



**WOMAN SLAIN WITH BOOBYTRAP**

Bo's of Mrs. Gloria Delleose, 19, is slumped against steering wheel of family car in New York's Bronx Saturday after she was killed with two bursts from double-barrelled shotgun rigged in the back seat. Police said that Mrs. Delleose's husband, Pasquale, 27, admitted early Sunday he murdered his wife by triggering the shotgun. (AP Wirephoto)

**Many Political Prisoners Believed Held In Russia**

By LEONARD KIRSCHEN LONDON (AP) — Somewhere in Eastern Europe a train pulled out of a small station. Only one long black railroad car is left behind, isolated. It could be a baggage car, or a mail car—but it isn't. It has small windows, high up out of reach and they are covered by black steel shutters with horizontal slits. What's inside, you can't see; this is a jail on wheels for killers, thieves and political prisoners. There are some 45,000 political prisoners behind bars and barbed wire in Eastern Europe today, according to an organization called Amnesty. That figure doesn't include the Soviet Union. Amnesty, an international organization run from London, fights for the release of political prisoners the world over and keeps tabs on how many are still locked up. How many "political" there are in the Soviet Union is anyone's guess. Amnesty says they run into hundreds of thousands. Prison statistics are secret in Eastern Europe and in Russia more so. The black railroad cars visit almost any station behind the Iron Curtain, east of Vienna. People have learned to know them and when they meet one, they turn their eyes away. It's better not to show your knowledge.

**POLICE ARRIVE**  
The station springs to life. Six blue-clad men of the militia — the Communist police — turn up, armed with machine-pistols. They've come to escort the prisoners to the local jail. A long steel door slides open. The prisoners are pushed out and jump to the ground. Now 140 of the prisoners are standing huddled, their eyes blinking in the bright sun. The car was meant for only 40. Some travelled a week on this car. The escort recalls from a sour stink of sweat and unwashed bodies in filthy rags. They've come packed tight like sardines in a tin and the windows are small. The steel body and roof of the car is so hot you can't touch it. The prisoners' faces are a parchment yellow. Their eyes, sunk deep in dark blue hollows, are eager to catch a glimpse of the outside world. A column is formed. The guards shout and prod with their pistols. A kick from a heavy boot helps speed up the marching. The convoy shuffles off and the station is quiet again.

Whether in Russia, Romania, Hungary, Albania or elsewhere in Eastern Europe, scores of jails are scattered throughout the territory. Political prisoners are always on the move. Sentenced to 10 years, 25 or perhaps a whole life in prison, they must not form roots in any one jail or camp. It's their duty to be disciplined because wardens are inclined to soften up with regular old timers. So they are shifted. The arrests began in 1944, and few families in Eastern Europe escaped having someone snatched from their midst. Twelve years ago one in 10 of the adult population of the area saw jail, labor camp or colony. The arrests continue today, even if the pretexes have changed. There's no better education, no university in the world that can teach you what three years in jail can," say the Communists. A man who comes from jail can be trusted. He will never want to go back against the law. And those who stay? Some die there. Those who go on living find comfort in the maximum: "Only the first three years are difficult."

Pretexts for jailing people range from real and imaginary war crimes, economic sabotage, spying, leaving or attempting to leave the country without a

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mistake, the door would be closed. Violence included forced drinking of water up to half a gallon followed by electric shocks. Some prisoners were inflated with bicycle pumps. Others were continually tapped on their knuckles with a steel spring holding a lead ball at one end. Beating was done in the cellar where the blindfolded victim was taken. Trousers down, he had to squat with knees up to his chin. His hands were handcuffed below and between the knees. Under the knees an iron pipe was passed. The ends of the pipe were placed on two chairs and a hood drawn over the victim's head. A wet sheet was placed on his bare bottom. The beating was administered with a broomstick or iron pipe on the bottom or soles of the feet which swung round alternately, as the victim revolved on the pipe. For the "A-bomb," the victim was similarly bound, drawn up to the ceiling and dropped on the cement floor. Then came the trial at night, with no public, no family, no witnesses, with lawyers assigned by the court. The sentence was 25 years hard labor. A prison clerk read out the sentence a few days later in one of the jail corridors. "NOW YOU KNOW" "Well," he asked, "what the devil have you done?" "I was an American correspondent," I replied. "Wasn't there anything else you could do in this large world except work for the Americans?" "I knew of nothing else," I said. "Well," was his final comment, "now you know."

Then came years of crowded cells, hunger-prisoners barely had 1,200 calories a day, more often less than 1,000—beatings and no medical attention. There were 10 years of eating only boiled food, no eggs, no milk, little meat. Only barley, pumpkins, dehydrated potatoes, pickled and fresh cabbage and a few dry beans thrown in.

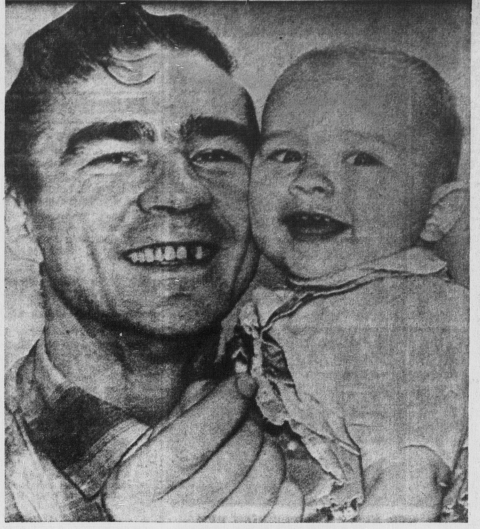
Then followed standing for hours: sitting on a chair around the clock without sleep for several days; then, from three to seven days, an uninterrupted walk in the cellar or one's cell from which all furniture had been removed. **RECORDED SCREAMS** Sometimes during the inquiry, the door would be left open and a recording playing of a beating with all the desperate shrieks of the victim. Then, as if it were a

**Steel Orders Snowballing, U.S. Reports**

CLEVELAND (AP)—With orders snowballing and backlogs mounting the last two weeks, steelmakers have been forced to reinstate normal lead times, Steel magazine reports. Scrambling to keep pace with the fastest market upswing in more than a year, producers once again are quoting four- to six-week delivery on cold rolled sheets, the laborworking weekly says.

There's no runaway—no real boom," the publication continues, "but enough acceleration to convince even skeptics that they should boost their forecasts and relight idle furnaces ahead of schedule. "March shipments of mill products will exceed last month's by 15 or 20 per cent."

The trade journal says mid-western mills are quoting longer deliveries on wide sheets than on narrow ones, and eastern mills report stretchouts on cold rolled sheets (three to six weeks), galvanized sheets (four to five weeks), and low silicon sheet (late April). **SOME BOOST SUPPLY** "Although some users have increased their inventories lately, few have done it for strike hedge purposes," the magazine says. "The heavy stockpiling will start next month. "The contrast between this year's building and the one a year ago is noteworthy. In January, 1962, mill shipments of 800,000 tons exceeded consumption by about 900,000 tons and made a substantial addition to user inventories. In January of this year, mill shipments of 570,000 tons fell about 600,000 tons short of estimated consumption." Steel predicts a seventh con-



**BABY LANDS GOOD PUNCH**

Tom Welsh may have said he didn't expect to be taken literally. Eleven-month-old Rodney, a strapping young son, but he popped one out with a well-

placed left jab when dad bent over for a kiss. (CP Wirephoto)

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