorney general may designate", probably Alcatraz. Shown leaving the Federal courts building, his head bowed to avoid the camera, Campbell is carrying a carton of cigarettes bought at his request by a Federal agent so that he may smoke in the Ramsey county jail while awaiting removal to prison. ~~At the left~~ is E. C. Morrison, a deputy United States marshal, and handcuffed to Campbell but obscured by him is Oscar Bakke, another deputy. Walking ahead, at the right, is J. J. Brennan, Department of Justice agent.

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## Since Boyhood Karpis Career One of Crime

Notorious Trail Once Led  
Through Oklahoma.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 2.—(AP)—The capture of Alvin Karpis in New Orleans Friday night ended a man-hunt as extensive as that of his predecessor as public enemy No. 1—John Dillinger.

Karpis—his real name is Raymond Karpavicz—gained the title of the most wanted man in America after the slayings of Dillinger and George "Baby Face" Nelson.

Known to his pals as "Slim" and "Old Creepy," Karpis embarked on his career of crime when 16 years old and spent his years, from then on, either in penitentiaries or in a wild flight across the country.

"Old Creepy"—He won that sobriquet because he got on the nerves of his henchmen—was hated and feared by members of his mob.

Karpis started out as a petty thief and rapidly "graduated" as one of the nation's big-time burglars, bank robber, killer and kidnaper.

He was sought widely after spectacular bank raids in which blood flowed freely, but the hunt was intensified after the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, young St. Paul bank president, in January, 1934. The banker, in his own words said he was confined "in a living hell" for 21 days.

The desperado was born in Canada August 10, 1909. Later his Lithuanian parents moved to Topeka, Kan.

**He Escaped Reformatory**

When 16 years old, he was arrested in Topeka for stealing tires. Convicted of second-degree burglary he was sent to the state industrial reformatory.

In the Kansas reformatory he met Lawrence Devol, alias Larry Barton. The two escaped after Karpis had served three years. Devol now is serving a life term for a Minneapolis bank holdup in which two patrolmen were slain. Karpis also took part in that crime, Devol admitted.

After a year of freedom, Karpis and Devol were arrested at Kansas City March 23, 1930. Karpis was sent back to the Kansas reformatory, but when knives were found in his possession, he was transferred to the state penitentiary. A year later he was freed.

A month later he landed in Tulsa, Okla., the headquarters of the Barker family—"Ma" Kate Barker, Freddie, Arthur, who also was known as "Doc," Herman and Lloyd. "Ma" Barker and Freddie were slain in Ocala, Fla., after a six-hour gunfight with federal agents. "Doc" is serving a life term in Alcatraz for the Bremer abduction.

Karpis and Freddie Barker met in the Lansing, Kan., penitentiary and became friends. It was there they plotted a \$5,000 jewel robbery at Henryetta, Okla.

On June 10, 1931, Karpis was arrested in Tulsa and taken to Okmulgee, Okla. Barker eluded officers but his pal was sentenced September 11, 1931, to four years in the state penitentiary at McAlester, Okla.

But the No. 1 Badman never was taken to prison to serve that term, for after serving three months in the county jail during and shortly after his trial, he was paroled by the trial judge.

Shortly after his parole Karpis killed Sheriff C. R. Kelley of West Plains, Mo. That was December 19, 1931.

**"Ma" Barker Liked Him**

The Barker boys and Karpis became close pals, in crime. "Ma" Barker thought a good deal of Karpis. And "Old Creepy" liked her, too.

One night while Karpis, "Ma" Barker and her boys were sitting around the kitchen table at a St. Paul address, a tip came that "the cops are on their way over." At that time the officers were looking for the kidnapers of William Hamm Jr., St. Paul brewer, who paid \$100,000 for his freedom after being held captive four days.

After some speculation by the gangsters as to where the "leak" to the cops came from, they decided it was Arthur W. Dunlap. That was "Ma" Barker's second husband. A few days later, the bullet-riddled body of Dunlap was found near Webster, Wis.

In a few years that followed, Karpis was credited with engineering, with his co-leader "Doc" Barker bank robberies, holdups and kidnappings that netted his gang more than a half million dollars and at least five victims, among them four patrolmen.

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# KILLER LOSES NERVE UNDER G-men GUARD



Almost paralyzed with fear, Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, is shown on arrival at St. Paul, Minn., guarded by G-men. The dreaded killer was a meek little man when Federal agents caught up with him. "He's just a scared, yellow rat," said J. Edgar Hoover, head G-man, who personally supervised Karpis' capture. Note Federal agent with machine gun at left.

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## Campbell Got \$6,000 Of Bremer Ransom, He Says; Given Life Term

**Kidnaper Names Doc Barker,  
Karpis and Weaver as  
Accomplices.**

Harry Campbell "talked" while in custody of Federal men here—at least to the extent that he named some of his companions in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

This was brought out Tuesday when Campbell appeared in Federal court before Judge M. M. Joyce, pleaded guilty to conspiracy in the Bremer abduction, and was sentenced to life imprisonment. He was taken to the Ramsey county jail to await removal to Leavenworth prison. From there it is believed he will be taken to Alcatraz prison in San Francisco bay, where other members of the kidnap gang are imprisoned.

Addressing the court before sentence was imposed, George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, told of Campbell's "own statement" of guilt in the Bremer case and how he named as his companions Alvin Karpis, Arthur (Doc) Barker and "possibly William Weaver".

### \$6,000 HIS SHARE.

Mr. Sullivan also disclosed in court that Campbell, reputed "brains" of the Barker-Karpis gang, received only between \$6,000 and \$7,000 as his share of the \$200,000 Bremer ransom. Campbell, arrested in Toledo Thursday and brought here by airplane, had been subjected to questioning in the Federal Bureau of Investigation offices here until his appearance in court and subsequent removal to jail Tuesday.

The outlaw was led into court at 2 P. M. surrounded by G-men and deputy marshals. He was handcuffed to Oscar Bakke, deputy marshal, who last year sat handcuffed to Doc Barker during the latter's trial and conviction for the same kidnaping.

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"What is your true name?" the desperado was asked.

"Harry Campbell."

"Do you want the indictment read?" Judge Joyce queried.

"No, don't bother," Campbell replied in a low voice.

"Do you understand the nature of the indictment?" the judge went on.

"Yes."

"What is your plea?" Eckley asked.

### PLEADS IN LOW VOICE.

"Guilty," Campbell said in a hardly audible tone.

"Do you know what your plea means?" Judge Joyce asked.

Campbell nodded and said, "Yes."

"Do you need or feel that you want an attorney to advise you?" the court continued.

"No," Campbell answered.

"Is there any reason why the judgment of the court should not be passed on you at this time?" the court inquired.

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**Kidnaper's Voice Barely Audible as He Pleads Guilty and Gets Life.**

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Of 26 persons named in an indictment for complicity in the crime, Campbell was the last to be rounded up. The others have been imprisoned or killed.

Looking weary but resigned to his fate, Campbell received his sentence with no apparent emotion. In reply to the court's questions, he spoke in tones so low that his voice scarcely could be heard in the rear of the courtroom.

Although 36 years old, the limping kidnaper appeared several years older, as he stood before the bench, more like a man in his 40's. Of medium complexion and fairly stocky build and about 5 feet, 8 inches tall, he was garbed in a light-greenish-gray suit, light-blue shirt, brown-figured tie, brown shoes and gray hat.

When news of Campbell's impending arraignment spread through the Federal Courts building the courtroom filled rapidly. Those who witnessed the event, however, were nearly all employees in the building, there being only a handful of outsiders.

Among those present when Campbell heard his fate was his victim, Mr. Bremer. The banker made no comment, merely entering the court room, witnessing what took place and leaving when the arraignment was over.

Preceding his arraignment, Campbell was taken to the United States marshal's office, where a warrant charging him with the kidnap conspiracy was served on him and read by E. J. Kennedy, deputy marshal. It was the first time he had been arrested officially for the crime, no warrant having been served until that time.

Following service of the warrant, the prisoner was handcuffed to a deputy marshal and taken into the courtroom, which adjoins the marshal's office on the third floor of the Federal Courts building.

In the courtroom he was guarded by five Federal Bureau of Investigation operatives.

May 15, 1936

# G-MEN CHEATED OUT OF PREY BY 1-WAY LAKE RIDE

Moran, Doctor for Gang-  
sters, Now at Bottom of  
Erie to Seal Lips

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance  
WASHINGTON, May 13—G-Men

missed one member of the Barker-Karpis gang when they arrested Harry Campbell in Toledo recently. His body, weighted with rock, lies in Lake Erie, somewhere off Toledo's Harbor Light.

He was known to gangdom as Old Doc Moran, and in his hey-day he took a good slice of the income of the Barker-Karpis mob, following a break with an earlier associate, John Dillinger.

His Lake Erie grave resulted from his inability to drink and still hold his tongue.

## Had College Honors

Dr. Joseph P. Moran was born in 1895 at Spring Valley, Ill., where he was graduated from high school. He enlisted when the World War came, and went to France. The war over, he came home determined to be a surgeon.

From Tufts Medical School in Boston he was graduated with honors, and he returned to LaSalle, Ill., to practice. Presently he was arrested for an illegal operation, and went to Joliet for three years.

In prison he performed hundreds of operations. Word of his skill spread outside prison walls, and when he got out he found a practice waiting in Chicago.

## Known to Gangsters

Soon Doc Moran was widely known as a "right-guy" who for a price could shave telltale lines from gangster fingers, or alter features so deftly as to defy detection.

His clients included the "cream" of Chicago's underworld. Later he operated on Alvin Karpis, Fred and Arthur Barker, Harry Campbell and others with public-enemy ratings.

John Hamilton, brains of the Dillinger crew, paid him more than \$5000 after being shot in an East Chicago bank stick-up.

J. Edgar Hoover wrote recently:

"In the drunken moments—and they were many—Moran liked to talk of his honor course in medical school. Imagination would wipe away the criminal stigma; he would become a great surgeon. Under these delusions he would attempt to force his surgical ability on anyone present.

"What you need," he would say, "is a good surgeon like me to work on you. Afraid of the cops, aren't you? Well, I'll alter your nose; change its shape. And lift those cheeks. Change the expression of your eyes—they'll never know you. And your hands. Still making regular finger prints, eh? Well, I can fix that, too."

Moran broke with the Dillinger mob shortly after the Little Bohemia incident in Wisconsin, when Hamilton was fatally shot. The story goes that Doc refused medical aid to Hamilton and let him die in the back room of a Chicago saloon.

## Joined Barker, Karpis

Doc then joined the Barker-Karpis outfit, and was so involved in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case as to draw an indictment along with the rest.

He kept on drinking, and despite his usefulness to the Barker brothers and Alvin Karpis he soon was both hated and feared.

About a year ago, so the story goes, Doc and the rest of the mob were sitting around a table in a Toledo waterfront dive, drinking and talking.

Doc started telling the world that he had "too much on the gang" to fear violence. He was wrong. One, Russell Gibson, drug addict and mobster, suggested a motor boat ride out into Lake Erie to sober up Moran.

Moran took the ride—one way.

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# GANG GAVE HIM ONLY \$7,000 OF \$200,000 RANSOM

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Although 36 years old, the kidnaping kidnaper appeared several years older as he stood before the bench, more like a man in his 40's. Of medium complexion and fairly stocky build and about 5 feet, 8 inches tall, he was garbed in a light-greenish-gray suit, light-blue shirt, brown-figured tie, brown shoes and gray hat.

When news of Campbell's impending arraignment spread through the Federal Courts building the courtroom filled rapidly. Those who witnessed the event, however, were nearly all employees in the building, there being only a handful of outsiders.

Among those present when Campbell heard his fate was his victim, Mr. Bremer. The banker made no comment, merely entering the court room, witnessing what took place and leaving when the arraignment was over.

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#### WARRANT SERVED

Preceding his arraignment, Campbell was taken to the United States marshal's office, where a warrant charging him with the kidnap conspiracy was served on him and read by E. J. Kennedy, deputy marshal. It was the first time he had been arrested officially for the crime, no warrant having been served until that time.

Following service of the warrant, the prisoner was handcuffed to a deputy marshal and taken into the courtroom, which adjoins the marshal's office on the third floor of the Federal Courts building.

In the courtroom he was guarded by five Federal Bureau of Investigation operatives headed by Clinton Stein and half a dozen deputy marshals. There were no weapons in evidence, although the guards had pistols under their coats.

U. S. MARSHAL

# CAMPBELL'S WIFE FREED



This 20-year-old Toledo girl, who was taken into custody with Harry Campbell by G-men, was free today while Campbell was on his way to spend his life in prison following his guilty plea to the Edward Bremer kidnaping. She told officers she wed Campbell last year as "Bob Miller," not knowing he was a public enemy.

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MAY 13 1936

## Campbell to U. S. prison

ST. PAUL, May 15.—Harry Campbell, who pleaded guilty to a charge of kidnaping Edward G. Bremer, was en route to Leavenworth federal prison today. Sentenced to life imprisonment by Federal Judge M. M. Joyce, Campbell secretly was removed from jail by United States deputy marshals.

Alvin Karpis, Campbell's former chief, remained in the county jail for trial next fall in the William Hamm, Jr., abduction.

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# LAST OF KARPIS GANG SEIZED

## CAMPBELL AND COKER TAKEN IN TOLEDO

Hoover Leads Raid at  
Dawn; Girl Bride  
Held

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 7  
(I.N.S.).—The airliner carrying  
the captured Harry Campbell,  
last of the Karpis-Barker mob,  
and his G-men guards, arrived  
here today at 11:52 a. m.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 7.  
(I.N.S.).—The G-men today wiped  
out the last remnants of the notor-  
ious Karpis-Barker gang with the  
arrest of Harry Campbell, reputed  
"brains of the gang," and Sam  
Coker, a minor member of the  
ring, in two Toledo raids.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the  
Department of Justice Bureau of  
Investigation, personally led a  
large force of agents in the raids.  
Both men were seized without the  
firing of a shot in the same  
mansion that Alvin Karpis and  
Fred Hunter, a henchman, were  
seized last Friday night in New  
Orleans.

### Girl Bride Taken

Campbell's girl bride, described  
by Hoover as "just an innocent  
little girl" who is not suspected of  
any part in the gang's crimes, also  
was taken into custody but proba-  
bly will be released later after  
questioning.

The arrests, Hoover said, clean  
up the major angles of the Bremer  
kidnaping case in St. Paul.

The two raids were accom-  
plished in utmost secrecy. Hoover  
flew from Washington to Toledo  
last night. At 5 a. m. today, the  
G-men struck. Campbell and his  
20-year-old wife were seized in a  
Monroe Street apartment house,  
and Coker, a 40-year-old Oklahoma  
paroled robber, in a private resi-  
dence nearby.

Swiftly the two men were  
whisked by chartered plane to  
Cleveland. There Campbell's wife  
and Coker were taken quietly by  
Hoover and several agents to the  
office of J. P. McFarland, head of  
the Bureau of Investigation unit  
here, and Campbell taken on by  
plane to St. Paul.

Not until Hoover, unshaven and  
tired, made his announcement in  
McFarland's fourteenth floor of-  
fice in a downtown skyscraper  
was the seizure of the two long-  
sought gangsters revealed.

### Hides Details

Contrary to his usual practice  
of issuing short announcements,  
Hoover conversed at length with  
newspapermen. Only as to the  
details of the raids was he  
reticent.

Campbell, whom he described  
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as "one of the most notorious  
desperados to come out of the  
Southwest in 10 years," and the  
co-plotter with Karpis of the Ed-  
ward G. Bremer kidnaping, will  
be charged with kidnaping in  
that case, Hoover said.

Coker will be returned to Okla-  
homa, where he faces a prison  
term of 18 years as a parole  
violate. Oklahoma officials were  
notified of his capture and word  
was expected from them today  
as to when they would send  
officers for him.

### Cleveland Hideout

Hoover made the surprising dis-  
closure that Karpis and his entire  
gang hid out in Cleveland during  
the fall and summer of 1934. There  
is evidence to show, he declared,  
that the gang was "tied up with  
some petty politicians in Clevel-  
and."

Dr. Joseph Moran, who per-  
formed fingerprint and face lift-  
ing operations on members of the  
gang, was with the mob in Clevel-  
and, Hoover learned, but now, the  
chief of the G-Men declared, "Dr.  
Moran is at the bottom of Lake  
Erie."

The \$2,500 reward for Camp-  
bell's capture will not be paid,  
Hoover said, because "full credit  
for the capture goes to the G-  
men." He charged postal inspec-  
tors with lack of cooperation.  
Hoover declared:

"I want it understood that  
the G-men receive full credit  
for rounding up the entire Kar-  
pis-Barker gang.

"The postal inspectors had  
nothing to do with it, and there  
was noticeable lack of cooper-  
ation on the part of the postal in-  
spectors."

He refused to enlarge on this  
statement.

#### Bremer Kidnap

Hoover declared that "Karpis and Campbell, known as 'Limpy' because of a slight limp, together plotted the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, president of the Commercial State Bank of St. Paul, on January 17, 1934. Bremer was released the following February 7 after payment of \$200,000 ransom.

The Bremer charge is not the only one against Campbell, for the 36-year-old mobster had a "long career of murder, burglaries, safe-cracking and other crimes," Hoover said.

Campbell and Karpis, together with Fred Hunter and two others of their clan are named in warrants issued by the Federal district court here as perpetrators of the \$46,000 mail train robbery in Garrettsville, Ohio, last November. A Federal grand jury was called here today to consider indictments against the five men in connection with this robbery.

Campbell and his wife were seized in the first raid, which was staged at an apartment house at 3132 Monroe St., Toledo, Hoover said. A few minutes later they raided a residence at 435 Arcadia St., where Coker was living with an elderly couple.

The elderly man and woman are suffering from heart ailments, Hoover said, and the utmost care was exercised in placing Coker under arrest. He made no sign of resistance, Hoover said, and the arrest was made speedily.

#### Hid Five Months

Campbell, Hoover said, has been living in Toledo constantly for the last five months, but he had been operating in and out of Toledo for 18 months or more.

Karpis had been hiding in the Southwest along the Gulf Coast ever since the Garrettsville (Ohio) mail robbery, and had been spending most of his time fishing.

Campbell had \$2,900 in cash on his person, a .45 caliber revolver, and six clips of bullets, Hoover said.

The \$2,500 cash reward offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Campbell will not be paid, the chief of the G-Men said. He gave entire credit for the arrest to the G-Men.

## NABBED



**HARRY CAMPBELL**, designated as Public Enemy No. 1 on the capture of Alvin Karpis, was caught in Toledo today along with Sam Coker, also an alleged member of the Karpis-Barker gang. International News Photo.

May 13, 1936

## CAMPBELL GIVEN LIFE PRISON TERM

Pleads Guilty to Bremer  
Kidnap Charge.

ST. PAUL, May 12.—(AP)—In the presence of the man he helped seize and imprison for 22 days, Harry Campbell, lame mobster of the Barker-Karpis gang, today pleaded guilty to conspiracy in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping and was sentenced to life in prison.

It was disclosed in court that Campbell received only between \$6,000 and \$7,000 as his share of the ransom.

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## HARRY CAMPBELL SENTENCED TO LIFE

Pleads Guilty—Alvin Karpis  
Awaits Trial

By The United Press

ST. PAUL, May 13—Harry Campbell, limping pal of Alvin (old Creepy) Karpis, pleaded guilty late yesterday to the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, and was sentenced immediately to life imprisonment.

Weary and apparently resigned, he appeared before Federal Judge M. M. Joyce, listened to Dist. Atty. George F. Sullivan relate his part in the \$200,000 kidnaping and then was led away to join his fellows of the Barker-Karpis gang in penitentiaries.

Mr. Sullivan told the court Campbell drove the auto which took Bremer to the hideout in Bensenville, Ill., aided Fred Barker and Karpis in guarding their captive 21 days, and finally drove Bremer to Rochester, Minn., where the banker was released.

He was charged with kidnaping and conspiracy to kidnap. In a voice barely audible, he pleaded guilty to each charge.

"Have you anything to say?" Judge Joyce inquired.

Campbell shook his head. Trial of Karpis will clean up the Bremer kidnaping case. He is the only one of 26 indicted in the kidnaping left alive or unsentenced. Fourteen of them were slain either by Federal agents or fellow gangsters.

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## G-Men Seize Enemy No. 1



Five automobile loads of federal agents dashed up to the airport in St. Paul, Minn., to meet the plane bringing Alvin Karpis from New Orleans on Saturday, May 2. Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, killer, mail robber, who blazed a trail of daring crime through many states, is pictured as he was escorted under heavy guard from the plane to an automobile at St. Paul airport. In the foreground, immediately preceding the desperado, is pictured J. Edgar Hoover, who supervised the bloodless but sensational capture in the Gulf city of the notorious criminal. Karpis apparently was brought to St. Paul to face trial in connection with the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping there. This Soundphoto was transmitted from Chicago to San Francisco over telephone wires.

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PHOENIX EVENING GAZETTE  
Phoenix, Arizona  
May 5, 1936

# KARPIS' GIRL SPIRITED AWAY

NEW ORLEANS, May 5.—(AP)—Ruth Robinson, the pretty "woman in white" who was taken into custody here last Friday with Alvin Karpis, the alleged St. Paul kidnaper, was spirited away from the federal building early today by bureau of investigation officers.

She was taken to an undisclosed destination in an automobile.

Fred Hunter, her companion in the Karpis case who is an Ohio mail robbery suspect, was slipped out of the building by another group of federal agents.

Both the prisoners have been housed in the federal offices continuously since the raid. It is not known whether any charges have been filed against them.

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## Karpis' Bride



[Associated Press Wirephoto]

Mrs. Grace Goldstein, 30, quiet spoken blond telephone operator of a Hot Springs (Ark.) hotel, disclosed Friday night that she and Alvin Karpis, captured gangster, were married in New York last Sept. 25. Federal agents detained her in St. Paul while collaring Karpis in New Orleans.

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CAMPBELL MUM  
IN G-MEN'S QUIZ

ST. PAUL, May 10 (AP).—True to the underworld code, Harry Campbell, Limping Barker-Karpis gangster, still refused to "squeal" as he passed his 85th hour tonight in leg irons and manacles in the Federal Bureau of Investigation office. Federal agents, working in relays under supervision of Clinton W. Stein, continued to question

him concerning persons who aided him and his chieftain, Alvin Karpis, while they were sought for nearly three years for two major kidnappings.

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# BREMER CASE ENDS WITH KARPIS TRIAL

Life Term Given Campbell,  
Leaving Only Gang Leader  
to Face Court

St. Paul, Minn., May 13 (UP) — The trial of Alvin Karpis, co-leader of the Barker-Karpis gang, will clean up the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case, federal authorities explained today.

Karpis is the only one of 28 indicted in the kidnaping left alive or unsentenced. Fourteen of them were slain either by federal agents or fellow gangsters. The other 11, including Harry Campbell, have been imprisoned.

Campbell, captured on a clue wrested from Karpis during prolonged questioning, pleaded guilty late yesterday and was sentenced immediately to life imprisonment.

He listened disconsolately as U. S. District Attorney Sullivan related how he drove the captive St. Paul banker to a Bensenville hideout, assisted in guarding Bremer for 21 days, and finally returned him to Rochester, Minn., for release after payment of \$200,000 ransom. For this he received between \$6000 and \$7000.

Campbell, chained to a federal officer, mumbled his plea of guilty, shook his head when asked whether he had any statement, and was led away.

Officers said 120 hours of constant questioning had failed to make Campbell reveal anything which might assist in Karpis' prosecution. Campbell will not be asked to testify against his former associate, Sullivan said.

Karpis will be tried in November for the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr. The result of that trial may determine whether he will be prosecuted in the Bremer case.

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# Bond of \$200,000 for Karpis' 'Host'



His bond set at \$200,000 on a charge of harboring Alvin Karpis, imprisoned gang leader, Fred Hunter is shown above, handcuffed, handkerchief at his face, after his arraignment in New Orleans. Hunter, alleged former minor Ohio gangster, and a woman were taken into custody by G-men when Karpis was captured.

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# LAST OF KARPIS GANG CAPTURED

Harry Campbell, Wife And Sam Cokar,  
Minor Underworld Hoodlum, Caught By  
G-Men In Surprise Raid At Toledo.

CLEVELAND, May 7. — (AP) — J. Edgar Hoover, federal bureau of investigation chief, announced here that Harry Campbell, last of the Alvin Karpis gang, a woman described as his wife and Sam Cokar, a minor gangland figure, were captured by federal agents early today at Toledo, O.

Hoover said the capture was effected without the firing of a shot. Campbell was taken to St. Paul, Minn., by airplane to face charges in the Edward Bremer kidnaping, he said.

Campbell showed what Hoover termed a "little resistance" when the agents apprehended him.

## LAST OF GANG

"We have the last of the Karpis gang," Hoover said.

Federal men surprised Campbell and the woman in a Toledo apartment.

On Campbell's person, the agents found a .45 caliber revolver and six clips of shells, Hoover said.

Agents said the girl claimed to have married Campbell at Bowling Green, O., in 1935. She gave her age as 19 years.

## INVESTIGATE POLITICIANS

Hoover said that when Karpis and other members of the former Barker-Karpis gang escaped from a trap here in 1934 "they were tipped off by two Cleveland politicians and we are now investigating every detail of this angle."

The bureau chief said members of the Karpis gang had face lifting and finger print operations performed by a Cleveland surgeon.

"That doctor probably is dead now," Hoover said. "We have reason to believe he was killed after performing the operations. We believe his body was dumped into Lake Erie."

Hoover said that Campbell was married under the name of "Robert Miller" and that his wife did not know anything of his criminal career. She probably will be released, he said.

## FLIES TO TOLEDO

Hoover flew to Toledo last night to take personal charge of the federal men. He said he would fly from Cleveland to New York late today.

Hoover said Cokar probably will be held for Oklahoma authorities as a parole violator where an unfinished 30-year sentence for bank robbery still stands against him.

Campbell's capture came less than a week after that of Karpis, who bore the label of "public enemy No. 1." Karpis was taken in similar manner without gunfire in a fashionable New Orleans residential district.

Karpis became known nationally after federal agents killed Kate "Ma" Barker and her son, Fred, in a gun battle in Florida.

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## SHOT WAY OUT

Campbell and Karpis fled north in a stolen automobile, shot their way out of an Atlantic City telephone battle with police and escaped to the middle west after abducting a Pennsylvania doctor to obtain his automobile.

Campbell was charged together with Karpis and Fred Hunter, taken with the former in New Orleans, with a \$46,000 machine gun mail train robbery last Nov. 7 at Gainesville, O.

## SURROUND BUILDING

The federal men surrounded the two-story apartment building where Campbell was hiding out. Hoover refused to say how many men were in the raiding party.

Campbell and his wife were seized as they emerged from the building just at daybreak. Campbell scuffled lightly but was covered and overpowered, Hoover said.

Cokar, 40, was taken a half hour later at another hideout not far away.

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## KARPIS, CAMPBELL — UNDER SAME ROOF —

### Kidnaping Pals Fail to Glimpse Each Other in St. Paul Jail

St. Paul—(AP)—Under the same roof for the first time in months, but lodged in widely separated cells in Ramsey County Jail, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell today glowered at federal men and deputy sheriffs keeping a vigilant guard.

Campbell awaited removal to a federal prison—probably Alcatraz—to serve a life sentence for his confessed complicity in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Just a few hours after government men finished a five-day quiz, Campbell pleaded guilty in federal court late yesterday in the presence of Bremer, ransomed after 21 days' imprisonment.

Karpis, whose capture at New Orleans preceded that of Campbell at Toledo by six days, has not been arraigned. He, too, was indicted for the Bremer kidnaping.

The two outlaws, so far as was known, have not even glimpsed each other.

It could not be learned whether Karpis heard of Campbell's guilty plea and subsequent sentence.

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# CAMPBELL AWAITS TRIP TO ALCATRAZ

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### Bremer Hears Proceedings.

Sentence on Campbell was imposed by Federal Judge M. M. Joyce as Bremer, 39-year-old bank president kidnaped January 17, 1934, listened attentively to the proceedings.

Karpis also is under indictment as a ringleader in the William Hamm, Jr., abduction. Hamm, president of a brewing company, was kidnaped June 15, 1933, and paid \$100,000 for his freedom.

District Attorney George Sullivan disclosed in court that Campbell received only between \$6,000 and \$7,000 as his share of the Bremer ransom. Although Campbell was charged with both the actual kidnaping and conspiracy to kidnap, Sullivan moved for arraignment on only the conspiracy charge.

### Others in Mob Held There.

Campbell will be taken first to Leavenworth Penitentiary and later probably transferred to Alcatraz Island Prison in San Francisco Bay, where other members of the kidnap mob are serving time. Now in Alcatraz for life are Arthur (Doc) Barker, alleged coleader with Karpis in the two kidnapings; Harry Sawyer, "finger man"; Volney Davis, who delivered the ransom notes, and William Weaver, one of the guards at the Bensenville, Ill., "hideout" where the banker was held captive 22 days in what he termed "a living hell."

District Attorney Sullivan named Campbell and Karpis as among the actual kidnapers and said they drove Bremer to and from the "hideout" in addition to acting as guards virtually the entire period of imprisonment.

Campbell, 36 years old, received the sentence with no apparent emotion.

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# CAMPBELL GETS LIFE. Karpis Pal Sentenced in Kidnaping

ST. PAUL, May 12 (U.P.). Harry Campbell, limping pal of Alvin (Old Creepy) Karpis, today pleaded guilty to the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, and was sentenced to life imprisonment. Weary and apparently resigned, he stood before Federal Judge M. M. Joyce, listened to District Attorney George F. Sullivan relate his part in the \$200,000 kidnaping and then was led away.

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**Karpis and the Law**

Reading the story of Alvin Karpis's three-year hide-away from federal agents and local police makes one wonder what a gangster thinks about, on whose head is a price.

The criminal's dream, of course, is to get away with his crime and live in clover on the proceeds of theft. How often is that dream realized? If the agents of the law find no clue to the criminal, his own pals in the underworld batten on him like a leech, actually holding his liberty in the hollow of their hands until they think they can gain more by selling him out than by keeping his secret.

Karpis was definitely sought by an agency he had come to respect as one of the most relentless on earth—the federal bureau of criminal investigation. One needs no great imagination to picture the daily life of the object of such a man-hunt. It must be an almost complete want of imagination in the criminal mind that fails to foresee the meaning of such a hunt, and to know how brief will be the care-free liberty following a major "job" that most likely will involve murder.

The recession in the type of crimes which interest the G men proves that what Dillinger, Floyd, the Barkers, Nelson, Karpis, etc., have learned to their cost has not been overlooked by would-be imitators to the profit of the latter as well as to society in general.

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# ALLEN ORDERS POLICE SHIFTS

## Radio Sergeants Return to Active Duty as Supervisors.

Further reorganization of the police department was announced by Chief Ray Allen today when he ordered that full ranking sergeants assigned to the radio dispatchers' office are to be returned to active duty and replaced by patrolmen.

Chief Allen ordered that three sergeants, Sam Vogel, Vincent Kwapich and Carl Weiner, assigned to the radio office, are to be returned to active service. Two of these men are to be assigned to the East Side station to "furnish the supervision so badly needed in the past in East Toledo, which is one of the most important districts in the city." The third sergeant is to alternate on relief duty at the East Side and central stations.

The sergeants are to be replaced by patrolmen, who are to work under supervision of the chief operator, Joseph T. Guiteau, who is to be responsible to Inspector Clarence Mead.

Chief Allen also announced a new policy regarding desk men in the East Side and central stations, and instructed that lieutenants and sergeants in both precincts are to alternate on desk and street duty in shifts of four hours each. The lieutenant will be held responsible at all times for the operation of his office during his shift whether he is on desk duty or street duty. The lieutenants, when on street duty, are to occupy patrol cars and must remain within communication by radio at all times, Chief Allen ordered.

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## Karpis' Pal Meted Life

Weary and apparently resigned, he appeared before Federal Judge M. M. Joyce, listened to George F. Sullivan, district attorney, relate his part in the \$200,000 kidnaping and then was led away to join his fellows of the Barker-Karpis gang in penitentiaries.

He was charged with kidnaping and conspiracy to kidnap. In a voice barely audible, he pleaded guilty to each charge.

## Karpis Helper Is Meted Life

Campbell was last of the Barker-Karpis gang to be captured. Six days ago he was trapped at Toledo, O., on information obtained from Karpis, who had been seized shortly before that in New Orleans.

Karpis, nicknamed "Old Creepy" by the Barker brothers because of his sullen manner, will be tried first in the \$100,000 kidnaping of William Hamm, jr., St. Paul brewer.

Sullivan said Campbell would not be used as a witness against Karpis, indicating he had maintained stubborn silence through the long hours of questioning by G-men, despite the fact they branded Karpis a traitor in "turning up" Campbell.

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### A Brilliant Cleanup

The G-men have made a thrilling cleanup of major kidnaping suspects in the last week and a half. First Karpis, sought for the St. Paul kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer and William A. Hamm, and other crimes; then Harry Campbell, Karpis' alleged associate in the Bremer kidnaping and the \$46,000 Garrettsville, Ohio, mail robbery; then William Mahan, for the kidnaping of 9-year-old George Weyerhaeuser, of Tacoma, and now Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., for the kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Stoll, of Louisville.

The captures have come with startling suddenness, but they were all based on the relentless pursuit and skillful methods that the Federal Bureau of Investigation and its chief, J. Edgar Hoover, have used since they were given authority to deal with kidnaping as a national crime.

Their exploits have led to some political criticism, which was promptly scotched by the leaders of both parties in Congress. There have been carpings from other sources because the G-men have become almost legendary heroes. But the G-men go right on, and they will go right on from here snaring the little minnows of federal crime even though the thrill of their capture may not be the same as in netting the larger fish.

State and local police officials the country over will do well to ponder the reasons for their success. State and local political authorities everywhere also will do well to ponder Mr. Hoover's recent statement that the real enemy of law and order, the real Public Enemy No. 1, was not the criminal but "Old Man Politics."

The G-men's success should focus attention on this public enemy as well as on their heroism and prowess.

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**IT DOESN'T PAY**

**HARRY CAMPBELL**, who pleaded guilty to his part in the Bremer kidnaping, confessed that he received only \$7,000 of the \$200,000 ransom.

He also confessed his disappointment in the smallness of the stake. For \$7,000 "easy money" he will now spend the rest of his days in prison.

Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., kidnaper of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, who has confessed hitting her over the head with a piece of pipe—an act that now places his own life in jeopardy—told his captors, the G-men, that he had to "pay plenty" for protection out of the \$50,000 ransom. He did not specify further but undoubtedly meant that it costs a lot to keep suspicious persons quiet. At any rate he had \$2,500 of the ransom money on him when arrested.

These two men, to say nothing of the others rounded up for these sensational crimes, will subscribe now to the truth of the statement that crime does not pay.

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# CAMPBELL GETS LIFE TERM

Karpis Gangster Pleads Guilty in Bremer Kidnapping.

ST. PAUL, May 12 (AP).—Harry Campbell pleaded guilty in Federal court today to participation in the \$200,000 kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer. Judge M. M. Joyce immediately sentenced him to life imprisonment.

Campbell, captured last Thursday in Toledo and brought here by airplane the same day, had been questioned by Federal agents since then. Of twenty-six persons indicted for kidnapping the banker on Jan. 17, 1934, Campbell was the last to be rounded up.

Alvin Karpis, leader of the Barker-Karpis gang, captured in New Orleans, is under indictment for the Bremer kidnapping but is scheduled to be arraigned first for the \$100,000 kidnapping of William Hamm, brewing company head.

George F. Sullivan, Federal Attorney, outlined in court the part played by Campbell in the kidnapping of Mr. Bremer, who was imprisoned for twenty-two days in a Bensenville (Ill.) hideout. He named Campbell and Karpis as the "principals" in the abduction. The group seized Mr. Bremer a block from the school where he had driven his young daughter.

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# Campbell Confesses, Gets Life; Won't Talk

(By United Press)

St. Paul, May 12.—Still refusing to squeal on the chief who had informed on him, Harry Campbell, limping pal of Alvin Karpis, today pleaded guilty to the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Bent and weary and apparently resigned, he appeared before Federal Judge M. M. Joyce, heard a district attorney relate his part in the \$200,000 kidnaping and then was led away to join his fellows of the Barker-Karpis gang in penitentiaries.

Campbell drove the automobile which took Bremer to the hideout in Bensenville, Ill., aided Fred Barker and Karpis in guarding their captive twenty-one days, and finally drove Bremer to Rochester, Minn., where the banker was released.

In a voice barely audible, he pleaded guilty.

Throughout the brief hearing the gangster was handcuffed to a federal agent. Ten of them led him away after sentence. They had completed 120 hours of fruitless efforts to draw from him information which may be used against Karpis in his trial next Fall.

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## CAMPBELL GETS LIFE Pleads Guilty in Bremer Kidnaping

ST. PAUL, May 12 (US).—Harry Campbell, Karpis-Barker gang machine-gunner captured last week in Toledo, pleaded guilty today to the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, and immediately was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Alvin Karpis, who stood guard with Campbell over Bremer while they held him captive three weeks in Bensenville, Ill., is still to be tried, but is expected to plead guilty. All others accused in the case are either dead or in prison.

Bremer was in court when Campbell was sentenced, but declined to comment.

Manacled to a deputy United States marshal, Campbell, who said he received only \$7,000 of the ransom money waived reading of the indictment.

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS

### **Bremer Kidnaping To Be Cleaned Up With Karpis Trial**

St. Paul, Minn., May 12—(AP)—Trial of Alvin Karpis, coleader of the Barker-Karpis gang, will clean up the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case, federal authorities explained today.

Karpis is the only one of twenty-six indicted in the kidnaping left alive or unsentenced. Fourteen of them were slain either by federal agents or fellow gangsters. The other eleven, including Harry Campbell, have been imprisoned.

Campbell, captured on a clue wrested from Karpis, pleaded guilty Tuesday and was sentenced immediately to life imprisonment.

He listened disconsolately as United States District Attorney Sullivan related how he drove the captive, St. Paul banker, to a Bensenville hideout, assisted in guarding Bremer for twenty-one days, and returned him to Rochester, Minn., for release after payment of \$200,000 ransom. For this he received between \$6,000 and \$7,000.

Officers said 120 hours of constant questioning had failed to make Campbell reveal anything which might assist in Karpis' prosecution.

Karpis will be tried in November for the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr.

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EDITORIAL

## G-MEN PERFORM THOROUGH JOB

Two weeks ago there were three Public Enemies still at large. Now there are none. Alvin Karpis, wanted for the Bremer kidnaping, is awaiting trial. William Mahan, abductor of the Weyerhaeuser child, is already in jail. Thomas H. Robinson, wanted in the Stoll kidnaping, was captured Monday and has already confessed.

The spectacular success of the G-men in rounding up Public Enemies shows what training and concentration can do to a police force. The Federal police have but one duty—and that is the detection of criminals. They study crime from every point of view. They use science and psychology, as well as common horse-sense. The Federal men put all their emphasis on their task of catching criminals. That is the reason for their success.

When local police forces throughout the country imitate the G-men, there will be a decided drop in crime. The underworld can be shattered only by trained men, who have one job and know how to go about it.

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**BAD POLITICIANS TAINT  
 REPUTATION OF GOOD**

"Politicians are all scum, in my estimation. They are mostly a lot of rats. That was not true of Lincoln and men of those days and of his caliber. But politicians have degenerated in the last 10 years until the name has become a term of opprobrium."

So says J. Edgar Hoover, redoubtable chief of the G-men, following the capture of William Mahan, last of the big-time kidnapers sought by Uncle Sam.

So says J. Edgar Hoover, redoubtable chief of the G-men, following the capture of William Mahan, last of the big-time kidnapers sought by Uncle Sam.

Mr. Hoover's wrath is understandable, for he says that he would have rounded up Alvin Karpis and his gang in 1934 if certain Cleveland politicians had not tipped off the gangsters. He hopes, eventually, to land these politicians in jail—a pious hope in which all good citizens will join. Meanwhile, he dislikes politicians—and damns the lot of them.

His low opinion of politicians is shared by a great many of his fellow citizens, regardless of the fact that it obviously is grossly unjust.

Every man who holds elective office in this country, or has held it, is a politician: Roosevelt, Landon, Borah, Norris, Lehman, Hurner, and all the rest. And no one needs to be told that these men are not "scum," or that they do not spend their spare time protecting underworld allies from the wrath of the law.

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There are, in short, two kinds of politicians: the unselfish kind, to which the much-abused term, "public servant," can properly be applied; and the selfish, conniving, grasping kind, which is in the game for the loaves and fishes. And it is important to make the distinction between the two.

But the problem isn't a simple one of good men on one side and bad men on the other. The good men—the high-minded, scrupulously honest politicians, who have the loftiest conceptions of their obligation to the public—must, after all, bear part of the responsibility. For they do put up with the bad ones as stablemates.

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Every city has seen examples. There will be one distinguished citizen who is dominant in the local councils of his party; a man above suspicion and above reproach, whose personal integrity and devotion to duty are simply unquestionable.

Teamed with him, in the local party machinery, there will be a scattering of the other kind of politician—schemers, believers in "honest graft," gimme boys who will stoop to anything on earth if they think they can get away with it.

Now the "good" politician, in 99 cases out of 100, plays ball with these vultures. That's politics.

He may not know just what they're up to—indeed, he may take the best of care not to know; but he tolerates them and helps to keep them alive. He does this because, when all is said and done, it is by their help that he stays in office.

So we get the state of affairs of which Mr. Hoover complains; not because most politicians are crooked, but because the ones who aren't don't stand up in meeting and force the departure of the ones who are.



# THE F. B. I. SCORES AGAIN!

It is no longer news when the terse announcement is made that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has captured another ranking public enemy.

The circumstance that makes the capture of Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., news is that the Kentucky kidnapper happens to be the last of a long list of desperadoes that have been brought before the bar of justice.

Dillinger, Nelson, Barker, Floyd, Karpis, Campbell, Mahan and any number of others have had their respective crime careers cut short by the activities of the G-men in cooperation with local and State officers.

When one considers the record it is little short of remarkable. Yet in spite of the fact that the United States now has a law enforcement agency equal to any nation's, there is a tendency to criticize the Federal Bureau of Investigation and its chief, J. Edgar Hoover.

Recently when appropriations for the department were being considered in the Senate a few Senators asked Hoover such questions as "Wasn't it a filling station operator who caught Hauptmann?" and "Didn't a department store clerk catch the Weyerhaeuser kidnaper?"

Perhaps the United States should leave the solution of its crime problem to filling station operators and department store clerks on the chance that they will recognize criminals.

The thought probably never occurred to the Senators interested in saving a few thousand dollars that the preliminary work of the department made it possible for the filling station operators and department store clerks to identify the men and evidence wanted.

Some criticism has been aimed at Hoover for taking part recently in the captures in person. Hoover must not only direct the bureau of investigation, and he has done so in an efficient and highly satisfactory manner, but he needs to be in addition a publicist. The success of the Federal agency depends to a large extent on the support of public opinion. It is as much Hoover's job to see that his bureau has that support as it is to see that his men are on the job.

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# HEAD OF G-MEN LAUNCHING NEW ANTI-CRIME WAR

## Hoover Aims to Drag Underworld From Wing of Crooked Politicians

This is the last of two articles  
portraying the little-known life and  
capitals of J. Edgar Hoover, director  
of the bureau of investigation.

By RUSSELL TURNER

Washington, D. C.—(U.P.)—"The  
job is never done."

That phrase, motto of J. Edgar  
Hoover, aptly sums up the out-  
look of the number one G-man to-  
ward his task of putting criminals  
behind prison bars.

And in that attitude may be  
found the principal reason for the  
signal success of the federal bu-  
reau of investigation.

### Launching New Campaign

Already he is launching a cam-  
paign to drag the underworld out  
from under the protective wing of  
crooked politicians. The bold cam-  
paign is typical of Hoover and his  
interest in his work.

Hoover lives with his job. He  
never is out of touch with his of-  
fice for long, whether he is at  
home, watching a prize fight, tour-  
ing the country, or fishing in Flor-  
ida waters. He is the focal point  
of all FBI activity.

Thus in the spectacular arrests  
of Karpis, Campbell, Mahan and  
Robinson, Hoover knew they would  
be apprehended hours before the  
arrests were made. In the cases of  
Karpis and Campbell, this informa-  
tion enabled him to personally par-  
ticipate in the final capture.

### Identities Kept Secret

Hoover keeps secret the identi-  
ties of the men working for him.  
As soon as the public learns the  
identity of a G-man, Hoover says,  
that man loses his greatest asset  
as an investigator. No department  
of justice agent in the field is per-  
mitted to make a statement to the  
press. News of the capture of Ma-

son. He cites this same theory as the  
reason for never allowing a G-man  
to remain in one case for long.

### Started in 1924

Hoover's life has been his job  
ever since he assumed directorship  
of the bureau in 1924. The FBI,  
at that time, was a comparatively  
unimportant unit of the federal  
government. It was purely an in-  
vestigating unit; its agents had no  
authority to arrest, were not au-  
thorized to carry weapons, and  
were powerless to act.

Hoover, then 29, worked toward  
his goal of a well-organized, power-  
ful and efficient law-enforcement  
agency with full power to make  
arrests and shoot to kill if neces-  
sary.

What really made the goal pos-  
sible was the Lindbergh kidnaping.  
Enactment of the Lindbergh kid-  
naping law, making kidnaping a  
federal offense, followed.

### Reality in 1934

The goal became a reality in  
1934, with the assistance of Attor-  
ney General Homer S. Cummings,  
Assistant Attorney General Joseph  
B. Keenan, and a public opinion  
outraged by the wave of kidnaping,  
racketeering and general crime  
which swept the country.

Cummings recommended a series  
of 12 anti-crime bills to congress  
giving the FBI the power of ar-  
rest, authorizing FBI agents to car-  
ry weapons, and greatly broaden-  
ing the list of crimes which were  
considered federal in nature. Dur-  
ing the closing rush of the 1934  
congress the bills all were enacted.

The bills put "teeth" in the FBI.  
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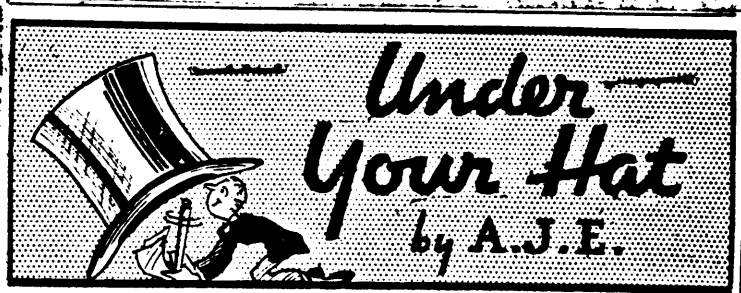
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**FEDERAL PRISONERS** taken by the G-guys are dined by the agents until such time as they are turned over to the United States marshal to await trial. Of course the agents get their money back later through the expense account route. Over in St. Paul, where they have a distinguished assembly of prisoners these days, the agents buy the meals at the bus station lunchroom just across the street from the Federal building. The other day Al Karpis ordered a swell meal, turkey and all the fix-ins. But by the time the tray was brought across the street, Old Creepy was so jittery over something or other that he couldn't swallow more than a cup of coffee. Nobody knows what got into him.

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# KIDNAPER GETS LIFE SENTENCE

**Campbell Hears Fate  
With Bremer in  
Courtroom.**

ST. PAUL, May 12—(AP)—In the presence of the man he helped seize and imprison for 22 days, Harry Campbell, 36, lame mobster of the Barker-Karpis gang, today pleaded guilty to conspiracy in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping and was sentenced to life in prison by Federal Judge M. M. Joyce.

Bremer, 39 year old bank president kidnaped Jan. 17, 1934, attended the brief court session.

Campbell, seized in Toledo six days ago by federal agents, pleaded guilty after five days of questioning by federal agents and confessed, Dist. Atty. George Sullivan said, that he and Alvin Karpis played principal roles in the abduction.

Karpis, public enemy No. 1 until his capture at New Orleans 11 days ago, is in the county jail under indictment as a ringleader in both the Bremer and William Hamm Jr. abductions.

Sullivan disclosed that Campbell received only between \$6,000 and \$7,000 as his share of the ransom.

Campbell will be taken to Leavenworth penitentiary and later probably transferred to Alcatraz island prison in San Francisco bay. Now in Alcatraz for life are Arthur (Doc) Barker, alleged co-leader with Karpis in the two kidnappings; Harry Sawyer, finger man; Volney Davis, who delivered the ransom notes; and William Weaver, one of the guards at the Bensenville, Ill., hideout where the banker was held captive.

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**Contemporary Opinion****Hoover Stirs Up the Police**

J. Edgar Hoover of the "G" men is showing up some of the police departments of this country. And he is not backing down a bit when they express resentment. More power to him.

The latest instance comes from Toledo, where Hoover arrested Harry Campbell, alleged kidnaper and pal of Alvin Karpis. There Campbell had been living quietly in an apartment—and associating as a friend with Sheriff James O'Reilly, of Lucas county, in which Toledo is located. O'Reilly knew him as "Bob Miller" and never suspected that he was the bandit, although Campbell's pictures had been sent to every law enforcement officer of this country. Pretty indifferent police work.

Then Chief Ray Allen of the Toledo police came in to say his bit. He wanted to know why his men were not called in when Campbell was arrested, and resented some words Hoover had spoken about how the "G" men steered clear of police departments they did not trust. Mr. Hoover came right back with this:

"My statement was broader than the chief of police seems to make it. I said I wouldn't cooperate with any department that was corrupt, inefficient or publicly mad. As to his department, the chief of police is in a better position to judge than I am."

That is something for the Toledo chief to think over. And for other chiefs whose departments may have their character fixed, most uncomfortably, by the attitude of the "G" men.

Mr. Hoover is in a position to know from his experiences. Time and again he has had his best efforts defeated by some unwise or inefficient police action that put the crooks on their guard, or by outright tips given them by corrupt police, or by tips furnished by the police to politicians and then to the crooks. He has no power over the police forces, of course, but he can refuse to deal with them, and when he does refuse that ought to be a warning to the communities that depend on these police.—Milwaukee Journal.

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And that thought, needless to say, is inspired by the succession of major captures these federal operatives under the leadership of J. Edgar Hoover have made in the last couple of weeks. On May 1 there was Karpis, long sought for the Bremer and Hamm kidnappings and other crimes, arrested under the personal direction of Mr. Hoover at New Orleans. Six days later there was a double catch: Harry Campbell at Toledo and William Mahan in San Francisco. And four days after that the G-Men swooped down on Thomas H. Robinson, Jr. in Glendale, California. That is certainly a sensational record for less than a dozen days, but if we are to get the full picture of what Uncle Sam's "feds" have done we ought to go back to the time, about two years ago, when these sleuths of the investigation bureau were turned loose on rampant crime. By recalling a few of the names which were making headlines then — John Dillinger, Pretty Boy Floyd, the Barkers, Baby Face Nelson, the Touhy gang — we get a quick and impressive idea of the sweeping which the G-Men's broom has done!

There used to be people who said it was impossible, who insisted that crime had become so powerful that the forces of law just couldn't be expected to cope with it successfully. Well, a lot seems to depend on just who the forces of law are. Get a bunch of men who really know their stuff, whose knowledge of law enforcement isn't limited to browbeating and blackbuckling, who know what sort of evidence will stand up in court and what won't, who are free to go about their work unhampered by political considerations, and — wait! look at the results!

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#### LAST BIG SHOT TAKEN.

Kidnaping, as one of the big-time racket, teetering on its last legs, thanks to the courage, resourcefulness and efficiency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The arrest of Thomas H. Robinson, jr., who kidnaped Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, member of a wealthy Louisville family, in 1934, followed closely upon the heels of the capture of the notorious Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and William Mahan. It cleans the slate of major fugitives from justice wanted for Federal offenses.

It hasn't been so long since kidnaping was regarded as one of the safest of gangdom's rackets. Police officials were almost powerless to curb it because of the refusal of relatives of the kidnaped person to tell what they knew. Threats of violence held their tongues. They paid the ransom money rather than take chances. Under the circumstances the police can hardly be blamed for withholding their efforts until after settlement had been made. In most instances this delay gave the kidnapers all the time they needed to make their getaway.

It was not until the Lindbergh baby was kidnaped that public indignation manifested itself to any extent. Demands for more effective legislation were acceded to and the passage of the law making kidnaping a Federal offense set the forces of the Bureau of Investigation in motion. A special law granting the G-men the right to "shoot it out" with the criminals was the last piece of legislation needed to make their work really effective.

One need only scan the list of notorious gunmen and kidnapers slain in battle with the Federal sleuths or now languishing behind prison walls to appreciate just how effective the work of the Bureau of Investigation has been.

Among the crimes of gangdom, none is more contemptible than that of kidnaping. It has now been made the most dangerous and the least profitable in the long run.

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## HARRY CAMPBELL GETS LIFE TERM

Gangster Pleads Guilty to  
\$200,000 Kidnapping of  
St. Paul Man.

ST. PAUL, May 13 (A.P.)—Harry Campbell pleaded guilty in federal court yesterday afternoon to participation in the \$200,000 kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer.

Federal Judge M. M. Joyce immediately sentenced him to life imprisonment.

Campbell, captured last Thursday in Toledo and brought here by airplane the same day, had been questioned by federal agents since then. The questioning ended and Campbell was moved to the County Jail until his arraignment.

Of twenty-six persons indicted for kidnapping the banker January 17, 1934, Campbell was the last to be rounded up.

Alvin Karpis, leader of the Barker-Karpis gang, captured in New Orleans less than a week before Campbell, was under indictment for the Bremer kidnapping, but was scheduled to be arraigned first for the \$100,000 kidnapping of William Hamm, brewing company head.

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Since that time all of the supposed to be big shot gangsters, who mulcted honest citizens of hundreds of thousands of dollars as kidnap ransoms, have been rounded up by the G-men. Two of them, William Mahan and Harry Campbell have been sentenced to long terms, and the other two, Karpis and Thomas Robinson Jr., are facing doubtful outcomes to their crime careers, with the possibility of death staring them in the face as their payment to society for kidnappings and murder.

The capture of the four recently taken and the extermination of such men as Baby Face Nelson, John Dillinger, Pretty Boy Floyd and others of the underworld ilk has come at a high price no doubt, what with a number of federal agents having been cut down by gang bullets, but it vividly displays the ability to track down those who do wrong to the men who constitute Uncle Sam's "long arm of the law."

And the example set by the brilliant work of the G-men in rounding up such vicious characters should stand as a shining beacon to those who contemplate a career of crime, despite the strained circumstances that one might face.

The old belief that there is "easy money" in crime has been definitely proved to be false.

But with all the gangsters in custody, G-men have acquired a new task as was revealed by evidence uncovered in their investigation in clearing the crimes. This is shown by a remark made by Robinson who was at liberty for two years after a \$50,000 kidnaping. He said:

"I paid plenty for protection."

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The American people wish the G-men the utmost of success in their latest undertaking.

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***Because Many Want to Get Him, He is Alert***

VISIONS of a day when the bureau would be a powerful, crime-fighting authority, capable of coping successfully with organized gangsters, took shape in his mind early. Hoover took over the task with enthusiasm. Since then he has served under three administrations--despite politicians who believe firmly that the job should be a political plum.

Hoover's acquaintanceships are innumerable but those who could be classified as intimate or close friends probably could be counted on the fingers of one hand. Privately he admits that his position, with hundreds of criminals ever on the alert to "get" him on any pretext, keep him ever on guard.

He lives in a small, unpretentious frame house at 413 Seward square in southeast Washington. He spends his evenings there with his mother on the rare occasions when he is not out in the field inspecting FBI offices or leading raids, or directing--via telephone from his office--the closing in of a network of federal agents about some criminal wanted for violating federal statutes.

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# The Ace G-Man's Story

**J. Edgar Hoover, Ruthless Foe of Organized Crime, Shown as Quiet, Homeloving in Times' Articles**

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Following is the first of two dispatches portraying the little-known life and exploits of J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Bureau of Investigation who climaxed a ruthless drive for extermination of the kidnap racket with a series of personally directed raids last week.

*By Russell Turner*

**WASHINGTON, May 13.—(U.P.)—**Pick a small boy these days and ask him who, of all the people in the world, he wants to be like and 10 to one he will reply:

"J. Edgar Hoover!"

Hoover's name today is becoming the best-known in the country. The reason for this, as any small boy can tell you, is his spectacular drive against public enemies climaxed this week with raids which netted four of the nation's greatest criminals in the public enemy class.

Thus the names of Karpis, Campbell, Mahan and Robinson have been added to the list of bad-men who have fallen before the weapon of scientific crime-detection. John Dillinger, Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, George (Machine Gun) Kelly and a host of others had gone before, each the prey of J. Edgar Hoover.

## He Even Dresses Like a Magazine Fashion Plate

**D**ESPITE the fame that his accomplishments have brought, only a handful of people know anything about him beyond the fact that he heads the justice department's bureau of investigation. His name probably has made more headlines than any other except President Roosevelt but those who know that he is a stamp and antique collector, that he is a baseball fan and an expert fisherman could be assembled in a small drawing room.

On first meeting this man who directs the "G-men," one characteristic that stands out above all others is his efficient manner. A youthful, efficient business executive? Yes. A detective—a man who gumshoes around, chasing criminals? Never.

Hoover is of medium height, inclined to stoutness, sharp-featured, with coal-black, curly hair. He speaks with sharp, clipped, staccato phrases. He dresses like a magazine fashion-plate.

The boss G-man is one of that rarest of species, a native Washingtonian. He was born here Jan. 1, 1895, attended Washington public schools and was graduated from Washington's Central high school in 1913. He got his first job as a clerk in the Congressional library.

One of the most rigid requirements which Hoover has set up for men aspiring to join the Bureau of Investigation as special agents is that they must be lawyers. Many people wonder why a man must be a lawyer to be a detective. Hoover cites the answer from his own experience. He gives credit for many of his innovations in the bureau to the fact he was trained as a lawyer.

He won his law degree in 1915 by studying nights at George Washington university law school while he worked days in the library. He holds that law training invaluable. In 1924, with the bureau still a minor unit engaged solely in investigating work, William J. Burns resigned as director. The then-attorney-general, John C. Sargent, chose Hoover to succeed him.

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Their fairly complete cleanup of the major fugitive list reflects all the greater credit upon the "G" men's efficiency. If there remain any loose ends to be gathered in, a search of the sheriffs' offices may logically be in order. The minor quarries, of course, probably haven't attained full recognition among the higher-ups and should probably be sought in the company of mere deputies.

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# 'JOB IS NEVER DONE,' G-MEN CHIEF SAYS

With Public Enemies Captured, Hoover Now Aims at Crooked Politicians

Editor's Note—This is the second of two articles describing the workings of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the man who makes it run—J. Edgar Hoover.

By RUSSELL TURNER

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Washington, May 13.—"The job is never done."

That phrase, motto of J. Edgar Hoover, aptly sums up the outlook of the No. 1 G-Man toward his task of putting criminals behind prison bars.

And in that attitude, may be found the principal reason for the signal success of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

With the spectacular capture of the remaining four desperadoes on the list of the nation's public enemies, Hoover was asked if the job was nearly done.

Starts Drive on Politicians

With a wave of his hand he replied: "The job is never done."

Already he is launching a campaign to drag the underworld out from under the protective wing of crooked politicians. The bold campaign is typical of Hoover and his interest in his work.

Hoover lives with his job. He never is out of touch with his office for long, whether he is at home, watching a prize fight, touring the country, or fishing in Florida waters.

He is the focal point of all FBI activity.

Thus in the recent spectacular arrest of Karpis, Campbell, Mahan and Robinson, Hoover knew they would be apprehended hours before the arrests were made. In the cases of Karpis and Campbell, this information enabled him to personally participate in the final capture.

But whether in the actual capture or in the investigation leading up to it, all the activities of the bureau center around its chief.

Hoover fosters this idea because he wants to keep secret the identity of the men who are working for him. As soon as the public learns the identity of a G-Man, Hoover says, that man loses his greatest asset as an investigator. In this connection, no Department of Justice agent in the field is permitted to make a statement to the press. News of the capture of Mahan in San Francisco was announced by Hoover in Washington.

Shifts His G-Men

He cites this same theory as the reason for never allowing a G-Man to remain in one city for long.

Hoover's life has been his job ever since he assumed directorship of the bureau in 1924. The FBI, at that time, was a comparatively unimportant unit of the federal government. As its name implies, it was purely an investigative unit; its agents had no authority to arrest, were not authorized to carry weapons, and were powerless to act.

The bureau remained so for many years. All the time, however, the youthful director—he was only 29 when he took over the directorship—was working toward his goal of a well-organized, powerful and efficient law-enforcement agency with full power to make arrests, and shoot to kill if necessary.

Lindy Case Awakens U. S.

What really made the goal possible was the Lindbergh kidnaping. Enactment of the Lindbergh kidnaping law, making kidnaping a federal offense, followed.

The goal became a reality in 1934, with the assistance of Attorney General Homer S. Cummings, Assistant Attorney General Joseph B. Keenan, and a public opinion outraged by the wave of kidnaping, racketeering, and general crime which swept the country.

Cummings recommended a series of 12 anti-crime bills to Congress giving the FBI the power of arrest, authorizing FBI agents to carry weapons, and greatly broadening the list of crimes which were considered federal in nature. During the closing rush of the 1934 Congress, the bills all were enacted.

The bills put "teeth" in the FBI. Evidence that the bureau has used them well is the record it has made.

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### Mistaken Kindness

J. Edgar Hoover and his G-men have topped off a week and a half of rather sensational success by the bloodless capture of Thomas Robinson, Jr., wanted for the kidnaping and holding for ransom of a Louisville woman. The list of so-called public enemies is now cleared, and there remains only the less spectacular if no less important task of rounding up those who aided the men in evading the law as long as they did.

One outstanding fact in connection with the remarkable roundup is found in the fact that every name on the record is that of a man who should have been impounded by society for one reason or another long before he became so seriously involved in major crimes. If it was kindness that actuated the release of these men by pardon, on parole, or however, it was a desperately mistaken sort, as the event has tragically proved for everyone concerned. In Robinson's case, for example, it had been known for a long time that he was mentally or psychically so maladjusted as to make his freedom from some form of restraint a proposition as bad as he so conclusively proved it.

Karpis, Campbell, Mahan and Robinson are names now clear in the public consciousness that should reveal how very much worse than futile it is to exercise clemency on any except the firmest and soundest of practical grounds. Because these men, to say nothing of many others who could be named in the same category, were let loose on society when they could have been held, a veritable carnival of crime has been staged that included robbery, killing, kidnaping and no telling how much added cost to public treasuries. Nor should one forget the agonies of mind and body endured by the victims of these men and others like them. Consider, too, the fearful distress suffered by the relatives of the victims of these kidnapers, for it is an item that is properly included.

We are not insensible to the feelings of fathers and mothers and relatives and friends who come face to face with the fact that a young fellow has demonstrated his social unfitness and is condemned to spend a long term in prison. Neither are we unmindful, however, of the feelings of those on whom this same young fellow preys after sentimentalism or politics has served to relieve him of the penalty he has earned. We can, we think, understand something of the agony of spirit that must come to parents who see the blighting of their hopes in a boy, but we are also able to see that young Robinson is immeasurably worse off today himself, to say nothing of others who were involved for no fault of their own, than if he had been held, by whatever means were necessary, apart from a social order in which he was not disposed to behave him-

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There is no question but that we need a more realistic and intelligent attitude toward the handling of criminals in the matters of pardon and parole. It is cruel folly to release a man from the prison to which he has been justly sentenced without the finest assurances possible that he will not use that freedom merely to get himself into a situation far more serious, and it is the ranker injustice to those on whom he preys in the process.

# KARPIS GANGSTER GETS LIFE TERM

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## AIDE TO KARPIS TO SERVE LIFE

**Campbell Admits Part in  
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## PLAN DRIVE ON FENCE RACKET

**Justice Agents Turn to  
Wiping Out Trade in  
Stolen Property**

WASHINGTON, May 13 (AP).—Praised in the senate for making impossible a "perfect crime", the federal bureau of investigation dusted its hands of the last big-time kidnap chase and turned attention to the nation's "fence" rackets.

When federal agents landed Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., in Louisville, Ky., yesterday, to answer their charge that he kidnaped Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, society woman of that city, they marked off the last of a long list often referred to as "public enemies."

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the bureau, said the next major objective of his agents would be eradication of rackets in stolen bonds, jewelry and other property.

Chairman Ashurst, Democrat, Arizona, of the senate judiciary committee, told the senate that the federal detectives were a "cool, courageous, resourceful, unpurchasable" group.

Attorney General Cummings, Ashurst said, was to be commended for "much courage and fore-sight" in keeping Hoover when the present administration assumed control.

## Hearing Rushed In Robinson Case

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 13 (AP).—Officials hastened Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., to court today to face arraignment as the accused kidnaper of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, although uncertain whether he would plead guilty or seek refuge in a plea of insanity.

"I know he is insane and has been for several years," declared Thomas H. Robinson, Sr., as he sought to employ counsel for his son in Memphis, Tenn.

United States District Attorney Bunk Gardner, however, said he anticipated a plea of guilty, with a probable sentence to life imprisonment to follow, although he insisted he had "no definite information."

Neither did he offer any information to indicate the government would accept a guilty plea with the understanding the death penalty would not be urged.

The extreme penalty could be exacted in the Stoll kidnaping case, as the young wife of a wealthy Louisville oil executive was beaten when she was kidnaped in 1934 and held captive in an Indianapolis apartment.

Robinson was arrested in Glendale, Calif., Monday night.

The life of the Tennessee fugitive, during the many months when he was the object of a nation-wide man-hunt, was told by E. J. Connelley, chief of the Cincinnati office of the federal bureau of investigation after Robinson had been grilled for several hours.

## Figure in Hauptmann Case Dropped by Ickes

WASHINGTON, May 13 (UP).—Public Works Administrator Harold L. Ickes today discharged Arch W. Loney, government wood expert who sought to save Bruno Richard Hauptmann from the electric chair. The action, a PWA official said, "had no connection with the Hauptmann case."

He was dismissed, he explained, because he "falsified the federal form he filled out when applying for a job."

Ickes' specific charge against Loney, it was learned, was that he did not list on his application the fact that he once had been arrested at Pittsburgh. The charge was dropped, and Loney exonerated.

## Holdup Suspects Shot

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., May 13 (AP).—State police announced today that two suspects in the \$13,000 Pine Bush bank robbery were captured after they had been shot and wounded in a field near here today. One was shot as he fled. The other shot himself, the troopers said. Both were seriously wounded.

## Bad Man of Mountains Captured in Chicago

CHICAGO, May 13 (AP).—The arrest of Joe Pannell, wanted in Denver on charges of robbery and other crimes, was announced here

by Daniel M. Ladd, chief of the department of justice bureau of investigation in Chicago.

Federal agents described Pannell as an ex-convict, a kidnaper and general "bad man" of the Rocky mountains.

The fugitive was employed as a

cook in the tavern where he was arrested.

Ladd said Pannell would be arraigned today before United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker on removal of proceedings to Denver, where he faces the robbery charge and one of unlawful flight.

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#### QUITE A CLEANUP

In two weeks G-men have made a notable cleanup of public enemies. First they took Karpis in New Orleans. Then they gathered in Campbell in Toledo. Next they picked up Mahan in San Francisco. And finally they landed Robinson in Glendale, Cal. And this just about clears the slate of those persons who sought big returns from their enterprise in the kidnaping field.

Karpis and Campbell are known as "killers" and are classed as associates. Mahan carried off the Weyerhaeuser boy and was said to have been paid \$200,000 for his release. Robinson is said to have profited in the sum of \$50,000 by his kidnaping of Mrs. Stoll. In some respects he is said to be the cleverest of all those who resorted to this form of crime for the sake of the money in it. Upon his release of Mrs. Stoll he simply disappeared. He did not have underworld connections, which fact made it more difficult to trace him by the usual methods. It almost seemed as though even the federal authorities had decided to pass him up. But evidently not so. He now faces a possible death penalty.

And so ends, for the time being at least, a criminal enterprise which sent shudders throughout the country and brought fear into many American homes. Local and state authorities seemed to be powerless to suppress daring and vicious criminals. It was not until federal law put federal crime hunters on the trail that hope of suppression was reborn.

Now one by one these criminals have been gathered in. Some already have been made conscious that law can be made supreme. The others will be. But there is still work to which the G-men may well be assigned. Not all of the criminal slates have been wiped clean by any means.

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## CAMPBELL GETS LIFE SENTENCE

Karpis Lieutenant Pleads  
Guilty in Kidnap Case

Lame Mobster Faces Transfer  
to Alcatraz Island Prison

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Handcuffed to a deputy United States marshal, Campbell was led to the bar, waived reading of the indictment and entered his guilty plea. Asked if he had anything to say he replied in the negative.

Dist Atty Sullivan named Campbell and Karpis as among the actual kidnapers and said they drove Bremer to and from the "hideout" in addition to acting as guards virtually the entire period of imprisonment.

Campbell, 36 years old, received the sentence with no apparent emotion.

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# SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON

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Politicians and Crime

The question that naturally arises as we regard the amazing work of the G-men is "How do they do it?" It is still difficult to believe that desperadoes like Karpis and Mahan and Campbell and Robinson, who proved so elusive while state and municipal police were looking for them, could be apprehended in such quick order by the federal authorities. But, believe it or not, there it is, an accomplished fact, and an immeasurably encouraging one.

Perhaps to many of us, the statement of J. Edgar Hoover, redoubtable chief of the G-men, on the subject of politicians and their relation to the crime problem, will seem a trifle severe. "Politicians," he says, "are all scum, in my estimation. They are mostly a lot of rats. That was not true of Lincoln and men of those days and of his calibre. But politicians have degenerated in the last ten years until the name has become a term of opprobrium."

Mr. Hoover's wrath becomes understandable when he makes known that he would have rounded up Alvin Karpis and his gang as long ago as 1934 if certain politicians had not tipped off the gangsters. He hopes eventually to land these politicians in jail—a pious hope in which all good citizens will join. For his low opinion of politicians is shared by a great many of Mr. Hoover's fellow citizens, regardless of the fact that when carried to the extreme the opinion can become grossly unjust.

There are two sorts of politicians, the unselfish kind, to which the much-abused term "public servant" can properly be applied; and the selfish, conniving, grasping kind, which is in the game for the loaves and fishes. And it is important to make a distinction between the two. But the problem isn't a simple one of good men on one side and bad on the other. The good men—the high-minded, scrupulously honest politicians who have the loftiest conceptions of their obligation to the public—must after all bear part of the responsibility. For they do put up with the bad ones as stablemates.

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## KARPIS TRIAL TO WRITE FINIS TO BREMER SNATCH

St. Paul, Minn., May 12 (UP)—Trial of Alvin Karpis, co-leader of the Barker-Karpis gang, will clean up the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case, federal authorities explained today.

Karpis is the only one of 26 indicted in the kidnaping left alive or unsentenced. Fourteen of them were slain either by federal agents or fellow gangsters. The other 11, including Harry Campbell, have been imprisoned.

Campbell, captured on a clue wrested from Karpis, pleaded guilty Tuesday and was sentenced immediately to life imprisonment.

He listened disconsolately as U. S. District Attorney Sullivan related how he drove the captive St. Paul banker to a Bensenville hideout, assisted in guarding Bremer for 21 days, and returned him to Rochester, Minn., for release after payment of \$200,000 ransom. For this he received between \$6,000 and \$7,000.

Officers said 120 hours of constant questioning had failed to make Campbell reveal anything which might assist in Karpis' prosecution.

Karpis will be tried in November for the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr.

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#### G-MEN SCORE AGAIN

A few years ago the "public enemy" was an object of sneaking admiration to far too many Americans. In public reading rooms attendants noted that scores of young men read avidly every word dealing with the exploits and escapes of Dillinger, Nelson, Kelly and the rest of the rats.

Today there don't even seem to be any candidates for the dubious honor. And certainly no halo of hero worship, even in the minds of the most moronic, can hang around the head of such a man as Karpis, who trembled when caught and sought to make things easier for himself by informing on a pal.

Elmer Messner, Courier-News cartoonist, has told the whole story of a great change in public mentality in the accompanying cartoon on this page.

What has brought about this change? Was it the G-men? Was it the directing talent of J. Edgar Hoover, their boss? Not entirely. And he probably would be the first to admit this.

The splendid work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which has resulted in a virtual clean-up of outstanding federal criminals in this country, has been made possible primarily because no politician dares interfere with that work.

If the shackles of politics were taken off the police departments of cities and states throughout the country, there is little doubt local crime could be made as dangerous and hopeless for the criminal as Hoover and his men have made federal crime.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation doesn't have appointments to its ranks governed by the wishes of a Jim Farley, an Emil Hurja or any bevy of senators or congressmen. Therefore it gets men who are named because of their ability, not because they have the "right" connections. How many policemen in how many cities are chosen or promoted in this fashion?

Wherever a first class police department is to be found, the inquiring reporter will also find the door of the department is barred to the politician.

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Obviously, the dapper coward who kills from ambush and then clings when confronted with the arm of the law is far less of a menace to orderly society than is the greedy partisa without whose protective influence the more serious depredations would be impossible.

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### It Can Be Done Locally Too

Those gentlemen of the U. S. House of Representatives who, a few weeks ago, cast insult after insult on the federal bureau of investigation and J. Edgar Hoover, its chief, have certainly been made to "eat" those words in the last ten days.

Withholding appropriations asked by Hoover for running the department another year, these Congressmen said that the department claimed more credit than was due in making arrests. Hoover never personally endangered his life in making arrests. Agents shot to protect themselves without trying to take criminals alive and many other things.

As if to refute these idle statements by action, the great round-up of kidnapers began almost immediately after the charges were made. First, Karpis was taken in New Orleans and by Hoover, himself! Then followed his partner, Campbell, then Mahan and finally Robinson. All of them were captured by agents of the federal bureau of investigation without aid. Not a shot was fired, precautions having been taken to have the criminals fully covered before the raids were made.

With the capture of Robinson, the last big kidnaping case in the files of the department is solved. Such is the record that cannot be equaled by Scotland Yard in England, the Surete in France nor the OGPU in Russia.

The FBI, as the federal bureau of investigation is called, has not only brought criminals to justice, but it has done a great work in the prevention of crime. They have made it extremely unpopular, for when federal agents get on a case, the criminal is almost certainly apprehended and convicted.

The efficiency of the FBI is a challenge to state, county and city policing units. Crimes can be detected, justice can be meted out very thoroughly and swiftly. The FBI has proven that. What it has done, the other units can also do if more emphasis is placed on efficiency and less is given to politics and political connections. A good police officer is good not because he is a Democrat or a Republican, but because of experience, ability, honesty and fearlessness. Of all things, politics should certainly be taken out of enforcement of law.

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#### BAD POLITICIANS

"Politicians have degenerated in the last 10 years until the name has become a term of opprobrium."

So says J. Edgar Hoover, redoubtable chief of the G-men, following the capture of William Mahan, last of the big-time kidnapers sought by Uncle Sam.

Mr. Hoover's wrath is understandable, for he says that he would have rounded up Alvin Karpis and his gang in 1934 if certain Cleveland politicians had not tipped off the gangsters. He hopes, eventually, to land these politicians in jail—a pious hope in which all good citizens will join. Meanwhile, he dislikes politicians—and damns the lot of them.

His low opinion of politicians is shared by a great many of his fellow citizens, regardless of the fact that it obviously is grossly unjust.

Every man who holds elective office in this country, or has held it, is a politician; Roosevelt, Landon, Borah, Norris, Lehman, Horner, and all the rest. And no one needs to be told that these men do not spend their spare time protecting underworld allies from the wrath of the law.

There are, in short, two kinds of politicians: the unselfish kind, to which the much-abused term, "public servant," can properly be applied; and the selfish, conniving, grasping kind, which is in the game for the loaves and fishes. And it is important to make the distinction between the two.

But the problem isn't a simple one of good men on one side and bad men on the other. The good men—the high-minded, scrupulously honest politicians, who have the loftiest conceptions of their obligation to the public—must, after all, bear part of the responsibility. For they do put up with the bad ones as stablemates.

Every city has seen examples. There will be one distinguished citizen who is dominant in the local councils of his party; a man above suspicion and above reproach, whose personal integrity and devotion to duty are simply unquestionable.

Teamed with him, in the local party machinery, there will be a scattering of the other kind of politician—schemers, believers in "honest graft," gimme boys, who will stoop to anything on earth if they think they can get away with it.

Now the "good" politician, in 99 cases out of 100, plays ball with these vultures. That's politics.

He may not know just what they're up to—indeed, he may take the best of care not to know; but he tolerates them and helps to keep them alive. He does this because when all is said and done, it is by their help that he stays in office.

So we get the state of affairs of which Mr. Hoover complains; not because most politicians are crooked, but because the ones who aren't don't stand up in meeting and force the departure of the ones who are.

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#### Harmful Epithets

J. Edgar Hoover, head "G-man" repeatedly and contemptuously calls the captured Karpis "a yellow rat," and says all other big-time criminals likewise are yellow rats.

Perhaps Karpis is what Hoover says he is, but we would not say so on the basis of the fact that he surrendered without a fight. He was unarmed, whereas the "G-Men" — 20 of them — who surrounded him were loaded down with everything but field artillery, minnenwerfers and tanks. Fists hardly would be useful against such a bristling ring of armament.

But it is not out of consideration for Karpis that The Times questions the prudence of Hoover's ready application of such epithets as "yellow rat" to underworld characters. It's apt to make them try to prove to him their resentment and his error by shooting as many federal agents as possible. We do not care to hear of hard-working government employees being killed on account of J. Edgar Hoover's proclivity for calling names.

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#### A POWERFUL INFLUENCE

Article III of the Constitution includes in its definition of treason the giving of aid and comfort to the enemy, and the 81st Article of War prescribes the penalty, which may be death. In any war on society as extensive as that of Karpis and Campbell, there must be those who have given aid and comfort to the foe. The G-Men purpose now to hunt them down.

In local jurisdictions there is no lack of law to reach those who harbor the fugitive or are constructive accessories to his crimes; but for one reason or another—principally the ease with which the suspect moves out of range—the instances in which local authority has imprisoned all concerned in any considerable criminal enterprise are extremely rare.

The G-Men not only labor under none of the limitations of jurisdiction which beset local police and prosecutors, but they have the facilities and the patience to wipe out gangs entire or remove them from circulation.

The knowledge that there is one agency the criminal is, in practice, powerless to elude and defeat is a source of a new feeling of security in the citizen and, we think, an incentive to honest police departments everywhere to be on their mettle. In the nature of things they can not hope to match the magnitude of the operations of the G-Men, but they can not afford to allow the disparity between Federal effectiveness and their own to appear too marked. It would be hard to estimate the power of the example of the G-Men on law enforcement generally. It would be hard, we believe, to overestimate its force.

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## Cal Tinney

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I DROVE across Ohio Tuesday and I tried my best to help Senator Borah. I voted all the times they would let me.

Now I'm in Indianapolis, sitting in the back seat of the car, which I've parked under a caryatid tree. At least I think it's a caryatid tree. But I never was good on zoology.

Like where the G-men might be their jobs now, because with the capture of Karpis, Miller and Robinson there are no more Public Enemies out running around. But don't worry, G-men. There will be as soon as the porch is built.

I see the Hindenburg Zeppelin is on its way back to Europe with a Boy Scout on board. Congratulations, son! But remember, the Zeppelin is inflated with very inflammable hydrogen gas. Don't you go rubbing two sticks together.

# The Ace G-Man's Story

**'The Job's Never Done,' He Says as He Again Bends Efforts—to Wipe Out Political Underworld Ties**

(Editor's Note: This is the second of two dispatches describing the workings of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the man who makes it run—J. Edgar Hoover).

By Russell Turner

Washington, May 14.—(U.P.)—"The job is never done."

That phrase, motto of J. Edgar Hoover, aptly sums up the outlook of the number one G-man toward his task of putting criminals behind prison bars.

And in that attitude may be found the principal reason for the signal success of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

With the spectacular captures of all the nation's public enemies, Hoover was asked if the job was done.

## Agents Best When Identities Are Kept Secret

WITH a wave of his hand he replied: "The job is never done."

Already he is launching a campaign to drag the underworld out from under the protective wing of crooked politicians. The bold campaign is typical of Hoover and his interest in his work.

Hoover lives with his job. He never is out of touch with his office for long, whether he is at home, watching a prize fight, touring the country, or fishing in Florida waters.

He is the focal point of all FBI activity. Thus in the recent spectacular arrests of Karpis, Campbell and Mahan, Hoover knew they would be apprehended hours before the arrests were made. In the cases of Karpis and Campbell this information enabled him personally to participate in the final capture.

But whether in the actual capture or in the investigation leading up to it all the activities of the bureau center around its chief.

Hoover fosters this idea because he wants to keep secret the identities of the men who are working for him. As soon as the public learns the identity of a G-man, Hoover says, that man loses his greatest asset as an investigator. In this connection no Department of Justice agent in the field is permitted to make a statement to the press. News of the capture of Mahan in San Francisco was announced by Hoover in Washington as was that of Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., in Glendale, Cal.

He cites this same theory as the reason for never allowing a G-man to remain in one city long.

Hoover's life has been his job ever since he assumed directorship of the bureau in 1924. The FBI, at that time, was a comparatively unimportant unit of the federal government. As its name implies, it was purely an investigative unit; its agents had no authority to arrest and were not authorized to carry weapons.

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### ***FBI Given Teeth—and Knows How to Use Them***

THE bureau remained so for many years. All the time, however, the youthful director—he was only twenty-nine when he took over the directorship—was working toward his goal of a well-organized, powerful and efficient law-enforcement agency with full power to make arrests and shoot to kill if necessary.

What really made the goal possible was the Lindbergh kidnaping. Enactment of the Lindbergh kidnaping law, making kidnaping a federal offense, followed.

The goal became a reality in 1934, with the assistance of Attorney General Homer S. Cummings, Assistant Attorney General Joseph B. Keenan, and a public opinion outraged by the wave of kidnaping, racketeering and general crime which swept the country.

Cummings recommended a series of 12 anti-crime bills to congress giving the FBI the power of arrest, authorizing FBI agents to carry weapons, and greatly broadening the list of crimes which were considered federal in nature. During the closing rush of the 1934 congress the bills all were enacted.

The bills put "teeth" in the FBI.

Evidence that the bureau has used them well is the record it has made.

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**'PUBLIC RATS' URGED  
BY HOOVER AS NAMES  
FOR BIG CRIMINALS**

College Park, Md., May 13.—  
(P)—J. Edgar Hoover, chief of  
the Federal Bureau of Investi-  
gation, suggested today the  
country's outstanding criminals  
be called "public rats" instead  
of "public enemies".

He asserted that it was not  
the policy of the Bureau of In-  
vestigation to brand criminals  
"public enemies".

"They like to be considered as  
big shots," he said. "I'd rather  
call them Public Rat No. 1 and  
Public Rat No. 2".

Asserting he would like to see  
law enforcement taken "out of  
the cesspool of politics," Hoover  
said, "politics has a stigma to-  
day because of the men in it".

"Too often," he said, "we  
come against administrators  
who are not fit to be garbage  
collectors".

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# BEER BOTTLE FINGERPRINT LED TO KARPIS GANG DOOM

## Writer Learns How J. E. Hoover's Men Work in Battle Against Organized Criminals

*How the G-men go into action when they start rounding up a gang of criminals is told here in the first of a series of articles by a newspaperman who was privileged to look into the inner workings of the government's crime laboratory in Washington and study the methods of the Federal sleuths.*

BY LEMUEL F. PARTON

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WASHINGTON, May 13. (Exclusive)—A fingerprint on a beer bottle started unraveling of the Barker-Karpis gang. Alvin Karpis, perhaps the cleverest, but not the deadliest of the outfit, is caught, after three years' systematic night and day sleuthing by the Federals—meaning, of course, J. Edgar Hoover's G-men.

St. Paul police, after the Hamm kidnapping, were tipped to a gangsters' hideout. They passed by a pile of beer bottles in the corner. Mr. Hoover's young "book detectives," as some old-line cops have called them, picked up the print. In crime, as in love and war, one thing leads to another. That fingerprint spelled death or jail for the murderous key spob of the Northwest. Karpis, known as "Old Creepy," survived long because he never talked. But the fingerprint did. The robbery and murder syndicate is just a lot of field rats on the run—or else underground or in jail.

### HOW MEN WORK

Spending several months in Washington, I asked J. Edgar Hoover to let me "sit in" as a G-man and learn how his national fumigating plant worked from the inside. He said "no." He wanted the public to know what they were doing, but he wanted to separate their activities from a lot of fake melodrama, and such journalistic enterprise would only make it worse. However, he would throw the place wide open, let me see records and operations and enlighten me to the limit on just what Uncle Sam's unique Federal Bureau of Investigation had done and was trying to do.

G-men—there are about 600 of them in the field—were in and out of Washington, reporting at regular intervals for special training, or bringing in some new bit of evidence, to be fitted into widening mosaic which now provides a fairly complete pattern of criminal per-

sonnel and organization throughout America.

### EVIDENCE ASSEMBLED

Mr. Hoover's four floors in the huge Department of Justice Building are the assembly and fabrication plant for the raw material of evidence which is garnered in some moldy hidey-hole in the woods, in a roadside joint or perhaps a gaudy Miami, New York or Havana honky-tonk.

Putting two and two together is the exacting and arduous work of Mr. Hoover's 1100 employees—these in addition to the valiant 600 in the field. Just in passing, Scotland Yard has 12,000 men covering the tiny area of metropolitan London, with Mr. Hoover's 1700 men not suffering in comparison, on the score of arrests and convictions—especially when you consider that the crooks have all America for a back-door getaway.

### SPICK-AND-SPAN BUREAU

I found the Bureau of Investigation as wide open and hospitable for my morning calls as the village parish house. A white-haired executive, with a desk as clear of litter as a skating rink, is apt to have a bouquet of flowers near by. From the thirty-nine sub-bureaus, located throughout the country, there is a steady stream of reports and telegrams to the main office. They were drawing the Karpis net a bit tighter, during the days of my visits, and while bureau executives are never garrulous at such times, one began to put down "Old Creepy" Alvin Karpis as a short-end bet.

Anything "hot" in a case like this goes straight to Mr. Hoover's office.

It is a handsomely furnished room, with a stand of flags behind Mr. Hoover's desk. Courteous, leisurely and usually elderly Negroes process one through to Mr. Hoover.

### HOOVER ONLY AT

He is 41 years of age, black-haired and black-eyed, with no redundancy of person or conversation. His eyes are set away out on the corners of his face, suggesting a wide ambit of vision, which might take in, say, St. Paul and New Orleans in a single look. They are bright, luminous eyes, but they can become as flat and opaque as a poker chip when a momentary restraint is indicated.

Through a long office day the mentally and physically athletic Mr. Hoover works like a trap-drummer—punching one of several octaves of buttons on his desk, summoning one of his avenging gentl, grabbing a telephone like a shortstop fielding a hot grounder, barking a sharp staccato order and then relaxing, swinging around in his swivel chair and starting a heart-to-heart talk which makes you think he wears his heart on his sleeve, which he does, sometimes.

### AGENTS TAGGED

You get what he means. "Machine Gun" Kelly hung the "G-Man" tag on his special agents when they walked into his room in Tennessee. He doesn't particularly like that kind of business, but if it helps inform and interest the public in the nation's war against crime, he is willing to let it ride.

There wasn't any "woman in red" in the Dillinger case. That is, Anna Sage didn't have a red dress, and, incidentally, the special agents never promised to help save her from deportation. But Mr. Hoover is willing to let the newspaper boys have their melodrama if he can just get it over that the criminal bands of America must and will be caught and put away. That may sound like over-simplification, but, so far, Mr. Hoover has been effective in his vigorously applied techniques of finding, identifying and convicting crooks. That's his main idea.

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#### GANG OPERATIONS

He knows the minute details of personnel and operations of the Barker-Karpis gang the way Toscanini knows the score of "Lohengrin." After the Garrettsville robbery, the teletype, linking the offices of the G-men, taps off a hunch that Karpis is bound for Florida. Mr. Hoover gives a few curt orders and systematically the agents in the field are closing in on every possible hide-out, dogging every known associate of Karpis, covering trains and highways in that section. It is large-scale, efficiently organized police work — no super-sleuthing. Mr. Hoover makes that clear. But it works. Karpis is in a stout, politician-proof jail, the latter being particularly important in the bureau's operations.

Mr. Hoover says emphatically that crime isn't conquered. But, last year, he and his special agents spent \$5,000,000 and recovered for the government \$38,000,000. The 2717 convictions obtained totaled 6788 years. That's an impressive beginning. This writer was privileged to observe something of the working of the anti-crime techniques. That fingerprint on the St. Paul beer bottle makes a good start for the detailed story.

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**KARPIS COVERS UP**—On his way to jail from the federal court building in St. Paul, where he underwent questioning for several days, Alvin Karpis, erstwhile Public Enemy No. 1, "covers up" as the camera catches him, center, in company with federal agents. Karpis faces trial for the abduction of William Hamm, Jr.

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### KARPIS' RECORD

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THE HOUSE TODAY PASSED A RESOLUTION THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD  
 COOPERATE WITH THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
 IN ORDER TO COOPERATE WITH THE FBI IN THE CAPTURE OF SAM BOYD  
 WHOSE NAME WAS ADVANCED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CRIMINALS  
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## G-Men's Roundup of Criminals:

# Patient Toil Traps Public Enemies

*Recent Arrests  
Are Tribute to  
Hoover System*



Behind the scenes of the G-men's spectacular roundup of America's four most notorious public enemies is the fascinating story of a new technique to combat crime developed by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

By STANLEY J. CARROLL

"Public enemy," the tag coined for Al Capone before the Chicago alky and beer baron and prince of the rackets, became a "number" in Alcatraz Prison, has no takers tonight.

One by one the nation's bad men have worn it—"Public Enemy No.—" before they landed in prison—or the morgue.

### Robinson Last

The last, Thomas H. Robinson, jr., confessed kidnaper of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, of Kentucky, was captured in Glendale, Calif., in the final coup of an all-day secret roundup of the leading men on the G-men's list.

In that 11 days Alvin Karpis, kidnaper credited with four murders: Harry Campbell, a lieutenant of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang; William Mahan, West Coast kidnaper of little George Weyerhaeuser; Fred Hunter and Sam Coker, two lesser lights in the underworld, were scooped into the Federal net.

The roundup, in which J. Edgar Hoover personally directed the arrests of Karpis, Campbell, Hunter and Coker, is a tribute to Hoover's new technique in fighting crime.

It is a lesson in patience—patience and hard work.

### "Work Patiently"

Of his methods, or the clues which led to the final roundup, Hoover will say nothing. A few facts have leaked out, but not through the G-men's headquarters here. Here is Hoover's formula to his men:

Work quietly, thoroughly, run down every clue and when you strike do it swiftly and surely. Avoid unnecessary mistakes. Be patient—the law is bound to win.

The rest, the use of the vast fingerprint division he has built up, the modern, efficient crime laboratory and the amazing array of instruments of crime detection of which the underworld knows little or nothing—these are things he leaves to his men.

### No Special Drive

The recent spectacular roundup of public enemies was highly gratifying to Hoover, but he insists it was not the result of any special "drive." He said:

"There is no special significance to the fact that we were able to round up all these men in the last eleven days. The arrest of any one of them might have come any time since he became the subject of our search. It is just the way the cases broke."

Karpis, co-leader of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang, which terrorized the Middle West and Southwest, was the first of the nation's public enemies to fall in the recent dramatic roundup of "bad men."

Modern transportation was the key that was the undoing of "old creepy" as Karpis was known to his associates. Like all Federal fugitives, Karpis needed to move swiftly when the "heat" grew too intense in the spots where he sought hiding.

Knowing this, Hoover thoroughly circularized auto dealers with posters of the kidnapers and killers.

Karpis went to a dealer in New Orleans and talked with Clarence Pucheu, a salesman. Pucheu carefully studied his prospective customer's face—particularly the scars left by a botch-job face-lifting operation.

Word drifted back to special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The house where Karpis, known as "Edward O'Hara," was staying, became the subject of the most intensive secret surveillance by G-men.

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When a national political campaign gets underway, the party in power is always more or less on the defensive. But there is one department of the National Administration that will bring nothing but praise. That is the Investigation Bureau of the Department of Justice, headed by J. Edgar Hoover who guides the operations of the "G-men."

Within a month, several big shots in kidnaping and bank robbery operations have been apprehended without the firing of a shot. First to fall was Alvin Karpis who was nabbed in New Orleans. Then Harry Campbell, last of 26 persons to be caught who were indicted in the \$200,000 Bremer kidnaping, was arrested in Toledo and is now serving a life sentence. Mahan was the next to be trapped; followed swiftly by Robinson who was sought for the kidnaping of Mrs. Stoll in Kentucky.

The Herald-Tribune says:

"It has taken time, of course, to round up the final four of the gentlemen who thought they saw a chance to profit by society's helplessness following the Lindbergh atrocity. But in that time they knew they were being hunted with a quiet relentlessness that was bound to succeed. One need not envy them the interval. Karpis had recourse to a face-lifting operation, Robinson to disguise as a woman; all of them dodged from state to state and town to town, trying always to cover up the trail of their 'hot money,' but to no avail. Not improbably they are glad it is over. Certainly Mahan's immediate confession suggests relief. In any event, now they know, and so does the public, that the odds against escape for a kidnaper in this country are about 1000 to 1."

*Edward H. Carpenter  
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### Another Closed Book

With Thomas H. Robinson, jr., pleading guilty to the charge of kidnaping Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll of Louisville, prolonged trial was unnecessary. Judge Hamilton of the United States District court sentenced Robinson to life imprisonment without loss of time and the prisoner was on his way to the government penitentiary at Atlanta almost immediately. Had Robinson made a plea of not guilty the prosecution would have asked the death penalty under the Lindbergh law, but when the guilty plea was entered then the matter was entirely up to the judge.

There was only one thing in Robinson's favor. He had twice been an inmate of insane hospitals and it is more than likely he is not entirely responsible mentally. His success in eluding the law for almost two years may have been due in part to that cunning which the mentally unbalanced often display and likewise to the fact that he had plenty of ready money—the \$20,000 ransom he had collected for the return of Mrs. Stoll—with which to protect himself. In view of this, it is evident that Judge Hamilton handed down a fitting sentence.

Kidnaping has become so prevalent an offense of late years that it must be considered one of the most serious of the major crimes and there is every justification on the part of prosecutors for asking the death sentence in these cases. Perhaps in the Robinson case, it would have been better had the self-confessed kidnaper been sent to Alcatraz prison rather than Atlanta. The former is the strictest of all government penal institutions and has been called the American Devil's Island. The latter is somewhat gentler and has not been found unendurable by men sent there for less serious federal offenses. However, the Robinson case is now a closed book and another victory is chalked up to the credit of the G-men who brought the kidnaper to justice.

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St. Paul Daily News  
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# So What!

by Paul Light

Bloomed and blossomed in the spring.  
Gone today the love and romance.  
Cupid sighs, "Oh what's the use—  
How can people list to love songs.  
When they're riding to reduce?"  
—DOT.

## Scoop

Even my own colleagues are writing me these days:

"Dear Paul: Almost two columns of space are wasted daily in the So What department, so why not waste it for a good cause. I want to call your attention to the fact that The Daily News had the exclusive pictures of Harry Campbell, confessed kidnaper, entering Ramsey county jail. There is more to this than the mere scoop on rival newspapers. It was a scoop on the G-men, and even you must know that to scoop the G-men you must be on your toes.

Campbell was sneaked out of the federal courts building, and to avoid attention, the G-men decided to have him walk instead of ride. Everything went fine and the feds and their prisoner had almost reached the top of the jail stairs when one of them paused to say: "well, we put one over on the newspaper boys this time."

"Just then, Dinty Moore, Daily News photographer, pushed the button. The picture was in the paper half an hour later. "Campbell smiled for the first time in a week.

"You fellows ain't so hot," he said. "You can't put anything over on those guys."

"Sincerely,

"A fellow playmate.

"P. S. Dinty and I would like to have you call this to the attention of the boss."

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# THE WAY OF THE TRANSGRESSOR

Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, last of the gang of kidnapers that terrorized the Middle West for more than two years, have joined "Doc" Barker and the others in grim Alcatraz, forbidding Federal Island prison, where they will spend the remainder of their lives behind bars.

William Mahan, confederate of the Waleys in the kidnaping of George Weyerhaeuser, Jr., at Tacoma a year ago, has entered the Federal penitentiary at McNeill's Island to serve a sentence of sixty years. Waley and his wife, who engineered the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping jointly with Mahan, are serving terms of forty and twenty years, respectively, for their part in the crime.

And Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., who abducted Mrs. Alice Speed Stoff, of Louisville, eighteen months ago for ransom, entered the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta yesterday under a life sentence.

One by one they have been caught in the Government's net. And one by one they have been locked behind prison bars, away from the world for the rest of their days.

Speaking to the student body of the University of Maryland a day or so ago, J. Edgar Hoover, director of the bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, declared that crime is "sordid, filthy and dirty." Thanks to Mr. Hoover and his efficient G-men, it is also the most dangerous and unsafe business in the world. The young man who deliberately chooses the life of a criminal has the uninviting prospect of a felon's grave or a convict's cell. No one but a fool would make such a choice, where there is so much that is interesting and useful and worth while to choose from.

Romance in crime? Not unless you call the life of a hunted animal romantic. Skulking in terror both day and night, in dread every minute of the unseen danger always at one's heels, not knowing when the law will strike but knowing the certainty that sooner or later it will strike with implacable force. Robbed of everything that makes life worth living, waiting for the inevitable end of it all—you can have it if that's what you call romance. Surely none but a fool would call such an existence—it can hardly be called living—romantic.

The Bible is right about many things, and it was never more right than when it pointed out that "the way of the transgressor is hard."

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## Campbell Taken to Leavenworth

St. Paul, Minn. (AP)—Harry Campbell, sentenced to life imprisonment in the federal court Tuesday when he pleaded guilty to participation in the \$200,000 abduction of Banker Edward G. Bremer, was taken secretly to the Leavenworth penitentiary late Thursday, it was disclosed Friday.

The former Barker-Karpis gangster was shackled and guarded by a detail of federal agents and deputy United States marshals. Federal officials said they expected he would be taken eventually to Alcatraz prison, where Arthur (Doc) Barker, Volney Davis and Harry Sawyer already are serving life terms for the Bremer kidnaping.

George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, indicated that Alvin Karpis, Edmund C. Bartholomew, former Bensenville (Ill.) postmaster, and Charles Fitzgerald, Los Angeles, all held in jail here, would be arraigned probably next week for the \$100,000 William Hamm kidnaping.

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# KARPIS GANG LIQUIDATED

## How Federal Men Unraveled Hook-up Tangle Pictured in Close-up Study

A criminal case history, demonstrating the spectacular and practical results obtained by the G-men through their implacable and intelligent devotion to detail, is presented here in the second of a series of articles. The writer is a newspaperman who was privileged to look into the inner workings of the government's crime laboratory in Washington.

BY LEMUEL F. PARTON

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WASHINGTON, May 14. (Exclusive)—Ma Barker was a wicked old harrikan with the deadly eye of the Basilisk. She whelped a brood of killers, all done for now—thanks to the G-men and their own occupational hazards—and Ma, too, is a casualty of J. Edgar Hoover's open season for murderers, losing the decision in a machine-gun argument with the Federals.

Thus the Barker interests of the Barker-Karpis murder syndicate were liquidated, and now the Karpis end is written off with the doubtlessly permanent isolation of the homicidal but ratty and slack-featured Alvin Karpis.

### BACK THROUGH DECADES

It is said that cold-blooded reptiles don't die until sundown. So with the gangs. One could go back thirty years to the demise of some notorious western bad man, in a roadside brush with the law, and find that the elimination was like lifting a single scale from a gila monster.

The crime hook-up runs back through decades, as did the Barkers and their cumulative villainies. That's why Mr. Hoover and his special agents have gone in for historicity rather than histrionics. To break widely ramifying and interlocking gangs, they must get the whole picture.

### BASIS OF EFFICIENCY

The 6,000,000 fingerprints in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation would be just so many ciphers without an integer to give them meaning. Finding these integers is the work of Mr. Hoover's unique organization of police techniques and intelligence.

Early in 1933, Mr. Hoover's men were paying special attention to St. Paul. It was a grand hunting preserve for crook catchers. Local police had made the town kings-X for thugs, on condition that they work at their trade elsewhere. Trying to isolate the crime virus, Mr. Hoover had located St. Paul as a point of focal infection. He had a fat dossier on the journeymen "matchers" and killers who enjoyed sanctuary there.

rich, was hanged on his neck with a noose as he was taken to a hideout and he was ransomed.

Prominent in Hoover's St. Paul crime anthology was one Shot-Gun Ziegler, a rather ornate thug, supposedly highly educated. At that time, the outlines of the Barker-Karpis gang were rather vague in the F.B.I. files, but Ziegler seemed a "natural" for such an enterprise. He was one of the most garrulous of killers and the G-men had had word that he had been planning to branch out.

### BEER BOTTLE CLEWS

The day after Hamm was kidnapped, a St. Paul newspaper told the police the address of a suburban house where Hamm possibly had been taken, as previously told here. How the police passed up the beer bottles also has been told.

G-men are trained in routine as thoroughly as a quarterback in snapping the ball. It was routine for them to lift a couple of prints from a beer bottle and send them to Washington by air. It was also routine for a mystifying machine to kick out the identifications of Frank Nash and Paula Harmon, quicker than you could say J. Edgar Hoover. Frank Nash was arrested.

Two days after the Hamm kidnapping, three gangsters killed Nash and three officers, at Kansas City, trying to rescue the former from the Federals.

### FINGERPRINT LINK

But by this time, the special agents were riding hard on their trail. That fateful fingerprint had linked Nash with Shotgun Ziegler and a thorough shake-down of Ziegler evidence had linked him with the Barker-Karpis gang. Ziegler had been happily eliminated by a fellow-thug at Cicero on March 22, 1934, and the objective narrowed to Arthur (Doc) Barker and the sullen, silent and shifty Karpis—not so noisy as his mates and therefore harder to catch.

Next came the breakdown of hand-diers of the ransom money, the flushing of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, who did the Karpis face alterations, and the wreck of various political fixers and fences along the line, all of which collateral happenings would make a fat book.

### INCIDENTAL GLEANINGS

While the G-men were after Karpis, they also gleaned such illustrious crime impresarios as Bill Weaver, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis, Fred Barker (bullet-riddled with his implacable and rheumy-eyed mother in Florida), Arthur (Doc) Barker, Kate Barker and Edna Murray—all dead or permanently out of circulation.

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## The Finger of a 'Friend'



\$10,000 will buy all the "honor" among thieves."

Five thousand dollars persuaded the "lady in red" to "put the finger on" Dillinger, deliver him to the guns of G-men. A reward of \$5,000 was offered for information leading to the arrest of Alvin Karpis, "Public Enemy No. 1." Promptly, G-men discovered Karpis in New Orleans, arrested him.

In the case of Karpis, J. Edgar Hoover, head G-man said nobody was entitled to the reward.

G-men admit that Karpis could claim the \$2,500 reward for "information leading to the arrest of Harry Campbell," partner of Karpis, picked up by G-men in Toledo last week. There is an example of "honor among thieves"—though Karpis won't have much use for any reward money where he is going.

Department of Justice agents needed no reward offer to catch William Mahan in San Francisco, wanted in Washington for the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping, or Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., accused of the kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Stoll.

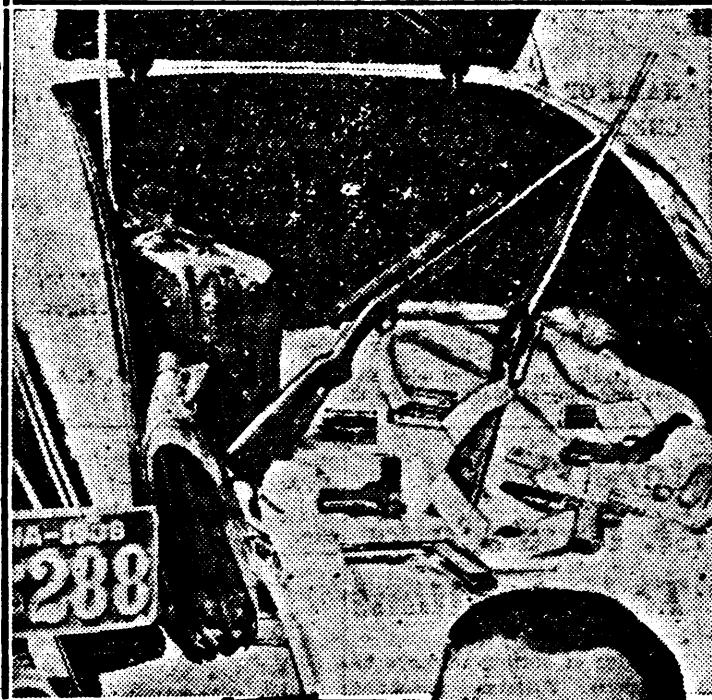
Still it would speed up "extermination" of public enemies if there were a standing reward of \$10,000 to persuade their "pals" to "put the finger on them."

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### MISTER KARPIS'S TOOLS



This striking picture, released by the United States Department of Justice, shows what the well-heeled public enemy carries by way of tools of his trade. The pistols and rifles were taken from the Karpis apartment in New Orleans and are shown in the rear of the car he used. A new G-man picture of Karpis is at right.

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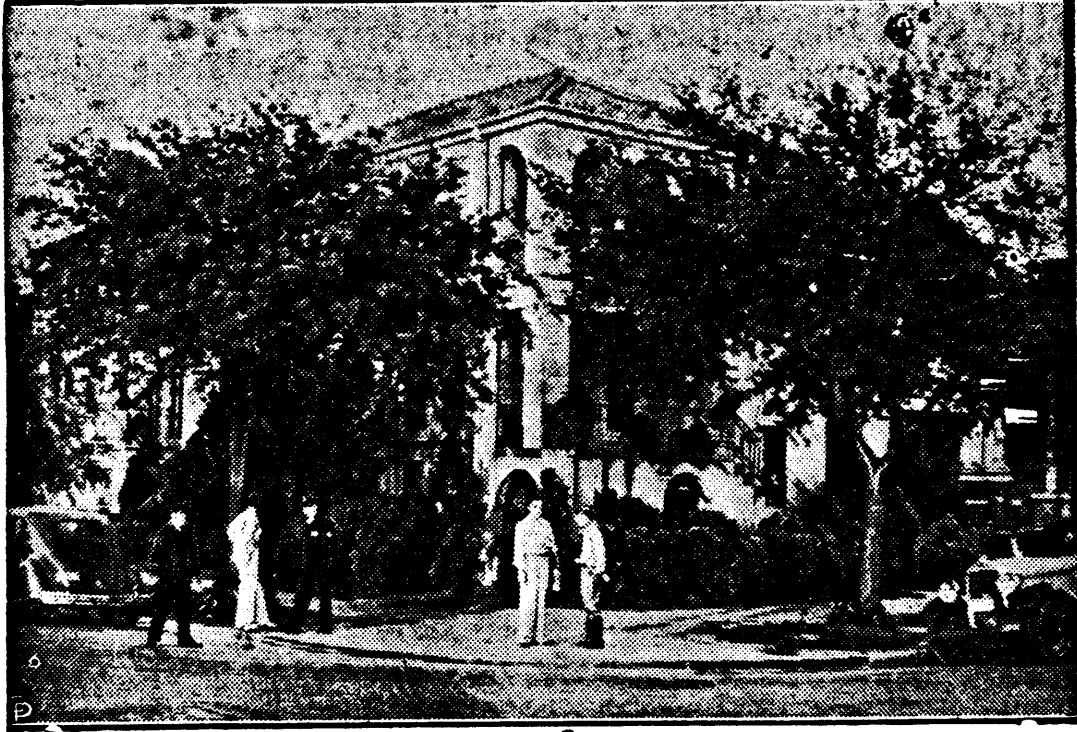
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## THIS IS WHERE KARPIS WAS SEIZED BY G-MEN



It was in front of this apartment building in New Orleans that the long-hunted Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, was seized by federal agents under the personal supervision of J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the U. S. department of justice. Karpis, together with Fred Hunter, wanted in connection with a Garrettsville, O., mail robbery, and a girl known as "Ruth," were grabbed by G-men without any trouble as they emerged from this apartment house. Karpis is being held in St. Paul where he faces trial for the abduction of William B. Hamm, Jr. (Central Press)

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