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Shivering in his light clothes, so adaptable to a gentleman rolling in warm New Orleans, Alvin Karpis, kidnaper and bank robber, is shown as G-Men rushed him to jail in St. Paul. The man who boasted he would never be taken alive was taken without a struggle.

## U. S. HOLDS KARPIS FOR KIDNAP TRIAL

Indictment Rushed as St. Paul  
Prosecutor Acts in Fatal  
Bank Robbery

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

U. S. District Attorney Sullivan said Karpis would be arraigned on four kidnaping and conspiracy counts in the Hamm and Bremer kidnapings. The time has not been set, he said, but it will be soon. The maximum penalty for kidnaping is life imprisonment.

### Seek Money Fences

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

While Karpis was held in the Federal Building, Minneapolis authorities prepared to have the outlaw indicted for murder and bank robbery. The charges were based on Karpis's participation in the hold-up of the Third Northwestern National Bank in 1932, when two policemen and a motorist were slain.

### Sheriff's Murder

Karpis may also be tried for the slaying of Sheriff C. R. Kelley of West Plains, Mo., in 1931.



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# G-Men Land Karpis in St. Paul



## G-MAJOR GOES MEEKLY WITH G MEN

St. Paul, May 2.—(AP Wirephoto)—Alvin Karpis, captured yesterday in New Orleans, is shown here on his arrival in St. Paul today. Federal agents armed with "Tommy" guns surround the desperado as he is taken into the Department of Justice office. Karpis often told friends, "They'll never get me alive," but he surrendered meekly without firing a shot when agents caught him last night. He was flown, heavily chained, to St. Paul today.

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## Outlaw Shaking Badly as He Is Rushed From Plane

### ARMED CONVOY LED BY J. EDGAR HOOVER

### Desperado Trapped at New Orleans Faces Many Charges

#### Hoover Reveals Karpis Had His Face Lifted

St. Paul, May 2.—(AP)—Alvin Karpis was "scared to death" when Federal agents seized him in New Orleans, J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Department of Investigation, who led the capture, revealed when Karpis was brought to this city today.

Mr. Hoover 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.

St. Paul, Minn., May 2.—(UP)—Shackled hand and foot, Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, was flown to St. Paul today in an airliner chartered by G men.

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

Long delayed, the big airplane slid into the airport at 8:45 A. M., and roared directly into the hangar of the 109th U. S. Air Squadron.

The doors slammed shut and newsmen as well as spectators were barred.

#### Hoover Aboard Plane

A dozen G men 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 sixteen hours after the capture in New Orleans, Karpis was returned to the city where allegedly he engineered two of the Nation's most sensational kidnappings, those of Hamm and Edward G. Bremer.

Ten minutes after the airliner slid into the army hangar, Karpis was at Department of Justice headquarters.

He will be locked in the "escape-

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proof" cell at County Jail once occupied by Doc Barker. Tommy Touhy, Volney Davis, Willie Davis and others of the Barker-Karpis gang.

#### Campbell Still at Large

Karpis is the last of the Barker-Karpis mob, although his recent associate, Harry Campbell, still is at large.

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.

The giant TWA plane City of Indianapolis which brought Karpis here was wheeled into a closed hangar before the prisoner was removed. A dozen local department operatives, carrying sub-machine guns and sawed-off shotguns, formed a cordon around the plane door as Karpis was led out.

Both Karpis' hands were tightly manacled. He looked out for a minute at the spacious hangar, then stepped down the ladder. He was handcuffed to an agent. Karpis appeared to be extremely nervous and shaking badly.

His return to St. Paul was in contrast to the last time he was here—two years ago. Then the Barker-Karpis gang was fleeing after looting the Sioux Falls (S. D.) Bank. The mob of desperadoes were in their hey-day.

Returning today, Karpis, the most-hunted fugitive since the days of John Dillinger, was the central figure in the chapter of the melodramatic saga of the mad band of machine-gun killers.

Karpis was loaded into one of five automobiles provided by local agents. He was placed in the back seat between two heavily armed operatives. With two cars preceding and two following, the cavalcade dashed to the Federal Department of Justice Offices.

Hoover directed Karpis' removal from the plane.

E. J. Connolly, head of the department's "kidnap squad," also was on the plane. He came from Cincinnati.

The ship was scheduled to have arrived here early this morning, but it was delayed five hours by strong headwinds north of St. Louis.

At the department offices, Karpis was to be subjected to immediate questioning concerning the \$200,000 Bremer abduction and the \$100,000 Hamm kidnapping.

Through mysterious channels, the G men learned Thursday that the man they wanted, who had been a phantom to them since January 1, 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.

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 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.

Meanwhile, orders had gone to G men stationed in cities near New Orleans, and when Hoover arrived twenty 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.

#### No Chance of Resistance

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.

Other agents at once went to the Karpis apartment and, after a struggle, arrested a pretty 22-year-old girl, whose identity the agents are concealing, and Fred Hunter, a suspected bank and train 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.

The 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.

Rumors also circulated that Karpis' woman tipped off the Federal agents for the \$7000 reward, but these, like scores of others, were without the least confirmation.

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NEW ORLEANS, SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1936

## ALVIN KARPIS CAUGHT HERE

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# KARPIS IS TRAPPED BY FEDERAL MEN HERE

**G-Men Seize Public Enemy  
No. 1 and Mail Robber  
Suspect in Raid on Canal  
Street Apartment**

Alvin Karpis, sought throughout the nation for months by federal agents and known as America's Public Enemy No. 1, was arrested in a swift move late Friday by operatives of the United States bureau of investigations here in the 3300 block of Canal street.

J. Edgar Hoover, Washington, D. C., head of the federal bureau of investigation, in New Orleans for the past three days to supervise the search and apprehension of Karpis, himself made the announcement of the arrest.

Karpis was nabbed as he was about to enter an automobile with a companion, Fred Hunter, 37, with whom he is said to have perpetrated a \$34,000 mail robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, in 1935.

Karpis is under indictment in St. Paul, Minn., for the kidnaping on June 15, 1933, of William A. Hamm, Jr.

Mr. Hoover said that Karpis had been residing for some time in a first-floor apartment at 3343 Canal street, and it was just after he emerged from this apartment, at 5:30 p. m. Friday, that he was taken into custody.

Mr. Hoover also announced that a woman was arrested along with Karpis and Hunter and is being held for questioning. He declined to make public her name.

The arrest of Karpis was made with dramatic ease. Just how many were the agents involved, and what were their names, could not be ascertained. Mr. Hoover and his New Orleans chief representative, David Magee, refused to discuss the case beyond making a brief announcement that the Hamm kidnaping fugitive had been arrested.

There was no shooting as Karpis and Hunter were grabbed by the federal agents, who, according to reports of pedestrians, appeared on the sidewalk in front of the Canal street apartment with sawed-off shotguns just as the two men were about to get into an automobile.

# Suspected Karpis But Delayed Notifying G Men

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## Landlady Sees Public Enemy As Nice, Kind

### Women Inspect Apart- ment Day Before Hoover Charts Plane

By United Press

New Orleans, May 2.—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 Saturday in seeking the means whereby federal agents located Karpis' hide-out 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 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 pro-

Formerly Government Man  
"I used to be a government man myself," he said.

Mrs. Meyer rents "light-hot-seeping" flats in the 3000 block of Canal street, 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 a 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, 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.

"My wife and I talked it over," Pucheu said. "We decided he was a gangster, all right."

### Tenant Well-Mannered

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.

Mrs. Meyer knocked on the door, 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. They had opportunity to inspect the entire apartment, the arrangement of rooms, of furniture, the nature of the personal possessions of the tenants.

The women looked at the dining-room set, said they were afraid it wouldn't do, but would think it over, and left.

Soon thereafter, Hoover chartered a plane in New York and flew to New Orleans by way of Washington.

In addition to the \$5,000 reward, the postoffice department has a \$2,000 reward outstanding for Karpis for his alleged participation in a mail robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio. Both rewards are for "information leading to the apprehension of" and do not require conviction before being paid.—Copyright 1936.

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## Death and Prison Cells Put M



**ALVIN KARPIS**  
Jailed for trial in St. Paul



**JOHN DILLINGER**  
Slain by G men July 22, 1934



**FRED BARKER**  
Slain by G men January 16, 1935

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## Members of Karpis-Barker Gang Out of Circulation



**ARTHUR "DOC" BARKER**  
In Alcatraz prison for life



**HOMER VAN METER**  
Slain by police August 24, 1934



**"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD**  
Slain by G men October 22, 1934



**"BABY FACE" NELSON**  
Killed by police October 22, 1934



# LONG CHASE FINISHED AS G-MEN GET KARPIS IN ORLEANS STREET

Surrenders Without Fight as  
Officers Surround Him  
and Pair

HOOVER LEADS CAPTURERS

Fred Hunter and Woman With  
Desperado

WAS LEAVING APARTMENT

Three Years' Flight Ends for  
Gangster Sought for Kidnap-  
ings and Holdups From Coast  
to Coast

By The Associated Press  
NEW ORLEANS, May 1.—Alvin  
Karpis, one of the last of the no-  
torious public enemies, was cap-  
tured quietly by federal agents here  
today.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
head of the fight which sent John  
Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson and  
other desperadoes to their deaths,  
personally led the squad of 15 or 20  
men which captured Karpis in front  
of an apartment building.

Karpis, under indictment in the  
kidnaping of William A. Hamm, Jr.,  
wealthy St. Paul, Minn., brewer, and  
Edward George Bremer, also of St.  
Paul, was taken into custody with  
Fred Hunter, 37, suspect in the  
\$34,000 Garrettsville, Ohio, mail rob-  
bery, and a woman whose name was  
not revealed.

## Leaving Apartment

Hoover himself made the an-  
nouncement of the capture of the  
three persons as they emerged from  
an apartment building in the 3300  
block of Canal Street, about a half  
mile from the center of the busi-  
ness district.

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

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

The prisoners were taken to an  
unannounced place for questioning  
for about an hour before the an-  
nouncement of their capture was  
made.

## Something Interesting

"I've got something interesting to  
tell you," Hoover said, smiling  
slightly.

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

He didn't say who his

## Karpis Captured



Alvin Karpis

told of the capture which climaxed  
three years' search from coast to  
coast and beyond.

The capture was effected so  
smoothly and quietly that only per-  
sons nearby were aware of the "G  
men's" latest success.

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.

"Hunter," he said, "is not so well  
known as Karpis but he is wanted  
for a postoffice robbery on Nov. 2,  
1935, at Garrettsville, Ohio, in which  
\$34,000 was taken. Karpis was also  
connected with that robbery."

Shortly before 8 p.m. Hoover and  
almost a score of "G-men" left the  
federal postoffice building with  
Karpis and Hunter and sped away  
in two automobiles.

Their move was cloaked in se-  
crecy and Hoover declined to say  
where the men were being taken.

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

"For the past two years."

"But how long in New Orleans?"

## In and Out

"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  
got him sitting in the automobile."

"Was Karpis armed?"

Karpis, wearing a straw hat, shirt  
and trousers, but no coat, was led  
out of the bureau's office in the  
postoffice building between two  
burly "G Men."

## Destination Kept Quiet

Hoover made no announcement  
where Karpis would be taken but  
there were rumors that he would  
either be carried to the Parish Pris-  
on or to the airport.

Edward Hoffman, who lives in  
the house behind the building in  
which Karpis had an apartment,  
said he had rented parking space  
in his yard to the desperado.

"I saw him three times," Hoff-  
man said. "He came up to me, did  
not mention his name, told me he  
stayed in the corner apartment, and  
asked if he could keep the car in  
my yard for a few days because he  
was afraid it would be stolen if  
left in the street."

"I said I guessed it would be all  
right and told him I thought \$3  
would be a fair price. He took the  
bills out of his pocket right then  
and paid me."

"I didn't pay much attention to  
the man, seeing him only a few  
times, and I didn't size him up at  
all. He seemed all right."

John Campbell, janitor of the  
apartment building, said he knew  
Karpis as a mild, pleasant man  
with a slight impediment in his  
speech, and only as "Mr. O'Hara."

Campbell said he had talked to  
him chiefly about fishing.

The janitor said he was burning  
trash near the side of the building  
at the time of the arrest.

"I happened to look up and I saw  
Mr. O'Hara 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."

"There was a man on each side  
of him. One of them had a ma-  
chine gun and the other had a re-  
volver. I walked over toward where  
he was and someone said, 'get back  
there!'"

## Get Karpis First

"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.

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### **Law-Abiding Parents Of Karpis Unmoved**

CHICAGO, May 1. (AP) — John Karpavicz, law abiding father of the nation's No. 1 public enemy, was noncommittal tonight at news of Alvin Karpis' capture in New Orleans.

"Why tell me about it?" he demanded, and that terminated the conversation. His wife, Anna, speaks little English and that brokenly.

Karpis "Old Creepy" to his underworld associates — was born Raymond Karpavicz.

His parents are janitors of a Chicago apartment building. Though they themselves were hardworking parents, their son early turned to petty thievery and graduated from reform school into a career of major crime.

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## GANGSTER WILL SEE BABY SON FOR FIRST TIME

Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, in his prison cell at St. Paul will see his 15-month-old son, Raymond, for the first time next week.

The child has been cared for by Karpis' parents, John and Anna Karpavicz, since his birth a year ago February to Dolores Delaney, 20-year-old gun moll whom Karpis deserted in an Atlantic City hotel. The child of their illicit romance was born in a federal prison where the Delaney girl is serving a five-year term for harboring her lover.

Karpis late yesterday was permitted to telephone his parents at 2842 N. Francisco av.

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## Hide Identity of Red Haired Girl

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

The young woman, in her early twenties, was taken into custody when Karpis and Fred Hunter, were captured yesterday outside their apartment in a pretentious residential section.

Department of Justice agents remaining in New Orleans divided their time between questioning the woman, identified only as "Ruth," 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."

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

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. He was both shackled and chained, hands and feet.

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 early last night.

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

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May 2, 1936

# Karpis' Capture Pleases Doctor Victim of Kidnaping Is Much Relieved

PHILADELPHIA, May 1—(A.P.)—The doctor Alvin Karpis kidnaped in making his escape after shooting his way out of an Atlantic City hotel in January, 1935, was relieved tonight to hear that the No. 1 badman of the Country had been captured.

"It's interesting and a relief to know he's been caught," said Dr. Horace W. Hunsicker, of Allentown, who was forced at pistol point to drive Karpis and a pal across Pennsylvania and into Ohio in making good their escape.

Dr. Hunsicker was stopped by Karpis and Harry Campbell the night after they blasted their way out of the hotel.

They had come up from Florida with two girl friends and stopped in the hotel.

When police knocked on the hotel room door and demanded that it be opened, the two, dressed only in their underclothing, shot their way from the room, leaped into an automobile outside the hotel, and sped westward.

Racing across New Jersey and into Pennsylvania, they abandoned the car there, stopped Dr. Hunsicker as he was driving from Allentown to Philadelphia, and forced him to take them to Medina, O.

There they dumped him, bound and gagged, into a vacant hall, and sped off in his car. He freed himself and notified authorities.

In their flight, Karpis and Campbell left behind the two girls, Dolores Delaney, Karpis' companion, and Winona Burdette, Campbell's friend.

They were brought to Philadelphia, and a month later the Delaney girl gave birth to a boy in a Philadelphia hospital.

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May 4, 1936

## G-Men Seeking Karpis Helpers

### Secret Grilling May Delay Hearing

ST. PAUL, May 3 — (A. P.) — A secret quiz of Alvin Karpis, "Public Enemy No. 1," 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-Baker 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 Federal marshal for arraignment and imprisonment was still undetermined, although Hoover had said that arraignment on the William Hamm kidnaping might come Monday.

#### Only One Remains Free

Of more than two-score persons originally indicted in connection with the kidnapings of Hamm and Edward G. Bremer, members of two of the wealthiest families in the Northwest, only one man remains free—Harry Campbell, lame outlaw last seen with Karpis in Atlantic City.

In addition to the kidnapings, which he is alleged to have engineered, the Federal agents quizzed Karpis on more than a dozen spectacular bank robberies, several mail robberies, and a number of killings.

Missouri officials attempted to have the mobster taken to West Plains, Mo., to stand trial for the killing of Sheriff C. R. Kelley on Dec. 19, 1931. They pointed out that Karpis could be executed on this first-degree murder charge, but probably would escape with a life term for either the Bremer or Hamm kidnapers.

Hennepin County authorities said today that they plan to indict Karpis for a bank robbery in which two policemen and a motorist were killed in Minneapolis in 1932.

#### Decision Up to Cummings

United States Attorney George F. Sullivan said the Government intends to try Karpis for either of the kidnapings. Prosecution on additional charges would be within the discretion of Attorney General Homer Cummings or Hoover.

Indicted with Karpis for the Hamm kidnaping are six others, including four already held in jail here—Edmund C. Bartholmey, former Bensenville (Ill.) acting postmaster; John P. (Jack) Peifer, proprietor of a St. Paul night club; Charles (Big Fitz) Fitzgerald, reputed bank robber and safe cracker, and Byron (Machine Gun) Bolton.

Bolton and Bartholmey waived immunity and appeared before the Federal grand jury which indicted the seven. Both are expected to be star witnesses for the Government at the trial.

#### Gangsters' Love of 'Dolls' Leads to Capture of Karpis

WASHINGTON, May 3—(A. P.)

—The gangster's love of "dolls" led Alvin Karpis into his three closest scrapes with the law.

The red-headed woman who was arrested with Karpis in New Orleans Friday night was only the latest in a string of women he had picked up and dropped during his crime career.

A few weeks earlier, Karpis narrowly escaped from a farmhouse near Hot Springs, Ark., only hours before Federal agents and Post-office inspectors raided it. Agents said a woman was behind his frequent trips to Hot Springs.

But his favorite was probably Dolores Delaney, the pretty girl he met in Harry Sawyer's saloon in St. Paul. Dolores was a "good doll," known in the gang for being tight-lipped. Old Kate (Ma) Barker picked her personally.

Through the hottest part of Karpis' early flight from the law, Dolores Delaney was with him. Early in 1935, with Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette, they were found by police in Atlantic City. J. Karpis and Campbell fled and left the girls.

The men left by automobile and the women by train. They met in Atlantic City, N. J., and were discovered. Karpis and Campbell fled and left the girls.

Dolores and Wynona are both serving five-year sentences in the Federal Reformatory at Milan, Mich., for harboring criminals.

Karpis was married for a short time, but his wife, who won a divorce in Tulsa, Okla., last Nov. 2, said she left him after only a few months of married life, and had not seen him in four years.

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## KARPIS DROOPS UNDER QUIZZING

Public Enemy Faces Hearing on Charge of Kidnaping William Hamm Jr.

By United Press

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 4.—Relentless questioning by Department of Justice officials left Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, pale and shaken today and facing arraignment on a charge of kidnaping William Hamm Jr.

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

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

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

Karpis will be turned over to District Attorney George F. Sullivan this week for arraignment. Federal officials considered his arrest in New Orleans last week coincided "nicely" with plans to try other Hamm suspects in November.

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## KARPIS TO FACE KIDNAP CHARGES

Indictments for Murder and  
Robbery Also Sought in  
Other Cities.

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

George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, said Karpis will be arraigned on four kidnapping and conspiracy counts in the abductions of two St. Paul business leaders, William Hamm, Jr., brewer, and Edward G. Bremer, banker. The maximum penalty for kidnapping is life imprisonment.

Questioning of Karpis continued today as federal agents attempted to learn additional details of the kidnapping plots and the names of other accomplices—particularly the money changers who handled the \$200,000 Hamm ransom.

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

Goff asserted the charges were based on Karpis's participation in the holdup of the Third Northwestern National Bank in Minneapolis in 1932, when two policemen and a motorist were slain by the robbers.

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

Six others were recently indicted with Karpis in the Hamm case.

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## 'DAMNED SCARED' KARPIS BROUGHT BACK TO ST. PAUL

Officials Not Certain  
Which Charge To  
Be Pressed

ST. PAUL — (AP)— Alvin Karpis, leader of the gang charged with carrying out two of the nation's major kidnappings was returned Saturday to the scene of those crimes after being seized Friday night in a bloodless Department of Justice coup in New Orleans.

Karpis, the nation's most sought criminal, had boasted he "wouldn't be taken alive," but J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Department of Justice Bureau of Investigation, who led the capture and accompanied the prisoner here, said Karpis was "so damned scared he couldn't talk." Not a shot was fired by the heavily armed agents who ended the search for Karpis.

### Sleepless Trip

Karpis was brought here by Hoover and eight federal agents on a nine and a half hour sleepless airplane trip marked by detours and hazardous flying weather. Shackled with heavy chains on the long ride,

Karpis was rushed under heavy guard to the federal building immediately upon arrival and held there for questioning.

Hoover left early Saturday afternoon by plane for New York. When his chartered ship paused briefly at Chicago, he announced:

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

Rewards totalling \$8,000 had been offered for the apprehension and conviction of the gang leader.

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

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, 15 bank robberies, three or four mail holdups and complicity in the slaying of "three or four other fellows."

Postal authorities indicated they would like to try Karpis for the \$46,000 mail train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, last November 7, 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.

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# Karpis Aids Hunted Here

## Mop-up Drive Due Soon for Twin Cities

Early Arrests Expected—  
Desperado Undergoes  
All-Day Grilling

Pictures and More News  
of Karpis on Page

A roundup of Minneapolis and St. Paul men on charges of aiding, abetting and harboring members of the Karpis-Barker gang in the heyday of their power is momentarily expected as a result of the capture of Alvin Karpis, leader of the mob.

This was the trend of reports circulating in the old St. Paul federal building Saturday night following the all-day session at which Karpis was grilled by department of justice agents who brought him here from New Orleans.

Continuing far into the night, the G-men questioned Karpis in shifts.

### Seek Karpis Aids

Minneapolis and St. Paul men, some of them said to be "legitimate" are being drawn into the web of evidence now being spun around the surviving members of the old desperado mob. Twin City men, it is said, aided the gang in its marauding forays into this district—from these the federal government will exact the full penalty of the law.

Several "hot tips" have been developed within the last few days, it was learned from a reliable source. Others are being involved in the operations of Karpis and his mobsters, federal sources said, and the G-men intend to round them up, bring them to trial and send them off to prison if they can obtain convictions.

### Questioned All Day

Karpis, wanted for the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., and Edward G. Bremer, as well as for murder and robbery in other sections, was questioned all day in the Federal building, St. Paul. Some of the time J. Edgar Hoover, national chief of the G-men, was present. Mr. Hoover led the agents who made the arrest in New Orleans and supervised the trip north bringing Karpis to St. Paul.

"We intend to make arrests and press prosecution wherever we can

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## Karpis Aids Are Hunted in Twin Cities

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uncover evidence against anyone who aided or abetted the Karpis-Barker gang," Mr. Hoover declared last Saturday before boarding a plane to return east.

### Hoover Well Satisfied

Apparently well-satisfied with the past 24 hours' work, the national G man chieftain indicated his men still have much work to do before they write finis to the case.

Even after Mr. Hoover left town, Karpis remained in the department of justice office being questioned by agents. What he was saying, if anything, remained a mystery. Federal men declined to discuss the case, saying that all announcements must come from Mr. Hoover.

But other sources of information were positive that Twin City men face arrest. They pointed out that Karpis and his gang made the Twin City area their grounds on several occasions and for considerable periods of time. This indicated, they said, that Karpis and the Barkers had "connections" here.

The G men, it is known, have waged relentless war against all persons who have had connections with the nation's major gangsters. Proceeding on the theory that followers, friends and accessories are the persons who make gang operations possible, the department of justice has made "mop-up" campaigns in its campaigns.

### Karpis Lived Near Here

Karpis and the Barkers, "Doc," "Ma" and Fred, lived in and around the Twin Cities on several forays here. At one time they lived near South St. Paul, and on another occasion they are reported to have had a summer cottage at Bald Eagle lake. The Twin City men are said to have become involved with the gang at these times.

Under heavy guard, Karpis was brought to the Twin Cities early Saturday, whisked away to the federal building, and kept there throughout the day. It was believed he would be taken to the Ramsey county jail when agents were through with him.

Karpis, along with Jack Peifer, St. Paul gambler; Charles "the Greeter" Fitzgerald, former convict, and Edmond Bartholmey, Bensenville, Ill., postmaster, was indicted in St. Paul by a federal grand jury about 10 days ago. They were named with a number of other persons who are either in prison or dead.

### Karpis Under Indictment

The country's most hunted criminal may face a federal judge tomorrow for arraignment on four counts, two of conspiracy and two of kidnaping in the Hamm and the Bremer cases. He is under indictment for both.

George F. Sullivan, district attorney for Minnesota, announced he is ready to start court proceedings as soon as the G-men are through questioning the gangster.

Meanwhile, the nation's crime fighting forces were redoubling their efforts all over the country to bring Harry Campbell, Karpis' chief lieutenant, to bay.

Campbell's whereabouts probably was one of the biggest points in the questioning at the federal building Saturday.

### CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA ALSO MAY TAKE ACTION

By United Press

San Francisco, May 2.—A federal grand jury will be asked to return indictments against a group of persons in California and Nevada suspected of harboring Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, captured in New Orleans, reliable sources revealed Saturday.

Several persons in Auburn, Calif., have identified Karpis as a man seen in that vicinity several times in 1934.

Authoritative sources also revealed that Karpis, under the name of "Burns," lived in Reno in 1932.

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**Karpis Captured in New Orleans  
by G-Men Led by Hoover Himself;  
Detroit Bank Robbers Elude Trap**



—Associated Press Photo.  
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# U.S. Public Enemy No. 1 Seized Without Gunplay

## Desperado Rushed Away in Plane; Second Fugitive and Bandit's 'Wife' Are Left Behind

NEW ORLEANS, May 1—America's Public Enemy No. 1 was captured here tonight by the Nation's G-Man No. 1.

With two companions, a man and a woman, the long-sought Alvin Karpis surrendered without the firing of a shot to a squad of between 15 and 20 officers headed by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice.

Karpis, under indictment in the kidnappings of William A. Hamm, Jr., wealthy St. Paul (Minn.) brewer, and Edward George Bremer, also of St. Paul, and linked to many other crimes, was taken into custody along with Fred Hunter, 37 years old, suspect in the \$34,000 Garrettsville (Ohio) mail car robbery, and a woman whose full name was not revealed.

Hoover himself made the announcement that the three were captured as they emerged from an apartment building in the 3300 block of Canal St., about a half mile from the center of the business district.

"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."

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

**Believed Headed for St. Paul**

It was considered likely, however, that Karpis was being taken to St. Paul to face the kidnapping charges.

Karpis was wanted also in connection with the murder of Sheriff C. R. Kelley, of West Plains, Mo., and the sheriff there put in a claim for him only a few minutes after his capture.

Hoover's personal part in the arrest of Karpis evened a score between the chief of the Federal

Hoover confirmed reports last summer that he had received a death threat from Karpis, sent from an Ohio town. Hoover said that the threat message had been checked and that he was convinced it had come from the notorious bank robber and kidnaper.

"I've got something interesting to tell you," Hoover said, smiling slightly, in announcing the capture.

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

He didn't say who his department's first enemy was.

Then, in the briefest sort of statement, clipping his words short, he told of the capture which climaxed a three-year search from coast to coast, extending even to Cuba.

### Few Know of Capture

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

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 seized and hurried away.

"Hunter," Hoover said, "is not so well known as Karpis, but he is wanted for the mail car robbery on Nov. 2, 1935, at Garrettsville, O."

**The Career that Made Karpis  
Public Enemy No. 1... Page 5**

in which \$34,000 was taken. Karpis also was connected with that robbery.

"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 got him sitting in the automobile."

"Was Karpis armed?"

"Yes, he had a gun."

### Both Heavily Shackled

Shackles, he said, were placed on the hands and feet of Karpis and the shackles then bound together. He and the others were taken to the Post Office Building. Karpis and Hunter, likewise bound, had to be carried by agents.

Within the past two weeks, the Justice Department placed a \$5,000 price upon Karpis' head, and added a \$2,500 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. Campbell escaped the raid today.

Karpis had been living at the apartment with the woman, who was about 21 years old, pretty and red-haired, and known only as "Ruth." Hunter visited them nightly, neighbors said.

They described Karpis as a mild, pleasant man with a slight im-

### Three Are in Line to Get Karpis' Title

WASHINGTON, May 1—(A. P.)—With the capture of Alvin Karpis, three men were in line tonight for successor to the unenviable title of Public Enemy No. 1. They are:

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

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

Harry Campbell, thirty-six-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.

pediment in his speech who was interested in fishing.

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

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

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

"I happened to look up and I saw Mr. O'Hara 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.

"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!'"

Karpis was the first person arrested, the janitor said.

Addison Cole, seventeen-year-old high school student, who lives in the apartment, said that he saw the arrest when he got off a street car this afternoon. He said a man wearing a straw hat, glasses and wash trousers (later identified as Hunter) walking across the sidewalk.

### Karpis Shows Resistance

"A woman," Cole said, "was walking behind him. One man was walking on each side of him and another man accompanied the woman. At the same time a third prisoner (Karpis) was being put into an automobile by a couple of Government men. He seemed to be resisting to some extent.

"The G-men left with the three prisoners and six more Government men remained hidden behind a hedge, one with a sawed-off shotgun, one with an automatic rifle and the rest with pistols.

"I saw one man kicking at a side door. Some others were hustling the crowds away. Finally, one of the men sent for the janitor to open the side door. I went to enter the back door and a man stopped me and searched a bundle I had under my arm. Then he let me go in. I went inside and there was another man in the janitor's room."

Federal agents were posted in the apartment house tonight.

### Mail Car Raid Accomplish Kept Ignorant of Capture

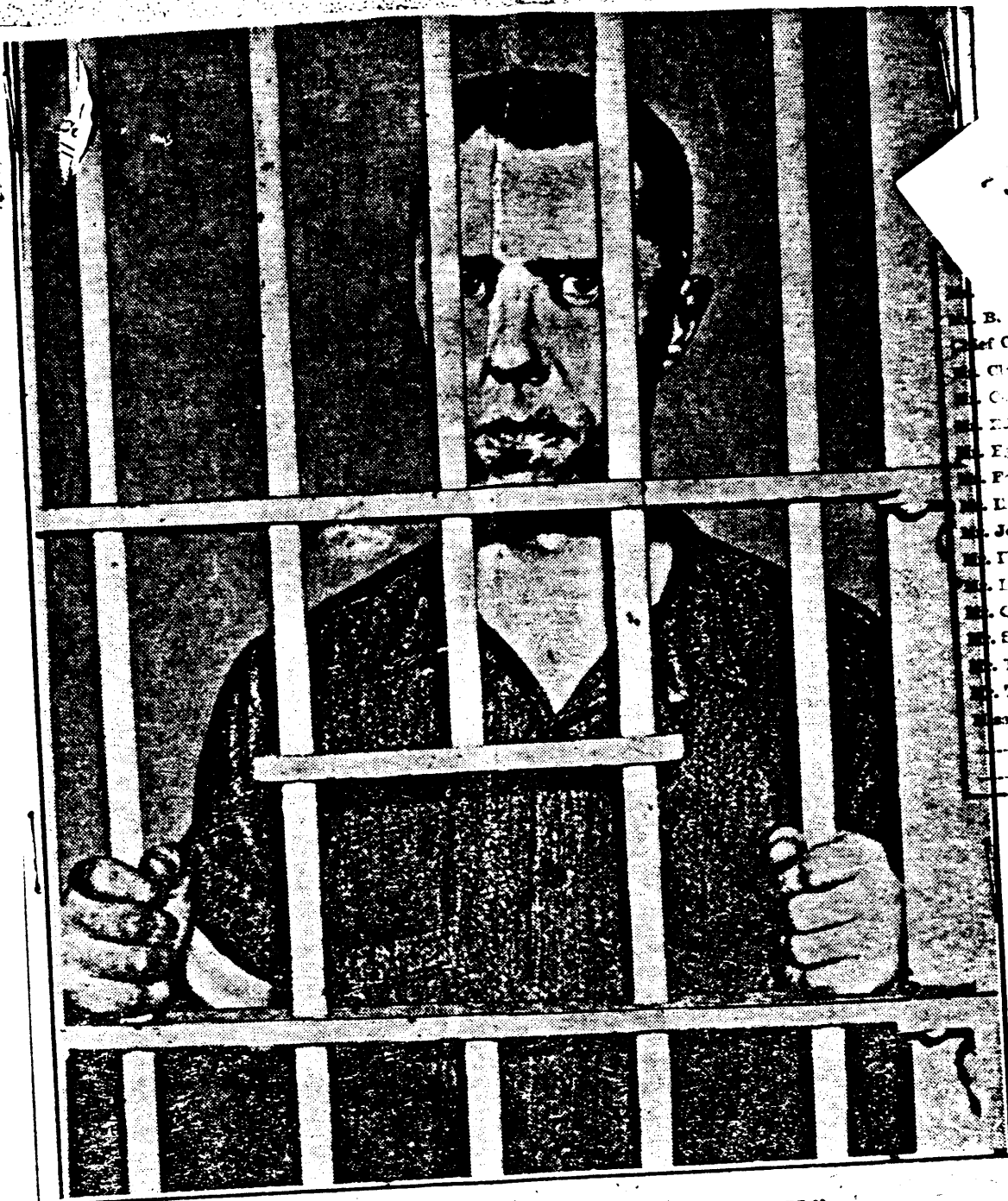
CLEVELAND, May 1—(A. P.)—John Brock, 34, years old, of Tulsa, Okla., was ignorant tonight of the capture of Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter, two of his alleged companions in the robbery of the mail car of an Erie train last Nov. 7 at Garrettsville, O.

Brock was held incommunicado in County Jail after pleading innocent to the charges yesterday at Youngstown, O.

Postal inspectors named Brock and four others in warrants Monday as participants in the \$46,000 robbery. The others were Karpis, Hunter, Harry Campbell and John Doe, alias Sam, whose last name is unknown.

Brock was arrested recently near Youngstown. He was believed to have given information which caused issuance of the warrants against the Karpis gang.





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ALVIN KARPIS IN VIRTUAL "SOLITARY."  
—International News photo.

## Former Public Enemy Isolated in Jail

ST. PAUL, May 7.—(AP)—Alvin Karpis, single occupant of a cell tier in the Ramsey County jail, whiled away his time today with a deck of cards—unaware his pal and fellow gangster, Harry Campbell, had been captured.

While not officially in solitary confinement, the effect was the same for the leader of the mob accused of the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer and the \$100,000 abduction of William Hamm.

### G-MEN GUARD CELL.

The only persons he sees are

the machine-gun armed federal agents, who guard his cell in squads of three twenty-four hours a day.

When taken to the jail from the federal building late Wednesday, newspapers and magazines were denied him.

Sheriff Thomas J. Gibbons said Karpis showed a real appetite for the three meals served him. His breakfast today consisted of oatmeal, bread and coffee.

At noon he dined on Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, boiled cabbage, prunes, bread and tea.

### HE SLEEPS 'WELL.'

Karpis thus far has taken his confinement philosophically, Gibbons said, and enjoyed a good night's sleep last night.

Department of Justice operatives refused comment on the possibility of Campbell's capture might have resulted from information obtained from Karpis.

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# Lenient Judge Started Karpis On His Career

**Desperado Won Family  
Only After Being  
Paroled in 1931.**

Like many another modern desperado, Alvin Karpis made a "name" for himself after being paroled. His most spectacular crimes—the murder of a sheriff, two major kidnappings and a long list of bank robberies—were committed in a period when, had not a kindly judge interfered, Karpis would have been in a penitentiary.

Perhaps the judge was thinking about Karpis' youth; perhaps he could not believe that the tall, pathetically thin young man with the blue eyes and the pale face was as bad as the Oklahoma police made him out to be. At any rate, the judge did not think Karpis ought to serve four years to which a jury in his own court had sentenced him, and so he placed him on parole.

That was in the fall of 1931. A month later Karpis had committed a murder and was well started on the riotous career that was to make him Public Enemy No. 1 in a country where there was plenty of competition.

Karpis, whose real name was Raymond Karpavicz, was born August 10, 1909, in Montreal, Canada, of Lithuanian parents. The family moved to the United States when he was a small boy.

## First Arrested at 16.

He was first arrested in Topeka, Kans., when he was 16. The charge was stealing automobile tires. For that offense, he was committed to the State industrial reformatory at Hutchinson for 10 years. There he met Lawrence Devol, and the two became fast friends. Three years after Karpis entered the institution, he and Devol—also known as Larry Barton—sawed through their cell bars and escaped.

They were arrested a year or so later in Kansas City. In their automobile was a safe-blowing kit. Karpis was sent back to the reformatory, but when knives were found on him he was shifted to the Kansas State Penitentiary.

He was released May 31, 1931. While in the penitentiary, Karpis met Freddie Barker, one of the several criminal sons of "Ma" Karpis. Barker, herself a specialist in robbery, kidnaping and murder. No Karpis headed for Tulsa, Okla., where "Ma" had her headquarters.

## Arrested in Tulsa.

Ultimately he was to become so powerful that the organization became known as the Barker-Karpis gang. Had it not been for the aforementioned judge, however, Karpis and the Barkers would have parted company for good two weeks after Karpis' arrival in Tulsa.

On June 10, 1931, Karpis was arrested in Tulsa and taken to Okmulgee, Okla., where he was wanted on a burglary charge. At that time he was using the name of George Haller.

He was sentenced to four years in the State Penitentiary in McAlester, Okla. But he never went there. After serving three months in the county jail, the judge who had presided at his trial paroled him.

He rejoined "Ma" Barker and her sons—Freddie, Arthur, also known as "Doc," and Herman and Lloyd. Other notorious criminals with whom he associated included Frank Nash and Verne Miller, the renegade sheriff who killed a Federal agent in the Kansas City "massacre" that followed an attempt to rescue Nash.

Karpis' underworld cronies called him "Old Creepy" because he got on their nerves. He was never very popular with the men, although "Ma" Barker, who knew a good bank robber when she saw one, liked and admired him.

On December 19, 1931, not long after he had been paroled, Karpis killed Sheriff C. R. Kelly, of West Plains, Mo. He had walked into a garage to question them about a robbery the night before. Actually they had not taken part in the robbery, but rather than face a judge again Karpis gave Kelly "the blast."

Now Karpis and the Barkers moved into the Northwest to execute an amazing series of bank robberies. "Ma" Barker picked the banks and arranged for the getaway. Police have estimated that the gang got away with a half-million dollars and killed at least five persons.

## Biggest Haul \$50,000.

Their biggest haul was \$50,000, carried away from the National Bank & Trust Co. in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. This, together with sums of \$20,000 and \$30,000 which they netted from periodical holdups, amounted to important money. But the Karpis-Barker gang was ambitious.

Early in the summer of 1933 the gang decided to espouse the kidnaping racket, and marked as the first victim William A. Hamm, Jr., wealthy St. Paul brewer. Hamm was seized as he left his office for luncheon on June 15, 1933, and was taken to a farmhouse at Bensenville, Ill. On the night of June 17, his family paid the \$100,000 ransom and Hamm was released in Wyoming, Minn.

Arthur (Doc) Barker and Karpis, together with six of their criminals, helped Karpis on this which had been planned by Karpis.

Not long afterwards, Karpis,

Barker and her boys were in the kitchen of their St. Paul home when they heard the police were on their way. "Ma" suspected that somebody had "squealed" about their part in the Hamm kidnaping. Her suspicion fell on her second husband, Arthur W. Dunlap. It was decided that he must die. His stepson, Freddie, and Karpis invited Dunlap to take an automobile ride. A few days later, Dunlap's body, riddled with bullets, was found near a small town in Wisconsin.

The Hamm kidnaping, which had brought the gang \$100,000 so easily, encouraged Karpis and "Ma" Barker to seize another wealthy citizen of St. Paul. This time they were determined to double the ransom sum.

Their victim was Edward George Bremer, scion of another well-known family of St. Paul brewers and president of the Commercial State Bank. He was kidnaped on the morning of January 17, 1934, immediately after he had driven his daughter to school.

Bremer, too, was taken to Bensenville, Ill. He was held there until February 7, when the \$200,000 ransom was paid by his family.

The kidnapers had used flashlights in signaling to members of the Bremer family at the place where the pay-off occurred. They made the mistake of leaving these flashlights at the scene. Federal agents found them and traced them to a store in St. Paul, the owner of which identified Alvin Karpis as the purchaser.

That kidnaping was to prove the undoing of the Karpis-Barker gang. Karpis, the one-time petty thief, was now mentioned along with John Dillinger, "Baby Face" Nelson and the Nation's other first-rank mobsters. In the language of the underworld, he was "hot" and he had to keep moving.

"Ma" Barker and her son, Freddie, went into hiding on a chicken farm in Florida. Karpis, with his girl friend, Dolores Delaney, and Harry Campbell and his girl visited the Barkers there, and then took over a place of their own farther south.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation was tipped off to the whereabouts of the Barkers, and there followed one of the most spectacular gun battles in the Nation's history of crime.

A small army of Federal men was thrown around the Barker home. The agent in charge, risking his life, walked boldly up to the door.

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and asked "Ma" and her son to surrender.

"To hell with you all," said "Ma." Then, calling upstairs to Fred, she cried, "Let the damn Feds have it. Shoot!"

Young Barker blazed away with a machine gun. A moment later his mother joined him and trained another machine gun on the agents. They, meantime, were loosing a veritable hail of lead at the house.

Tear gas also was turned on the house, but Ma and her son continued to fire. At length a burst of rifle fire tore through the house and caught Ma. She dropped beside her machine gun. Fred caved in a few minutes later. He had 14 bullets in his body.

Karpis and Campbell heard about the raid, and, with their women, started North. They traveled in a stolen car; otherwise, they might have been spared a lot of trouble.

#### Auto Is Found.

Florida police broadcast the number of the car. Atlantic City police found it in a garage, and on orders of the Florida authorities set out to arrest the men who were driving it. They did not know, of course, when they went to the small hotel for the two men that they were Karpis and Campbell.

Consequently, they were ill-prepared for the battle that followed. Karpis drove them back with a machine gun, and he and Campbell made their way out of the hotel, stole another machine and made their escape. They left their women behind them, and one of them, Karpis' companion, shortly thereafter went to a maternity ward.

What finally brought about his capture apparently was the \$5,000 reward recently offered by Attorney General Homer Cummings. This was posted April 22. A few days later the Postoffice Department offered another \$2,000.

Whether this money was posted as part of a bargain with the informer may never be known. At

any rate, the Federal Bureau of Investigation was confident for several days that Karpis was "in the bag."

J. Edgar Hoover was in New York three nights ago. He left there for New Orleans, traveling presumably by plane, and yesterday led the raid in which Karpis was seized.

Incidentally, it was Hoover's first arrest. He directed the war against the underworld that brought down such criminal celebrities as John Dillinger, "Pretty Boy" Floyd and "Baby Face" Nelson, but never until yesterday had he actually arrested a man. Asked by a Senate appropriations committee recently whether he had ever made an arrest, Hoover explained that it was not until a year ago that he and his men were authorized to make arrests.

Hoover took more than a professional interest in Karpis. Last summer he received a message from Karpis threatening his life.

Harry Campbell, Karpis' radio singer companion, does not now become public enemy No. 1, Department of Justice officials explained last night.

There are two men whom Hoover's men would much rather arrest. They are William Mahan, sought as the remaining principal in the Weyerhauser kidnaping, and Thomas R. Robinson, jr., who kidnaped Mrs. Berry V. Stoll, of Louisville, Ky., and held her for \$50,000.

Arthur (Doc) Barker would be high in the listing if he were at large, but he is now serving a life sentence at Alcatraz for his part in the Bremer kidnaping.

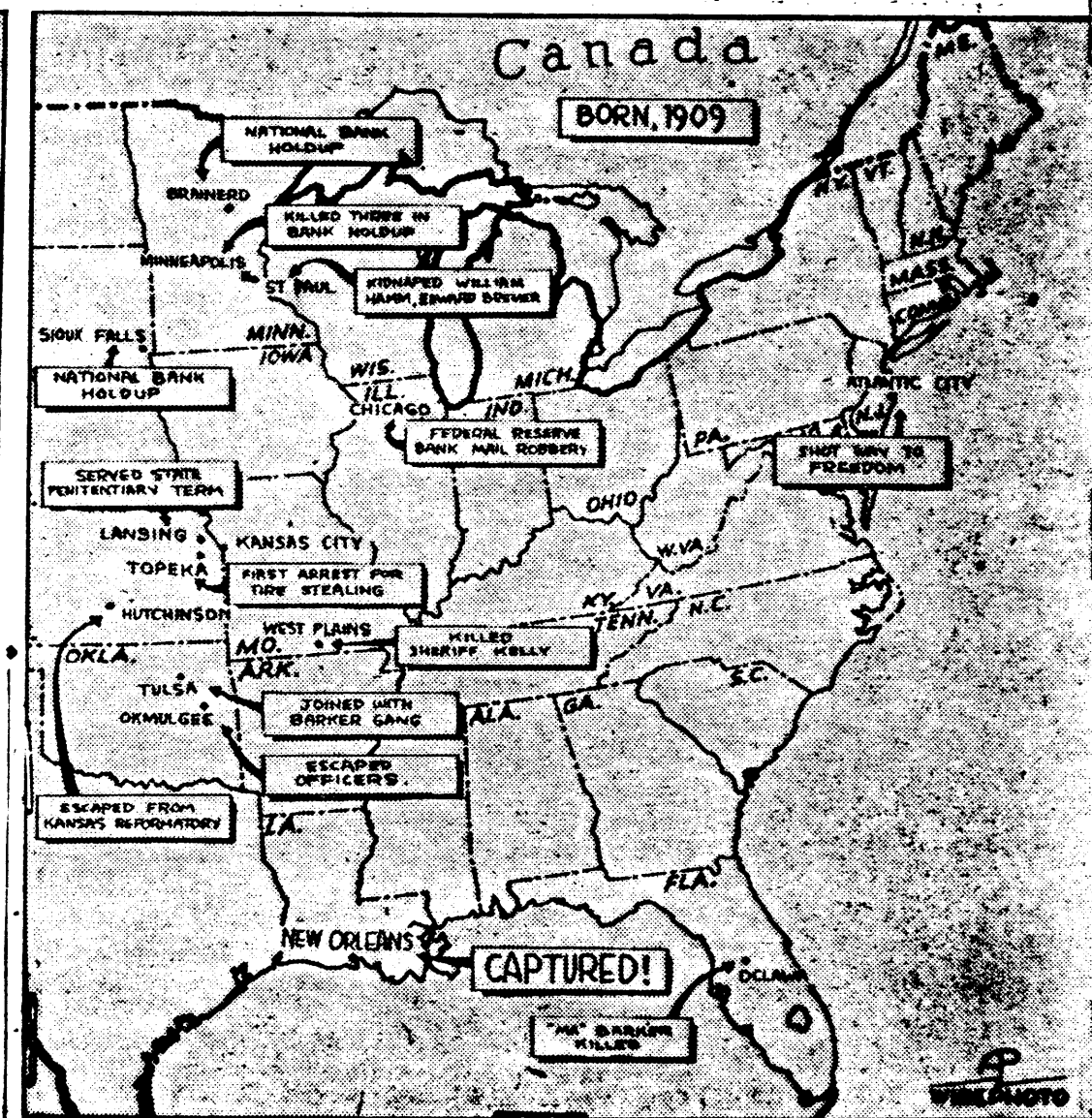




Map outlines the high spots in the lawless "career" of Alvin Karpis. The sordid trail ran principally through the Middle West. Photo shows Winona Burdette and Dolores Delaney, girls with Karpis and Harry Campbell when they shot their way through cordon of officers at Atlantic City. Picture middle as their companions were escorted to police headquarters. Upper left, Alvin Karpis at age of 16 years, when his criminal career first came to the attention of authorities with his commitment to Kansas Reformatory on a burglary charge.

R. E. JOSE

## Highlights in Arch-Gangster's Attempts to Evade the Law



## Seize Piquett; Prison Is Next

Chicago, Ill. (AP)—Louis Piquett, attorney for John Dillinger, was taken into custody Monday pending removal to the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kas., to serve a two-year term for harboring Homer Van Meter, Dillinger lieutenant since slain. Chief Deputy Marshal Joseph E. Tobin seized Piquett as he left the courtroom of Federal Judge Philip L. Sullivan, who denied Piquett's final plea for a stay of execution. In addition to his two-year sentence, Piquett was fined \$10,000.

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MILWAUKEE JOURNAL  
MAY 4, 1936

# KARPIS, IN CHAINS, IS FLOWN BACK TO SCENE OF CRIMES

G-Men, Led By Chief,  
Take Public Enemy  
In New Orleans

NO SHOTS FIRED

Drama Of Capture Is  
Rival Of Leading  
Best Sellers

By United Press.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 2.—Shackled hand and foot, Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, was flown to St. Paul in an air liner chartered by G-Men today.

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

Long delayed, the big airplane slid into the airport at 8:45 a.m., and roared directly into the hangar of the 109th United States Air Squadron.

The doors slammed shut and news as well as spectators were barred.

A dozen G-men 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.

Hoover Jubilant

The plane landed in St. Louis early today to refuel. The glowering Karpis, last of the major public enemies on the G-men's wanted list, did not leave the machine. After 47 minutes, the plane took off again in its race to place the long sought desperado before the bar of justice in the shortest possible time.

Hoover, who commanded 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 kidnaping. In the Hamm case a number of his associates already have been convicted and the Government's case against him there is considered "air-tight."

Hoover 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 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.

Speed Southward

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 yesterday, 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 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.

Meanwhile, orders had gone to G-men stationed in cities near New Orleans and when Hoover arrived

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THE BIRMINGHAM POST,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
May 2, 1936.

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## More About KARPIS

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20 agents, armed with sawed-off shotguns, revolvers and sub-machine 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 prearranged post, under cover but instantly available.

### Confederates Held

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.

Other agents went into 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.

### 'Tip' Is Guarded

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.

Rumors circulated that Karpis' woman tipped off the Federal agents for the \$7000 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.

"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:

"Fast as a nation."  
"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 2000 miles.

"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.

### Waited Too Long

"Why don't you tip off the G-men and get that reward, Duke?" said Mrs. Pucheu.

"I think I will."

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. Yesterday afternoon, Karpis was taken into custody.

So fast and secretly did the G-men work that many of 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 sub-machine gun in the crook of his arm.

"Who are you?" she asked, leaning out the window.

### Reporters Called

"Stick your head back in the house, lady," he said, "or you're likely to get hurt."

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 balliwick without even a "by-your-leave."

An hour after Karpis was taken to the Department of Justice's New Orleans headquarters, newspapers received a telephone call. A voice wanted them to send reporters over for "an announcement." The 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: "Gentlemen, I would like to an-

nounce 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."

### Spotted Two Months

"Of course," he added, "he's 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.

The department had offered \$5000 reward for information leading to his capture, the highest of its two outstanding reward offers. The Postoffice Department had offered \$2000. Harry Campbell, Karpis' companion in many crimes and in the Atlantic City coup when they shot themselves out of a trap, has a reward of \$2500 on his head.

### Gang Rounded Up

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 Weyerhauser. But there is no reward out for either.

Karpis began his career as a petty thief, and was initiated into the big time criminal world in 1931, after his rescue from the Kansas State Penitentiary 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 Edward G. Bremer, a wealthy St. Paul banker, and Hamm.

Fred 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.

Arthur (Doc) Barker was captured meanwhile, was convicted with a number of associates of the Bremer kidnaping, and is now serving a life term.

THE MOBILE PRESS REGISTER,  
Mobile, Alabama,  
May 3, 1936.

Re: BREKID.

## LEADING PUBLIC ENEMY ONCE WAS MARBLES CHAMP

## Marbles Champ To Crime King

Karpis, 'Old Creepy' As Youth,  
Now Dodges Law With  
Price On His Head

*By The Associated Press*  
WASHINGTON, May 2.—"Old Creepy," the boy who picked up his marbles in Topeka, Kas., to begin a career of safe-cracking and kidnaping is the most-sought man in America today.

Young Alvin Karpis was good enough at marbles to become city champion and bad enough in crime to become "public enemy number one"—with a \$7,000 price on his head.

Once safe in gangland haunts, as he slipped about the country dodging police and federal agents, Karpis became the prey for underworld and the world at large alike when Attorney General Cummings offered a reward for information leading to his arrest.

### Gang And Tutors Gone

His gang is gone. Old Kate "Ma" Barker and two of her boys died defying the law, and two others of her brood are languishing in federal jails. Dolores Delaney, his tight-lipped moll, is in jail, too.

The outlaws who tutored him in crime—Frank Nash, Verne Miller and their pals of the west—have passed out of the picture one by one.

The gangland hangers-on, who would shelter a man when he was "on top," know Karpis is "hot"—and worth \$7,000. Most gangsters eyed men and women in filling stacks less for killing a man.

Throughout the country, sharpshooters, stores, hotels and other public places have studied the dour young face on a government placard. The heading reads, "Wanted," the price is \$7,000.

Police officers, who know Karpis by sight, remember that two East Chicago, Ind., officers collected \$5,000 for the information which led federal agents to his arrest.



A \$7,000 reward spurs the nation-wide hunt for 27-year-old Alvin Karpis, who once won the marble championship of Topeka. His safe-cracking, kidnaping career culminated in the Bremer abduction. Now he's "public enemy No. 1."



#### One of Three Most Wanted

Officially, this hunted youth, only 27 now, is just one of the 12,000 "public enemies" listed in the files of the federal bureau of investigation. His ranking as "number one" is unofficial, but federal men admit he's one of three men they'd like most to trap. The others are:

Thomas R. Robinson, Jr., a sallow law clerk with a knack for dressing up like a woman, who is charged with kidnaping Mrs. Berry V. Stoll of Louisville, Ky., for a \$50,000 ransom.

William Mahan, alias Dainard, an ex-convict blacksmith and auto mechanic, who is described as "the remaining principal" in the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping.

#### Capon First Got Title

Why "public enemy number one?"

The title was pinned on Alphonse Capone, Chicago beer baron, by a group of serious-minded citizens who called themselves the "Secret Six." After Al went to Alcatraz for forgetting to pay his income tax, the title passed to other gangland leaders.

Before Dillinger, there was a group of middle western badmen who claimed the public eye.

Verne Miller, the Dakota sheriff who turned his World War machine-gun talents to criminal pursuits, and killed a federal agent in the Kansas City massacre, was one. Others were Harvey Bailey, "Machine Gun" Kelly, Dick Galatas, "Pretty Boy" Floyd and the Barrow boys.

After Dillinger died as he left a neighborhood theater in East Chicago with "the woman in red," the title passed for a few months to his buddy, "Baby Face" Nelson. He died in a gun battle near Barrington, Ill. Two federal agents also were killed.

#### Price On Pal's Head Too

After the Karpis-Barker mob was indicted for the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping at St. Paul, Minn., two years ago, the gang as a whole became "public enemy No. 1" for the department of justice.

One by one the gangster went to jail—or death. Alvin Karpis was left, jumping around the country with his limping pal, Harry Campbell. Karpis finally became the center of the government's hunt, especially after he sent a threatening note last summer to J. Edgar Hoover.

Campbell, too, has a price on his head, and his pal is almost as dangerous as the Karpis. Cummings has put a price on his head.

THE MOBILE REGISTER,  
Mobile, Alabama,  
May 2, 1936.

Re: BREKID.

# ALVIN KARPIS CAUGHT IN NEW ORLEANS BY G-MEN

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# U.S. 'Enemy No. 1' Gives No Fight To Hoover And Aides

Suspect in \$34,000 Ohio Post Office Robbery,  
And Unidentified Woman Taken in Sud-  
den Swoop on Apartment House; Capture  
Secret Until After Hour Questioning

(By The Associated Press)

NEW ORLEANS, May 1.—Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, was captured in a dramatically quiet raid late today and taken from the city a few hours later by an airplane bound for an unannounced destination.

(The plane bearing Karpis was in St. Louis early today, awaiting reports on weather conditions before speeding on to St. Paul, where Karpis will face speedy trial in the William Hamm, Jr., kidnaping case.)

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the federal bureau of investigation, personally supervised the capture of Karpis, Fred Hunter, 37, a suspect in a \$34,000 Garrettsville (Ohio) mail robbery, and a woman known only as "Ruth," at a pretentious apartment house in a quiet residential section.



ALVIN KARPIS

"They were taken without the firing of a shot," Hoover announced tersely. "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 likewise wanted on a charge of murder in connection with the slaying of Sheriff C. R. Kelley on December 19, 1931.

Hoover himself made the announcement of the capture of the three persons as they emerged from an apartment building in the 3300 block of Canal Street, about a half mile from the center of the business district.

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

"The agents who were taken



J. EDGAR HOOVER

## Questioned An Hour

The prisoners were taken to an unannounced place for questioning for about an hour before the announcement of their capture was made.

"I've got something interesting to tell you," Hoover said, smiling slightly.

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

He didn't say who his department's "Public Enemy No. 1" was.

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

The capture was effected so smoothly and quietly that only persons nearby were aware of the "G-men's" latest success.

## No Resistance Offered

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.

## Cal's Son "O'Hara"

John Campbell, janitor of the apartment building, said he knew Karpis as a mild, pleasant man with

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# ALVIN KARPIS IS CAUGHT BY G-MEN IN NEW ORLEANS

Public Enemy No. 1, Post Office  
Robber, Woman Nabbed  
In Quick Swoop

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A slight impediment in his speech, and only as "Mr. O'Hara."

Campbell said he had talked to him chiefly about fishing.

The janitor said he was burning trash near the side of the building at the time of the arrest.

"I happened to look up and I saw Mr. O'Hara 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.

"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.

"Hunter," he said, "is not so well known as Karpis, but he is wanted for a post office robbery on November 2, 1935, at Garrettsville, Ohio, in which \$34,000 was taken. Karpis was also connected with that robbery."

Shortly before 8 p.m. Hoover and almost a score of "G-men" left the federal post office building with Karpis and sped away in two automobiles to the airport. Karpis, heavily manacled and accompanied by six agents, left in the plane for an unannounced destination.

Net Carefully Laid

"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 got him sitting in the automobile."

Karpis Armed

"Was he armed?"

"Yes, he had a gun."

Wearing a straw hat, shirt and trousers, but no coat, was led out of the bureau's office in the post office building between two burly "G-men."

Hoover made no announcement when Karpis would be taken, but

## Captains Described

Edward Hoffman, who lives in the house behind the building in which Karpis had an apartment, said he had rented parking space in his yard to the desperado.

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

## Student Describes Arrest

Addison Cole, 17-year-old high-school student, who lives in the apartment, said that when he got off a street car this afternoon a man wearing a straw hat, glasses and wash trousers (later identified as Hunter) walked across the sidewalk.

"A woman," Cole said, "was walking behind him. One man was walking on each side of him and another man accompanied the woman. At the same time a third prisoner

(Karpis) was being put into an automobile by a couple of government men. He seemed to be resisting to some extent.

"The G-men left with the three prisoners and six more government men remained hidden behind a hedge, one with a sawed-off shotgun, one with an automatic rifle and the rest with pistols.

"I saw one man kicking at a side door. Some others were hustling the crowds away. Finally, one of the men sent for the janitor to open the side door. I went to enter the back door and a man stopped me and searched a bundle I had under my arm. Then he let me go in. I went inside and there was another man in the janitor's room."

Federal agents were posted in the apartment house tonight.

Karpis, whose real name is Alvin Karpavicz, is the son of an humble, industrious Chicago janitor who disowned his notorious son. The son came from poverty through a preparatory course of petty thievery and minor offenses to the notoriety of public enemy No. 1, hunted by G-men more avidly than the garden variety of public enemy because he was alleged to have participated in the death of four government sleuths.

He ascended to the dubious throne when Lester Gillis, alias George "Baby Face" Nelson abdicated Nov. 28, 1934, ushered out under a hail of government bullets near Barrington, Ill. In the cross-fire Agents Samuel P. Cowley and Herman Hollis met death.

## Charged In Massacre

Among his other murders, Karpis is charged with a part in the Kansas City Union Station massacre in which a federal agent, three other peace officers and Frank Nash, whose freedom was the object of the battle, were mowed down by machine guns.

An occasional member of the demagogue Dillingham, the bad man was named by the government as one of those implicated in the slaying of W. J. Weaver, federal agent in the Bremer kidnapping.

In addition to the above, Karpis has the following deaths charged against him: Sheriff C. R. Kelly, West Plains, Mo., in December, 1931; A. W. Dunlap, father-in-law of Fred Barker, at Webster, Wis., early in 1934, and John Latta, Kansas City, Mo., Italian political power who refused Barker and Karpis "permission" to open a gambling resort.

## Figured In Kidnapings

But it was not on these feats that Karpis achieved lasting infamy. His major "accomplishments" were participation in the St. Paul kidnapings of Edward G. Bremer, banker, and William Hamm, wealthy brewer. Scientists in the department of justice identified him with the Bremer kidnaping through fingerprints, and to the Hamm case through a strong array of circumstantial evidence.

It became generally accepted that the two kidnapings were done by a gang led by Karpis and Arthur (Doc) Barker, brother of Fred.

It was under the leadership of the brothers Barker that Karpis, a small time hoodlum, was initiated into major crime.

He joined their forces in 1931 when Fred escaped from the Kansas State Prison at Lansing. The three then assembled their troupe of gunmen, charged with many of the most sensational crimes in Midwestern history. In a majority of these, Karpis was known to be the trigger man.

## Moved Into The City

Early in 1932 the gang moved its headquarters from the Oklahoma badlands to St. Paul. As a convenience to the Barkers, they killed Dunlap at the request of Mrs. Kate (Ma) Barker. The latter, who mothered the two outlaws and was believed by some to be the brains behind the gang, was removed from competition, along with son Fred, in a federal raid at their rendezvous near Miami, Fla., Jan. 16, 1935.

On June 16, 1933, Hamm was kidnaped and later paid \$100,000 for his release.

The job was laid to the Barker-Karpis outfit after the government failed to convict the "Terrible" Tommy Touhy mob of Chicago.

Six months later, on Jan. 17, 1934, Bremer was kidnaped and public indignation over such crimes reached its height. Painstaking investigation by G-men proved that fingerprints on a gasoline can discarded by the kidnapers belonged to Karpis and Doc Barker.

## Escaped In Cleveland

The pair next were named as two of three men who escaped a Cleveland police trap Sept. 6, shortly after police arrested three known women associates.

A month later Barker was captured in Chicago, taken to St. Paul, convicted and sentenced to life for his part in the Bremer kidnaping. Karpis remained at large.

After Gillis' death, he became the object of an intensified hunt and was reported variously in Califor-

# KARPIS CAPTURE ELATES DOCTOR

Physician Kidnaped By  
Hoodlum On Dash To  
Safety 'Relieved'

PHILADELPHIA, May 1—(P)—The doctor Alvin Karpis kidnaped in making his escape to the Midwest after shooting his way out of an Atlantic City hotel in January, 1935, was "relieved" Friday night to hear the No. 1 bad man of the country had been captured.

"It's interesting and a relief to know he's been caught," said Dr. Horace W. Hunsicker, of Allentown, who was forced at pistol-point to drive Karpis and a "pal" across Pennsylvania and into Ohio in making good their escape.

"Of course, I wasn't personally worried about him any more," the young physician said. "I didn't expect him to trouble me again. But it is a relief to know they've got him."

## Stopped By Pair

Dr. Hunsicker was stopped by the Public Enemy No. 1, and his friend, Harry Campbell, the night after they blasted their way out of the Atlantic City hotel.

They had come up from Florida with two "girl friends" and stopped in the hotel. Atlantic City police were notified to be on the lookout for an automobile, but were not informed the car was being driven by Karpis and Campbell, so they believed it a stolen car.

They spotted the car in a garage, found out the men who had parked it were in a hotel, and two officers went there to pick them up about noon on a Sunday.

When the policemen knocked on the hotel room door and demanded it be opened, the two, dressed only in their underclothing, shot their way from the room, leaped in an automobile outside the hotel, and sped westward.

## Car Abandoned

Racing across New Jersey and into Pennsylvania, they abandoned the car there, stopped Dr. Hunsicker as he was driving from Allentown to Philadelphia, and forced him to take them to Medina, Ohio.

There they dumped him, bound and gagged, into a vacant hall, and sped off in his car. He freed himself and notified authorities.

"Karpis and his companion seemed to realize I was going to call police as soon as they let me go," Hunsicker said Friday night. "From their conversation, I knew that was why they didn't free me sooner. So I didn't have any misgivings about telling what happened."

THE BIRMINGHAM AGE-HERALD,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
May 2, 1936.

Re: BREKID.

## VICTIMS OF KARPIS LAUD U. S. AGENTS

Bremer And Hamm Relieved At  
Capture Of Kidnapers

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 1—(P)—Victims of the brazen outlawry of the Karpis-Barker gang, two St. Paul kidnap subjects Friday night obviously were relieved when told of the capture of Alvin Karpis, gang ringleader, in New Orleans.

"It's further tribute to the zeal of the Department of Justice," said Edward G. Bremer, bank president, who paid \$200,000 for his freedom after 21 days of tortuous confinement.

William Hamm, Jr., brewery head, whose abduction cost him \$100,000 and four days' imprisonment, said: "Congratulations again to the Department of Justice for a mighty tough task so nobly done."

## FATHER SILENT ON KARPIS' CAPTURE

'Why Tell Me About It?' Law-  
Abiding Parent Asks

CHICAGO, May 1—(P)—John Karpavicz, law-abiding father of the nation's No. 1 public enemy, was noncommittal Friday night at news of Alvin Karpis' capture in New Orleans.

"Why tell me about it?" he demanded. His wife, Anna, speaks little English and that brokenly.

Karpis—"Old Creepy" to his underworld associates—was born Raymond Karpavicz.

His parents are janitors of a Chicago apartment building. Though they themselves were hardworking parents, their son early turned to petty thievery and graduated from reform school to a career of major crime.

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# HOOVER MAKES INITIAL ARREST

Outlaw Is 'Apprehended'  
By Chief, Federal  
Men Announce

WASHINGTON, May 1—(P)—J. Edgar Hoover made his first arrest Friday night with the capture of Alvin Karpis, "Public Enemy No. 1," in New Orleans.

At the Justice Department it was said Hoover "apprehended" Karpis. Agents of Hoover's Federal Bureau of Investigation were not given the power to make arrests until a year ago.

Hoover made this explanation under questioning of Senator McKellar (D. Tenn.) when the investigation head appeared before the Senate appropriations committee to ask that his expense fund for 1937 be increased to \$5,000,000.

**Quizzed On Arrest**  
"Did you ever make an arrest?" McKellar asked.

"No, sir," Hoover replied, "I have made investigations."

McKellar: "How many arrests have you made and who were they?"

Hoover: "I handled the investigations of Emma Goldman, and I prosecuted that case before the immigration authorities up to the secretary of labor. I also handled the Alexander Berkman case, and the case of Ludwig Martens, the former Bolshevik ambassador to the United States."

McKellar: "Did you make the arrests?"

Hoover: "The arrests were made by the immigration officers under our supervision."

McKellar: "I am talking about actual arrests."

Hoover: "We did not have power of arrest."

McKellar: "You never arrested them, actually?"

**Had No Power**

Hoover: "We had no power to arrest until a year ago, when you passed a law giving us that power. Arrests, prior to that time, had to be made by the United States marshal or other officer."

Hoover told the committee he entered the Justice Department's Division of Investigation in 1917, and became director of the later Bureau of Investigation in 1924. For eight years, he served as a special assistant to the attorney general, handling prosecution.

Hoover said he attended the public schools of Washington, and took two law degrees at George Washington University.

## SISTER OF KARPIS WEEPS OVER NEWS

Brother-In-Law Of Bandit 'Glad  
No One Hurt'

TOPEKA, Kan., May 1—(P)—Andrew J. Grooms, quarry worker and brother-in-law of Alvin Karpis, said Friday night the family was "glad no one was hurt" in the capture of the outlaw.

He met newspaper men at the door of his home here, refusing to permit them to talk to his wife, Karpis' sister.

"She's inside crying," he said, "and I am sure she has nothing to say."

"We're awfully glad no one was hurt," said Grooms. "It'll probably make it easier on him than if someone had been hurt."

Grooms expressed the opinion Karpis was "turned in by a friend."

THE BIRMINGHAM  
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## "I'll Never Be Taken Alive" Boasted Karpis, But He Is

TULSA, Okla., May 1—(P)—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 Nov. 22, testifying she had not seen him for nearly four years. The decree was granted here on grounds of neglect and cruelty.

**Wife Describes Romance**

After her divorce Karpis' former wife said she planned to continue to attend business college. She has been living quietly here since and could not be located immediately Friday night.

"He was young and good looking, and I fell for him hard when I met him at a night club," Miss Slayman once said in describing her romance with the man who became known as Public Enemy No. 1.

"He told me he was a jewelry

salesman and we ran off to Sapula, just west of here and were married. That was in December, 1931. We went to Chicago. I left him after only a few months of married life. I never saw him after that."

**Believed In Shooting**

Karpis and Freddie Barker, later slain, were believed to have been the two men who shot it out with officers at an apartment house here about a month after Miss Slayman and Karpis were married. The men escaped, leaving about \$4,000 worth of jewelry behind them. The jewelry had been stolen from a store in Henryetta, Okla.

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

## Six Who Saw Karpis Daily Could Have Obtained Reward

By The United Press

NEW ORLEANS, May 1.—Seven thousand dollars in reward money could have been collected by any one of seven New Orleans persons who frequently saw Alvin Karpis during his stay in New Orleans.

Mrs. John Meyer, owner of the

apartment where Karpis and his pretty woman companion lived since April 10, visited the apartment daily, but considered Karpis only as Edward O'Hara, a "likable kid."

Addison Cole, Warren Easton High School senior, occupant of an apartment in the same building, saw Karpis almost daily.

Pearl Marshall, negro, worked for the couple two weeks, but was only interested in her \$3 weekly salary.

Clarence Pucheu, automobile salesman, came the closest. He sold Karpis an automobile two weeks ago and told his wife the man was Karpis, but failed to follow his hunch.

Edward Hoffman, owner of a garage where Karpis kept his automobile for several days, was not even suspicious.

John Campbell, negro janitor at the apartment house, saw the fugitive every day but found nothing to arouse his suspicions.

Another who knew Karpis, as O'Hara, by sight was Mrs. J. P. McGuire, who lived next door. She is the mother of twins. Last Sunday, she said, Karpis stopped in front of her house and patted the twins on the head.

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## Mahan Is Seen As Karpis Successor As 'No. 1 Enemy'

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, May 1.—With the capture of Alvin Karpis, three men were in line tonight for successor to the unenviable title of "Public Enemy No. 1." 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.

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, January 17, 1934.

# G-Men Capture Public Enemy In Dixie Hideout

## Rush Hoodlum To St. Paul By Plane.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 2.—(INS)—A regiment of peace officers, bristling with machine guns and rifles, greeted Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, at the municipal airport this morning and rushed him to the federal court house.

Included in the heavily-armed escort was a detachment of armed men from the Minnesota national guard.

Karpis, who was seized in New Orleans last night, and flown here in a 14-passenger Douglas specially-chartered plane, was personally escorted by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the G-men, and half a dozen of his agents.

When the big airliner taxied to the ground at 8:45 a. m., after a stopover in Kansas City earlier in the morning due to bad weather, the army of agents and troops converged upon it.

There was a hurried conference at its door between Clinton W. Stein, agent in charge of the St. Paul office of the department of justice, and a man in the plane, apparently Hoover.

Then the doors of the 109th Minnesota national guard hangar were flung open, the hangar and entrance cleared of a big throng of onlookers, and the ship slowly proceeded under its own power into the hangar and the doors were closed.

Inside were six autos belonging to the federal men. Karpis, manacled and surrounded by agents, was hustled into one of them. The others were quickly crowded with G-men and the cavalcade left the airport and drove through the downtown streets to the federal court house where, through a milling crowd, the gang chief was taken to face arraignment.

Karpis, clad in a white shirt and wearing no coat, was tanned and healthy looking. He seemed careless and indifferent when entering the court house.

The gang chief's debonair mein belied the nickname of "old creepy" given him by his pals, because he got even on their hardened nerves.

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

The capture of Karpis ended one of the most intensive and tenacious man hunts in department of justice history. For more than two years the G-men hung on his trail until last night they closed in, and the gunman surrendered without a shot being fired.

Working with utmost secrecy, Hoover had been here for several days laying the trap that resulted in the capture of the much hunted man. A hand-picked group of federal agents had quietly assembled here to thoroughly carry out their mission to track down the elusive Karpis.

While Karpis and his two companions walked toward a parked automobile in the residential section late yesterday, Hoover and his men who had surrounded the plane where the gangster was taken, were in a half-circle in front of the car.



J. EDGAR HOOVER



ALVIN KARPIS

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the G-men, lead agents in person in New Orleans said that resulted in Karpis capture.

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SOUTH BEND (Indiana) NEWS-TIMES  
May 2, 1936

Karpis wheeled around and threw up his hands. His companions followed suit. Automobiles rushed them to the federal building where the trio underwent a relentless grilling.

**Laconic Statement**

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

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

After questioning Karpis further, government agents brought him from the rooms where he and his companions were held on the third floor and walked him down three flights of stairs to a waiting automobile. Hoover personally put the mob leader in the automobile. He gave him a slight shove. Karpis made no comment.

Surrounded by G-men, with the flashlights of photographers playing upon him, Karpis walked down the steps in jaunty manner. He showed no trace of fear. Only when he tried to put his hat in front of his face, did the gangster's face register emotion. He frowned.

After being shoved into the automobile by Hoover, the car sped away for the airport at terrific speed. When all space between the car and a waiting plane at the airport had been cleared, Karpis was put in the plane, chained to his seat, and sped on his journey to face trial for kidnaping.

**Detained For Night**

Hunter and the woman captured along with Karpis were detained for the night at the office of the bureau of investigation in the federal building. Bedding and quilts were brought in and improvised cots made. Federal agents wired Washington to check the fingerprints of the woman. It was learned. If the officers knew the woman's name they did not reveal it.

The woman is in the early twenties, attractive, with light features and honey-colored hair.

Hunter is wanted at Garrettsville, Ohio, in connection with a robbery there.

Federal agents said that Karpis had been in and out of New Orleans for the past two months. Hoover was evasive as to details. He was summoned from Washington when it was learned that the noted gangster had taken an apartment here on Canal street, the principal thoroughfare of New Orleans. The apartment was in the residential section.

The arrest of Karpis was accomplished with such quick precision and with such complete absence of fireworks that it created no great commotion in the neighborhood. E. M. Comeaux, who witnessed the arrest, said the public enemy never had a chance.

Describing the arrest, Mr. Comeaux said:

"The Federal men moved so swiftly that they hardly started before it was finished. In fact, those of us who watched it could hardly 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 must have been 20 agents or more. They parked their cars about half a block from the apartment.

"Just a few minutes later Karpis, a woman and Hunter came out of the building. We heard the government man call to them to surrender. The man whom I later learned was Karpis wheeled sharply and instantly raised his hands. He looked quite surprised. The G-men were heavily armed. Throughout the arrest and questioning of Karpis later, the 'brain' of the 'Karpis gang' kept his head. It was learned. He accepted his arrest with a calm attitude.

**Weights 130 Pounds**

Karpis looks younger than his 36 years. He is almost frail of build, 5 feet 9 and 1/4 inches tall. He weighs around 130 pounds.

Yet this slender, boyish looking man was one of the leaders of a mob that terrorized the northwest and engineered the kidnaping of William A. Hamm, Jr., of St. Paul and George Edward Bremer, also of St. Paul. Both men are wealthy.

On April 22, 1936, a federal grand jury of St. Paul returned indictments charging Karpis and others with the kidnaping of Hamm. The Karpis-Barker gang are also held responsible for the abduction of Bremer.

Hamm was abducted June 15, 1933. He was released after the payment of \$100,000 ransom.

Bremer was released after the payment of \$200,000 ransom. The wealthy banker was kidnaped February 7, 1934.

**Karpis' Father Balks At Interview**

CHICAGO, May 2.—(INS)—John Karpavicz, a respectable, hard-working janitor, barred his basement flat to all callers Saturday.

To reporters come to interview him concerning the capture of his infamous son, Alvin Karpis, he shouted:

"All I want is to be let alone. Get away from that door or you're going to get hurt."

Through 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.



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# **Armed G-Men Take Gangster From Airport To U. S. Bldg.**

Public Enemy No. 1 Nabbed By J. Edgar Hoover And Aids At New Orleans In Hamm Kidnaping.

*Saint Paul Daily News*  
5/2/36

The chartered airplane bearing Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, accompanied by Head G-Man J. Edgar Hoover and a corps of heavily armed G-men, arrived at the St. Paul Municipal airport at 8:45 a. m. today. The party was met by a large squad of local G-men, also heavily armed, and without any lost motion, immediately speeded the gangster by automobile to the federal building.

Inside the hangar were the 12 or more federal agents who had waited most of the night. All spectators and newsmen were barred.

Karpis was switched swiftly to one of five waiting automobiles. The caravan left immediately for the federal building.

J. Edgar Hoover, National G-man chief who rode the chartered plane all the way from New Orleans with the nation's No. 1 desperado, was not immediately available.

In the hangar, too, was E. J. Connelley, head of the special G-man squad, regularly headquartered at Cincinnati.

Anxiously scanning the skies, more than 30 men—and several women—roamed nervously about the grounds and buildings of the municipal airport for hours this morning, waiting the arrival of the nation's former Public Enemy No. 1, Alvin Karpis.

Six cars filled with federal agents, 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 courts building where he will be arraigned for the Hamm kidnaping. They were taking no chances on any "outside interference" providing the long-sought gangster and killer with a possible means of escape.

The balance of the waiters consisted of newspaper reporters and photographers.

Plane Leaves Kansas City.

had been there since shortly after 7 a. m., at which hour the patches 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.

Has Many "Raps."

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 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 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 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 depart-

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ment 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 gossip automobile salesman, Clarence Pucheu, known to his clients and friends as "Duke," had set afloat rumors that reached the G-men.

Rumors circulated that 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

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

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house at 3343 Canal st., this city."  
"Of course," he added, "he's 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 kidnapping, and is now serving a life term.

G-men. Friday afternoon, Karpis was taken into custody.

So fast and secretly did the G-men work that many of 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 halliwick without even a "by-your-leave."

An hour after Karpis was taken to the department of justice's New Orleans headquarters, newspapers received a telephone call. A voice wanted them to send reporters over for "an announcement." The 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

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## CAPTOR

Hoover "Gets" 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.

## 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.

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# G-Men Fly Karpis to Cell in St. Paul



NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Captured by government men, Alvin Karpis, kidnaper and killer, shields his face with his straw hat. Inset shows a closeup of Karpis.

[A-Associated Press Wirephoto.]

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St. Paul, Minn., May 2.—(P)—Alvin Karpis, the nation's public enemy No. 1, wanted for two kidnappings and other crimes, was brought to St. Paul by plane today from New Orleans, where he was captured last night without resistance.

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.

The officers were headed by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the federal bureau of investigation, who successfully led the pursuit that resulted in Karpis' capture in New Orleans.

#### Supervises Handling.

Hoover personally supervised handling of the notorious outlaw after the plane landed.

To provide maximum privacy, the federal men closed the hangar doors after the big air liner had been rolled inside. This barred the way to a crowd of spectators, newspaper reporters and photographers and radio men.

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.

Twenty federal agents here had awaited the arrival of Karpis and his guards at the St. Paul airport since 3 a. m.

#### Rush Him to Cell.

It was presumed Karpis would be placed in the Ramsey county jail in St. Paul, where six others with whom he was indicted only ten days ago for the Hamm kidnaping are being held.

The big liner was landed near the 109th aero squadron headquarters and hastily backed inside, heavily armed federal agents, carrying all kinds of weapons, taking complete charge of the place.

The route from the airport to the Ramsey county jail—a mile and a half—was patrolled by police squads and deputy sheriffs. Karpis, however, was taken

to the department of justice headquarters in the federal building instead of to the jail, where he will be confined pending trial on kidnaping charges.

#### Companions Left Behind.

Federal agents said that they did not bring along Fred Hunter, wanted in connection with the \$46,000 Garrettsville, O., post office robbery with Karpis, who was also seized in the New Orleans trap last night. A pretty girl companion was held with Hunter.

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 St. Paul weather. The temperature was just a few degrees above the freezing mark.

#### Poor Flying Weather.

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

The hop from New Orleans was punctuated by at least two stops, at St. Louis at 11:46 p. m., with departure at 12:35 a. m., and at

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Atlanta, Georgia  
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(Submitted by Birmingham Office)

### Father of Karpis Aide Held; Farm Searched

WARREN, Ohio, May 2.—(INS) Two men, taken into custody early today in a raid by federal agents and police on a Warren beer place and held incommunicado in Warren city jail, were revealed this afternoon to be George and Al Hunter, father and brother of Fred Hunter, gangster, who was captured with Alvin Karpis. Shortly after the arrests, agents went to the elder man's farm near here and began digging operations, which they refused to discuss.

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

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## Karpis Pleads For Life

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Begging for the chance to serve a life term of imprisonment instead of being sent to the gallows for murder, Alvin Karpis, erstwhile boastful badman, arraigned here Monday in the \$100,000 ransom kidnaping of Billy Hamm, St. Paul brewer, is ready to plead guilty, Federal officers believe.

Whining a confession at the conclusion of his 48-hour grilling, Karpis was no longer the bravo of his two-gun reputation. The swagger was all out of Karpis when he dragged his spatted patent leathers wearily as "G-men" marched him in chains to a cell in the Ramsey County jail.

"He spilled it all," one of the Federal officers grinned as the one-time marbles champion of Kansas entered a cage guaranteed to be escape proof. "Looks like a big cleanup," the government sleuth added.

While Clinton Stein, head of the St. Paul Bureau of Investigation, refused to talk of Karpis' alleged confession, it became known from other sources that the captive head of the Karpis-Barker mob, all gunmen and killers, told enough to justify official confidence in believing they will soon have under arrest everybody connected with the other big St. Paul ransom kidnaping, in which Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, paid \$200,000 for freedom.

Also, unofficially, it was learned how to locate the big "leak" in Federal secrets which hampered investigators during the Bremer kidnap inquiry and that sensational developments are likely to ensue.

One official said:

"Karpis wasn't brave when he looked into the muzzles of half a dozen shotguns. The battery could have blown him to shreds."

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**THE** most shocking episode of the life of Alvin Karpis, captured gang leader, is here related by Courtney Ryley Cooper, in his story of the Union Station Massacre in Kansas City. The man now in the hands of the G-Men was one of the leaders in the plot that revolted the country, and did more than anything else to strengthen the war against crime.

At the Union Station in Kansas City, the morning that is a red day in the city's history, the train bearing Frank Nash had come in on time.

An officer had gotten out and looked about him. The train shed had been clear, except for William J. Grooms and Frank E. Hermanson, Kansas City detectives; Raymond J. Caffrey, special agent,

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and R. E. Vetterli, special agent in charge, all to meet the prisoner.

Up the stairs they went with old Frank and along the 360-foot corridor which led to the street.

They started to load Frank Nash into the car, believing themselves in no danger. Hundreds of persons were near by. Cabs came and went. The life of the Union Station flowed on all about them. Loaded shotguns were placed in the car. Guns rested in holsters. Frank Nash started to get into the seat. They moved him to the front; he sat under the wheel, awaiting final disposition. It was at this point that machine gunners stepped forth.

The car containing the attackers had been parked quite near the car of a special agent and the car containing the two detectives. The bandits had hidden there, awaiting the time for a get-away. Now they moved swiftly into position, surrounding the police car.

"Get 'em up!" shouted Floyd.

"Up—up—up!"

Of seven men threatened with death, not one obeyed the command. Every officer reached for his gun. Hermanson shot twice. It maddened Floyd.

"Give it to 'em!" he shouted and the faithful engineers of crime's underground railroad hastened to obey. Bandit machine guns went into action. Caffrey, Nash, Grooms, Hermanson and Reed were killed instantly. Vetterli and Lackey were wounded. The only man who escaped death unharmed was Special Agent Smith, who, queerly enough, had taken Nash's place in the rear seat.

The bandits did not know that a machine gunner stuck his head through the shattered car window. Before him was a tangled mass of lifeless sprawls; Smith's huddled body was covered by the bleeding forms of fellow officers. The killer

swung his gun in excited command. "Frank's dead!" he shouted. "They're all dead! Scram!"

So, sick with blood, three men had scrambled, leaving behind them dead and wounded men, the assassination of whom was to change laws, and bring about even greater activities against lawlessness by the Bureau of Investigation.

Frances Nash, who in all her association with gangdom never could quite forget that she once had been a school teacher, rose from the breakfast table to the knowledge that the radio had suddenly ceased its usual advertising exhortations. There was an evidence of strain in the announcer's voice:

"Four officers were instantly killed and two wounded at Union Station Plaza early today, when gangdom attempted to liberate from their custody an escaped Federal prisoner named Frank

Nash. In the burst of machine-gun fire with which the attacking outlaws swept down the gallant police officials, Frank Nash himself also fell, instantly slain by the terrific fire."

Mrs. Nash looked toward those about her—the neighboring wife of an ex-convict; Herb Farmer, cupping his ear to the loud speaker; Esther, ghastly gray beside him.

"Frank Nash?" she asked.

"Who's he?"

"The man you married, dearie," said her neighbor.

Tomorrow, Courtney Ryley Cooper gives the significant reactions, by criminals and law enforcement agencies alike, to the slaughter in the Union Station at Kansas City. Read the coming fourth chapter in the career of Alvin Karpis.

## KARPIS AWAITS TRIAL IN TWO KIDNAP CASES

Gangster Rushed by U. S.  
Agents to St. Paul  
in Airplane

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

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

Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was aboard the plane when it roared out of New Orleans late last night with five of his men guarding the heavily manacled prisoner. He came on with them and two other federal agents when the plane, which had been buffeted by storms and rain, left Kansas City early this morning.

### KARPIS COATLESS

And he was first to step out when the big ship slid smoothly into the hangar of the 109th Aero Squadron, Minnesota National Guard, at the airport here at 8:45 a. m.

Karpis soon appeared, coatless, a straw hat on his head and shivering in temperature 30 degrees below that which he had in New Orleans.

On each side and back of him walked grim G-men, their pistols and sawed-off shotguns ready for instant use. Karpis' hands were still manacled, but the chains had been removed from his ankles.

For the reception of the public enemy, federal forces here had taken over the field. The mechanical end was in charge of Major Ray S. Miller, of the National Guard, but Chief Federal Agent Clinton W. Stein, of St. Paul, and 15 of his men were in absolute authority, to prevent the remotest possibility of a "slip-up" at any point.

### NEWSMEN SHOODED

Newsman and photographers were shoode out of the hangar. Submachine guns nudged the reluctant ones. Stein announced:

"Sorry, boys, there'll be no pictures for several days. We want to talk to him first."

Karpis, his head down to conceal his features, was loaded into a car. G-men piled in with him, and, with federal cars ahead and behind, the cortege sped at 35 miles an hour to the Federal Courts Building.

The army of federal agents and their prisoner were greeted there by the same crowd of reporters and cameramen as before, they having made the trip at even faster speed.

All St. Paul appeared to have been aware the notorious desperado was to be brought here. Crowds thronged the airport and lined the streets for a glimpse of the killer, kidnaper and robber.

### G-Men Tight-Lipped On 'Mystery Woman'

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 2.—(US)—Department of Justice agents today maintained a tight-lipped silence regarding the attractive young girl with honey-colored hair who is the "mystery woman" in the capture of Alvin Karpis here and his companion, Fred Hunter.

To inquiries as to whether the woman had "put the finger on Karpis," federal sleuths merely shrugged their shoulders.

Hunter and the woman were kept prisoners in the U. S. Bureau of Investigation offices on the third floor of the Federal Building.

It was known, however, the Department of Justice is checking her record and is in communication with Washington headquarters.

Hunter is heavily chained. Like Karpis, he is of slight build.

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

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## KARPIS' FACE 'LIFTED'

### 'But Job Wasn't Worth 35 Cents,' G-Man Chief Hoover Comments

CHICAGO, May 2.—(US)—J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the "G-men," late today disclosed that Alvin Karpis paid \$350 to the late Dr. Joseph P. Moran for a face-lifting job that "wasn't worth 35 cents."

In his brief stopover here en route from St. Paul to New York, Hoover revived the unsubstantiated story that Dr. Moran, administrator of hoodlums, was drowned in Lake Erie by the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer and William Hamm, Jr., because he knew too much.

Hoover arrived on a special

plane after turning over Karpis, public enemy No. 1, to the United States Attorney in St. Paul for prosecution.

"Doc" Moran, who once served a prison term for a death from an illegal operation, was the surgeon who performed a "face-lifting" operation upon Karpis here in Chicago, Hoover revealed. He commented:

"Karpis said he paid \$350 for the job, but it wasn't worth 35 cents. 'Doc' built new lips for Karpis' ears and did some other cutting, but the finished product still was Karpis. He could be recognized anywhere."

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## KARPIS LANDS IN ST. PAUL

G-Men Cover Manacled Prisoner With Rifles and Machine Guns

By STEVE RICHARDS  
Copyright, 1936, by United Press  
ST. PAUL, Minn., May 2.—Alvin Karpis, manacled and covered by machine guns and rifles, was brought here today by 10 G-men under personal command of J. Edgar Hoover.

The chartered airplane on which the Public Enemy No. 1 was rushed northward after his capture in New Orleans late yesterday was met by a dozen more federal agents. The plane taxied directly into an Army hangar.

With guns levelled at him from every side, Karpis was loaded into an automobile and rushed to the federal building. Four other automobiles loaded with G-men accompanied him.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Department of Justice's bureau of investigation, who commanded the 20 federal agents who captured Karpis without firing a shot, had a number

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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 kidnaping. In the Hamm case a number of his associates already have been convicted and the Government's case against him there is considered "air-tight."

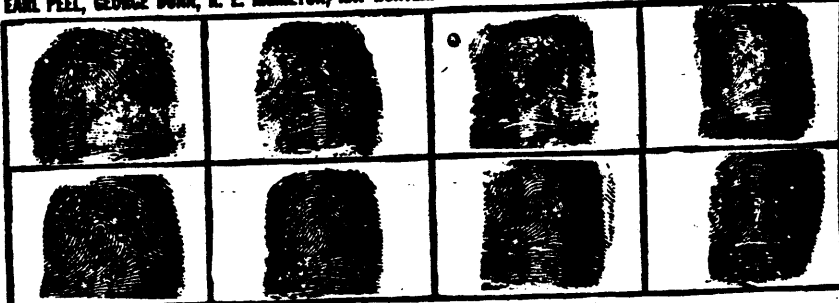
Through mysterious channels, the G-men learned Thursday that the man they wanted, who had been a phantom to them since January,

## FEDERAL AGENTS GOT MAN FOR WHOM THEY

IDENTIFICATION  
ORDER NO. 1218  
March 22, 1934

WANTED

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
A. CARTER, RAYMOND MADLEY, GEORGE HALLER, ALVIN KARPIS,  
EARL PEEL, GEORGE DORN, R. E. HAMILTON, RAY HUNTER.



### DESCRIPTION

Age, 26 years (1909); Height, 5 feet, 9-3/4 inches; Weight, 130 pounds; Build, slender; Hair, brown; Eyes, blue; Complexion, fair; Marks, 1 inch cut scar lower knuckle left index finger.

### RELATIVES:

Mr. John Karpis, father, 2842 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
Mrs. Anna Karpis, mother, 2842 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
Mrs. Emily Kowalski, sister, 2840 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
Mrs. Robert (Clara) Veltute, sister, 1829 West Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois.  
Mrs. Albert (Anella) Brooks, sister, 1234 North Monroe Street, Topeka, Kansas.

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Finger

Photograph taken May 19, 1936.



### CRIMINAL RECORD

As Alvin Karpis, #7071, received State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, February 25, 1926; crime, burglary-2nd degree; sentence, 10 years; escaped March 9, 1929; returned March 25, 1930.

As Raymond Madley, #17902, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, March 23, 1930; charge, larceny-auto and safe blow; released to State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, as an escape.

As Alvin Karpis, #1539, received State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, May 19, 1930 - transferred from State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas; crime, burglary-2nd degree; sentence, 5 to 10 years.

As George Haller, #8008, arrested Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, June 10, 1931; charge, investigation-burglary; delivered Police Department, Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

As A. Karpis, #1609, arrested Police Department, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, June 10, 1931; charge, burglary; sentenced September 11, 1931, 4 years, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma; paroled.

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 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.

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



### Surround Building

Little time was wasted. Hoover gave each man an assignment. They all got into several cars and proached the apartment building from several directions.

Less than an hour after the time was set, Karpis came strolling and crossed the sidewalk toward automobile at the curb. In a flash G-men surrounded him and had arms pinned to his side. He could have resisted if he had wanted, though he was unarmed.

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# 'KARPIS QUIT LIKE YELLOW RAT' -- HOOVER

## G-Men's Chief Describes Carefully Mapped Trap Laid in New Orleans

ST. PAUL, May 2.—(US) "Stammering, stuttering, shaking as though he had palsy, the man upon whom was bestowed the title of Public Enemy No. 1 folded up like the yellow rat he is."

So today J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the G-men, described the capture of Alvin Karpis, which he engineered in New Orleans last night.

Stating that the gang chief's capture had not cost the federal government one cent of the \$5,000 reward offered, Hoover added:

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

Asked whom the government now regards as Public Enemy No. 1, Hoover replied:

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

## OTHERS SOUGHT

Investigation of the William Hamm and Edward G. Bremer kidnappings, Hoover said, has not ended with the capture of Karpis. "nor will it end with the eventual capture of Harry Campbell, and indications are that several more individuals will be involved in both snatchings."

Karpis may have been co-leader of the now extinct Barker-Karpis gang of desperadoes, but to the G-man chieftain, Harry Campbell, still a fugitive, is the "man with the brains."

Continuing, Hoover said:

"Karpis reminds me of Dillinger and George 'Machine-Gun' Kelley. They talked a lot but each had to follow the master mind of their respective chief aides."

"Dillinger had his John Hamilton, Kelly his Harvey Bailey and Karpis his Campbell. We're still after Campbell, and eventually we'll get him."

"We were in New Orleans for several days before the capture of Karpis. We executed the plan we had had for several days, when the capture was made."

## TRAPPED ON STREET

"We knew Karpis had been a frequent visitor at the home of Fred Hunter and the woman we now know as 'Ruth.' Our cars and men (he would not say how many of either) surrounded the place, and Karpis had no chance."

"The three had just left their apartment at 3343 Canal Street and had entered their car when our automobile stationed in front of the driveway pulled up."

"Before Karpis could reach for his gun we had him covered, and, without a murmur of protest, he, Hunter and the woman stepped from the car with their hands above their heads."

"Karpis could not talk. He stuttered and stammered. Finally he managed to blurt out:

"You are Mr. Hoover. I recognize you from a sail fish picture I saw of you in a Florida paper."

## HOLDUP ALIBI

Hoover said that on the plane ride to St. Paul, Karpis congratulated him on the catch of that sail fish. Then the gangster took up a newspaper and read of his own capture and bank robbery in Detroit. He laughed:

"I know you fellows will be my alibi witnesses on that job."

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## LONE KARPIS' GANGSTER FREE

Limping Fugitive, Harry Campbell Escaped Trap at  
New Orleans

By Associated Press

NEW YORK, May 2. — 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.

### Karpis Held Out

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.

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

### Pretty Boy Slain

Karpis was the latest to be taken. Harvey Bailey, bank robber, 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 kidnapping.

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.

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## HOOVER JAILS ALVIN KARPIS

St. Paul, Minn. — (UP)—Alvin Karpis, manacled and covered by machine guns and rifles, was brought here today by 10 G-men under personal command of J. Edgar Hoover.

The chartered airplane on which the Public Enemy No. 1 was brought northward after his capture in New Orleans late yesterday was met by a dozen more federal agents. The plane taxied directly into an Army hangar.

With guns levelled at him from every side, Karpis was loaded into an automobile and taken to the federal building. Four other automobiles loaded with G-men accompanied him.

It was expected that Karpis, sought by the government for nearly three years, would be arraigned in connection with the \$100,000 kidnaping of William Hamm, St. Paul, one of the two kidnapings and five murders for which he was wanted.

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.

Local department operatives, carrying sub-machine guns and sawed-off shotguns, formed a cordon around the plane door as Karpis was led out. Both Karpis' hands were tightly manacled. He looked out for a minute at the spacious hangar, then stepped down the ladder. He was handcuffed to an agent. He appeared to be extremely nervous and shaking badly.

Karpis had undergone a crude plastic surgery operation, Hoover disclosed. There was a deep scar under his left ear and lobes of his ears had been cut. His fingerprints had been mutilated.

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**G-Men Capture Pal  
Of Alvin Karpis**

**J. Edgar Hoover Personally  
Arrests Harry Campbell  
And Wife**

Harry Campbell, last of the Alvin Karpis gang, and a woman said to be his wife, were captured at Toledo, Ohio, by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, he revealed today.

Sam Coker, a small-time gangster, was arrested with Campbell. Not a shot was fired in the capture.

Campbell was taken by plane to St. Paul where he is being held with Karpis for connection with the kidnaping of Edward Bremer, of St. Paul, and a \$46,000 machine gun mail train holdup at Carrettsville, Ohio.

Campbell was a companion of Karpis when they shot their way out of a police trap at Atlantic City on January 20, 1935. The pair kidnaped Dr. Horace W. Hunsicker of Philadelphia while they were fleeing westward, and forced him to accompany them. He was released a day later at Me-Ohio.

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## COMPANION OF KARPIS ARRAIGNED

NEW ORLEANS, May 6. (AP)—Fred Hunter, associate of Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, who was captured in a raid on his New Orleans apartment last Friday by Federal agents, was arraigned today before United States Commissioner Carter on a charge of harboring Karpis and was held under bond of \$200,000.

Hunter was placed in custody of Philip Alvarez, United States Marshal. He waived extradition and it is understood he is to be taken to Ohio in charge of a postal inspector from Cincinnati to answer to a charge of mail robbery at Garrettsville.

Hunter was arrested with a young woman, Ruth Robinson, at the Karpis apartment by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the bureau, and a score of agents.

Ruth, a mysterious character in the case, was spirited away from the Federal officers here yesterday and released without charge.

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# 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 degenerated Karpis gang.

Hoover disclosed that he flew to



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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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# **KARPIS' GAL HERS MOTHER DECLARES**

DAVIDSON, Okla., May 7.—(P)—Mrs. John Hamm, mother of nine, said today the girl taken into custody last Friday in the Alvin Karpis roundup at New Orleans is her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Hamm Robinson, 19.

Mrs. Hamm, wife of a plumber in this Tillman county village near the Red river, said the picture of the pretty, blond "woman in white" who was present at the apartment where Karpis and Fred Hunter were arrested, is her next to youngest child.

"I only hope that she will come back home," the mother appealed. "I am her mother and I want to help her start over again. She hasn't committed any crime. She has only fallen into the wrong company."

Federal agents have released the girl.

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**CAMPBELL REFUSES TO TALK.**

**Federal Agents Pass 85-Hour Mark  
in Questioning Gangster.**

(By the Associated Press.)

ST. PAUL, May 10.—True to the underworld code, Harry Campbell, limping Barker-Karpis gangster, still refused to "talk" as he passed his eighty-fifth hour tonight in leg irons and manacles in the federal bureau of investigation office.

Federal agents, working in relays under supervision of Clinton W. Stein, continued to question him concerning persons who aided him and his chieftain, Alvin Karpis, while they were sought for nearly three years for two major kidnappings.

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# Campbell, last of Karpis gang, captured!

## G-men capture Karpis aide

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ST. PAUL, Minn., May 7.—(UP)—Harry Campbell, last principal of the Karpis-Barker gang, was hustled out of a chartered airliner today after a swift flight from Cleveland, Ohio.

The big ship landed at 11:55 a. m., CST. J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation, who personally made the arrest at Toledo early this morning, was not aboard. He returned to Washington from Cleveland.

Shortly before the arrival one of the G-men who awaited the plane indicated that Alvin Karpis, trembling leader of the kidnap gang, had provided the tip that led to Campbell's discovery.

"Is Karpis going to get the \$2500 reward for Campbell's capture?" the federal agent was asked.

"Well," was the reply, "he's entitled to it."

Karpis has been subjected to intensive questioning ever since he was brought—cringing and whimpering—in chains from New Orleans last Saturday.

Karpis faces trial in the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., and Campbell is under indictment for participation in the snatching of Edward G. Bremer.

In the department of justice office Campbell faced the prospect of long hours—perhaps days—of questioning in the Bremer kidnaping for which he has been indicted and in the Hamm kidnaping, with which he has not been linked definitely.

There was no danger the near-old sub-lieutenant would make a gang leader, Karpis.

Karpis, failing to provide \$50,000 bond asked on kidnaping

## G-men take desperado easily

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counts, was lodged in the Ramsey county jail.

It was during that time Karpis is believed to have broken down and given federal agents a list of possible hideouts where Campbell might be located.

Hoover said only slight resistance was encountered when he and his agents broke into Campbell's second floor apartment. They found a woman, who Hoover said was Campbell's wife, in the apartment with him.

The girl was brought to Cleveland but was not placed under arrest.

Investigators found \$2900 in cash, a revolver, and six clips of cartridges in the apartment.

Hoover said Karpis and Campbell were the two who stood guard over Edward Bremer while he was held captive.

In another raid at Toledo, federal agents captured Sam Coker on parole from the Oklahoma state prison at McAlester where he was serving a 30-year term for bank robbery. Coker is held here and will be returned to Oklahoma for parole violation.

Hoover said Coker had been associated with the Karpis-Barker mob but did not participate either in the Bremer kidnaping or Garrettsville mail robbery.

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## Gangster Before Court

# KARPIS BAIL FIXED AT \$500,000

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 6.—two conspiracy charges in the (Universal Service.) — Brought before the clerk of the United States District Court today prior to removal to the Ramsey County jail, Alvin Karpis, kidnaper and erstwhile Public Enemy No. 1, was told bail would be \$100,000 each on the five charges against him.

The gangster was startled for an instant, inquiring:

"What was that?"

The clerk replied:

"I said bail would be \$500,000—can you furnish it?"

Karpis sneered and said with a half-smile:

"Not today."

Karpis was taken to jail after 103 hours of almost continuous grilling by G-Men. The bail is a record for St. Paul. There were one actual kidnaping and

Edward G. Bremer \$200,000 kidnaping and a kidnaping and a conspiracy charge in the William Hamm Jr. \$100,000 kidnaping.

While Karpis was being questioned today not only on the kidnapings, but about a \$30,000 St. Paul holdup in which a policeman was killed, the slaying of a Missouri Sheriff and various other crimes, the alleged accomplice with whom he was arrested in New Orleans, Fred Hunter, was being arraigned before United States Commissioner Reginald Carter Jr. in the Southern city.

Hunter, cringing and beaten, was hardly able to speak audibly as he waived hearing on a charge of harboring Karpis. His bond was set at \$200,000. He also wanted for a \$46,000 mail train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio.

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# 1500 Police Didn't See 'Old Creepy'

Fifteen hundred abashed New York police learned Sunday that Alvin Karpis, killer, kidnaper, and Public Enemy No. 1, had walked right through them his bride on his arm, with never a blink of recognition from a single officer.

Four hundred of the police were inside the Yankee Stadium that night, the wild, bright-lighted night of the Joe Louis-Maxie Baer fight. The others were in the streets and sidewalks around the stadium.

Despite the fact that at that very moment, Karpis was being hunted through 48 States, the little killer known as "Old Creepy" was able to fly to New York, serenely marry Gracie Goldstein at a New York hotel, then take her to his ringside seats at the fistic battle.

## POLICE MUTE.

Officials of the department would not comment Sunday as these amazing sidelights on the life of "Old Creepy" were given out by his wife, the former Mrs. Gracie Goldstein, now back at her hotel in Hot Springs, after disappearing four days before Karpis was captured by J. Edgar Hoover and his G-men in New Orleans.

Notwithstanding the reluctance to comment, New York detectives were known to be investigating Mrs. Goldstein's story that she had been married in a New York hotel on the trip she and Karpis made from New Orleans to see the fight.

"We didn't have any trouble chartering a plane and flying to New York," Mrs. Karpis said.

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## Knew Karpis' Wife



RUTH HAMM.  
She was arrested with Karpis and she knew his wife.

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"And when we got to New York we were married. It was at a hotel there, but I forget the name of it."

Detectives sought to find out if there had been a license issued to "Edward Woods" and Mrs. Goldstein on the day of the fight. It was under that name, Mrs. Goldstein said, that she had known Karpis for months, preceding the New York trip.

The investigators also sought to discover if prominent Broadway characters and members of the New York sporting world had attended the defiant ceremony, as has been reported from Hot Springs.

"We went almost everywhere that he wanted to go," Mrs. Karpis said. "He was good to me. He must have given me more than \$9,000, but most of it was spent for automobiles."

Mrs. Karpis' return to her Hot Springs establishment, where she met Karpis, followed a period of absence when she was being secretly flown about the country, in charge of G-men pursuing the Karpis and Harry Campbell man-hunt.

"I never told them where he was," Mrs. Karpis hastened to add in interviews yesterday.

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**THEIR CRIME CAREER ENDED IN DEATH—**  
 Clyde Barrow, southwest gang chief, and his girl-lieutenant,  
 Bonnie Parker, the cigar smoker, both of whom were shot to  
 death by officers of the law to thin ranks of notorious criminal.  
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## Mid-West Police Hit by Hoover

NEW YORK, May 4.—(AP)—J. Edgar Hoover, here after delivering Alvin Karpis to St. Paul authorities for prosecution on kidnaping charges, said today that co-operation with his men in some Middle West communities is "rotten."

"Corruption or inefficiency among police authorities is the cause of notorious lack of co-operation with the department in many communities," declared the director of the justice department's bureau of investigation.

"It is rotten in some places. I won't name them. But they are in the Middle West. Nationally—in general—co-operation is excellent. We will co-operate with officials anywhere there is not a lot of politics, crookedness or the officials are not publicity crazy."

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

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

## Threat Led Hoover to Arrest Karpis

By WALTER WINCHELL  
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NEW YORK, May 4.—The "side" on why J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the "G-men", personally supervised the capture of Alvin Karpis in New Orleans was because "Put Rat No. 1" (as Hoover calls him) had threatened to shoot and kill Hoover on sight.

Then, too, Senator McKellar of Tennessee, at a recent hearing in Washington concerning appropriations for the federal bureau of investigation, heckled Hoover with "Tell me, Mr. Hoover—did you ever make an arrest?"

From reliable information a reporter learned that when Karpis was cornered exiting from an apartment in New Orleans, bank burglar and murderer sarcastically said:

"I see we've finally met."  
"Yes," said Hoover, "and memory serves, you were going to kill me."

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

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San Antonio Light  
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## RIGHT INTO JAIL



ST. PAUL GREETES ALVIN KARPIS.  
Noted gangster taken into federal building by G-men.

## J. Edgar Hoover Pans Co-operation of Midwest Cops

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# KARPIS IN MANACLES GOES NORTH IN PLANE

Federal Agents Led by Hoover Seize Outlaw  
in New Orleans With Two Companions  
Without Firing a Shot.

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NEW ORLEANS, May 2.—Federal agents whisked Alvin Karpis northward in manacles by airplane today, to answer for kidnappings, murder and robbery that made him the nation's most hunted criminal.

The prisoner, a survivor of the Karpis-Barker gang, and two companions surrendered without a shot in New Orleans last night to Federal agents in the first arrest ever made in person by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Shotguns, automatic rifles and pistols were leveled by fifteen to twenty agents, to take the fight out of the youth wanted principally for the abduction for \$100,000 ransom of William A. Hamm Jr., St. Paul brewer, on June 15, 1933, and the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, six months later, held for \$200,000 ransom.

Karpis raised his hands and a pistol was taken from his pocket.

Arrested with him as they were about to enter 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, 37 years old, a suspect in the \$34,000 post office robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, on November 7, 1935.

## Captives Are Shackled.

Swiftly the agents shackled the hands and feet of the men and took them and the woman to the Post Office Building for questioning.

Other agents 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 covering ten of his twenty-six years, was rushed to the New Orleans airport at 8:30 P. M. (Central standard time) and put aboard a chartered plane by six guards.

Hoover followed him and the plane took off. Federal agents declined to disclose the destination. A midnight stop at St. Louis indicated the plane was headed for St. Paul.

## CAPTURED



Alvin Karpis.

Source of Tip a Secret.  
Typical Department of Justice secrecy withheld the source of tip that resulted in the arrest of brother-in-law of Karpis, Alvin J. Grooms of Topeka, Kan., pressed the opinion he was "told in by a friend."

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

Hoover and other Federal declined to discuss this phase of the case or comment on rumors New Orleans, that persons who seen or been with Karpis, responsible for the important

Victims of the St. Paul kidnapings were cheered by news of arrest. Seven of Karpis's 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." Brewer termed it "A further tribute" to the department.

Whether Karpis would be brought to trial on the kidnaping charges

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immediately, however, was a question. Hoover said he was implicated with Hunter in the Garrettsville Post Office robbery.

#### Hoover Describes Arrest.

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 were in an apartment and were leaving the house to enter an automobile when the agents surrounded them."

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

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

He had been living in the apartment with the woman, who posed as his wife. Hunter visited them nightly. His arrest followed two months of concentrated vigilance in New Orleans, Hoover said.

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

#### Started From Fingerprints.

The nationwide hunt for Karpis began with the finding of his fingerprints on a gasoline can, and a flashlight dropped by the Bremer kidnap gang. Earlier crimes attributed to him and his gang did not come under the department's jurisdiction. The robberies and kidnappings of this group in three years caused the deaths of at least five persons, four them policemen, and \$500,000 cash loss. Bigger ventures included:

The robbery of the Third Northwestern National Bank, Minneapolis, December 16, 1932, in which three were slain and \$20,000 taken.

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

The September 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's crime career began when he was only sixteen years old, a slender youngster arrested at Topeka, Kan., for stealing automobile tires.

#### Escaped From Reformatory.

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 rejoined Freddie Barker, whom he had met in Lansing prison. For a year or more they cut a wide swath through the wealthy oil State, broadening their crime activities and adding to their gang.

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 Barker's second husband, Arthur W. Dunlap, had tipped officers as to their hideaway, and Dunlap promptly was taken for a fatal ride.

#### Escape in Florida.

The association of the outlaws continued until it was interrupted 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, was arrested and promptly pleaded guilty to the Bremer kidnaping, fearful of the electric chair sentence for murder in connection with other crimes.

After the Florida raid, Karpis and Campbell fled North, escaped in a running battle at Atlantic City and since had remained strictly out of the limelight.

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 minor members of the gang's affluent era or newly joined associates, agents agreed.

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# Karpis's Pal Is Still at Large

## Harry Campbell, Last of Criminals of the Depression Years, Eludes Capture.

By Associated Press.

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.

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.

### Not Like Old Outlaws.

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 kidnapping.

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

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

### Other Notorious Outlaws.

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

Wright was believed Campbell's helper in the Earl Smith murder.

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

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

### Tri-State Terror Slain.

Wilbur Underhill (the Tri-State terror) was slain by Federal and Oklahoma peace officers at Shawnee, Okla.

Bob Brady, bank robber, was killed during the pursuit after one of the 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.

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 kidnapping.

### Pretty Boy Shot Dead.

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 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

## Karpis Had Two Names And Three Nicknames

TOPEKA, Kan., May 2 (A. P.).—Alvin Karpis was 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.

partment, relieved of the Karpis search, sought Campbell today in an effort to make the clean-up complete.

### Boat Not Carried Out.

Successor of such criminals 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 November 22, last year, on charges of neglect and cruelty.

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

To the law-abiding parents of Karpis, Mr. and Mrs. John Karpavicz, of Chicago, the arrest was merely the climax of a criminal career.

"Why tell me about it?" demanded Karpavicz, an apartment house janitor.