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## FEDERAL MEN SPUR HUNT FOR LONE FUGITIVE

### Arrest Believed Near as Police Agencies Focus Attention on Him

New York—A lone limping fugitive remained at large today out of the intermeshed gangs of hoodlums who roamed Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas during the depression years as successors of the picturesque two-gun outlaws of the old southwest.

He was Harry Campbell, henchman of Alvin Karpis, who was captured by J. Edgar Hoover and his federal agents at New Orleans last night.

Campbell, wanted for bank robberies and burglaries, for at least one murder—that of a Tulsa, Okla., criminal lawyer, J. Earl Smith—and for kidnappings, escaped the New Orleans trap.

#### Arrest Imminent

But he was a solitary figure, with every official hand reaching to land him in a state prison, in the electric chair or in the federal "Devil's Island"—Alcatraz.

The search for Campbell is "hot," and his arrest is imminent, Post-office Inspector Sylvester Hettrick announced today.

His fellows have gone—died under the guns of the law or landed behind the bars for long terms, many for life.

They were far different from the Dalton, Starr and other bands of two decades ago.

#### Barker and Mother Killed

So different were they, in fact, that many in the wealthy midcontinent oil and cattle country have clothed the old timers in an aura of romance.

Not thus the gangsters of the depression era. These have been mowed down or captured, singly and in groups.

Karpis was the latest to be taken. The records speak for the others. Freddie Barker and his "crime school" teacher-mother, "Ma," were killed by federal agents at Oklawaha, Fla.

His brother Arthur, "Doc," is serving a life sentence in Alcatraz for the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

Another brother, Herman Barker, died at Wichita, Kas., either by his own hand or under the guns of officers.

#### Karpis Associate Killed

Russell (Rusty) Gibson, Karpis associate in the Bremer case, was killed by officers. His biggest previous "job" was the \$75,000 robbery of an Oklahoma City bank messenger about six years ago.

More or less directly associated through intimacy or similarity of operation—were these:

Glenn Leroy Wright, serving life in Oklahoma's McAlester prison, became proficient in the bodily removal of safes from small banks at night—to loot them at leisure on a hideaway farm near Mannford, Okla. He was taken there three years ago, and one of his captors was Ed Hollis, federal agent slain by the late "Baby Face" Nelson. Nine such safes were unearthed where they had been buried on this farm. Wright was believed Campbell's helper in the Earl Smith murder.

#### Frequent Jail Escapes

Willie (Slippery) Elms, robber now serving a long prison term, got his nickname from frequent jail escapes.

Arsie Elliott, Eldon Wilson and Deubert Carolin, bank and jewelry robbers, died under officers' guns at Sapulpa, Okla., after killing two city policemen in a bloody battle. Wilbur Underhill, the "tri-state terror," was slain by federal and Oklahoma officers at Shawnee, Okla.

Bob Brady, bank robber, was killed during the pursuit after one of the two spectacular Lansing, Kas., prison breaks of 1932-33.

Jim Clark, bank robber and fellow escapee with Brady, was taken by Kansas state police after Patrolman (now Lieutenant) Earl Silverthorn lived with his gang for six months, in daily danger of discovery, to gather evidence.

#### Pretty Boy Floyd Slain

Harvey Baily, bank robber who led one of the Kansas prison escapes, was linked as the crime decedator who decreed Earl Smith's death for refusal to defend him in his Fort Scott, Kas., bank robbery trial. Bailey was trapped with the Charles F. Urschel kidnaper, Albert Bates, and with Bates and George (Machine Gun) Kelly is serving a life sentence at Alcatraz for the kidnaping.

Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, the Oklahoma Cookson hills bank robber and killer, was slain by federal agents in Illinois as he fled them afoot.

Adam Richetti, Floyd's pal in robberies and in the Kansas City Union Station Plaza massacre, is under conviction for the latter crime.

Verne Miller, the other Plaza massacre killer, was taken for a fatal ride by Detroit hoodlums.

The Texas desperados of that era whose names head the list include Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker, slain by a Texas ranger led posse in Louisiana, their associate, Henry Methvin, under sentence of death now for an Oklahoma murder, and Raymond Hamilton, who met legal defeat in Fort Worth.

## AIDED IN KARPIS DASH, SAYS FLIER

Didn't Know Who His Passenger on Trip Was,  
He Explains

Cleveland — (AP) — John Zetzer, 36, said at Port Clinton, O., where he operates a marine garage, that he unwittingly aided Alvin Karpis and two companions by flying them to Hot Springs, Ark., and Tulsa, Okla., a few weeks after a sensational \$46,000 mail train robbery at Garrettsville, O., last Nov. 7.

"A man wearing glasses came to my garage sometime in November and asked if I would fly him south," said Zetzer yesterday. "I learned later when questioned by federal men and shown pictures of Alvin Karpis that it was Public Enemy No. 1.

"I told him I didn't have a plane but was in the market for one. He suggested his trip might help me finance a ship. I didn't take him seriously because lots of people approach me for plane or boat trips on the lake like that.

"He came back about three days later and said he would pay \$500 for the trip," Zetzer continued. "I figured then that he meant business and took him up on the proposition."

The garageman said he purchased a used plane for \$1,700 at Toledo on the strength of the bargain.

"When it came time to take off one morning Karpis showed up with two companions," Zetzer related. "They were well dressed and quiet mannered. There were only two suitcases between them. They called Karpis by the name of Tom. I didn't hear any last names."

Zetzer's fuel supply became low "somewhere near where the Ohio and Mississippi river meet" and he made a forced landing in a farmer's field, refueled and continued "to a little town near Memphis," where they remained overnight at a hotel. The second day's flight took the fugitives to Hot Springs, Ark.

"I thought it was just a pleasure trip for them," Zetzer said. "Karpis didn't give any destination when he started. Out of Memphis he said to head for Hot Springs."

Zetzer said Karpis and one of the others left the plane at Hot Springs but the other instructed him to go to Tulsa, taking off that afternoon. Fbg forced him to come down near Alma, Ark., and there the pair spent the second night, Zetzer continued. The next day, he said, he let out his third passenger at the Tulsa airport.

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## ADDED KARPIS TRAIL ARRESTS ARE PREDICTED

Hoover says G-men seeking persons who aided or harbored desperado in flight

Chicago, Ill., May 2 (AP)—A series of new arrests along the crime trail of Alvin Karpis, captured "Public Enemy No. 1," was prophesied tonight by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the U. S. justice department's bureau of investigation.

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

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

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

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

It was also known, the chief of the federal men added, that Karpis' face was lifted by Dr. Joseph F. Moran, Chicago, after the Bremer kidnaping. Lobes were added to his ears, and other changes—including attempts to obliterate his fingerprints—made, but the outlaw remained recognizable.

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

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

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## WOMAN POSING AS MRS. KARPIS IS UNIDENTIFIED

Name of attractive red-haired  
companion of famed brigand  
is guarded secret

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

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

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation, personally led the agents who arrested the trio.

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

Department of justice agents remaining in New Orleans divided

their time between questioning the woman and Hunter and searching the apartment occupied by Karpis with his "wife."

David W. Magee, inspector in charge of the federal bureau of investigation here, said the search yielded "plenty." He declined to elaborate.

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

One of the investigators took two traveling bags, a flashlight, fishing tackle and a .22 caliber rifle with a telescope sight from the Karpis apartment and carried it to the office.

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

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

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

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

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## CAPTIVE KARPIS TAKEN TO FACE KIDNAP CHARGE

Long-Sought Outlaw Returned  
to St. Paul by Plane After  
His Capture in New Orleans  
With Another Man, Woman.

ST. PAUL, May 2 (AP).—Sullen, travel weary and shivering, Alvin Karpis, the outlaw, was brought back to St. Paul today to face trial on kidnaping charges.

Department of Justice agents who trapped the nation's most notorious gunman in New Orleans late Friday returned him here in an overnight plane ride.

Escorted personally by J. Edgar Hoover, Department of Justice head, and a squad of picked agents, Karpis was landed here at 8:47 o'clock this morning (9:47 Buffalo time), slightly more than 12 hours after the heavily armed party flew northward out of New Orleans.

The desperado, wearing thin Summer apparel in a temperature just above freezing, was hustled from the big liner to a heavily armed automobile, surrounded by machine guns, and taken direct to the agents' headquarters in the Federal building.

### No Reward to Be Paid.

Whether Karpis would be promptly arraigned on indictments charging him with the abduction of Edward G. Bremer, banker, and William Hamm Jr., brewery head, was not immediately determined.

Within an hour after his arrival, Mr. Hoover met reporters in the Federal building. He ignored them at the airport where the plane was backed into a National Guard hangar, with the transfer from the liner to an automobile being made behind closed doors.

Mr. Hoover, who said he planned to go by airplane to New York this afternoon, announced no reward would be paid by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, an indication that "tips" were received from persons seeking the \$7000 price offered for Karpis' arrest recently.

### Seized With Couple.

Commenting on the capture of Karpis, Mr. Hoover said:

"Karpis was arrested at 3343 Canal street, New Orleans, where

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### CRIME CAREER NIPPED



ALVIN KARPIS

## CAPTIVE KARPIS SPIRITED AWAY

Bandit Flown to St. Paul to  
Face Kidnaping Charge.

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he was living with Fred Hunter and a woman posing as Mrs. Hunter.

"Hunter also was taken into custody and is being held at New Orleans. We have not decided whether he will be charged in connection with a postal robbery at Garrettsville, O., last year, or as a harbinger of Karpis. Karpis was living at his apartment."

Mr. Hoover said that Karpis had been in the South and Southwest for several months. "He was spending most of his time hunting and fishing," Mr. Hoover added.

Karpis had undergone a crude plastic surgery operation, Mr. Hoover disclosed. There was a deep

scar under his left ear and lobes of his ears had been cut. His fingerprints had been mutilated.

### Operation Was Crude Job.

"The operation," Mr. Hoover said, "was performed by Dr. Joseph Moran, former member of the gang, now believed dead. But it was a crude job and did not in the least alter Karpis' features."

When arrested, Mr. Hoover said, Karpis had a rifle in his automobile and three .45 caliber revolvers in his apartment. Neither Karpis nor Hunter had a weapon on their person.

The capture was made as Karpis and Hunter came out of their first floor apartment, Mr. Hoover said. They left unexpectedly while agents were waiting for them after surrounding the house. They entered a car and were driving away when a car in which Mr. Hoover and others were riding drew alongside, forced Karpis' car to the curb and commanded him to halt.

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

### Charged With Many Jobs.

Mr. Hoover emphasized that "this was the man who said he never would be taken alive."

Mr. Hoover said Karpis is charged with three kidnapings, 15 bank robberies and three or four mail robberies. He had \$80 in his wallet when arrested, but Mr. Hoover declined to say whether it was ransom money.

Karpis, public enemy No. 1 on the G-men's list for over a year, with a \$7000 reward on his head, had joined notorious company. The G-men had gotten Machine Gun Kelly, Harvey Bailey, John Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson, "Ma" Barker and her infamous sons—some dead and some alive—and they had gotten him.

Through mysterious channels, the G-men learned Thursday that the man they wanted, who had been a phantom to them since January, 1935, when he shot his way out of a trap at Atlantic City, was living in an apartment house on Canal street in New Orleans.

### Suspected in Mail Robbery.

Early Friday, the department chartered a transport plane at Newark, N. J., airport. Mr. Hoover, who was in New York, flew to Washington, where several lieutenants joined him. The plane then proceeded to New Orleans, arriv-



ing only a short time before the capture.

Karpis had made at least two mysterious automobile trips from New Orleans. Returning from one, he was accompanied by Hunter. Federal men believe that he had gone to Garrettsville, O., and with Hunter and Harry Campbell, a fugitive and friend of Karpis, held up a mail train, escaping with \$46,000.

Federal agents kept secret the source of the information that led to Karpis' arrest, but it was said authoritatively that a gossip automobile salesman, Clarence Pucheu, had set afloat rumors that reached the G-men.

Karpis was shackled hand and foot and the shackles themselves were chained together, before he was placed aboard the plane for the flight to the North.

Robberies and kidnappings of the Karpis group of hoodlums in three years caused the deaths of at least five persons, four of them policemen, and about \$500,000 cash loss.

# Karpis Returned to St. Paul In Chains to Face Accusers

Nation's widely sought criminal so scared he couldn't talk, Hoover says

## TWELVE-HOUR AIR TRIP

Head of G-men leaves for Washington; trial plans are not completed

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

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

### No Shots Fired

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

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

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

Hoover left early this afternoon for Washington.

When he would be arraigned and whether he would be tried first for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Banker Edward G. Bremer or the seizure of William Hamm, Jr., brewing com-

pany head, who paid \$100,000 for his freedom, District Attorney George F. Sullivan was unable to say as yet. Hamm was kidnaped June 15, 1933, and Bremer, January 17, 1934.

### May Ask Death Penalty

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Rifle In Car

"We nabbed them after they had entered their car," Hoover said. "There was a rifle in the back seat

but Karpis or Hunter didn't have a chance to reach for it. Neither carried pistols."

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

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

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

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

The only member of the gang still at large is Harry Campbell, long an associate of Karpis. Asked if Campbell now would succeed to designation as Public Enemy No. 1, Hoover replied:

"We don't give them any rating in the federal bureau of investigation. They are all yellow rats to us. That was proven last night."

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

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

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

F. E. JOSEPH

# ALVIN KARPIS, PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1. CAPTURED

## HOOVER LEADS NEW ORLEANS RAIDING SQUAD

Desperado and Two Com-  
panions Seized Without  
Firing Shot; Federal  
Agents Surround Hideout

New Orleans—(AP)—Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1 of the United States, was captured last night at a downtown apartment building without the firing of a shot.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation, led the squad of between 15 and 20 officers who made the capture.

Seized with Karpis were Fred Hunter, 37, suspect in the \$34,000 Garrettsville, O., mail robbery last November, and a woman whose name was not revealed.

Karpis, after questioning by agents, was heavily manacled and placed aboard an airplane which left for an unannounced destination. Six agents accompanied the desperado.

### Wanted in Kidnapings

He is under indictment in the kidnapings of William A. Hamm Jr., wealthy St. Paul, Minn., brewer, and Edward George Bremer, also of St. Paul.

Hoover himself made the announcement of the capture of the three persons as they emerged from an apartment building about a half mile from the center of the business district.

"They were leaving the house to enter an automobile when the agents surrounded them," Hoover said.

"The agents called upon them to surrender and they were taken without the firing of a shot."

Hoover in the briefest sort of statement, clipping his words short, told of the capture which climaxed three years' search from coast to coast and even to Cuba.

The capture was effected so smoothly and quietly that only persons nearby were aware of the federal agents' latest success.

### Surrender Without Fight

Witnesses said that when the three left the house agents armed with sawed-off shotguns and other weapons stepped to the sidewalk, and crisply commanded them to surrender. When the desperadoes made no move they were grabbed and rushed from the scene.

"How long has the net been laid for Karpis?" Hoover was asked.

"For the past two years."

"But how long in New Orleans?"

"Oh, we've known he's been in and out of New Orleans for the past two months and have been on his trail."

"How many men participated in the capture?"

"We never give out figures."

"Did he offer any resistance?"

"He never had a chance. There were too many guns on him. We

### \$7,000 Price

Karpis had a federal bounty of \$7,000 on his head—the Bureau of Investigation has offered \$7,000 by postal authority.

"Was Karpis armed?"  
"Yes, he had a .38 Smith & Wesson revolver."

Karpis was wearing a light-colored shirt and trousers, and a dark overcoat.

Edward Hoffman, a janitor at the apartment building behind the house, said Karpis had an apartment at the house.

He had rented parking space in the yard to the desperado, John Campbell, who lived in the apartment building.

Karpis as a mild, plump man with a slight impediment in his speech, and only as "Mr. O'Hara."

The janitor said he saw Karpis and a woman, who he said was his wife, at the time of the capture.

"I happened to be standing near the bushes near the corner of the house and the corner. He was without his hat and his hands were tied with black cord."

"There was a man on each side of him. One of them had a machine gun and the other had a revolver. I walked over toward where he was and someone said, 'Get back there!'"

"O'Hara" (Karpis) was the first person arrested, the janitor said, and that "O'Hara" and the woman, who posed as his wife, were the only two of the arrested persons living in the apartment house.

The third person "came over every night and talked with them," he said.

Federal agents were posted in the apartment house all night.

The capture of Alvin Karpis ended a man-hunt as extensive as that of his predecessor as public enemy No. 1—John Dillinger.

Mr. O'Hara  
Mr. Campbell  
Mr. Hoffman  
Mr. Janitor  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Cady

## Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, Captured in South

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 at the age of 16 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 robbers, 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 on Aug. 10, 1909. At an early age he was taken by his Lithuanian parents to Topeka, Kan. He was the only boy in the family but had three sisters.

### Arrested First at 16

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 at Hutchinson, Kan., for a 10-year term.

In the Kansas reformatory he met Lawrence Devol, alias Larry Barton. The two sawed through the cell bars and escaped after Karpis had served three years. Devol now is serving a life term for a sensational 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 Mar. 23, 1930. They were riding in a car packed with safe-blowing equipment. Karpis was sent back to the Kansas reformatory. When knives were found in his possession, he was transferred to the state penitentiary in Lansing, Kan., on May 19, 1930. A year later he was freed.

### Joins Notorious Barkers

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 Henrietta, Okla.

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

### Sentenced and Paroled

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. Kelly of West Plains, Mo. That was Dec. 19, 1931. Freddie Barker was with him when the sheriff was slain.

The sheriff had walked into a garage to question Karpis and Barker about a robbery the previous night in West Plains. Federal agents who know the "inside" say neither had anything to do with the West Plains holdup. But the outlaws were "too hot" to take any chances. And besides, Karpis was on probation.

### A Couple of Pals

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 in a South Robert Street address in St. Paul, which Attorney General Cummings once designated as "the poison spot of crime," 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. So a few nights later Freddie Barker invited Dunlap, his

stepfather for an automobile ride. Karpis, willing to do "Ma" a favor because he liked her, went along. A few days later, the bullet-ridden body of Dunlap was found near Webster, Wis.

### A Meeting Arranged

"Ma" Barker knew Dolores Delaney, pretty St. Paul girl, and was anxious to have her "pet," Karpis, make her acquaintance. So not

long afterward Dolores and Karpis met at Harry Sawyer's saloon on Wabasha Street in St. Paul. Sawyer is serving a life term as the "finger man" in the Bremer kidnaping.

Dolores is serving a prison term for harboring Karpis. The girl is a sister-in-law of Pat Reilly, former mascot for the St. Paul baseball club who served a prison term for harboring John Dillinger after the latter was wounded in St. Paul following his famous "wood gun" escape from Crown Point, Ind.

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

### Trail of Robbery and Death

Crimes attributed to the Barker-Karpis mob included:

Holdup of the Third Northwestern National Bank, Minneapolis, Dec. 16, 1932, loot \$20,000 cash and a quantity of securities; three slain.

Payroll robbery in South St. Paul, Aug. 30, 1933; loot \$30,000; one policeman killed, one wounded.

Federal reserve bank mail robbery Sept. 22, 1933, in Chicago; policeman killed.

Holdup of First National Bank at Brainerd, Minn.; loot \$32,000.

Holdup of National Bank & Trust Company, Sioux Falls, S. D., \$50,000.

Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, \$200,000 ransom.

William Hamm abduction, \$100,000 ransom.

But the ranks of the Barker-Karpis gang were reduced swiftly by bullets and prison sentences as the days went by. After the killing of "Ma" Barker and her son, Freddie, Russell Gibson, alias "Slim" Gray, was killed in Chicago. Shortly before his death, George Zeigler, alias "Shotgun" Goetz, was slain. The body of Willie Harrison, gang member and former St. Louis golf professional, was found in the burned ruins of a barn. In prior are Volney Davis, Doc Barker, Harry Sawyer, William Weaver, Harold Alderton, Elmer Farmer, Oliver Berg and Jess Doyle.

### A Title at Stake

With the capture of Karpis, three men are in line for successor to the unenviable title of "public enemy number one." They are:

William Mahan, wanted for the \$200,000 kidnaping of George Weyerhaeuser, young heir to a lumber fortune, at Tacoma, Wash., May 24, 1935.

Thomas G. Robinson Jr., wanted for the \$50,000 kidnaping of Alice Speed Stoll in Louisville, Ky.

Harry Campbell, 36-year-old limping companion of Karpis, wanted among other crimes for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

# KARPIS, TRAPPED, YIELDS PEACEABLY

## HOOVER LEADS IN ARREST OF NOTED BRIGAND

Chief G-man heads fifteen officers who net Public Enemy No. 1 in New Orleans coup

### TWO OTHERS WITH HIM

Fred Hunter, wanted for mail robbery, unnamed woman yield quickly when commanded

New Orleans, La., May 1 (AP)—Alvin Karpis, current No. 1 bad man of the United States, was captured tonight without a move at resistance by a squad of officers led in person by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation.

A few hours later, the man who succeeded John Dillinger as the country's most wanted criminal was placed aboard an airplane heavily guarded and manacled and taken from the city with the destination unannounced.

### Two Others Captured

Without the firing of a shot, Karpis was taken into custody with Fred Hunter, 37, a suspect in the \$34,000 Garrettsville (O.) mail robbery and a woman known only as "Ruth" as they emerged from a pretentious apartment building in the 3300 block of Canal Street about half a mile from the center of the business district.

Hoover made the announcement of the capture with the simple statement, "we've captured Alvin Karpis, generally known as Public Enemy No. 1—but not to us."

Then he added "they were taken without the firing of a shot. Karpis never had a chance. There were too many guns on him."

Karpis is under indictment for the \$100,000 kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer on June 15, 1933, and the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, on January 17, 1934.

He was likewise wanted on a charge of murder in connection with the slaying of Sheriff C. R. Keiley at West Plains, Mo., on December 19, 1931.

The three-year hunt from coast to coast and beyond for Karpis was as extensive as that for his predecessor as public enemy No. 1, Dillinger, who was shot down in Chicago.

### Last of Original Gang

He was the last of the original Karpis-Barker gang. Seven of that band of bank robbers and kidnapers are now dead and the rest have been captured.

Within the last two weeks, the justice department placed a \$5,000 price upon Karpis' head, and added a \$2,500 price for information leading to the capture of his pal, Harry Campbell.

Four days ago, the postal inspection service followed the justice department and added a \$2,000

reward for Karpis price to \$7,000, and Campbell. But the raid today. Hoover said the investigation had had been in and for the last several himself, had come ago to direct the Hoover, smiling announcement of the bureau office Building here at the raid, saying thing interesting

Caught Leave Hoover did not men took part in there were reported between fifteen

"They were in an apartment on the first floor of the building and were leaving the house to enter an automobile when the agents surrounded them," Hoover said.

"The agents called upon them to surrender and they were taken without the firing of a shot."

Shackles were placed on the hands and feet of Karpis and the shackles then bound together. He and the others were taken to the postoffice building. Karpis and Hunter, likewise bound, had to be carried by agents.

Karpis had been living at the apartment with the woman, who was about 21 years old, pretty, red-haired and dressed in white. Hunter visited them nightly, neighbors said.

The neighbors described Karpis as a mild, pleasant man with a slight impediment in his speech who was interested in fishing.

John Campbell, janitor of the building, said he knew Karpis as "Mr. O'Hara." He said the woman posed as "O'Hara's" wife and that they were the only two of the arrested persons living in the apartment house.

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Boardman
- Chief Clerk
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Edwards
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Joseph
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- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Schilder
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Gandy

## Trapped in New Orleans Coup



ALVIN KARPIS

The third person, Campbell said, "came over every night and talked with them."

### No Resistance Offered

The capture was effected so smoothly and quietly that witnesses scarcely knew what was happening. When the three left the house, witnesses said, the federal agents simply closed in about them and commanded them to surrender. They made no move and were quickly hurried away by the officers.

Campbell was burning trash beside the building when the arrest was made.

"I happened to look up and I saw Mr. O'Hara (Karpis) standing between two bushes near the curb between me and the corner. He was without his hat and his hands were tied with black cord."

# G-MEN CAPTURE KARPIS

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THREE-YEAR CHASE ENDS



**ALVIN KARPIS.**

*Public enemy captured in New Orleans.*

International News photo.

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# No. 1 Public Enemy Seized in New Orleans Hideout; Plane Speeds Him to St. Paul

## Hoover Leads Agents to Outlaw; Not a Shot Fired; Wo- man Taken

ST. PAUL, May 2.—Anticipating the arrival here by plane of Alvin Karpis and his guard of half a dozen Department of Justice agents, some five automobile loads of "G-Men," all heavily armed, gathered at the municipal airport early today. Arrangements were made to keep open an iron gate at one end of the field, near a runway down which a plane could taxi.

The plane carrying Karpis flew first from New Orleans to Lambert Field, St. Louis, and after refueling took off at 1:35 a. m. (E.S.T.). It was believed headed toward Chicago, but

apparently weather conditions forced it to fly directly here.

NEW ORLEANS, May 1.—Alvin Karpis, the nation's No. 1 Public Enemy, sought for three years for murder and kidnaping, was captured here tonight by Department of Justice agents without a shot being fired.

At 8:3 p. m. (9:30 p. m. Chicago time) he was placed aboard an airplane, manacled and under guard of six agents. The destination was not announced, although rumor said it was St. Paul.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the department's G-men, personally led the squad of fifteen agents who trapped Karpis. With the chief public enemy the agents caught Fred Hunter, 37, wanted for mail robbery in Garrettsville, O., and an unnamed woman.

Karpis, the notorious "bad man" and killer, displayed the usual gangland streak of surrendering meekly when confronted.

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'He Never Had a Chance?'

# KARPIS GIVES UP—MEEKLY

## Chief of G-Men Tells Details of Capture

### GUN FOUND ON CAPTIVE

Not by a helpless victim, but by men who could and would shoot. Simultaneously with the announcement here by Mr. Hoover that the capture had been made, official spokesmen for the Department of Justice made the same announcement in Washington, D. C. The trapping of Karpis leaves but one of the notorious outlaws of the Karpis-Barker and Dillinger gangs still at large.

#### Details Withheld

He is Harry Campbell, who was with Karpis when the two shot their way out of a police trap in an Atlantic City, N. J., hotel more than a year ago.

The scene of the capture tonight was in front of a building at 3343 Canal st., a rooming house, about half a mile from the center of the business district of the city.

Details of how the long trail that wound from coast to coast and even to Cuba, finally led to this rooming house were not made known. Agents said, however, that Karpis and Hunter had been under surveillance for "a day or two."

A large force of federal agents was concentrated in this city several days ago. Mr. Hoover himself was in New York the early part of the week on other cases. Receiving word yesterday from here that Karpis' hideout had been located, he boarded a plane and came to New Orleans. There was a wait for the opportune moment to strike.

Word was finally flashed that Hunter, Karpis and the woman were all on the first floor flat of the building. Led by Mr. Hoover, the agents spread the net. As they waited, the three walked from the front door, and were about to enter an automobile parked at the curb.

The government agents, guns drawn, closed in.

There was a crisp command to surrender. Karpis and Hunter wheeled. For a moment it seemed that they were about to make some resistance, but the sight of



revolvers and the muzzles of sawed-off shotguns stopped them.

#### Whisked Away

Meekly, they elevated their hands. Then all three were whisked away to an unannounced place for questioning. It was all done so quickly and so smoothly that even persons in the immediate vicinity were unaware of what had taken place.

Mr. Hoover's announcement was brief and simple, but there was a smile on his face as he said:

"We've captured Alvin Karpis, known as Public Enemy No. 1, but not to us."

Later he added about the other man prisoner:

"Hunter is not so well known as Karpis, but he is wanted for the postoffice robbery at Garrettsville, O., last Nov. 2, in which \$34,000 was taken. Karpis was also connected with that robbery."

Karpis was seen once after the capture, when he was led out of the bureau of investigation office in the postoffice building by two department agents. He was wearing a straw hat, shirt and trousers, but no coat.

As to the actual capture, Mr. Hoover declined to do much amplifying of his first brief announcement, although he was pilled with questions.

"How long has the net been laid for Karpis?" he was asked. "For the past two years."

"Yes, but how long here in New Orleans?"

"Oh, we've known he's been in and out of here for the past two months," said the G-Man chief, "and have been on his trail."

"Was Karpis armed?"

"Yes, he had a gun."

And that was as far as the questioners got.

Mrs. J. S. Meyer, owner and

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manager of the building where Karpis had been living, said he registered there three weeks ago as "Ed O'Hara," and paid a month's rent in advance.

The woman, she said, posed as his wife.

"He was a nice, quiet little man," said Mrs. Meyer. "He is just a boy. I can't imagine such a slim fellow being as bad as they say he is. He never acted a bit scared or nervous and never displayed any large amounts of money."

The janitor, John Campbell, told about the same story, describing Karpis as "a mild, pleasant man, with a slight impediment in his speech."

Edward Hoffman, resident of the house behind the building where Karpis lived, said he had rented parking space in his yard to the desperado, unaware of who he was.

"He paid me \$3 to keep the car there a few days," Hoffman said, "I saw him about three times, but I didn't pay much attention to him. He seemed all right."

The main crimes for which Karpis is wanted are:

The \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, president of the St. Paul Commercial State Bank, on January 17, 1934; the \$100,000 kidnaping of William A. Hamm Jr., St. Paul Brewer, on June 15, 1933, and the murder of Sheriff

C. R. Kelley of West Plains, Mo., on December 19, 1931.

A price of \$7,000 was on his head, the Postoffice Department having added a \$2,000 reward a short time ago.

Who the woman is, who was captured with Karpis and Hunter, or what her connection with them has been, the Department of Justice men did not reveal. She was also held incommunicado. It also was speculated that Campbell had been with Karpis and the other two, but had somehow contrived to escape the net.

### Three Eligible as 'Enemy No. 1'

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(P)—With the capture of Alvin Karpis, three men were in line tonight for successor to the unenviable title of "public enemy number one." They are:

Harry Campbell, 36-year-old limping companion of Karpis, wanted among other crimes for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, at St. Paul, Jan. 17, 1934.

William Mahan, wanted for the \$200,000 kidnaping of George Weyerhaeuser, young heir to a lumber fortune, at Tacoma, Wash., May 24, 1935.

Thomas G. Robinson Jr., wanted for the \$50,000 kidnaping of Alice Speed Stoll in Louisville.

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**DOLORES DELANY**  
*Jailed for her friendship with Karpis.*  
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## WOMEN DESERTED IN KARPIS FLIGHT

MIAMI, Fla., May 1.—(A.P.)—Alvin Karpis, kidnap gang leader, captured in New Orleans, was in Miami during the Winter of 1933-34.

He and Delores Delaney registered at a Miami hotel as Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Wagner. They were accompanied by Harry Campbell, member of the Karpis gang, and Winona Burdette, who registered as Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Summers. The four later rented a private house here.

### FOUR LEAVE MIAMI

They fled from this house after learning that Fred and Kate Barker, their associates, were shot and killed in a gun battle with federal agents at Oklawaha, Fla., and that the agents were coming to Miami.

The men left Miami by automobile and the two women by train. The four next appeared at the Atlantic City hotel from which the men escaped during a gun battle with police. The women were left behind in a hotel room, Delores Delaney suffering a bullet wound in her left leg, inflicted, it was reported, when Karpis fired through the wall in an attempt to

awaken the women. The men failed in an attempt to return for the women.

### FACE QUIZZING IN TRIAL

The two women subsequently returned to Miami, where, in United States District Court, they pleaded guilty to charges of harboring and concealing Karpis and were sentenced to the federal detention farm at Milan, Mich.

They will be returned to Miami on May 18 to appear as material witnesses in the trial of two men listed as Joe Adams, Miami hotel and greyhound race track manager, and Hendry Randall, greyhound track employe, under indictment on charges of harboring and concealing Karpis.

Cassius McDonald, Detroit promoter, and Nathan Heller, Miami and Havana hotel man, also were indicted in connection with the Karpis harboring charges. McDonald has been convicted and sentenced on similar charges in St. Paul and the charges against Heller have been dismissed.

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# KARPIS BABY IN CHICAGO AT HIS PARENTS' HOME

## Grandmother Quiets Child; Father of Seized Gunman Silent at News of Arrest

There was a dramatic tableau in the kitchen of the little basement flat at 2842 N. Francisco av. last night.

A bent and aged woman sat in an old-fashioned rocking chair. There were tears in her eyes. On her lap, his cries silenced by the quiet of the room, lay a baby boy—a year and two months old. In another chair sat a man, old and worn. He looked down into his clasped hands, hands gnarled with years of toil.

Restless, walking about the room, was a younger woman.

### FAMILY OF KARPIS.

They were the family of Alvin Karpis, the nation's Public Enemy No. 1, who, at long last, had been captured in New Orleans by G-men.

The mother, Mrs. Anna Karpavicz; the father, John, janitor of the building, and a sister, Mrs. Emily Newbold.

The baby boy, who never has seen his father, was born to Dolores Delaney, Karpis' common-law wife, after he had left her in an Atlantic City hotel when federal agents almost captured him more than a year ago. The Delaney girl is serving five years in federal prison at Milan, Mich.

Told of her brother's capture, Mrs. Newbold only said:

"My God, do they know?"

She referred to her parents, honest God-fearing folk, whose tragedy in life has been the criminal career of their only son. Gently she broke the news to them.

### "WE'LL TALK LATER."

Later Mrs. Newbold came to the door and said:

"We can't say anything now, but we will have plenty to say later. We can't talk until the federal men get here."

From the federal agents the family awaits official news. On each rumor of Karpis' capture, Mrs. Karpavicz has spent much endeavoring to learn if her boy was slain.

In the stillness of the little kitchen the four lingered.

The baby, Raymond, slept. And the grandmother rocked and rocked—dreaming, perhaps, of the gunman son she once held in her arms.

# G-MEN'S SWIFT ACTION TOLD BY RAID WITNESS

Efficiency Amazes Those Who  
View Capture; Karpis Dis-  
plays Surprise at Seizure

BY E. M. COMEAUX.

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NEW ORLEANS, May 1.—I saw

the G-men arrest Alvin Karpis  
and Fred Hunter today.

But those federal men moved so  
swiftly that they hardly started  
before it was finished. In fact,  
those of us who watched them  
could not really believe Karpis had  
been arrested, it was done so fast  
and with such little trouble.

It was around 5:30 or so that  
the government men first rolled  
up in their cars. Altogether there  
were maybe twenty agents. I  
couldn't tell exactly. They parked  
their cars about half a block from  
the apartment.

Just a few minutes later Karpis,  
a woman and Hunter came out  
from the building. We could hear  
the government men call out to  
them to surrender. Karpis, I be-  
lieve it was, turned sharply and  
instantly raised his hands. He  
really looked startled and sur-  
prised.

The G-men who surrounded the  
apartment were well-armed, but  
after that first call for them to  
surrender, the two gangsters gave  
up without trouble.

All three were then bundled into  
a car and rushed away.

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### Barker Blamed for Misleading Karpis

TULSA, Okla., May 1.—In surrendering to federal agents without a fight, Alvin Karpis failed to carry out the boast his former wife, Dorothy Slayman, once heard him make—"I'll never be taken alive."

She won a divorce last November 22, testifying she had not seen him for nearly four years.

"It was in Chicago," the former Mrs. Karpis recalled, "that I heard Alvin boast to Freddie Barker that he would never be taken alive. After that he promised me he would 'go straight,' but I guess he never did. I always thought Freddie Barker was a bad influence on Alvin."

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# FIVE KILLINGS LAID TO KARPIS GANG

## Chicago-Born Chief Left Home at 14

Leader, with Arthur ("Doc") Barker, of a ruthless gang of kidnapers, bandits and killers, who took the lives of five persons—such was the career of Alvin Karpis.

Crowned Public Enemy No. 1 by the bullets which shot down other gunmen with whom he had associated—John Dillinger and George ("Baby Face") Nelson—Karpis, unlike those more daring killers, cowered in hiding when he won that doubtful renown—had even, it was reported, had his face lifted in an effort to avoid detection.

## Shoots Way Out

Only once, since Dillinger's death, had he leaped into the headlines. Trapped in an Atlantic City hotel a year ago last January, he and a companion, Harry Campbell, deserted their girl friends, and shot their way to freedom.

Born in Chicago, Karpis was the son of doting parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavicz, 2842 N. Francisco av. Hard working and honest, it was difficult for them to believe that their son, whom they seldom saw after he ran away from home at the age of 14, had become a dangerous killer.

And twice, when it seemed that the federal hunt for Karpis must inevitably close in, the mother appealed to him to surrender.

Early in his career as a burglar and cheap thug in Missouri and Kansas, Karpis adopted his abbreviated name. There was little of glamour in his life. It was sordid.

As the leader of a gang of terrorists roving the western states, Karpis was arrested in March, 1929, and was sentenced to the state industrial home at Hutchinson, Kan. He escaped, was captured a year later and served

out his term in the Kansas state prison, being freed in 1931.

## Freed on Parole

Upon his release from prison, he fell in love with a pretty masseuse in Tulsa, Okla., and married her. Turning his back to the underworld, he settled down with her for a few months. But the romance did not last long. Deserting her, he returned to the ways of the gun and was arrested for burglary.

Loosed again on the public by a kindly parole board, he then joined up with the Barker gang and started his bloody crusade against law and order that was climaxed by the kidnaping early in 1934 of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker and brewer, whose family paid \$200,000 ransom for his release.

That crime marked Karpis and his associates for death. Federal men hunted him with orders to shoot to kill. The penalty for his offense rested at death under the Lindbergh law because Bremer

was taken across a state line.

Cordons of police were thrown about roads in the path it was thought the gangster would take. His trail led through Illinois, Michigan, Indiana and other mid-western states—but the police could not close in.

The girls he and Campbell left behind, were seized, and sentenced to five years in prison for harboring their dangerous "boy friends." Others who sheltered Karpis have been arrested and jailed.

During the trial of several of the gang's aids in St. Paul for the Bremer kidnaping, Karpis was named as one of the kidnapers.

In 1935, Karpis' wife, Dorothy, tired of waiting for him to abandon his criminal career and divorced him, charging desertion.

Federal agents watched her closely, in the hope of trapping the fugitive. But Karpis, they said, had not even communicated with her after their brief period of domestic life.

During the hunt for Hamm kidnapers, a tip came to the house

## Girls Sentenced for Harboring 'Boy Friends'

where Karpis, Arthur Barker, Freddie Barker and their mother, "Ma" Barker, were living in St. Paul that the police were on their way over. The boys decided that some one had "squealed."

They decided the guilty one was Arthur W. Dunlap, "Ma" Barker's second husband. So Freddie Barker invited his father-in-law for an automobile ride. Karpis went along as a favor to "Ma." Later Dunlap's bullet-riddled body was found near Webster, Wis.

It was "Ma" Barker, too, who introduced Karpis to Dolores Delaney, pretty St. Paul girl, who later was to be jailed for her friendship with the hoodlum.

"Ma" Barker died, too, about a year after the Bremer kidnaping. She died with Freddie in Florida, riddled by bullets of government agents as she fought side by side with her outlaw son. Arthur Barker was seized in Chicago after a gun fight.

In January of 1935, Karpis and Harry Campbell went to Atlantic City from Florida with two girl friends. One of them was the pretty Dolores. The other was Winona Burdette, 21.

## Girls Abandoned

Atlantic City police, who had been notified to be on the lookout for the automobile in which they were riding, found it in a garage, and discovered that the occupants were at a nearby hotel.

The police went openly to the hotel to question them. The two gangsters abandoned the girls, shot their way from the trap and escaped.

In December of last year, Homer Fanning, 26, seized when he sought to flee on foot after a gun battle with Kansas City police, said his companion in that fight, who made his escape in an auto, was Karpis.

That story caused the search for the outlaw to be intensified, and the hunt was still further spurred when the proprietor of a tourist camp said a picture of

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GETS HIS MAN



*This is J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of identification. He personally led the capture of Alvin Karpis.*

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## G-Men Aim At Pals of Karpis

International News Service.

ST. PAUL, May 16.—The long arm of the federal government reached out today to smash the protectors and hangers-on of the shattered Karpis-Barker gang of killers and kidnapers.

Indicating swift grand jury action against associates of the mob in Toledo, Cleveland, and New Orleans, copies of bench warrants on which Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell were arrested were mailed to the cities involved.

The G-Men plan to strike a deadly blow at those who have harbored Karpis and Campbell since their indictment here for the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., and upwards of a half-dozen indictments in the three cities.

The federal penalty ranges from six months for harboring to two years for conspiracy to harbor.

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## FEDERAL AGENTS QUESTION KARPIS

Three Kidnapings, Slaying and 15 Bank Robberies Revealed

ST. PAUL, May 5 (AP)—Relays of federal agents, weary after nearly four days of persistent effort, pressed Alvin Karpis today for details of a crime career their chief said included three kidnapings, the slaying of a Missouri sheriff, 15 bank robberies, three or four mail holdups and complicity in several other slayings.

Meanwhile, in New Orleans, other federal agents completed questioning a man and a woman captured with Karpis there last Friday. In Washington, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the department of justice bureau of investigation, who led the raid, said one of them, Fred Hunter, would be held to face charges in a Garrettsville, Ohio, mail robbery and harboring Karpis, while the woman, Ruth Robinson, was released.

Whatever agents here learned from Karpis they kept to themselves. Neither would they say when they expected to finish their questioning and move the outlaw from the federal building to the county jail to await arraignment on kidnaping charges. Karpis is under indictment here for the abductions of William Hamm, jr., and Edward G. Bremer. Ransom in the two cases totaled \$300,000.

District Attorney George F. Sullivan announced previously the government had an "airtight case" against Karpis and was prepared to arraign him as soon as federal agents complete their questioning.

Sheriff Thomas J. Gibbons, in charge of the county jail where Karpis will be kept, conferred briefly today with federal agents and the United States marshal.

## Karpis' Father



John Karpavicz.

John Karpavicz, father of Alvin Karpis, captured Public Enemy No. 1, is pictured in Chicago chasing cameramen and reporters with a tire pump, refusing to submit to photographers or questioning. The elder Karpis is a janitor in a Chicago apartment house. His son, seized by G-men in New Orleans, awaits trial in St. Paul for the abduction of William Hamm, jr. (Central Press).

P. E. JOHNSON

## Campbell's Mother Is Broken Hearted

Tulsa, Okla., May 7 (AP).—The white-haired mother of Harry Campbell wept tonight and said her son, outlaw companion of Alvin Karpis, had broken her heart.

Campbell's parents, law-abiding Mr. and Mrs. George C. Campbell, secluded themselves and refused to discuss directly the arrest of their erring son at Toledo, Ohio.

For years the misbehaving Campbell was "small fry" to officers of this section. Then his name was linked with those of Karpis and the late Freddie Barker. Last February 28 police announced he killed J. Earl Smith, Tulsa lawyer, August 19, 1932. Jimmie Lawson, life-terminer at the Kansas Penitentiary, was brought here last February to tell of the Smith slaying. The attorney had called Campbell in an effort to collect \$3,200 fee for defending him in a robbery case, Lawson said.

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### Gang's Surgeon Believed Slain

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 7 (I.N.S.)—Dr. Joseph Moran, who is believed to have altered the facial appearance and fingerprints of a number of members of the Karpis gang, is at the bottom of Lake Erie. This opinion was given here today by J. Edgar Hoover.

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# Public Enemies 'Yellow Rats' to J. Edgar Hoover

Old Man Politics Is No. 1,  
Says Chief of U.S. Agents,  
Telling of Karpis' Fear

Own Men Found Gangster

No Outside Information Re-  
ceived in Trapping Him

By Emmet Crozier

Now that Alvin Karpis is securely locked in a St. Paul cell, J. Edgar Hoover would like to end all this sentimental nonsense about Public Enemy No. 1 and other mythical rankings in the criminal blue book.

"They're all yellow rats," says Mr. Hoover. "They don't deserve any titles, distinction or rank. If you want to know whom I regard as Public Enemy No. 1, I'll tell you. Old Man Politics."

Mr. Hoover is chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice. He arrived in New York late Saturday night from St. Paul, where he had delivered Karpis into the hands of Minnesota authorities after capturing the desperado in New Orleans last Thursday.

That job done, Mr. Hoover took a little time out in his living room on the twenty-seventh floor of the Hotel New Yorker yesterday afternoon to talk informally with a dozen newspaper reporters about Karpis, crime and the government's efforts to squelch it.

Like Caruso—Without Paunch

He sat in an armchair in a corner of the room, relaxed, one hand in his trousers pocket, catching the questions that came from all sides of the room and answering with sharp incisiveness. A compact man in early middle age, dark hair brushed straight back from his forehead, he looks a little like the late Enrico Caruso before the famous tenor acquired his paunch. His double-breasted gray suit, with the corner of a wine-colored handkerchief protruding from the breast pocket, suggested an alert young business executive more than a detective.

The government, Mr. Hoover said, had not been asked to go into the Wendel kidnaping case. For one thing, no ransom payment had been demanded. For another, the investigation was being satisfactorily handled by the Kings County authorities.

"Is the government satisfied that Bruno Hauptmann alone was responsible for the Lindbergh kidnaping?" Mr. Hoover was asked.

"Although there might be a possibility that Hauptmann had accomplices, the government is convinced that he was a prime factor in the Lindbergh case."

"Do you think, Mr. Hoover, that Hauptmann crawled through the nursery window and kidnaped the Lindbergh baby?"

"The Department of Justice believes that he did."

## No More Ransom Money Found

"Has there been any of the Lindbergh ransom money turned up since the execution of Hauptmann?"

"Not a dollar of ransom money has been reported since Hauptmann's arrest. The financial statement at a conference in New York last Tuesday accounted for between \$49,000 and \$50,000 of the ransom in Hauptmann's transactions. Although only about \$16,000 was in original ransom bills, it is entirely possible that the remainder slipped through the banks and got back to the United States Treasury without being detected. Not a single bill turned up outside of New York, which tends to confirm the belief that Hauptmann was operating alone. If he was part of a gang the money would probably have been circulated elsewhere, because gangs scatter."

With the details of the Karpis capture fresh in his mind, Mr. Hoover gave a vivid picture of the desperado and his inglorious surrender in New Orleans last Thursday.

"He was scared out of his wits," Mr. Hoover said. "His teeth were clenched in pure fright and his hands were trembling. He was shaking all over. He thought we were going to kill him. There was a rifle in the back seat, but he made no move to get it."

"We took him to the office of the Department of Justice and began to question him. I saw him watching a window. The office was on the second floor, but he might have tried to jump out, anyway. I said:

"Don't try to pull any fast ones."

Told to Behave Himself

"He said: 'Well, you're probably going to kick the ears off me anyway. I told him no one would lay a hand on him if he behaved himself.'

"Even if I don't answer questions?"

"Even if you don't answer questions. That seemed to relieve his mind. He was afraid we were going to give him a beating. He said he wouldn't answer any questions involving his associates, but he'd tell us anything we wanted to know about himself—and tell the truth."

Mr. Hoover shifted in his chair, smiling reflectively at the memory of the cringing Karpis, the bad man who folded up like a frightened schoolboy when the law got its hands on him. Then he said:

"I'm very happy we took Karpis alive, to dispel the myth that the government men are ruthless killers. Dillinger was not assassinated. We had to shoot him when he reached for his gun."

Although the government on April 22 announced a \$5,000 reward for information leading to Karpis's arrest, the reward will never be paid, Mr. Hoover said, because no one outside the department furnished any tips or information.

The Department of Justice would co-operate with local police agencies, Mr. Hoover said, except where three conditions were plainly apparent. These were police inefficiency, police corruption and unwarranted publicity.

Mr. Hoover said the appropriation of \$6,025,000 just passed by Congress for the Bureau of Investigation for the coming fiscal year would enable him to add 225 men to his staff and extend the educational facilities of the department.

## Karpis Again Questioned

ST. PAUL, May 3 (AP)—A secret examination of Alvin Karpis was continued today by Federal agents determined to draw from the gangster's own lips a list of those who aided his two-year flight from the law. A heavy guard barred the Federal Court Building doors, behind which Karpis was hustled after being flown here from New Orleans to answer kidnaping charges.

The department's determination to make a decisive mop-up of the Karpis-Barker mob's camp followers was announced by J. Edgar Hoover, investigation bureau chief. Before leaving for New York he predicted arrest of some Karpis harborers and friends.

How soon the captured public enemy would be turned over to the United States marshal for arraignment and imprisonment was still undetermined, although Hoover had said arraignment on the William Hamm kidnaping must come tomorrow.

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### U.S. Score Against Kidnaping Proves It Does Not Pay

WASHINGTON, May 12 (US).  
—Behind the high gray walls of Uncle Sam's Federal prisons tonight was convincing argument that kidnaping doesn't pay. The G-men's score sheet on kidnapings since June, 1932, when this crime became a Federal offense, reads as follows:

- 63 Kidnaping cases reported.
- 143 Persons convicted.
- 29 Serving life sentences.
- 2,028 Years imposed on other members of kidnap bands.
- 4 Kidnapers dead before their trials.
- 2 Others lynched.
- 5 Killed resisting arrest.
- 6 Murdered by other gangsters.
- 20 Awaiting trial.

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# G-Men Capture Campbell,

## Last of Karpis Gang

### ARREST EFFECTED WITHOUT GUNFIRE; TAKEN TO ST. PAUL FOR BREMER QUIZ

Hoover Says Trap Escape in 1934 Was Made Possible by Two Politicians Under Investigation.

By the Associated Press.

CLEVELAND, May 7.—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, Ohio.

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, Hoover said. Agents said the girl claimed to have married Campbell at Bowling Green.

#### Politicians Investigated.

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 fingerprint 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."

#### Used Miller Alias.

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.

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.

#### Taken Week After Karpis.

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.

Campbell and Karpis fled north in a stolen automobile, shot their way out of an Atlantic City hotel in a battle with police and escaped to the Middle West.

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*J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington D.C.  
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## Captured



HARRY CAMPBELL.

## Campbell

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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 November 7 at Garrettsville, Ohio.

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 slightly, but was covered and overpowered, Hoover said.

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

# KARPIS MOB WIPED OUT BY G-MEN

Campbell, Coker Taken  
in Raids at Toledo  
by J. Edgar Hoover

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

## 2 SECRET RAIDS.

The two raids were accomplished in utmost secrecy. Hoover flew from Washington to Toledo last night. Early today, the G-men struck. Campbell and his 20-year-old wife were seized in a street apartment house, and Coker, a 40-year-old Oklahoma paroled robber, in a private residence nearby.

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Not until Hoover, unshaven and tired, made his announcement in McFarland's 14th floor office in a downtown skyscraper, was the seizure of the two long-sought gangsters revealed.

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## KIDNAP CHARGE.

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Department of Justice bounty. Campbell, known as "Limpy" to his intimates because of a game right leg, operated under a dozen aliases, and his activities have carried him into half the States of the Union.

His known aliases were David Campbell, T. C. Blackburn, George L. Martin, George Nelson, John Walcott, George Walcott, George Wingfield, George Swanson, and George F. Summers. He seemed to have a weakness for the name George.

## 86 YEARS OLD.

The Karpis-Barker gang "torpedo" is 36 years old, and his description as spread over the country in Department of Justice pamphlets revealed that the years of lawless life have taken their toll of him physically.

He was born on January 1, 1900, at McClintockville, Penna. He is five feet, five inches in height, weighs about 140 pounds, has brown hair, blue eyes and is marked by scars. His teeth, said the Justice Department pamphlet, cryptically, are decayed.

Scars about his eyes, and on his left arm, tell a story of narrow squeaks in running from the law.

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#### U. S. RAIDS ALONE.

TOLEDO, O., May 7 (By International News Service).—The surprise arrest of Harry Campbell and Sam Coker, last members of the notorious Alvin Karpis gang to lose their liberty in the nationwide net spread by the G-men, apparently was carried out without the assistance of local authorities.

Several hours after Campbell, his wife, and Coker had been taken to Cleveland by airplane and there put aboard another plane for St. Paul, Police Chief Ray Allen said he had not learned "officially" of their capture here.

Chief Allen added, however, that local police for some months had been checking reports that the Karpis gangster had been in hiding here.

The Monroe st. address, where Campbell and his wife were taken into custody, Chief Allen said, is in a commercial district.

"The apartment where they were living was that of 'Slim' Martin, who has a long police record and is known to us as a 'safe' man," said the police chief.

The house where Coker was apprehended is in the residential district.

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## Hoover Cuts His Supper Short To Start West for Campbell

BY REX COLLIER.

Indicating the suddenness with which Federal agents sprang their raid on Harry Campbell in Toledo, J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, watched an F. B. I. base ball game on the Ellipse yesterday afternoon and ate supper in a downtown restaurant before he flew by plane late last night to lead the raid.

Hoover's supper was cut short by word from his men in Toledo that Campbell had been spotted in an apartment house there. After making hasty arrangements from his office he took off with several assistants by chartered plane.

Alvin Karpis and Campbell were known to have friends in Toledo and certain houses there had been under surveillance for some time. It was from Toledo that Karpis mailed one of his threats against Hoover's life last year.

Hoover's decision to take personal leadership of the Karpis and Campbell raids are believed to have arisen

not only from Karpis' threats, which Hoover considered a personal challenge, but from the gibes from a few critics over the failure of his men to capture Karpis and his companion.

Contrary to widely published reports, these are not the only raids in which Hoover has participated in person. He has led in the arrest of a number of criminals at various times in the past, but the captives were not top-notch public enemies who rated first-page publicity.

Hoover was in New York City when word came that Karpis had been seen entering an apartment house in New Orleans. He chartered a plane there and flew to the Louisiana city, stopping off in Washington long enough to take on a supply of guns and ammunition from the Washington field office of the F. B. I.

The G-men found Karpis without outside information, and, therefore, the \$5,000 reward offered for a tip on his whereabouts will not be paid. It is understood a \$2,500 reward for information about Campbell also will remain unpaid, for similar reasons.

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

## 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.

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#### Cleveland Hideout

Hoover made the surprising disclosure 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 Cleveland."

Dr. Joseph Moran, who performed fingerprint and face lifting operations on members of the gang, was with the mob in Cleveland, 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 Campbell's capture will not be paid, Hoover said, because "full credit for the capture goes to the G-men." He charged postal inspectors with lack of cooperation. Hoover declared:

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

"The postal inspectors had nothing to do with it, and there was noticeable lack of cooperation on the part of the postal inspectors."

He refused to enlarge on this statement.

#### Bremer Kidnaper

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 Com-

mercial 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.

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# G-Men Seek Hamm Case Leak Clues

## Line Of Quiz Indicates Suspicion Officers Here In Touch With Kidnapers.

Federal agents, continuing their intensive grilling of Alvin Karpis today were mum on reports of outside radio stations and newspapers that one and possibly two St. Paul police officials were implicated in the \$100,000 kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr.

One of these reports, emanating from Cincinnati, O., home of E. J. Connelly, head of the department of justice's kidnaping squad, said that before the investigation was closed at least one high police official in St. Paul would be implicated in the snatch.

Shift followed shift of federal agents today in plying the dapper little gunman with questions as G-men sought to discover how plans for trapping the kidnapers of the wealthy brewer in June, 1933, "leaked" out to Barker-Karpis mobsters.

### Curious As To "Leak."

Particularly did the federal inquisitors seek to determine why the snatchers in three successive ransom notes to William Dunn, sales manager of the Theo. Hamm Brewing Co., contact man during ransom negotiations, changed their instructions twice, each time upsetting plans of police and federal men to trap the abductors.

The ransom notes, demanding \$100,000 and detailing the method for the payoff, were revealed only to a selected group of G-men and

### Tanaka Bond Raised To \$10,000 By Judge

Bond of Sam Tanaka, Japanese employe of John P. (Jack) Peiffer, held as a material witness in the \$100,000 William Hamm, Jr., kidnaping, was increased to \$10,000 today by Judge M. M. Joyce after a move was started to obtain his release on \$1,000 bail. The increase was granted on motion of the district attorney's office.

police officers, not more than a half dozen in all, it was disclosed. Yet on two occasions secret information apparently leaked out.

In the first note Mr. Dunn was told to "take a light brewery truck" for delivery of the ransom.

When the note was disclosed before the selected group, Mr. Dunn explained, "But, my God, I never drove a truck in my life. All I ever drove was a Chevrolet and a Ford."

But the next note, received about 12 hours later, told Mr. Dunn that he should drive "a Ford or Chevrolet." It repeated the other instructions.

### Learned Of "Plant."

G-men and police then planned to "plant" a detective with a sub-machine gun in the rear of the car in an effort to "blast" out the ransom collectors when they picked up the packages containing the \$100,000, kicked out of the Dunn car according to instructions.

But within a few hours after these plans had been completed, a third note was received. This one instructed Mr. Dunn to "remove the rear doors of the car. We don't want any tricks."

Long have the federal men suspected that these changes in plans were the result of "tipoffs" as to plans of police and G-men. Virtually every man attendant at the reading of the notes and the subsequent plans has been under suspicion. That's one reason why G-men have put the diminutive mobster through one of the most severe questionings in recent history. He has been battered with questions almost unceasingly since he was first

brought here after his capture in New Orleans Friday night.

Eventually G-men hope that Karpis will crack. They intend to keep questioning him until he does, it was indicated today.

Up to noon today Karpis had undergone 80 hours of severe quizzing at the hands of G-men, with only about five hours of sleep.

### Karpis May Bare Fate Of Doctor Who Changed His Features

While G-men continued their questioning of Alvin Karpis today, it was indicated that through him one of gangland's deepest mysteries—the disappearance of Dr. Joseph P. Moran—may be solved.

The two small scars beneath Karpis' ears, put there in a futile attempt at altering his appearance, may hold the key to the mystery of

one of gangland's most shadowy figures, G-men were convinced.

Dr. Moran physician extraordinary to Chicago gangsters, who performed face-lifting and fingertip-mutilating operations on a half-dozen Barker-Karpis mobsters, disappeared more than a year ago. Some say he was thrown to the bottom of Lake Erie by gangsters near Toledo, scene of Barker-Karpis hideouts, because he had a "weakness for drink and loose talk."

### Was Honor Student.

Born of a respectable family in Spring Valley, Ill., Moran had been an affable, even a brilliant boy. He had fought in France. He brought home with him a burning ambition. He had seen doctors work under fire. He wanted to be a doctor, himself. So he entered the Tufts medical school in Boston where, records show, he was an honor student.

He married a Boston society girl and returned to La Salle, Ill., to practice. There he made his first misstep, and was sentenced to Joliet. In prison he became a friend of Ollie Berg, notorious diamond thief, and Bremer kidnaping, who, is said to have lured the young surgeon permanently to the underworld. He was paroled April 7, 1930. His wife had left him in the meanwhile. That was the "doc's" background when he met Dr. Hal C. Billig, Maywood dentist, where Moran took up his office.

Dr. Billig said he now is convinced that Moran was installed in the Maywood office by the gang that shot and killed Tim Lynch, head of the General Teamsters and Chauffeurs' Local No. 782, in an unsuccessful effort to gain control of the union.

### Unsavory Patients.

The "doc's" patients declares Dr. Billig, were of unsavory appearance. While drinking, Moran, who posed as a dentist, would hint that he had other talents.

Dr. Billig said he once had bragged:

"Why, I could take off your nose and put it behind your ear."

Before the shooting of Lynch, Dr. Billig said Moran had warned him.

"If I were you, I'd stay in your office. You may hear some shooting. I don't want you to get hurt."

Presumably, there was more loose talk and boasting. Then one day "Doc" Moran disappeared, and was seen no more. Gang whispers had it that "he got his."

Some think the whole story is locked in Karpis' shriveled mind, and that some day he'll talk, and the mystery of "Doc" Moran will be a mystery no longer.

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## G-Men Seize Aide of Karpis

Gangster, Wife and Another Captured in Toledo—No Shots Fired

Cleveland, May 7 (AP)—Harry Campbell, 36, limping pal of Alvin Karpis, erstwhile Public Enemy No. 1, and two others fell into a G-men's trap at Toledo, Ohio, at dawn today and was captured like his gangland leader a week ago in New Orleans, without the firing of a shot.

The capture was personally made by J. Edgar Hoover and a squad of Bureau of Investigation agents. Hoover said Campbell already was on his way to St. Paul by plane to face kidnaping charges in the Edward Bremer abduction case.

Taken with Campbell, Hoover said, was a 19-year-old girl who claimed to be Campbell's wife.

In a simultaneous raid on another apartment, Federal agents apprehended Sam Cokar, described by

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Hoover is a minor figure in the decimated Karpis gang.

Hoover did not disclose the source of information which led to Campbell's apprehension.

Federal men surrounded the Toledo apartment building during the night, Hoover said.

The agents rushed Campbell shortly after dawn as he and the girl emerged from their apartment, presumably prepared to leave Toledo.

"Campbell showed a little resistance," Hoover said. He intimated the fugitive attempted to reach a .45-caliber revolver found on his person.

The gangster had six clips of shells in his possession.

"This is the last of the ringleaders of the Karpis gang," Hoover asserted. He added that the Government would continue its hunt for persons who aided the fugitives.

Hoover said a doctor named "Moran," formerly of Cleveland, "who is probably dead now," had performed face-lifting and fingerprint obliterating operations on leaders of the Karpis mob.

"I have reason to believe his body was dumped into Lake Erie after the Karpis crowd took him for a ride," Hoover declared.

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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Courtney Ryley Cooper Writes:

# KARPIS' CAREER—ROAD TO DOOM

Noted Author Tells How Kidnaping Gang Grew

## BARKER A PRINCIPAL QUILTS FIGHT

(The inside secrets of the Karpis "mob," smashed by federal agents with the arrest of Alvin Karpis, are told for the first time in a series of articles by Courtney Ryley Cooper, of which this is the first.)

Article I.  
BY COURTNEY RYLEY COOPER,

Famous Writer and Reporter.

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

(Herb Farmer is now in Leavenworth penitentiary for his part in the Kansas City Union Station massacre of 1933 that cost the lives of Nash and the four government agents who had him in custody.)

Finally the inevitable urge to move hit everybody. They scattered, returning to Chicago, where, on May 3, there was a birthday party for Frances Nash; two murderers personally brought her presents to the Nash apartment. After that the incessant movement began again. But most of them got together again in Kansas City, making numerous forays against banks in Kansas, Missouri and Iowa. Returning, they played golf. Always they played golf.

### Never Let Up

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

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

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

### Gaze Centers

The manufacturer couldn't remember the call; he got so many. They showed the pictures. At last,

however, his gaze centered. He was quite sure about Keating and Holden, two other gang members they had been there recently. Holden had bought a golf hat only the day before.

(Thomas ("Red") Holden and Francis L. Keating are serving twenty-five-year sentences in Leavenworth penitentiary (from which they escaped temporarily in 1930) for the sensational \$135,000 mail robbery in Evergreen Park, Cook County, in 1926.)

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

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

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

### In for Trouble

Frank Nash read of it in the Chicago newspapers. Keating and Holden already were headed back for Leavenworth. Old Harvey Bailey was in for trouble down there at Fort Scott. Frank Nash took many drinks that night. Usually this procedure was because he liked whisky. Tonight it was because he never had liked golf.

There was another reaction to the arrest of Keating and Holden. A map had just been laid on a table in an apartment on Ward

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parkway in Kansas City. This was the home of Karpis, late of Kansas State Penitentiary, Fred Barker, also a graduate of the same institution, and Fred's loving mother, Kate, who had taken to traveling with them.

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

### Take No Chances

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

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

With these details cleared away, it is necessary to detail the history of a new character who now must take the place in the story of Frank Nash. His name was Johnny Lazia, a person of much prominence and an equal amount of mystery. Whether he truly belongs may never be decided; after all, this is not a court of record.

Johnny Lazia exerted tremendous influence before he died; no

one denies that. But, having just briefly come upon the stage, he must wait in the wings while the narrative of crime takes up the more familiar characters of Frank Nash and those who formed his circles. There was a period of hiding, of course, following the Keating and Holden pickup.

During this time, Verne and Vi took a cottage at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Frank Nash and Frances visited with them most of the Summer, except for such times as Frank and Verne were forced to be away "on business."

While the Nash-Miller crowd rested at Lake Geneva, Alvin Karpis and Freddie and Mother Barker were enjoying an equally quiet time at White Bear Lake, Minn.

### Tire of Geneva

Likewise, the Millers and Nashes tired of Geneva at times, and spent week-ends in the Minnesota metropolis. Here the Barker-Karpis crowd and the Miller-Nash gang mingled, flitting about night clubs until 3 o'clock in the morning, new clothes for the women and endless talk of hospitals, operations—and more clothes.

Week-ends over, they all returned to Geneva or White Bear, where, at the latter spot, Helen and Mrs. Barker were all alone for a time. The "boys" had gone to Concordia, Kan.

With the coming of Autumn, there was another foregathering in St. Paul. Frances Nash was recuperating from an operation, and as an aid to convalescents, everybody dropped into the old gathering places in the Minnesota city, there to meet a new member of the Barker-Karpis mob. He was Arthur ("Doc") Barker, just

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out of McAlester state penitentiary, having received a generous parole from a life sentence for murder. Everybody celebrated. Finally Frank Nash took a long step upward.

Frank had broken an arm in an automobile accident early in the season and it had not healed properly. Back in New York, where Verne had connections, there were big doctors, and Verne felt that Frank should meet the mob in the Big Town, just on general principles.

At last the bewigged, nose-lifted Frank Nash was truly in the "big time."

Life for Miller and the Nashes became a round of the gayer phases of New York. There were plenty of parties—the Nashes and Verne were living at one of the bigger Broadway district hotels; theaters and cafes and night clubs were close by, with plenty of New York money to be spent. Gangsters are hospitable souls.

### **First Anniversary**

One party was on Central Park West, in one of the newer modern buildings. The rooms were large, beautifully decorated and contained many rich pieces of furniture, resultant from trips to Europe. The guest list consisted of sixteen. There were the host, a certain clothier and his wife, Sammy and Pigcon, Verne Miller and a dinner partner, Frank and Frances, plus eight assorted men, all of whom could talk kindred subjects, such as the distance to New York from Sing Sing and whether certain magistrates could be reached with enough dough to dismiss the charges against an old pal, held for homicide.

However, these were only interludes. Mostly the talk was of golf and automobiles and clothes. After a time, the old Oklahoma bandit took Frances to the tremendous studio window which, with its round glass, provided a sweeping vista of Central Park. For a time they merely stood looking out over its quiet beauty, the serrated line of apartment houses opposite them on Fifth av., the constant stream of automobiles as they wound, like tiny figures in a child's game, along the curving

driveways. Finally, Frank Nash put an arm about Frances. There was romance in all this. Today was the first anniversary of their liaison.

(Another installment of this gripping gangland expose will be printed in The Herald and Examiner tomorrow.)  
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*This photograph of Karpis was taken before a surgeon rebuilt his face.*

*This is another view of Karpis before he got his 'new face.'*

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A front view of Alvin Karpis wearing glasses, from a photograph made by the Department of Justice since the desperado was caught.

International News photo



A Department of Justice profile of Karpis showing what plastic surgery did to his face. Note beneath his ear when see the photograph below and note how his features were changed.

International News photo

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# CATCH KARPIS; JAIL FRIEND'S KIN AT WARREN

## G-Men Raid Restaurant Near Here After 'Big Timers' In Garrettsville Holdup Are Captured

Alvin Karpis, long sought as Public Enemy No. 1, this morning was taken in chains from an airplane at St. Paul, Minn.

He was captured last night in New Orleans with a woman, known only as "Ruth," and Fred Hunter, also accused of the Wild West mail train robbery at Garrettsville last fall.

Gossip by a New Orleans automobile salesman about a mysterious customer who paid for a car with \$100 bills led to the capture.

The trail which ended with the capture of Karpis by Department of Justice men under the leadership of J. Edgar Hoover, their

chief, began in Youngstown. It began one crisp morning, last Nov. 7, when Karpis, Hunter, the limping Harry Campbell, Arthur Brock, and one "John Doe" climbed into an automobile here.

### Hideout Near Here

They had come here from a hideout on the Warren-Youngstown rd., heavily armed, prepared for a desperate crime.

That crime was committed the same afternoon when the criminals took \$46,000 in steel mill payroll cash from a train at Garrettsville.

Brock was captured last week in Tulsa, Okla., and hidden in the county jail under the name of Harold Johnston. Hunter and Karpis were caught last night. Campbell still is free.

The search for him is "hot" and his arrest is imminent. Postoffice Inspector Sylvester Hettrick announced today at Cleveland.



Alvin Karpis

### Lived in Youngstown

Karpis and his gang lived in Youngstown for two or three months before the Garrettsville holdup, Postal Inspector H. W. Tavenor said today.

The stammering, pasty-faced gunman probably will be tried at St. Paul for kidnaping William Hamm Jr., wealthy brewer.

Ten minutes after the airliner slid into the army hangar, Karpis was at Department of Justice headquarters. He will be locked up in the "escape-proof" cell at county

jail once occupied by others of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Karpis was wearing a faded straw hat and a soiled white shirt, open at the neck—the same clothes he had when agents seized him late yesterday.

### Plane Held Ready

Less than five hours after his capture yesterday afternoon, the desperate Karpis, suspected participant in four murders, two kidnapings, and innumerable robberies, was chained hand and foot and rushed to the airplane that had been chartered 24 hours before he was taken.

Hoover accompanied his agents and their prisoner on the quick, dramatic dash northward. He was jubilant at the newest coup of his department in its war on kidnapers and interstate gangsters. Karpis, with a \$7000 reward on his head, had joined notorious company. The G-men had gotten "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Machine Gun Kelly, Harvey Bailey, John Dillinger, "Baby Face" Nelson, "Ma" Barker and her 15 famous sons—some dead and some alive—and they had gotten him.

### First Tip Secured Here

Through mysterious channels, the G-men learned Thursday that the man they wanted, who had been a phantom to them since Jan. 1, 1935, when he shot his way out of a trap at Atlantic City, was living in an apartment house on Canal-st in New Orleans.

It was plain that their search had been concentrated in that area since the arrest of Brock and his subsequent questioning in the county jail here. Brock named the participants in the Garrettsville robbery during that questioning. He was taken to Cleveland Thursday, 12 days after his capture. He is held under \$50,000 bond after pleading not guilty to the mail train holdup before United States Commissioner John B. Morgan here.

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Early Friday, the Department of Justice chartered a twin-motored transport plane from the Newark, N. J. airport. Hoover, who was in New York when the information was received, flew in it to Washington, where several of his lieutenants joined him. The plane then proceeded to New Orleans, arriving only a short time before the capture.

#### 20 Agents Aid Hoover

Meanwhile, orders had gone to G-men stationed in cities near New Orleans and when Hoover arrived 20 agents, armed with sawed-off shotguns, revolvers and sub-machine guns, were assembled in the federal building there.

Hoover gave each man an assignment. All got into cars and approached the apartment building from several directions. Each agent

took up his prearranged post, under cover but instantly available.

Less than an hour after the trap was set, Karpis came strolling out and crossed the sidewalk toward his automobile at the curb. In a flash, G-men surrounded him and had his arms pinned to his side. He couldn't have resisted if he had wanted, though he was unarmed.

#### Girl, Hunter Found

Other agents went to action at once. They went to the Karpis apartment and, after a struggle, arrested a handsome, 22-year-old girl, whose identity the agents still are concealing, and Hunter. Both still are held in New Orleans.

Karpis and the girl had lived in the apartment as Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Hara since April 10, when Karpis is believed to have first come to New Orleans. Karpis had made at least two mysterious automobile trips since then. Returning from one, he was accompanied by Hunter.

Federal men believe that he had gone to a distant city and with Hunter participated in a hold-up.

Federal agents, as usual, kept secret the source of the information that led to Karpis' arrest, but it was said authoritatively that a gossip automobile salesman, Clarence Pucheu, known to his clients and friends as "Duke," had set afloat rumors that reached the G-men.

#### Trailed Through Auto

Soon after Karpis arrived in New Orleans, he went to the automobile agency where Pucheu is employed. Pucheu met him at the door.

"Let's don't talk here," said Karpis, casting an apprehensive glance at the big plate glass windows looking into the street.

Pucheu took his strange customer to a back room, where Karpis asked the price of a Plymouth sedan. Pucheu told him.

"All right," said Karpis, "I'll buy one."

He began peeling \$100 bills from a large roll.

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# Marble Champion Who Became Public Enemy

## LONG CAREER OF CRIME COMES TO AN END AS G-MEN SEIZE ALVIN KARPIS

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP)—Alvin Karpis was a boy who worked his way up in the shooting game from marbles to pistols, a "champion" both ends.

At marbles he was the toast of Topeka schoolboys, the best in town. At pistols 15 years later, the crime school's precocious youngster acquired the title that's usually fatal, "public enemy No. 1."



[Associated Press Photo]  
ALVIN KARPIS

The G-men's nationwide hunt for Karpis began with the finding of his fingerprints on a gasoline can and a flashlight dropped by the Bremer kidnap mob.

Earlier crimes attributed to him and his gang did not come under the department's jurisdiction.

### Blamed in Five Deaths

The robberies and kidnappings of this group of hoodlums in three years caused the deaths of at least five persons, four of them policemen, and about \$500,000 cash loss.

Bigger "jobs" included: The \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, on Jan. 17, 1934. Arthur "Doc" Barker, Volney Davis, and other leaders of the mob are serving Alcatraz sentences for this crime. Hoover says Karpis has been "positively identified" as the man who purchased flashlights used in ransom negotiations.

The \$100,000 kidnaping of William A. Hamm Jr., St. Paul brewer, on June 15, 1933.

The \$46,000 mail train robbery at Garrettsville, O., last November. Harry Campbell and Fred Hunter, the latter captured with Karpis, are also wanted for this crime.

The slaying of Sheriff C. R. Kelley at West Plains, Mo., in December, 1931.

### Three Slain in Holdup

The \$20,000 robbery of the Third Northwestern National bank, Minneapolis, Dec. 16, 1932, in which three were slain.

A \$30,000 payroll robbery at South St. Paul Aug. 30, 1933, in which one policeman was killed and another wounded.

The Sept. 22, 1933, Federal Reserve bank mail robbery in Chicago which resulted in the death of a policeman.

The \$32,000 holdup of the First National bank of Brainerd, Minn.

The \$50,000 robbery of the National Bank & Trust Co. of Sioux Falls, S. D.

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### Began Crime at 16

Karpis' crime career began when he was only 16 years old, a slender youngster arrested at Topeka, Kan., for stealing automobile tires.

After three years in the Kansas reformatory at Hutchinson he escaped by sawing his way through the bars, remained at large a year and was rearrested and sent to the Lansing, Kan., state prison. He was freed under parole after another year of imprisonment.

A month later, in 1931, he visited the "crime school" of Kate (Ma) Barker in Tulsa, Okla., and re-joined Freddie Barker, whom he had met in Lansing prison. For a year or more they cut a wide swath through the oil-wealthy state, broadening their crime activities and adding to their mob.

### Arrested in Jewel Robbery

Karpis was arrested for a Henryetta, Okla., jewel robbery and sentenced to prison, but paroled after he had served three months in jail at Okmulgee. Barker had eluded arrest.

In December, 1931, the two killed Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains, Mo., when the officer approached their car.

In St. Paul, shortly after the Hamm kidnaping, the Karpis-Barker gang suspected "Ma's" second husband, Arthur W. Dunlap, had tipped officers as to their hideaway, and Dunlap promptly was taken for a fatal ride.

The association of the desperadoes continued until the fatal interruption by federal officers at the Barker hideout in Ocklawaha, which Karpis and Campbell escaped by only a few hours. Previously they had escaped a police trap in Cleveland.

"Doc" Barker, one of the brothers of the crime-poisoned family, was arrested and promptly pleaded guilty to the Bremer kidnaping, fearful of the electric chair for murder in connection with other crimes.

After the Florida affray Karpis and Campbell fled north, escaped in a blaze of gunfire at Atlantic City, and since had remained strictly out of the limelight.

### One Left of Gang

Of the entire original Karpis-Barker gang, seven have been killed, the rest captured, with the lone exception of Campbell. If Campbell has companions at this time they likely were "punks" of the gang's affluent era or newly joined associates, officers agreed.

Successors of such desperadoes as John Hamilton, Charles "Pretty

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Boy" Floyd and "Baby Face" Nelson in department of justice books, Karpis failed to carry out a boast his former wife, Dorothy Slayman, said he made:

"I'll never be taken alive."  
Saying she had not seen Karpis in four years, Miss Slayman at Tulsa, Okla., won a divorce last Nov. 22 on charges of neglect and cruelty.

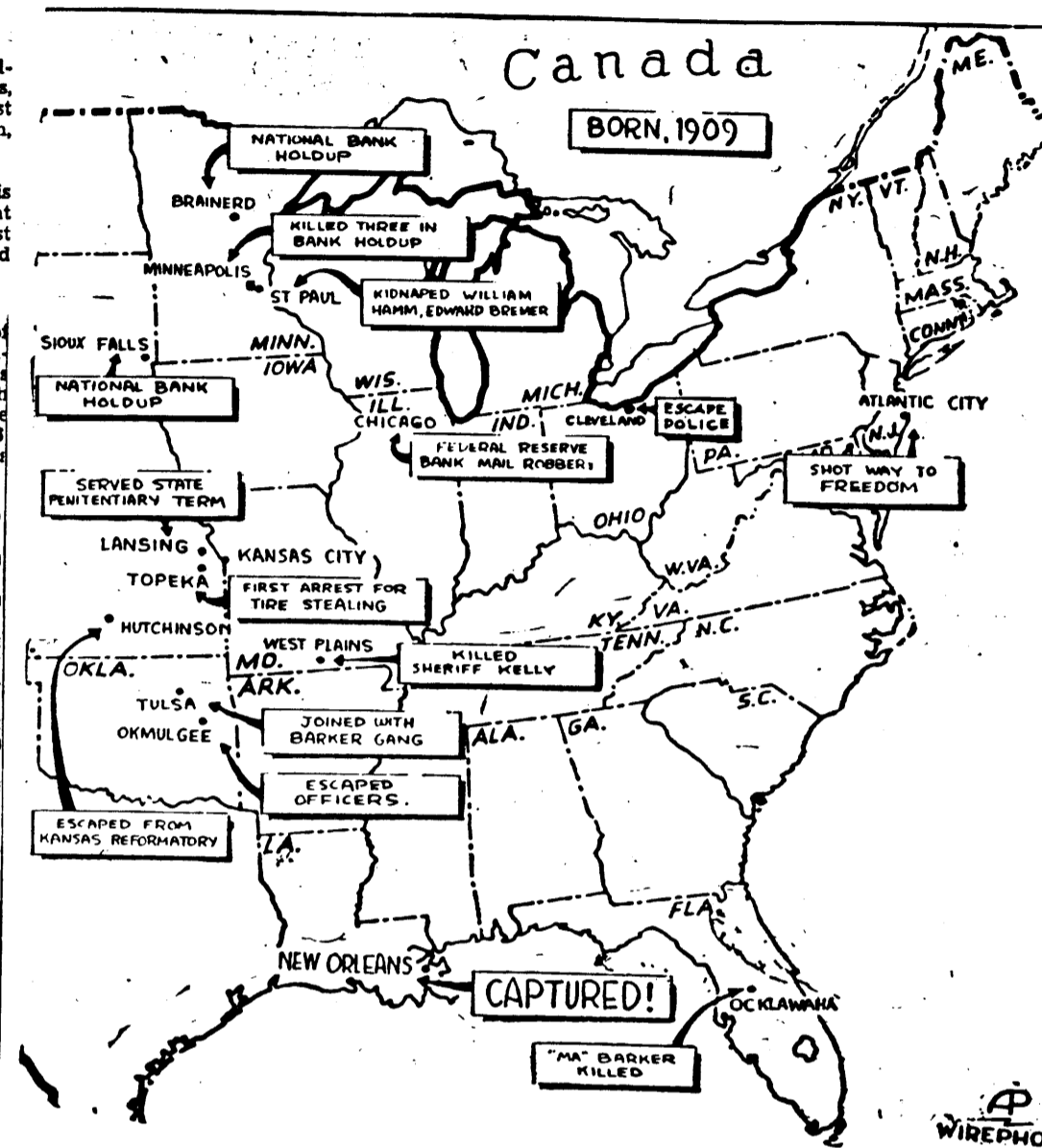
**Parents in Seclusion**

To the law-abiding parents of Karpis, Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavicz of Chicago, the arrest was climax of a criminal career which drew him a reformatory sentence for petty thievery at the age of 16

The parents secluded themselves in their home with Karpis' one year-old son, born to his common law wife, Dolores Delaney, now serving a sentence in the federal detention farm at Milan, Mich., for harboring the desperado.

The boy, named Raymond after his father (Alvin was a nickname) was born to Miss Delaney after she was shot two years ago in a gun battle at Atlantic City, where Karpis and his lieutenant, Campbell abandoned her and another woman in a hotel and shot their way out of a police trap.

The boy has never seen his father.



THE HIGH SPOTS IN ALVIN KARPIS' CAREER OF CRIME

# Marble Shooting Gave Karpis Start Toward "Pistol Eye"

## Captured Outlaw Was "Commies" Champion When He Was Boy

[By The Associated Press]

Topeka, Kas., May 2 (A.P.)—Alvin Karpis was a boy who worked his way up in the shooting game from marbles to pistols, a "champion" at both ends.

At marbles he was the toast of Topeka schoolboys, the best in town. At pistols 15 years later, the crime school's precocious youngster acquired the title that's usually fatal, "Public Enemy No. 1."

They caught Karpis alive—not even a rush of resistance. Although he had a gun—and so today the people who knew downy-faced Raymond Karpawicz back in his tire-stealing days may say "I told you so."

About a year ago, when the Department of Justice was applying new heat daily to the Karpis trail, E. M. Ford, veteran identification officer at the state reformatory in Hutchinson, observed "They'll get him, of course, and when they do I believe they'll take him alive."

Ford had studied the 16-year-old burglar's make-up when he was sent to the reformatory in 1926 for stealing tires.

"I don't believe Karpis is the blood-thirsty desperado that he has been painted and I don't believe he will shoot it out with officers—he never impressed me as the killer type."

But Karpis struck up a reformatory acquaintance with Larry O'Keefe, now serving life for a sensational Minneapolis holdup in which two police-

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men were slain, and now recognized by officer Ford as "the guy back of Karpis."

Together they sawed their way out. "Aside from his escape," Ford recalled "Karpis' prison record was normal. He came from a good family, as far as we could find. When he was here he didn't have any qualifications for a No. 1 gunman. With such a companion as O'Keefe it isn't difficult to see how Karpis got his start."

Several months after his first escape Karpis was arrested in Kansas City with a safe-blowing outfit, returned to the reformatory and later transferred to the Lansing prison after guards found him armed with knives.

The ex-marble champion met Freddie Barker at Lansing. Paroled, he soon went to Tulsa and lined up with "Ma" Barker and her other boys.

There followed bank robberies, holdups and kidnappings—climaxed by the Bremer and Hamm cases at St. Paul.

### "Ma" Liked Karpis

"Ma" Barker, "brains" of many a major crime, thought a good deal of Karpis. And "old Creepy" liked her, too.

"Ma" Barker knew Dolores Delaney, pretty St. Paul girl, and was anxious to have her "pet," Karpis, make her acquaintance. So not long Dolores and Karpis met at Harry Sawyer's saloon on Wabasha St. in St. Paul. Sawyer is serving a life term as the "finger man" in the Bremer kidnaping.

Dolores is serving a prison term for harboring Karpis. The girl is a sister-in-law of Pat Reilly, former mascot for the St. Paul baseball club who served a prison term for harboring John Dillinger after the latter was wounded in St. Paul following his famous "wooden gun" escape from Crown Point, Ind.

In a few years that followed his meeting of Dolores Delaney, 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 slayings of at least five persons, among them four patrolmen.

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# SURRENDERS PEACEFULLY IN NEW ORLEANS

**Kidnaper, 2 Companions  
Surrounded Near  
Hideout.**

ST. PAUL, May 2 (AP)—Alvin Karpis, the nation's public enemy No. 1 who was captured last night by 20 G-men who surrounded him near his hideout in New Orleans, arrived at the municipal airport at 8:50 A. M. today and was immediately whisked away by federal agents to department of justice headquarters in the federal building.

The plane which brought Karpis here from the Louisiana city carried eight federal agents besides the long sought leader of the gang who kidnaped William A. Hamm, Jr., St. Paul brewer, for \$100,000 ransom June 15, 1933, and then abducted Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, for \$200,000 six months later.

Weather conditions, it was believed, forced the plane off the direct route from New Orleans to St. Paul via Chicago, and the trip was by way of Indianapolis, thence to St. Louis and Kansas City. At the latter city the plane was stopped more than three hours before taking off at 5:30 A. M. on the final leg of the trip here.

## Chained to Seat During Trip

At the Kansas City airport an attendant said Karpis was chained to his seat and was not permitted to leave the plane during the long stop.

Twenty St. Paul federal agents had awaited the arrival of Karpis and his guards at the St. Paul airport since 3 A. M.

J. Edgar Hoover, head of the department of justice, personally supervised handling of the notorious outlaw.

The big liner was landed near the 109th aero squadron headquarters, national guard and backed into a hangar, heavily guarded by federal agents.

The last part of the long overnight hop from New Orleans was completed in anything but perfect flying weather. While visibility was good here, there was a strong gusty north wind blowing.

From time to time several others of the Karpis gang have been sent along to federal prisons.

Karpis will be confined in the Ramsey county jail pending trial on kidnaping charges.

Federal agents said that they did not bring along Fred Hunter who was also seized in the New Orleans trap last night.

Karpis was transported from the airport in a big sedan containing, besides the driver, four federal agents who guarded the outlaw with machine guns.

The prisoner wore a summer suit and a straw hat, apparel not in keeping with the blustery weather which found the temperature hovering just a few degrees above the freezing mark.

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# 10 FEDERAL AGENTS FLY TO ST. PAUL WITH KARPIS

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Long Sought Public Enemy Captured Unarmed As He Leaves New Orleans House.

## HOOVER IN PERSONAL CHARGE OF HIS MEN

Notorious Gunman Wanted For Many Crimes May Be Tried For Kidnaping Of William Hamm Jr.

By United Press.  
ST. PAUL, Minn., May 2.—Shackled hand and foot, Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, was flown to St. Paul today in an airliner chartered by the department of justice.

The stammering gunman, captured at New Orleans last night without a shot being fired, probably will be tried here for kidnaping William Hamm Jr., wealthy brewer.

Long delayed, the big airplane slipped into the airport at 8:45 a. m. and roared directly into a hangar. The doors slammed shut and newsmen as well as spectators were barred.

**Hurried Into Automobile.**

A dozen federal agents from the St. Paul headquarters were waiting to help shift Karpis to a waiting automobile. Ten federal men commanded by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation, who made the arrest last night were aboard the plane.

Barely 16 hours after his capture along with Fred Hunter, suspected with Karpis in a \$46,000 Garrettsville, O., mail robbery, and an unidentified girl in New Orleans, Karpis was returned to the city where he is alleged to have engineered two of the nation's most sensational kidnapings, those of William Hamm and Edward G. Bremer.

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# Captured in New Orleans Without Shot

St. Paul, Minn., May 2.—[Special.]—Heavily shackled and surrounded by a cordon of machine gunners, Alvin Karpis, the nation's No. 1 desperado, was brought back to St. Paul by plane today to face trial on kidnaping charges.

With his arrival here, following his capture by federal agents in New Orleans yesterday, it was disclosed that the notorious gunman had emulated John Dillinger in having his face altered by plastic surgery in an attempt to perfect his disguise.

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

### Looks Same Despite Scars.

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

The sullen, young bandit was landed here at 9:47 a. m. (Chicago time), slightly more than twelve hours after he left the Louisiana city in a "prison plane" guarded by eight federal agents.

Shivering in a temperature just above freezing, somewhat out of keeping with his summer suit and straw hat, Karpis was hustled from the air liner immediately after it was taxied into a National Guard hangar. He was placed in one of a group of five automobiles and, surrounded by machine guns in the speedy trip, was taken to the federal building.

### Quizzed About Kidnaping

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

Representatives of the postoffice inspection service said at Washington that efforts will be made to try Karpis for the \$46,000 Garrettsville, O., mail train robbery last November unless he is given a death sentence in an earlier trial.

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

Chicago Daily Tribune,  
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### Shakes All Over When Taken.

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

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

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

### Rifle Kept in Auto.

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

During the flight here Karpis laughingly declared he had "an iron clad alibi" for at least one crime of which he was accused, Hoover said. A newspaper story which the gangster read told that a sheriff had identified him

### Sought for

He also was sought of a sheriff in Missouri, three of four in complicity in the slaying of other persons, Hoover said. Karpis was held in federal building, but he would be moved to county jail and held there until George F. States district attorney no plans for arraignment and was unable to be tried first for Hamm kidnaping.

Even when he is in county jail, Karpis by department of justice agents today made provide a guard as in other instances criminals have been taken to guard against a possible delivery. The front door of the jail was barred when Touhy and Karpis-Barker gangsters were held here. The only entrance then available was in the rear of the building, accessible through a narrow alley.

### Two Held in South.

Karpis' two companions still were being held in New Orleans pending arrival of postal inspectors to take Hunter back to Ohio where he will be tried on a mail robbery charge.

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

Hoover had chartered the "prison plane" in the east and took it along with him when he went to New Orleans to apprehend the outlaw. It was a 14 passenger ship.

The plane hopped off from New Orleans at 9:30 o'clock (Chicago time) last night. The ship sped northward to Indianapolis and then detoured west to St. Louis and Kansas City. It waited at the latter city three and a half hours for better flying conditions.

Instead of the plane being designated in radio dispatches as a special flight, the air lines cooperated with

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as one of five participants in a robbery in Detroit yesterday.

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

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

Life imprisonment is the maximum penalty that can be imposed on Karpis, District Attorney Sullivan said today, if he is convicted on charges of having participated in either the Hamm or Bremer kidnapings.

Both abductions were executed before passage of the law providing hanging of kidnapers who harmed their victims.

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the desire of federal authorities for secrecy and the flight became simply "No. 7" in the dispatches and radio contacts in the air.

Any one using short wave sets to listen in never would have suspected that flight "No. 7" was in reality a sky prison with the country's major criminal as its principal passenger.

During the wait at Kansas City the agents took turns in going to the airport restaurant for food. The last ones to eat brought a sandwich and coffee for Karpis, who was kept manacled inside the plane even when it was in the hangar.

Five car loads of federal agents, with sub-machine guns and shotguns, were waiting at the Municipal airport here when the plane arrived. Without a pause following its landing the big liner was placed inside the National Guard hangar and the doors closed while federal agents swarmed all over the place.

#### Guard Route to Cell.

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

The car used to transport the prisoner from the airport had been waiting in the hangar. A moment after its passenger and his guard were loaded in, the car shot out of the hanger and, surrounded by a convoy of other cars, raced to the Federal building.

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

Hoover, who said he was "glad that the department of justice was able to ring down the curtain on the last of the principals in the Barker-Karpis mob," said he would leave for New York later today to resume other phases of his work.

#### Find "Plenty" in Apartment.

New Orleans, La., May 2.—[Special.]—Federal agents who participated in the bloodless coup in which Alvin Karpis and two companions were captured here said today that

a search of the apartment where the outlaw lived for about a month had yielded "plenty."

David W. Magee, head of the local federal bureau, said a wealth of information had been found but he refused to go into details concerning the evidence. He likewise refused, as had his chief, J. Edgar Hoover, to disclose the source of the "tip" which precipitated the trap.

Throughout the night Karpis' companions, Fred Hunter and the young woman called "Ruth" who had lived with Karpis as his wife for about a month here, were questioned in the offices of the bureau of investigation in the federal building. Agents said both prisoners refused to talk and that Ruth refused to identify herself.

Ruth and Hunter rested and had their meals in the offices of Magee and had not appeared outside the building since they were seized last night.

#### Ruth Hides from Cameras.

At one time when Ruth was brought into a corridor she had a white sack over her head to shield her face from newsmen.

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

"We've knocked off more of them

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

#### Flies Trio to South.

Cleveland, O., May 2.—[Special.]—John Zetzer, operator of a marine garage at Port Clinton, O., disclosed here today that he unwittingly aided Alvin Karpis and two companions by flying them across country a few weeks after the \$46,000 mail train robbery at Garrettsville, O., last Nov. 7. Zetzer's description of his passengers indicated that one was John Brock, 34, of Tulsa, Okla., in custody here on mail robbery charges. Federal authorities have intimated they obtained from Brock information that



Alvin Karpis, long sought outlaw, as he mounted the steps of the federal building in St. Paul yesterday, heavily manacled to department of justice agents. He was wearing the summer attire in which he was captured Friday by government agents in New Orleans raid. He was not given additional clothing despite the cold and cloudy St. Paul weather.

[Associated Press Wirephoto.]

led to the capture of Karpis and Fred Hunter.

Zetzer said that several days before the trip a man wearing glasses offered him \$500 for a trip, he didn't say where. On the morning of the flight, Zetzer said, a man he later learned was Karpis and two companions boarded the plane.

"I thought it was just a pleasure trip for them," Zetzer said. "Karpis didn't give any destination when we started, but out of Memphis he said to head for Hot Springs, Ark."

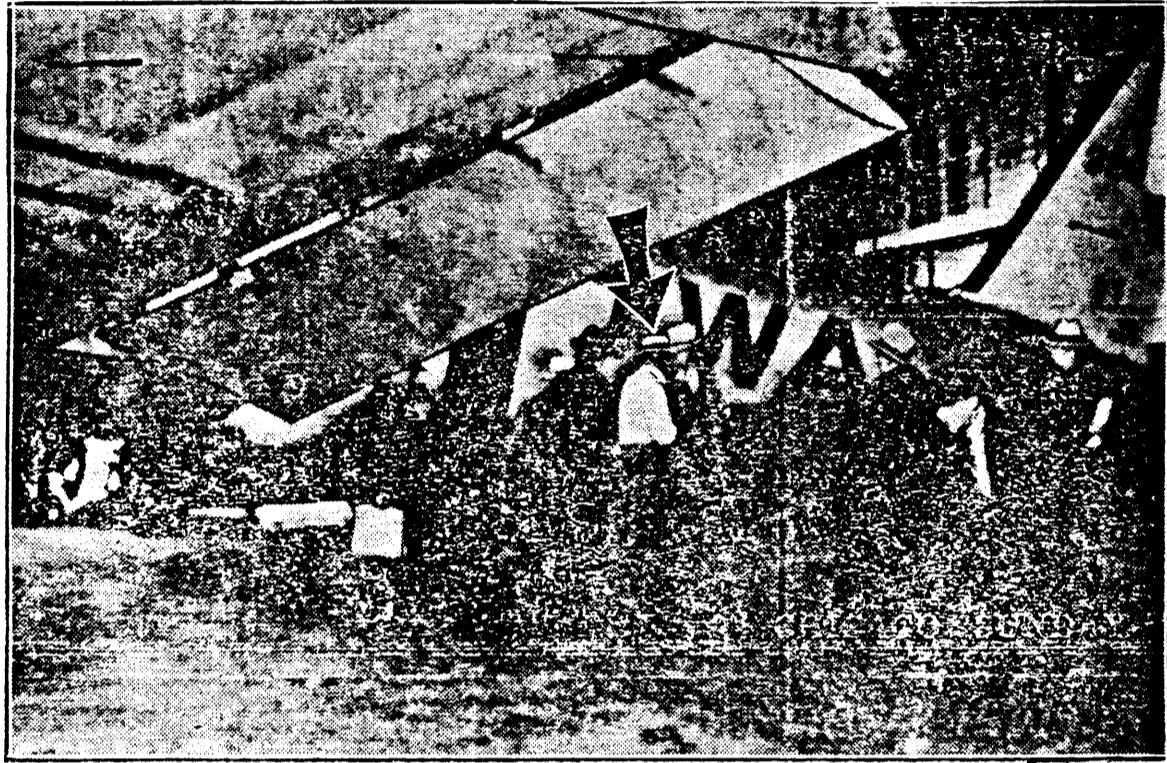
#### Two Left at Hot Springs.

Zetzer said Karpis and one of the others left the plane at Hot Springs and he let out the other passenger at Tulsa, Okla., the home of Brock. Federal men appeared at Port Clin-

ton the latter part of March and took Zetzer away with them for a week. When he returned he refused to tell where he had been but he disclosed today that the "federal men showed me my passengers were Karpis and two gangsters."

Zetzer received a two year penitentiary sentence for smuggling liquor during prohibition. Evidence was produced at that time that he used planes and speedboats in the illicit traffic.

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Securely handcuffed and surrounded by a guard of machine gunners, Alvin Karpis (indicated by arrow) arrived in St. Paul yesterday in the company of federal agents following his arrest in New Orleans. At St. Paul the government agents took the precaution of backing the air liner in which they arrived into a hangar before transferring Karpis to an automobile for a ride to the jail. [Associated Press Wirephoto.]

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Arrestment of Karpis, it was reported, will depend considerably on the outcome of the questioning he has undergone since Saturday morning.

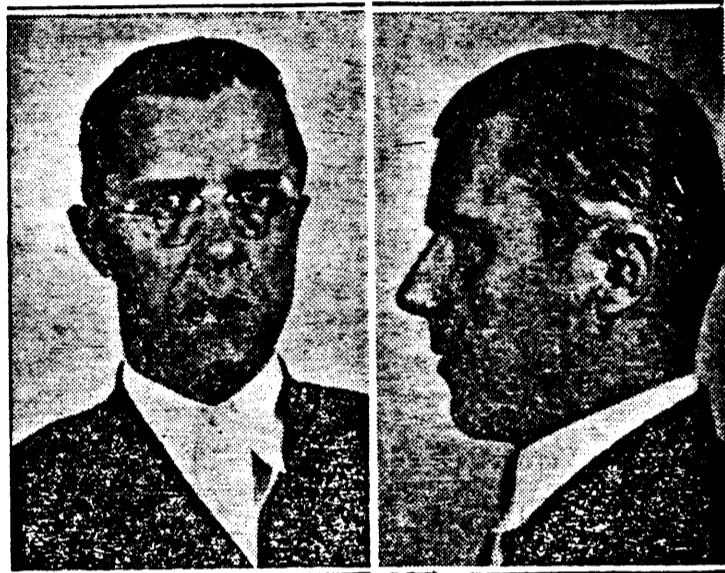
While G-men questioned Karpis, Frank McAlpine, South St. Paul chief of police, and Andrew Crumphy, investigator for the Hennepin county attorney's office, conferred with department of justice officials today.

Mr. Bremer also conferred with authorities.

## COWED

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*Doesn't "Look Pleasant, Please"*



Looking very much like an abashed and bewildered school boy, ALVIN KARPIS, cowed public enemy No. 1, had new Bertillon photographs taken of himself Sunday which will be presented—but not with his compliments—to peace officers throughout the nation for their files. Above is a reproduction of the photograph.

## HIS WOMEN

*Karpis' Former Wife; Other Love*

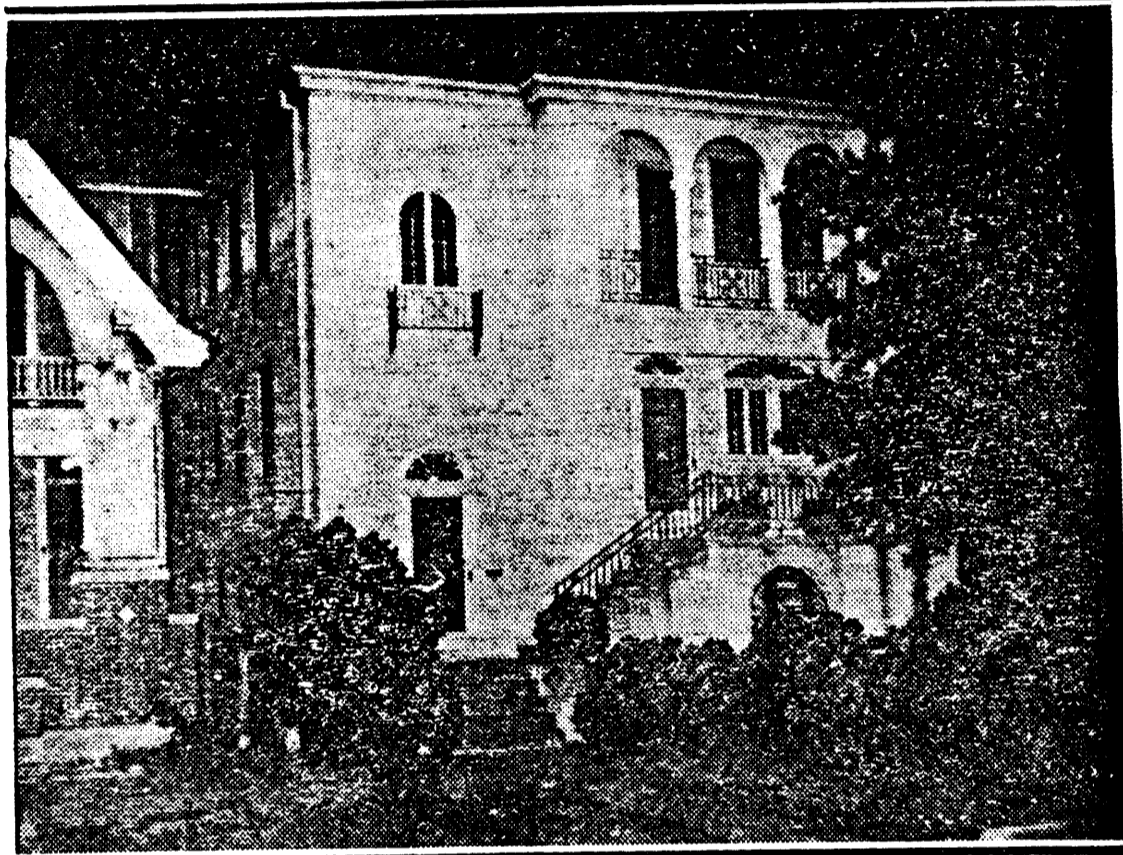


Sharing the spotlight in the downfall of Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, were DOROTHY SLAYMAN, left, the Tulsa girl who married him in 1931 and divorced him last November, and DOLORES DELANEY, who gave birth to Karpis' son shortly after the public enemy and his chief aid, Harry Campbell, escaped from a police trap at Atlantic City more than a year ago.

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# KARPIS' HIDEOUT

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*Where Alvin Lived In New Orleans*



—Acme Photo.

Here is the building in downtown New Orleans, La., the lower apartment of which was occupied by Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, Fred Hunter, mail robbery suspect, and a woman. The trio was captured without firing a shot by G. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigating, and 15 heavily armed aids.

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# KARPIS TO FACE FOUR CHARGES HERE THIS WEEK

May Be Tried for Murder in Missouri Later, Hoover Declares.

ASKED TO BE SHOT AFTER CAPTURE, G-CHIEF SAYS

Alvin Karpis will face four charges in Federal District court here when he is arraigned some time this week. George F. Sullivan, United States District attorney, said Sunday night.

At the same time J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, declared in New York that Karpis might also be tried for murder in Missouri even though he were found guilty of the kidnaping charges here.

The St. Paul charges, two of which will allege that the desperado engineered the kidnapings of William Hamm Jr. and Edward G. Bremer, and the other two of which charge conspiracy in the two cases, will be pressed against Karpis when he is arraigned on indictments recently returned against him by a Federal grand jury, Sullivan said.

The arraignment will take place some time this week, after Sullivan has conferred with the Federal Bureau of Investigation officials, Sullivan said.

Meanwhile Hoover, No. 1 G-man, who directed the raid in which Karpis and two companions were captured after the gunman threatened to kill him, revealed that Karpis asked to be shot shortly following his capture in New Orleans Friday night, and again while he was being flown to St. Paul.

Hoover's statement was contained in additional details revealed by him concerning the arrest of the gang leader.

In St. Paul, Karpis completed 40 hours of intensive grilling at the hands of more than 30 members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Federal courts building continued to be his prison, and he was under heavy guard at all times, although the agents of the Federal bureau refused to discuss his questioning or the case in general.

The government men surrounded their prisoner with the greatest secrecy, and would not reveal whether or not he had confessed, or how he was standing up under

all one agent would say when asked if the gunman was eating and sleeping well during his stay in the building which is not regularly equipped with living quarters for either the guards or prisoner.

Hoover, in his New York statement Sunday night, characterized Karpis as having a likeable personality, although he called him a "crude, vicious and cunning killer." "He is a big, bad bold boy from whom every vestige of courage fled when he saw his captors," the G-man chief said, and described the pleas of the prisoners to be shot after they were captured.

"On the way downtown (in New Orleans) they invited us to kill them, because they thought they would be killed anyway, but of course they hadn't drawn their guns."

Fred Hunter, wanted in the \$34,000 Garrettsville, Ohio, mail robbery last fall, and a girl companion were captured with Karpis.

**NO 'SHOOT TO KILL'**

Hoover explained he never gave an order in any case to shoot to kill, according to Associated Press dispatches, and that his agents did not shoot unless a fugitive started the fracas.

Hoover said Karpis had no inkling Federal agents were close on his trail, and that he had planned to go fishing the day after his arrest. The desperado reproached his girl companion for not avoiding the trouble by obeying orders he had given her to go back home.

The girl was described by the G-man chief as being Ruth Robinson of Hot Springs, and other Arkansas cities, and said she sometimes used the name of "Connie." He said she probably would not be held unless it was shown she had aided or harbored Fred Hunter with whom she lived, or Karpis.

Reports in New Orleans indicated that Ruth had "talked" to the Federal men Sunday, according to Associated Press dispatches from that city.

The slim, modishly dressed woman was questioned by Federal agents there for two days and two nights, according to the stories. Following the grilling, the droning voice of an agent, punctuated by short remarks from the woman, could be heard by reporters in the hall.

This was taken to mean that the woman had dictated a statement to the Federal officers, and that it was being read back to her for corrections.

Trying Karpis in Missouri for the murder of Sheriff Roy C. Kelly in December, 1931, would open the way to give the death penalty even though he were convicted of the kidnaping charges in Federal court.

Capital punishment is the penalty for murder in Missouri, and in case he was convicted here, he could be pardoned on the Federal charges by the President, and turned over to the state for punishment.

## FORMER WIFE BITTER

A woman who married Karpis in 1931 when she was 17, and divorced him after he left her four years ago observed bitterly in her Tulsa, Okla., home Sunday that "He made his bed and he'll have to sleep in it."

The girl, Dorothy Slayman, said she met the desperado shortly after he was released from a reformatory sentence, and that he left her saying he had a good job. Sheriff Kelly was killed shortly after and she has not seen Karpis since.

In describing the record of the prisoner, Hoover said he was wanted for between twelve and fifteen bank robberies, three mail robberies and three murders in addition to three kidnapings.

Hennepin county authorities Sunday night said they would take steps to indict Karpis on murder and bank robbery charges in connection with the holdup of the Third Northwestern National bank in 1932.

He has been identified as a member of the gang that engineered the robbery which resulted in the slaying of two Minneapolis policemen and a St. Paul man.

## HOOVER CITES HOOKING OF FISHERMAN KARPIS.

Chicago, May 3.—(AP)—Alvin Karpis, public enemy who liked to fish, was a prisoner in St. Paul tonight because he joined the wrong fishing party.

The story, as told by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of Federal agents who caught Karpis in New Orleans:

Angling was a lifelong hobby of Dillinger's successor as "Public Enemy No. 1."

For months he had fished along the Gulf coast, from Florida to Louisiana, living on his share of the ransom money from the Hamm and Bremer kidnapings and loot from other crimes.

When funds ran low, he stopped fishing for a few days and robbed a bank at Garrettsville, Ohio.

Then he went back to his hook and line, confident he had covered his trail completely against pursuit.

The fish bit well, and he set up headquarters with his friend, Fred Hunter, and Hunter's girl friend, "Ruth," in an apartment in a busy part of New Orleans.

Friday he prepared his bait and tackle for another angling party, scheduled for Saturday.

But a different set of fishermen interfered—the Justice department's ichthyologists of crime.

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## CRIME

### "Old Creepy"

On a late autumn day in 1934 the naked, bullet-riddled body of George ("Baby-Face") Nelson was dumped in a ditch near Chicago after a gun battle in which two agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation were also killed (TIME, Dec. 10, 1934). Shortly thereafter a surly, uncommunicative underworldling known to his few intimates as "Old Creepy" discovered that, by courtesy of the Press, he had in-



Wide World

ALVIN KARPIS

*An Arkansas Senator would follow him to Hell.*

herited Nelson's title of Public Enemy No. 1. By last week the Bureau of Investigation, which has vainly trailed Public Enemy Alvin Karpis for two years, acknowledged that his nickname was no misnomer by slapping a \$5,000 price on his head. Only the lives of Nelson and the late John Dillinger had been worth such public rewards to the Federal Government.

In the melodramatic year 1933, spindly Alvin Karpis joined forces in St. Paul with Kate ("Ma") Barker and her sons Fred and Arthur. In little more than a year the Karpis-Barker gang became the nation's most formidable criminal outfit, made nearly \$500,000 by robbing banks, kidnapping such folk as St. Paul's Brewer William Hamm and Banker Edward George Bremer. Then police and G-Men began weeding the gang out. "Ma" and Fred Barker and another mobster died under Federal guns. Six other Barker-Karpis hoodlums and accomplices were put behind bars, seven more were under indictment in St. Paul last week for the Hamm snatching. Only Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, companion of Karpis in the Bremer kidnapping, remained at large.

Alvin Karpis is a product of Chicago's West Side. His mother did time in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma prisons. After fingerprints found on a gasoline tin con-

nected him with the Bremer case, Federal agents got on his trail, narrowly missed him in the Ozarks, in Cleveland. For a time he hid in a \$300-per-month villa in Cuba. In the winter of 1934 he and crippled Harry Campbell shot their way out of a police trap in an Atlantic City hotel, leaving Karpis' pregnant woman and another girl behind. Seven months later he threatened the life of the Bureau of Investigation's Director John Edgar Hoover in a letter mailed from Dayton, Ohio. Last August he spent three days at Saratoga Springs, N. Y. watching the horse races, fled from a nearby farmhouse six hours before Federal agents got there. Then he vanished.

Same day the Karpis-Campbell rewards were announced, Director Hoover received proof that not all Senators regard him and his work as does Tennessee's Kenneth Douglas McKellar, who as chairman of a Senate Appropriations subcommittee recently lopped \$225,000 off the Bureau's 1937 appropriation increase recommended by a House committee, accused Director Hoover of "running wild" (TIME, April 27). Up in the Senate last week rose speaker after speaker to praise the Bureau of Investigation's work, insist that the \$225,000 be put back in the appropriation bill. "I would not revive, by any act or vote of mine," cried Democratic Leader Joseph Taylor Robinson, Arkansas, "one hope in the bosom of a gangster by withholding the means that are necessary to pursue him around this earth, to the very gates of Hell. . . ."

The Senate restored the \$225,000.

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Today's Pictures Today

**Just Another Fish** for the net of the G-men. Alvin Karpis, kidnaper, bank robber, murderer, one of the last of the criminal raiders of the midwest, dodged and ducked for a good long time, but couldn't ever get out of the corner. Department of justice men stepped up to him in New Orleans Friday, and he is now wearing a lot of steel jewelry which will continue to adorn him until the law makes final disposition of his case.

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# PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1 AND TWO FRIENDS SEIZED IN NEW ORLEANS

## Gangster, Robbery Suspect and Girl Surrounded in Auto; Agents Making Capture Are Led Personally by J. Edgar Hoover.

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or been with the desperado were responsible for the tip.

Victims of the St. Paul kidnappings were cheered by news of the arrest. Seven of Karpis' associates in the gang dominated by the late Kate (Ma) Barker are dead and the others are all imprisoned.

"Congratulations again to the department of justice," said Hamm, "for a mighty tough task so nobly done."

### CAPTURED WHILE ENTERING AUTOMOBILE

Bremer termed it "a further tribute" to the department.

The simple statement, "I've got something interesting to tell you," was Hoover's greeting to reporters in New Orleans an hour after the capture.

"We've captured Alvin Karpis, generally known—but not to us—as public enemy No. 1."

Hoover gave the names of the others taken, then said:

"Karpis never had a chance. There were too many guns on him."

"They had left an apartment and entered an automobile when the agents surrounded them."

"The agents called upon them to surrender and they were taken without the firing of a shot."

### TRAILED IN ORLEANS FOR TWO MONTHS

Karpis had been living in the apartment with the woman. Hunter visited them nightly.

His arrest followed two months of concentrated vigilance in New Orleans, Hoover said.

"We've known he has been in and out of New Orleans for the last two months and have been trailing him," he explained.

The nationwide hunt for Karpis began with the finding of his fingerprints on a gasoline can and a flashlight dropped by the Bremer kidnap mob.

Earlier crimes attributed to him and his gang did not come under the department's jurisdiction.

The robberies and kidnappings of this group of hoodlums in three years caused the deaths of at least five persons, four of them policemen, and about one-half million dollars cash loss.

### Bigger "jobs" included:

The \$20,000 robbery of the Third Northwestern National bank, Minneapolis, Dec. 16, 1932, in which three were slain.

A \$30,000 payroll robbery at South St. Paul, Aug. 30, 1933, in which one policeman was killed and another wounded.

### CRIME CAREER BEGAN WHEN HE WAS SIXTEEN

The Sept. 22, 1933, federal reserve bank mail robbery in Chicago which resulted in the death of a policeman.

The \$32,000 holdup of the First National bank of Brainerd, Minn.

The \$50,000 robbery of the National Bank & Trust company of Sioux Falls, S. D.

The Bremer kidnaping, in which \$200,000 ransom was paid.

The abduction of Hamm for \$100,000 ransom.

Karpis' crime career began when he was only 16 years old, a slender youngster arrested at Topeka, Kan., for stealing automobile tires.

After three years in the Kansas reformatory at Hutchinson he escaped by sawing his way thru the bars, remained at large a year and was rearrested and sent to the Lansing, Kan., state prison. He was freed under parole after another year of imprisonment.

A month later, in 1931, he visited the "crime school" of Kate (Ma) Barker in Tulsa, Okla., and rejoined Freddie Barker, whom he had met in Lansing prison. For a year or more they operated thru the oil-rich state, broadening their crime activities and adding to their mob.

### PAROLED FOLLOWING JEWEL ROBBERY

Karpis was arrested for a Henryetta, Okla., jewel robbery and sentenced to prison, but paroled after he had served three months in jail at Okmulgee. Barker had eluded arrest.

In December, 1931, the two killed Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains,

Mo., when the officer approached their car.

In St. Paul, shortly after the Hamm kidnaping the Karpis-Barker gang suspected "Ma's" second husband, Arthur W. Dunlap, had tipped officers as to their hideaway, and Dunlap promptly was taken for a fatal ride.

The association of the desperadoes continued until the fatal interruption by federal officers at the Barker hideout in Ocklawaha, Fla., which Karpis and Campbell escaped by only a few hours.

"Doc" Barker, one of the brothers of the crime-poisoned family, was arrested and promptly pleaded guilty to the Bremer kidnaping, fearful of the electric chair for murder in connection with other crimes. He is serving a life term in Alcatraz.

After the Florida affray Karpis and Campbell fled north, escaped in a blaze of gunfire at Atlantic City, and since had remained strictly out of the limelight.

### SEVEN OF GANG KILLED AND ALL BUT ONE CAUGHT

Of the entire original Karpis-Barker gang, seven have been killed, the rest captured, with the lone exception of Campbell. If Campbell has companions at this time they likely were "punks" of the gang's affluent era or newly-joined associates, officers agreed.

The strength of the federal department, relieved of the Karpis search, is seeking Campbell in an effort to make the cleanup complete.

Successor of such desperadoes as John Hamilton, Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd and "Baby Face" Nelson in department of justice books, Karpis failed to carry out a boast his former wife, Dorothy Slayman, said he made:

"I'll never be taken alive."

Saying she had not seen Karpis in four years, Miss Slayman at Tulsa, Okla., won a divorce last Nov. 23 on charges of neglect and cruelty.

"I always thought Freddie Barker was a bad influence on Alvin," she said.

The girl, arrested with Karpis, presented a trim, slight figure in a becoming white hat, white shoes and white checked dress. She appeared to be in her early twenties.

Agents scoffed at a question that she might have provided the "tip-off" as did the recently deported alien, Anna Sage, the "woman in red" in the John Dillinger case.

Mrs. J. E. Meyer, owner of the apartment building, said Karpis and "Rum" engaged quarters about three weeks ago, paying a month's rent in advance.

"He was such a nice, quiet little man," she said.

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# THUG GIVES UP WITHOUT FIRING SHOT

## Two Companions of Public Enemy No. 1 Also Surrender

(CRIME NEVER PAYS)

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New Orleans, May 2.—Alvin Karpis, "public enemy No. 1," whose record of kidnapings, murder and robbery made him the most hunted criminal in America, was captured here Friday night without a shot being fired.

The capture was made by G-men led in person by J. Edgar Hoover, their chief.

Karpis immediately was put aboard a plane, heavily manacled, and taken to St. Paul.

The gunman, a survivor of the Karpis-Barker gang, and two companions surrendered meekly in the first arrest ever made in person by Hoover.

Shotguns, automatic rifles and pistols were leveled by twenty agents to take the fight out of the young man most wanted for the \$200,000 abduction of William A. Hamm Jr., St. Paul brewer, on June 15, 1933, and the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, six months later.

### KARPIS POSED AS FISHING FAN

Karpis lifted his hands and yielded a pistol.

Arrested with him in his motor car near a pretentious Canal street apartment were a red-haired young woman identified only as "Ruth," who had posed as his wife, and Fred Hunter, 27, a suspect in the \$24,000 postoffice robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, Nov. 7, 1935.

Swiftly the agents shackled the hands and feet of the men, and took them and the woman to the postoffice building for questioning.

Other officers were posted about the apartment where Karpis had been known as "Ed O'Hara," a mild-mannered devotee of fishing.

Karpis, who has a criminal record for ten of his twenty-six years, was rushed from the postoffice to the New Orleans airport at 8:30 p. m. and put aboard a chartered plane by about six guards.

Hoover went in and the plane took off for St. Paul.

Typical department of justice secrecy hid the source of the tip that resulted in the arrests.

### BROTHER-IN-LAW THINKS FRIEND BETRAYED KARPIS

A brother-in-law of Karpis, Andrew J. Grooms of Topeka, Kan., expressed the opinion he was "turned in by a friend."

At Cleveland, Ohio, Sylvester J. Hettrick, postoffice inspector, said, "I'm not supposed to talk," when asked if John Brock, 34, of Tulsa, Okla., under arrest for the Garrettsville mail robbery, had given the information.

Hoover and other federal men declined to discuss this angle of the case or comment on rumors at New Orleans that persons who had been

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# GANGSTER CALLED DIRTY YELLOW RAT

J. Edgar Hoover Says Karpis Shook All Over When Caught; Desperado Shivers When He Arrives by Plane at St. Paul.

(CRIME NEVER PAYS)

St. Paul, May 2.—(A. P.)—Alvin Karpis, the nation's No. 1 criminal who boasted he "wouldn't be taken alive" but who was "scared to death" when federal agents seized him in New Orleans, was held Saturday in the federal building here while authorities questioned him regarding three kidnapings and other crimes.

J. Edgar Hoover, head of the federal department of investigation, who led the capture, related details of how Karpis was trapped in New Orleans Friday and how he "turned yellow" at the last moment.

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

The investigation department chief disclosed Karpis had resorted to plastic surgery on his face, but that despite alterations, which included cuts from the lobes of each ear, he was easily recognizable from his photographs.

## GANGSTER SHIVERS ON ARRIVAL IN ST. PAUL

Hoover said Karpis was wanted for three kidnapings, the William Hamm and Edward G. Bremer abductions, and that of a doctor whose car was commandeered after the gangster shot his way out of a trap.

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## OUTLAW TURNS YELLOW, SAYS G-MEN'S CHIEF

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in Atlantic City, N. J. He is under indictment for both the Hamm and Bremer kidnapings, which yielded ransom of \$300,000.

Karpis also was accused of slaying a sheriff, fifteen bank robberies, three or four mail holdups and complicity in the slaying of "three or four other fellows," Hoover said.

Karpis was held temporarily in the federal building and federal officials declined to say when he would be moved to the county jail.

George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, said he had no plans yet for arraigning the prisoner.

Karpis arrived in St. Paul sullen, travel weary and shivering.

Department of justice agents who trapped the nation's most notorious gunman, returned him here in an overnight plane ride.

Escorted personally by Hoover and a squad of picked agents, Karpis was landed here at 8:47 a. m.

The desperado, wearing thin summer apparel in a temperature just above freezing, was hustled from the big plane to a heavily-armed automobile, surrounded by machine guns, and taken direct to the federal building.

## HOOVER SAYS NO REWARD WILL BE PAID.

At Washington, the postoffice inspection service said efforts will be made to try Karpis for a Garrettsville, Ohio, train robbery last November, unless he is given a death sentence in an earlier trial.

If Karpis is given a long sentence or life imprisonment, the Garrettsville charge will be pressed.

Hoover ignored reporters at the airport where the plane was backed into a National Guard hangar, with the transfer from the liner to an automobile being made behind closed doors.

Making a short stop at St. Louis for refueling around midnight, the party was tied up at Kansas City from 2 a. m. until 5:30 a. m. because of unfavorable flying weather.

During the entire trip and stops the prisoner was manacled inside the plane.

Upon arrival here his feet scarcely touched the earth as the agents hurried him from the plane to the waiting car, thence to the federal building.

Hoover, who said he planned to go by airplane to New York Saturday afternoon, said no reward would be paid by the federal bureau of investigation, an indication no "tips" were received from persons seeking the \$7,500 price offered for Karpis' arrest recently.

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# GIRL FRIEND OF KARPIS QUIZZED THRU NIGHT

Search of Apartment Where Outlaw Lived With  
'Ruth' Yields Plenty, Say U. S. Agents; Holdup  
Suspect Chained During Questioning.

New Orleans, May 2.—(A. P.)—Federal bureau of investigation agents who captured Alvin Karpis and two companions here Friday night said Saturday that a search of the apartment where Karpis resided for three weeks with "Ruth" had yielded "plenty."

"We've found plenty," David W. Magee, head of the local

federal bureau, declared as his men continued to question "Ruth," the pretty "girl in white" who lived with Karpis as his wife, and Fred Hunter, who is wanted for a \$34,000 mail robbery in Garrettsville, Ohio.

Magee refused to go into details as to what evidence had been found in the apartment. He likewise refused details of the surprise springing of the trap in which nearly a score of agents pounced upon Karpis, Hunter and the girl.

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

Thruout the night the girl, in her early twenties, was grilled along with Hunter in the offices of the bureau of investigation on the third floor of the federal building.

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# OUTLAW'S GIRL, FRIEND QUIZZED THRUOUT NIGHT

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

All night the lights burned and officers with machine guns and pistols guarded the prisoners. They said both refused to talk and that Ruth refused to identify herself.

A group of federal agents held the apartment of Karpis under guard while they searched. No one was admitted to the building.

Thruout the night in the corridors of the federal building undertones of the questioning of the two prisoners could be heard, but the conversation was almost inaudible.

## CORRIDORS SWARM WITH ARMED AGENTS.

Now and then one of the prisoners would be escorted to an anteroom and the corridor would be cleared temporarily.

Federal agents surrounded Hunter when he was brought out and "Ruth" appeared in the corridor once with a white sack over her head to shield her face. The corridors swarmed with armed government men.

The agents indicated that the prisoners might be removed to some other location during the day.

At times the rattling of Hunter's chains could be heard outside of the room as if he was moving about or under a nervous strain. He was shackled and chained, hands and feet.

Hoover, before leaving on the Karpis plane, said briefly that he had been working on the Karpis case for two years.

## HOOVER POSES AS BUSINESSMAN.

He arrived here Thursday night by plane with a group of agents to augment the local staff and took up his headquarters at a hotel posing as a businessman and denying himself to any inquirers.

His presence here was kept strictly secret and his personal announcement of the capture of Karpis as "public enemy No. 1" Friday night was the first intimation any one outside of his own staff had of his presence in New Orleans.

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## Karpis' Father, a Janitor, Bars Home to Callers

Chicago, May 2.—(I. N. S.)—John Karpavicz, a respectable, hard-working janitor, barred his basement flat to all callers Saturday.

"All I want is to be let alone," he shouted in broken English thru the closed door to reporters, come to interview him concerning the capture of his son, Alvin Karpis.

"Get away from that door or you're going to get hurt," the old man barked at one insistent reporter.

Thru the closed door he could be

heard warning his wife, Anna, to stay away from the door.

In the same building lives Mrs. Emily Newbold, sister of the nation's public enemy No. 1. She, too, refused to see reporters.

From neighbors in the building it was learned Karpis has not been near the home of his parents in years.

### KARPIS IS KNOWN BY MANY NAMES

Topeka, Kan., May 2.—(A. P.)—Alvin Karpis is known to his friends by many names:

His real one—Raymond Karpavicz—became Alvin Karpis and later Alvin.

His nicknames, and why:

"Slim"—because of his build.

"Old Creepy"—because he got on the nerves of his henchmen.

"Chi"—because he talked so much about his favorite city, Chicago.

### Hoover Makes First Arrest



J. EDGAR HOOVER,  
Head of the G-men, who personally arrested Alvin Karpis in New Orleans. It was the first time Hoover ever arrested a criminal.

## U. S. CHARTERS 'FLYING PRISON' FOR GANGSTER

### Bureau Chief Takes Cage Along on Flight to Get Karpis.

Kansas City, May 2.—(A. P.)—J. Edgar Hoover took a "cage" for Alvin Karpis with him when he went to New Orleans to apprehend the outlaw. The "cage" was the fourteen-passenger plane used to fly Karpis to St. Paul Saturday after the arrest of the notorious criminal.

Details of the dramatic dash of the agents of the federal bureau of investigation became known at the airport here hours after they occurred—so strict was the secrecy with which they were surrounded.

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

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

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

Instead of the plane being designated in radio dispatches as a "special" flight the airlines co-operated with the desire of Hoover to have secrecy and the flight became simply "No. 7" in the dispatches and radio contacts in the air. Anyone using short wave sets to listen in would never have suspected that flight "No. 7" was in reality a prison plane with a dangerous prisoner as its No. 1 passenger.

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**He Went Along Meekly,** preferring to keep his health, which would not have remained good if he had made any resistance. Alvin Karpis, covering his face with his hat, is seen here being taken to the G-men's headquarters in New Orleans following his unspectacular capture there, at the end of a long hunt by federal agents. Karpis often boasted he would not be taken alive. He changed his mind when G-men popped up from everywhere, and the odds were all against him. One false move would have meant his finish.

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## Candidates for Vacant Spot

in the criminal hall of fame. With Karpis removed from circulation, nominations are in order for a new—and quite temporary—public enemy No. 1. William Mahan (left), one of the kidnapers of the Weyerhaeuser boy; Harry Campbell (center), a member of the Karpis gang, and Thomas G. Robinson Jr., the kidnaper of Alice Stoll of Louisville, are all considered eligible for this unlucky designation, which usually means an early capture.

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# CAMPBELL LAST OF DESPERADOES STILL AT LARGE IN THE SOUTHWEST

## Karpis' Henchman Is Wanted for Murder, Bank Robberies and Burglaries; Pals All Dead or in Prison.

New York, May 2.—(A. P.)—A lone, limping fugitive remained at large Saturday out of the intermeshed gangs of hoodlums who roamed Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas during the depression years as successors of the picturesque two-gun outlaws of the old southwest.

He was Harry Campbell, henchman of Alvin Karpis, who was captured by J. Edgar Hoover and his federal agents at New Orleans Friday night.

Campbell, wanted for bank robberies and burglaries, for at least one murder—that of a Tulsa, Okla., criminal lawyer, J. Earl Smith—and for kidnappings, escaped the New Orleans trap.

But he was a solitary figure, with every official hand reaching to land him in a state prison, in the electric chair or in the federal "devil's island"—Alcatraz.

His fellows have gone—died under the guns of the law or landed behind the bars for long terms, many for life.

They were far different from the Dalton, Starr and other bands of two decades ago.

So different were they, in fact, that many in the wealthy midcontinent oil and cattle country have clothed the old-timers in an aura of romance.

Not thus the gangsters of the depression era. These have been mowed down or captured, singly and in groups.

Karpis was the latest to be taken.

### HERE'S RECORD OF DESPERADOES.

The records speak for the others: Freddie Barker and his "crime school" teacher-mother, "Ma," were killed by federal agents at Ocklawaha, Fla.

His brother Arthur, "Doc," is serving a life sentence in Alcatraz for the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

Another brother, Herman Barker, died at Wichita, Kan., either by his own hand or under the guns of officers.

Russell (Rusty) Gibson, Karpis' associate in the Bremer case, was killed by officers. His biggest previous "job" was the \$75,000 robbery of an Oklahoma City bank messenger about six years ago.

More or less directly associated—through intimacy or similarity of operation—were these:

Glenn Leroy Wright, serving life in Oklahoma's McAlester prison, became proficient in the bodily removal of safes from small banks at night—to loot them at leisure on a hideaway farm near Mannford, Okla. He was taken there three years ago, and one of his captors was Ed Hollis, federal agent slain by the late "Baby Face" Nelson. Nine such safes were unearthed where they had been buried on this farm. Wright was believed Campbell's helper in the Earl Smith murder.

Willie (Slipper) Elms, robber now serving a long prison term, got his nickname from frequent jail escapes.

### THREE SLAIN IN DUEL WITH POLICE.

Aussie Elliott, Eldon Wilson and Deubert Carolin, bank and jewelry robbers, died under officers' guns at Sapulpa, Okla., after killing two city policemen in a bloody battle.

Wilbur Underhill, the "tristate terror," was slain by federal and Oklahoma officers at Shawnee, Okla.

Bob Brady, bank robber, was killed during the pursuit after one of the two spectacular Lansing, Kan., prison breaks of 1932-33.

Jim Clark, bank robber and fellow escapee with Brady, was taken by Kansas state police after Patrolman (now lieutenant) Earl Silverthorn lived with his gang for six months, in daily danger of discovery, to gather evidence.

### BAILEY ORDERED DEATH OF ATTORNEY.

Harvey Bailey, bank robber who led one of the Kansas prison escapes, was linked as the crime dictator who decreed Earl Smith's death for refusal to defend him in his Fort Scott, Kan., bank robbery trial. Bailey was trapped with the Charles F. Urschel kidnaper, Albert Bates, and with Bates and George (Machine Gun) Kelly is serving a life sentence at Alcatraz for the kidnaping.

Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, the Oklahoma Cookson Hills bank robber and killer, was slain by federal agents in Ohio as he fled afoot.

Adam Richetti, Floyd's pal in robberies and in the Kansas City union station plaza massacre, is under conviction for the latter crime.

Verne Miller, the other plaza massacre killer, was taken for a fatal ride by Detroit hoodlums.

The Texas desperadoes of that era whose names head the list include Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker, slain by a Texas ranger-led posse in Louisiana; their associate, Henry Methvin, under sentence of death now for an Oklahoma murder, and Raymond Hamilton, who met legal defeat in Fort Worth.

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## KINSMEN OF KARPIS PAL ARE SEIZED IN SEARCH FOR LOOT

\$46,000 Sought in Ohio as  
Brother and Father of  
Hunter Are Held.

Cleveland, May 2.—(A. P.) — The father and a brother of Fred Hunter, arrested with Alvin Karpis at New Orleans, and a waitress in the brother's beer parlor were held incommunicado in the Warren, Ohio, city jail Saturday.

Federal authorities said they sought to learn the disposition of loot of \$46,000 taken in the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery last Nov. 7.

Postal Inspectors Sylvester Hettrick of Cleveland and H. W. Tavener of Youngstown asserted that Hunter lived until a few years ago at Warren, where police knew him as a professional gambler.

The three held at Warren were George Hunter, the father, who lives on a farm near Warren, Albert Hunter, the suspect's brother, operator of a tavern and a steel mill worker, and Mary Yoho, a waitress in Hunter's establishment.

Police indicated none of these was under direct suspicion, but that they were in custody to enable federal men to search their homes and the beer parlor.

## CAPTURE IS MADE AFTER U. S. POSTS KARPIS REWARD

Washington, May 2.—Altho J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice, said Saturday that the capture of Alvin Karpis was the result entirely of activity by his agents, and that no tipster is entitled to a share of the \$7,500 reward. It was noted here Saturday that the capture followed within a week the announcement of the reward.

Last week the government offered \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest of Karpis and only Tuesday this was raised to \$7,500. G-men do not participate in any rewards.

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# Alvin Karpis Taken After Long Pursuit

**Kidnaper And Robber  
Snared In Orleans  
With Pal And Girl**

**NO SHOTS FIRED  
IN SWIFT COUP**

**Prisoner Whisked Off  
To Face Long List Of  
Major Charges**

NEW ORLEANS, May 1. (AP)—Alvin Karpis, No. 1 bad man of the United States, was captured tonight without resistance by officers led by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation.

A few hours later, the man who succeeded John Dillinger as the country's most wanted criminal was placed aboard an airplane heavily guarded and manacled and taken from the city with the destination unannounced.

Without a shot, Karpis—known, feared and hated by his own mob as "Old Creepy"—was taken into custody along with Fred Hunter, 37, a suspect in the \$34,000 Garrettsville, O., mail robbery and a woman known only as "Ruth" as they emerged from an apartment building about half a mile from the center of the business district.

#### Not Given Chance

Hoover made the announcement of the capture with the simple statement, "we've captured Alvin Karpis, generally known as public enemy No. 1—but not to us."

Then he added "they were taken without the firing of a shot. Karpis never had a chance. There were too many guns on him."

Karpis is under indictment for the \$100,000 kidnaping of William A. Hamm, Jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer on June 15, 1933, and the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, on January 17, 1934.

He was wanted on a charge of murder in connection with the slaying of Sheriff C. R. Kelley at West Plains, Mo., on December 19, 1931.

#### Extensive 3-year Hunt

The three-year hunt from coast to coast and beyond for Karpis was as extensive as that for his predecessor as public enemy No. 1, Dillinger, who was shot in Chicago.

He was the last of the original Karpis-Barker gang. Seven of that band of bank robbers and kidnapers are now dead and the rest have been captured.

Within the past two weeks, the justice department placed a \$5,000 price upon Karpis's head, and added a \$2,500 price for information leading to the capture of his pal, Harry Campbell.

Four days ago, the postal inspection service followed the justice department's lead and added a \$2,000 reward for Karpis, bringing his price to \$7,000 and \$2,000 more for Campbell. But Campbell escaped the raid today.

#### Heavily Shackled

Hoover said the bureau of investigation had known that Karpis had been in and out of New Orleans for the past several months. He, himself, had come here several days ago to direct the man-hunt.

Hoover made his announcement of the capture in the bureau office in the postoffice building here about an hour after the raid, saying "I've got something interesting to tell you."

He did not say how many men took part in the capture but there were reported to have been between 15 and 20.

"They were in an apartment on the first floor of the building and were leaving the house to enter an automobile when the agents surrounded them," Hoover said.

#### Had Pretty Concert

"The agents called upon them to surrender and they were taken without the firing of a shot."

Shackles were placed on the hands and feet of Karpis and the shackles then bound together. He and the others were taken to the postoffice building. Karpis and Hunter, likewise bound, had to be carried by agents.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Edwards .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. Foxworth .....  
Mr. Harbo .....  
Mr. Joseph .....  
Mr. Keith .....  
Mr. Lester .....  
Mr. Quinn .....  
Mr. Schilder .....  
Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Mr. Gandy .....

Karpis had been living at the apartment with the woman, who was about 21 years old, pretty, red-haired and dressed in white. Hunter visited them nightly, neighbors said.

The neighbors described Karpis as a mild, pleasant man with a slight impediment in his speech who was interested in fishing.

#### Capture Quietly Effected

The capture was effected so smoothly and quietly that only persons nearby were aware of the federal agents' latest success.

Witnesses said that when the three left the house agents armed with saw-off shotguns and other weapons stepped to the sidewalk, and crisply commanded them to surrender. When the desperadoes made no move they were grabbed and rushed from the scene.

"Hunter," Hoover said, "is not so well known as Karpis, but he is wanted for the post office robbery on November 2, 1935, at Garrettsville, Ohio, in which \$34,000 was taken. Karpis also was connected with that robbery."

Shortly before 8 p. m. Hoover and almost a score of federal agents left the federal postoffice building with Karpis and Hunter and sped away in two automobiles.

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**RANKS DEPLETED**



**NO. 1—ALVIN KARPIS**  
Tops desperado "wanted" list.



**NO. 2—WILLIAM MAHAN**  
Staged, skillful washing act.



**NO. 3—T. H. ROBINSON, JR.**  
Amateur dabbler in big crime.

Capture of Alvin Karpis, at top, ends a long hunt by "G-men" for the nation's No. 1 public enemy. William Mahan, second from top, presumably takes his place as No. 1 for the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping and Thomas Robinson, Nashville, at the bottom, Stoll ransom kidnaping, is expected to move up to No. 2 on the list.

**Long And Gory Trail Of Crime Left By Karpis**

**Murder, Kidnap, Bank Robbery Charged To Outlaw And His Pals**

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 1. (AP)—The capture of Alvin Karpis in New Orleans tonight 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 at the age of 16 and spent his years, from then on, either in penitentiaries or in a wild flight across the country.

**Hated And Feared By Mob**

"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 robbers, killers and kidnapers. 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.

**Early Crime Career**

The desperado was born in Canada on August 10, 1909. At an early age he was taken by his Lithuanian parents to Topeka, Kans. He was the only boy in the family but had three sisters.

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 at Hutchinson, Kans., for a ten-year term.

In the Kansas reformatory he and Lawrence Devol, alias Larry Barton, sawed through the cell bars and escaped after Karpis had served three years. Devol now is serving a life term for a sensational Minneapolis bank holdup in which two patrolmen were

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slain. Karpis also took part in that crime, Devol admitted.

**Joins With Barkers**

After a year of freedom, Karpis and Devol were arrested at Kansas City, March 23, 1930. They were riding in a car packed with a safe-blowing equipment. Karpis was sent back to the Kansas reformatory. When knives were found in his possession, he was transferred to the state penitentiary in Lansing, Kans., on May 19, 1930. 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, Kans., penitentiary and became friends. It was there they plotted a \$5,000 jewel robbery at Henrietta, Okla.

**Paroled For Robbery**

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 afterward Karpis killed Sheriff C. R. Kelly of West Plains, Mo. That was December 19, 1931. Freddie Barker was with him when the sheriff was slain.

The sheriff had walked into a garage to question Karpis and Barker about a robbery the previous night in West Plains. Federal agents who know the "inside" say neither had anything to do with the West Plains holdup. But this outlaws were "too hot" to take any chances. And besides, Karpis was on probation.

**"Pet" of "Ma" Barker**

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 in a South Robert street address in St. Paul, which Attorney General Cummings once designated as "the poison spot of crime," 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. So a few nights later Freddie Barker invited Dunlap, his stepfather, for an automobile ride. Karpis, willing to do "Ma" a favor because he liked her, went along. A few days later, the bullet-riddled body of Dunlap was found near Webster, Wis.

#### Meets "Heart Interest"

"Ma" Barker knew Dolores Delaney, pretty St. Paul girl, and was anxious to have her "Pet" Karpis, make her acquaintance. So not long afterward Dolores and Karpis met at Harry Sawyer's saloon on Wabash street in St. Paul. Sawyer is serving a life term as the "finger man" in the Bremer kidnaping.

Dolores is serving a prison term for harboring Karpis. The girl is a sister-in-law of Pat Reilly, former mascot for the St. Paul baseball club who served a prison term for harboring John Dillinger after the latter was wounded in St. Paul following his famous "wood gun" escape from Crown Point, Ind.

In a few years that followed his meeting of Dolores Delaney, Karpis was credited with engineering, with his co-leader "Doc" Barker, bank robberies, holdups and kidnapings that netted his gang more than a half million dollars and resulting in deaths of at least five persons, among them four patrolmen.

#### Outstanding Crimes

Crimes attributed to the Barker-Karpis mob included:

Holdup of the Third Northwestern National Bank, Minneapolis, Dec. 16, 1932, loot \$20,000 cash and a quantity of securities; three slain.

Payroll robbery in South St. Paul, August 30, 1933; loot \$30,000; one policeman killed, one wounded.

Federal Reserve Bank mail robbery Sept. 22, 1933, in Chicago; policeman killed.

Holdup of First National Bank at Brainerd, Minn.; loot \$32,000.

Holdup of National Bank & Trust Company, Sioux Falls, S. D., \$50,000.

Edward G. Bremer kidnaping;

\$100,000 ransom.

William Hamm abduction;

\$100,000 ransom.

But the ranks of the Barker-Karpis gang were reduced swiftly by bullets and prison sentences as the days went by. After the killing of "Ma" Barker and her boy, Freddie, Russell Gibson, alias "Slim" Gray, was killed in Chicago. Shortly before his death, George Ziegler, alias "Shotgun" Goetz, was slain. The body of Willie Harrison, gang member and former St. Louis golf professional, was found in the burned ruins of a barn. In prison are Volney Davis, Doc Barker, Harry Sawyer, William Weaver, Harold Alderton, Elmer Farmer, Oliver Berg and Jess Doyle.

#### Gang Entirely Smashed

Only ten days ago a federal grand jury in St. Paul indicted Karpis and six others for the \$100,000 kidnaping of Hamm, June 15, 1933. With the arrest of Karpis all of those accused are in custody. One of the seven is Arthur (Doc) Barker, other half of the notorious Karpis-Barker gang, now serving a life sentence in Alcatraz for complicity in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Bremer, January 17, 1934.

Others indicted with Karpis for the Hamm abduction were: Byron Bolton, reputed machine gunner

for the Karpis-Barker gang, awaiting sentence in St. Paul after pleading guilty several months ago to aiding in kidnaping Bremer;

Elmer Farmer, former Bensenville, Ill., tavern keeper now serving 20 years in Leavenworth federal prison through conviction for arranging the Bensenville hide-out for the Bremer kidnaping;

Jack Peifer, St. Paul night club operator, released Thursday on \$100,000 bail;

Charles (Big Fitz) Fitzgerald, 40-year-old former convict;

Edmund C. Bartholmey, former Bensenville, Ill., postmaster, whose name was identified by Hamm as the place of his confinement for four days.

# NAB THREE, SOLVE HAMM KIDNAP CASE

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# FEDERAL MEN SEEK KARPIS, FOUR OTHERS

Illinois Postmaster Held as  
Man Who Concealed Brew-  
ery Head Until Ransomed

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 18.—J. Edgar Hoover, Federal Bureau of Investigation director, today announced solution of the kidnaping case of William A. Hamm Jr., in St. Paul in June 1933, and said three arrests had been made.

In addition to the new arrests, Mr. Hoover said four other individuals, now in prison, were involved in the case, as well as Alvin Karpis, now sought as Public Enemy No. 1.

Mr. Hamm, wealthy president of the Theodore Hamm Brewing Co., St. Paul, was kidnaped on June 15, 1933 and was released on June 19 after payment of \$100,000 ransom.

Those arrested yesterday by federal agents were Charles J. Fitzgerald apprehended in Los Angeles; Jack Pfeiffer, arrested in St. Paul, and Edward C. Bartholmey, postmaster at Bensonville, Ill., arrested at Bensonville. Fitzgerald and Bartholmey both are en route to St. Paul where they will be brought before a federal grand jury.

#### Bremer Gang Involved

Mr. Hoover said three persons now in prison, all serving sentences in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case, were definitely linked with the Hamm abduction.

They were "Doc" Barker, now in Alcatraz; Byron Bolton, in jail in St. Paul, and Elmer Farmer, in Leavenworth. Fred Barker, killed in Florida last year also was connected with the Hamm kidnaping, Mr. Hoover said.

The new arrests were made yesterday on secret warrants issued to federal agents on April 11.

Mr. Hoover said Mr. Hamm was held in Bartholmey's residence at Bensonville during the four days of his confinement. Hamm recently identified the place, Mr. Hoover said.

#### Was Listed "Unsolved"

The kidnaping was one of the few major cases which had been listed on FBI books as "unsolved." The kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Stoll in Louisville in 1934 also is listed as "unsolved," but it definitely has been established that the kidnaping was carried out by Thomas H. Robinson Jr., who has successfully evaded law enforcement officers for nearly two years.

Mr. Hamm was abducted shortly after noon on June 15, 1933, just as he left his office for luncheon.

He was taken to the Bensonville hideout, held there until June 19, and then released at a point near Wyoming, Minn., after an intermediary had made the ransom payments.

Mr. Hoover called reporters unexpectedly to his office early this morning to announce solution of the case and detailed activities of federal agents in solving the case.

He told how William W. Dunn, an official of the Hamm Brewing Co., received a telephone call less than two hours after the kidnaping during which an anonymous person told how "we have Mr. Hamm" and advised him that Mr. Hamm was being held for \$100,000 ransom.

Mr. Dunn was instructed to make up the ransom money in denominations of \$50 and 20 bills, and additional instructions were given for delivery of the money.

On June 16, Mr. Dunn received a telephone call at 1:30 a. m., warning him against telling police of the telephonic communications.

Mr. Dunn shortly thereafter received detailed instructions for delivery of the money, together with a warning that if instructions were not followed out the ransom would be increased to \$150,000.

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# HAMM KIDNAP

# GANG SEIZED

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Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

## G-Men Seize Karpis Trio as Brewer Victim Identifies Hideout

WASHINGTON (AP)—J. Edgar Hoover announced today arrest of three men in connection with the kidnaping of William A. Hamm Jr., St. Paul, Minn., brewer.

"I think we've solved the Hamm kidnaping at last," he told reporters.

The director of the federal bureau of investigation said the Hamm kidnaping involved "the same gang" as the kidnaping of Edward Bremer, in which the Barker-Karpis gang was involved.

Those arrested were named as Charles J. Fitzgerald, Jack Pfeiffer and Edward C. Bartholmey, postmaster at Bensonville, Ill.

All suspects are now in St. Paul or en route there, Hoover said.

Also involved in the Hamm case, he announced, are Byron Bolton, now in jail at St. Paul for the Bremer kidnaping; Elmer Farmer, also convicted in the Bremer case; Arthur "Doc" Barker, serving sentence in Alcatraz island (Cal.) penitentiary; Fred Barker, killed by federal agents in a battle at Oklawaha, Fla., last year, and Alvin Karpis, "Public Enemy No. 1," still at large.

Hoover said, "There may be more arrests soon." He added that all those arrested today had been charged under secret warrants on April 11.

The investigation chief said that Mr. Hamm this morning identified the home of Bartholmey as the house in which he was held while the kidnapers awaited payment of \$100,000 ransom which secured his release.

Hamm was kidnaped about 12:45 p. m. Thursday, June 15, 1933, immediately after he had departed from his office in the Theodore Hamm Brewing Co. for luncheon.

He was taken to a hideout, where he was held until June 19, 1933.

He was released at a point near Wyoming, Minn., after payment of the ransom. Hamm was president of the brewing company.

# G-Men Nab Campbell, Last of Karpis Gang

## Wife, 19, and Hench- man Also Seized— Hoover Leads Raid

CLEVELAND, May 7 (AP).—Harry Campbell, thirty-six, limping pal of Alvin Karpis, erstwhile "public enemy No. 1," and two others fell into a G-men's trap at Toledo, Ohio, at dawn today and was captured like his gangland leader a week ago in New Orleans without the firing of a shot.

The capture was personally made by J. Edgar Hoover and a squad of Bureau of Investigation agents. Announcement of the capture was made by Hoover here, who flew to Cleveland after the trio had been apprehended.

Hoover said Campbell already was on his way to St. Paul by plane to face kidnaping charges in the Edward Bremer abduction case.

Taken with Campbell, Hoover said, was a nineteen-year-old girl, who claimed to be Campbell's wife. In a simultaneous raid on another apartment, Federal agents seized Sam Cokar, described by Hoover as a minor figure in the decimated Karpis gang.

Hoover disclosed that he flew to



Associated Press Photo  
**HARRY CAMPBELL**

Toledo from Washington last night and directed Campbell's capture. The G-men's chief also led in the capture of Karpis. He declined to

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say how many agents participated.

Hoover did not disclose the source of information which led to Campbell's apprehension.

Federal men denied that John Brock of Tulsa, Okla., in jail here charged with participating in a \$46,000 Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery, for which Karpis and Campbell were wanted, provided the "tip."

### Agents Lay Trap

Federal men surrounded the Toledo apartment building during the night, Hoover said.

Some were posted inside the lobby.

The agents rushed Campbell shortly after dawn as he and the girl left from the building.

"Campbell showed a little resistance," Hoover said. He intimated the fugitive attempted to reach a .45 caliber revolver found on his person.

The gangster had six clips of shells in his possession.

"This is the last of the ringleaders of the Karpis gang," Hoover asserted. He added that the Government would continue its hunt for persons who aided the fugitives.

Hoover said the girl claimed she married Campbell under his alias of Eob Miller at Bowling Green, Ohio, in May, 1935.

Cokar, he said, is wanted by Oklahoma authorities as a parole violator. He was sentenced to serve thirty years for bank robbery.

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# Plane Leaves Kansas City; Armed G-Men At Airport

## Public Enemy No. 1 Nabbed By J. Ed- ger Hoover And Aids At New Or- leans In Hamm Kidnaping— Head G - Man Bringing Gangster To St. Paul In Irons.

### CAPTIVE

#### Long Karpis Hunt Ends



Alvin Karpis is on another trip to St. Paul, but this time he has no kidnaping in mind. J. Edgar Hoover, chief G-sleuth, and a squad of agents are guarding him on a plane that is expected momentarily.

WASHINGTON, May 2. (UP)—Department of justice agents are taking Alvin Karpis to St. Paul and will arrive "sometime before noon," it was announced today.

Justice department officials said that disposition of Karpis "is up to J. Edgar Hoover," director of the department, who is in charge of the airplane party accompanying the desperado.

Anxiously scanning the skies, more than 30 men—and several women—roamed nervously about the ground and buildings of the municipal airport for hours this morning, waiting the arrival of the nation's ex-Public Enemy No. 1, Alvin Karpis.

Six cars filled with federal agent headed by C. W. Stein, agent in charge of the St. Paul office, were parked near the municipal hangar.

Armed with sub machine guns, automatic rifles, shotguns, and pistols, the G-men were ready to provide an escort for Karpis from the flying field to the federal court building where he will be arraigned for the Hamm kidnaping. They were taking no chances on any "outlet interference" providing the long-sought gangster and killer with possible means of escape.

The balance of the waiters consisted of newspaper reporters and photographers.

#### Plane Leaves Kansas City

Many had been there since shortly after 2 a. m., at which hour the earliest dispatches indicated the giant plane carrying Karpis and J. Edgar Hoover, No. 1 G-Man, and other guards, would arrive.

As later reports were received the waiters became nervous and "jumpy."

Finally, at 7 a. m., apparently authentic reports were received that the plane—"lost" for hours through the determination of the federal government to shroud its moves in protective secrecy, had left Kansas City at 5:30 a. m. bound for St. Paul, but that bad weather might slow the trip and even force a landing between ports.

Then some of the federal agents and some of the newspapermen went to breakfast.

Hoover, who commanding the 20 federal agents who captured Karpis, had a number of choices as to the captive's ultimate disposition. He is under indictment in West Plains, Mo., for the murder of a sheriff and in St. Paul for the Hamm and Bremer kidnapings. In the Hamm case a number of his associates already have been convicted and the government's case against him

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there is considered "air-tight." Hoover accompanied his agents and their prisoner on the quick, dramatic dash northward. He was jubilant at the newest coup of his department in its war on kidnapers and interstate gangsters. Karpis, public enemy No. 1 on the G-men's list for over a year, with a \$7,000 reward on his head, had joined notorious company. The G-men had "got" Machine Gun Kelly, Harvey Bailey, John Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson, "Ma" Barker and her infamous sons—some dead and some alive—and they had him.

#### Traced To Apartment.

Through mysterious channels, the G-men learned Thursday that the man they wanted, who had been a phantom to them since Jan. 1, 1935, when he shot his way out of a trap at Atlantic City, was living in an apartment house on Canal st. in New Orleans.

Early Friday, the department of justice chartered a twin-motored Douglas transport plane from the Transcontinental and Western Air at Newark, N. J., airport. Hoover, who was in New York when the information was received, flew in to Washington, where several of his lieutenants joined him. The plane then proceeded to New Orleans, arriving only a short time before the capture.

#### 20 Agents Assembled.

Meanwhile, orders had gone to G-men stationed in cities near New Orleans and when Hoover arrived 20 agents, armed with sawed-off shotguns, revolvers and submachine guns, were assembled in the department of justice offices in the federal building there.

Little time was wasted. Hoover gave each man an assignment. Then all got into several cars and approached the apartment building from several directions. Each agent took up his pre-arranged post, under cover but instantly available.

#### Surrounded And Pinned.

Less than an hour after the trap was set, Karpis came strolling out and crossed the sidewalk to his automobile at the curb. In a flash, G-men surrounded him and had his arms pinned to his side. He couldn't have resisted if he had wanted.

Other agents went to action at once. They went to the Karpis apartment and, after a struggle, arrested a handsome 22-year-old girl, whose identity the agents still are concealing, and Fred Hunter, a suspected bank robber.

Karpis and the girl had lived in

the apartment as Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Hara since April 10, when Karpis is believed to have first come to New Orleans. Karpis had made at least two mysterious automobile trips since then. Returning from one, he was accompanied by Hunter. Federal men believe that he had gone to a distant city, and, with Hunter, participated in a hold-up. Federal agents suspected him of using New Orleans as a base for a number of robberies.

Federal agents, as usual, kept secret the source of the information that led to Karpis' arrest, but it was said authoritatively that a gossipy automobile salesman, Clarence Pucheu, known to his clients and friends as "Duke," had set afloat rumors that reached the G-men.

Rumors circulated that a Karpis woman tipped off the federal agents for the \$7,000 reward, but these, like scores of others, were without the least confirmation.

Soon after Karpis arrived in New Orleans, he went to the automobile agency where Pucheu is employed. Pucheu met him at the door.

#### Flashes Large Roll.

"Let's don't talk here," said Karpis, casting an apprehensive glance at the big plate glass windows looking into the street.

Pucheu took his strange customer to a back room, where Karpis asked the price of a Plymouth sedan. Pucheu told him.

"All right," said Karpis, "I'll buy one."

He began peeling \$100 bills from a large roll.

Pucheu thought that strange. A few days later, his customer had the car serviced for "a trip." Less than a week later, Karpis returned the car for another servicing. Pucheu glanced at the speedometer and saw that Karpis had driven almost 2,000 miles.

#### "Fastest Worker" In U. S.

"My," he said, "but you're a fast worker."

"I'm the fastest worker in the United States," said Karpis.

Pucheu thought that even more strange. He talked about his customer to his wife. She suggested that maybe he was a gangster. They talked about the better known gangsters, and one or the other suggested that maybe he was Karpis.

They talked about it with their friends and relatives. One night

while out driving, they saw the Plymouth parked in front of the Canal st. apartment house, and they told their friends that the man they believed was Karpis was living on Canal st.

"Why don't you tip off the G-men and get that reward, Duke?" said Mrs. Pucheu.

"I think I will."

#### Rumors Spread Through City.

But Pucheu procrastinated. Meanwhile, his gossip had resulted in rumors that spread all over New Orleans. As early as Monday, persons strangers to the Pucheus and their circle of friends, had heard that Karpis was in the city.

Thursday the report reached the G-men. Friday afternoon, Karpis was taken into custody.

So fast and secretly did the G-men work that many of a Karpis neighbors in his apartment house hideout knew nothing about it until hours later. A half hour before the capture, a woman living on the ground floor looked out her window and saw a federal agent standing behind a tree, a submachine gun in the crook of his arm.

"Who are you?" she asked, leaning out the window.

"Stick your head back in the house, lady," he said, "or you're likely to get hurt."

#### Neighbors Indignant.

New Orleans police knew nothing of the trap. Excited neighbors telephoned them when it was sprung. They were indignant that the federal men had invaded their bailiwick without even a "by-your-leave."

An hour after a Karpis was taken to the department of justice's New Orleans headquarters, newspapers re-

ceived a telephone call. A voice for "an announcement." The wanted them to send reporters over. Reporters found Hoover, whom no one had known was in town, sitting at the desk of Chief New Orleans Agent McGee.

Smiling slightly, Hoover said:

#### Gives Out News:

"Gentlemen, I would like to announce for the government that Alvin Karpis, your so-called public enemy No. 1, has been arrested by agents of the department of justice investigation department in an apartment on the first floor of a house at 3343 Canal st., this city."

"Of course," he added, "he never been our public enemy No. 1."

He then handed each reporter a mimeographed sheet containing Karpis' complete ~~criminal~~ history.

He was subjected to close questioning, but most of his answers were evasive. He said the federal agents had known "for two months" that Karpis had been "in and out of New Orleans." Hunter, he said, while not as well known as Karpis, was a desperate criminal and had participated, with Karpis, in the Garrettsville, O., mail robbery.

While Hoover said Karpis had not been his department's "public enemy No. 1" he had, nevertheless, been sought with every energy the department could bring to bear for two years.

#### \$7,000 In Rewards.

The department had offered \$5,000 reward for information leading to his capture, the highest of its two outstanding reward offers. The postoffice department had offered \$2,000. Harry Campbell, Karpis' companion in many crimes and in

the Atlantic City coup when they shot themselves out of a trap, had a reward of \$2,500 on his head.

Two other men are wanted badly by the department of justice—the last survivors of what once was a sizeable list of big time criminals. These are Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., kidnaper of Alice Speed Stoll and William Mahan, kidnaper of young George Weyerhaeuser. But there is no reward out for either.

#### Started As Petty Thief.

Karpis began his career as a petty thief, and was initiated into the big time criminal world in 1931, after his escape from the Kansas state penitentiary at Lansing, by the Barkers, Arthur and Fred. He soon became joint leader of the mob and with it is alleged to have participated in the kidnappings of William Hamm and Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul brewers.

Arthur Barker and ~~his~~ mother, Kate, were killed by G-men in Florida in January, 1935. Karpis had been in their hideout a few hours before the raid, and fled northward with Campbell to Atlantic City, where the unsuccessful trap was set for them several weeks later.

Fred Barker was captured meanwhile, was convicted with a number of associates of the Bremer kidnaping, and is now serving a life term.

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Hoover "Gels" His Man



J. Edgar Hoover, G-chief, has finally nabbed the elusive public enemy No. 1 and is bringing him to St. Paul aboard a plane. Karpis was arrested at New Orleans late Friday.

## Hunt For Campbell "Hot," G-Men Say;

### 2 Of Gang Uncaught

CLEVELAND, May 2.—(UP)—The search for Harry Campbell, suspected partner of Alvin Karpis in the \$46,000 Garrettsville, O., mail train robbery, is "hot" and his arrest is imminent, Postoffice Inspector Sylvester Hettrick announced today.

John Brock, the "mystery man" brought here two days ago and also charged with participating in the robbery, was captured in Tulsa, Okla., Campbell's home town, Hettrick said. Brock has sworn an affidavit that Karpis and Campbell were the Garrettsville holdup leaders.

Only two alleged members of the gang which engineered the holdup last Nov. 7 in wild west fashion remain uncaught. They are Campbell and a man known only as Sam. Fred Hunter, the fifth suspect, was arrested in Karpis' hideout in New Orleans.

## Landlady Believed To Have Betrayed Karpis

NEW ORLEANS, May 2.—(UP)—Mrs. John Meyer, who rented Alvin Karpis an apartment April 10, and Clarence (Duke) Pucheu, the salesman who sold him an automobile, are related by marriage, the United Press learned today in seeking the means whereby Federal agents located Karpis' hideout here Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Meyer's daughter is Pucheu's wife. Both she and her son-in-law denied that they had told department of justice agents where they could find the nation's most wanted man.

A week ago, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the department of justice's bureau of investigation, renewed the department's reward of \$5,000 for Karpis' capture and promised strict anonymity to tipsters. Hoover and his subordinates had not one word to say as to the source of their information.

Mrs. Meyer said today that she could hardly believe her tenant was the notorious criminal. Pucheu said he was not in the least surprised; that, in fact, he had suspected his true identity right along, had intended telling the department of justice about his suspicions, but had procrastinated.

Was "Nice Boy."

"I used to be a government man myself," he said.

Mrs. Meyer rents light housekeeping flats in the 3000 block of Canal st., a middle class and respectable district. On April 10 a young man accompanied by a young woman who he said was his wife rented one of her apartments.

"He was such a nice boy," Mrs. Meyer said. "So kind, so polite. I can't believe it."

The young man, who said he was Mr. O'Hara told her he wanted to buy an automobile. Mrs. Meyer said

her son-in-law was an automobile salesman and he went to Pucheu.

Pucheu, known as "The Duke" for his elegant dress and manners, and joviousness, thought his customer strange from the minute he saw him, he said. O'Hara (Karpis) disliked standing in front of windows while talking, paid for his car in \$100 bills and took long, mysterious trips that the speedometer of his car indicated had been made at breakneck speed.

"My wife and I talked it over," Pucheu said. "We decided he was a gangster, all right."

Mrs. Meyer, meanwhile, was finding her tenant very well mannered. There was a cupboard in her apartment for which she had lost the key and Karpis was delighted to do her the service of prying it open. Thursday morning Karpis again exhibited his courtesy.

Two Mysterious Women.

Mrs. Meyer knocked on the door of his apartment, said she wanted to sell the dining room set that was a part of the furnishings, and would he mind if two prospective purchasers came in to look at it.

Two women entered, following Mrs. Meyer. In going to the dining room they had adequate opportunity to inspect the entire apartment, the arrangement of rooms, of furniture, the nature of the personal possessions of the tenants.

Soon thereafter, Hoover chartered a plane in New York and flew to New Orleans by way of Washington. Friday afternoon he and his agents captured Karpis.

In addition to the \$5,000 reward from the department of justice, the postoffice department has a \$2,000 reward outstanding for Karpis for his alleged participation in a mail robbery at Garrettsville, O. Both rewards are for "information leading to the apprehension of" and do not require conviction before being paid.