



Priceless Sapphire Recovered

By ARTHUR EVERETT
NEW YORK (AP)—The Star of India was back at the American Museum of Natural History Friday 10 weeks after it was stolen in a \$410,000 jewel robbery.

The sky-blue sapphire and eight other museum jewels were found in a public locker in Miami, Fla., encased in a rotting, chamois bag. Accused of the theft are Florida beach boys Allan Kuhn, 26; James (Murph the Surf) Murphy 27, and Roger Clark, 29. Kuhn arranged the recovery of the Star of India and the other gems.

Asked about reports the jewels were recovered in a deal in which the three accused men would escape with light prison terms, perhaps as little as one or two years, District Attorney Frank S. Hogan replied: "The sentence is up to the judge. As a matter of policy, anyone who co-operates with the district attorney gets consideration, and the extent of their co-operation is pointed out to the judge. Then it's up to the judge."

Others were recovered. Recovered with the Star of India were eight lesser gems. Missing were 15 other gems, one the De Long Ruby of 100 carats, considered the largest and most perfect of its type in the world.

The 24 jewels were stolen the night of Oct. 29 from their glass display cases in a fourth-floor hall of Minerals at the museum. For bookkeeping purposes their value was assessed at \$410,000. But many are irreplaceable.

Kuhn and Murphy were arrested in Miami and Clark in New York. Murphy and Clark, free on bail in the museum theft, were arrested in Miami New Year's Day and charged in the attempted \$10,000 jewel burglary of a home there.

Later, in New York, all three were charged with an assault and \$250 armed robbery of a hotel night clerk. On Jan. 5, Murphy and Kuhn were accused of pistol-whipping actress Eva Gabor and robbing her of a \$50,000 ring in Miami Jan. 4, 1964.

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SITUATION NORMAL

Money Supply In Canada Increases By \$1 Billion

OTTAWA (CP)—The publicly held money supply in Canada rose by \$1,059,000,000 during 1964. That spells "easy money"—just easy enough, in the view of informed observers here, to help encourage the economic expansion with an adequate supply of relatively low-cost credit without feeding the forces of inflation.

This ticklish job of safeguarding the integrity of the dollar with a monetary policy appropriate to Canada's domestic and international circumstances falls chiefly to the Bank of Canada.

Its latest statistics show a total money supply in public hands, in the form of currency outside the banks together with publicly held deposits in the chartered banks, of \$17,208,000,000 at Dec. 30 compared with \$16,150,000,000 last Jan. 1, 1964.

This is in line with the six-per-cent annual increases of the last three years. The advance is about the same as the estimated 1964 advance in the actual volume of gross national product, the country's total output of goods and services.

GNP is estimated to have reached a level of \$46,500,000 for the year as a whole. At market prices, that would be a one-year increase of about eight per cent.

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Fighter Diverts Canadian Plane
NICOSIA (Reuters)—An unidentified fighter plane fired rockets ahead of a Royal Canadian Air Force transport over the Gaza strip Friday night, informed Canadian sources in this Cypriot capital reported.

The Canadian Hercules transport with a crew of eight was flying supplies from France to the United Nations forces on the Egyptian-Israeli border. As it approached El Arish landing field a fighter plane fired rockets ahead of the Canadian plane, which changed course and flew to Nicosia airport, the sources said.

The main condition of the free trade arrangement is that the auto industry agree to increase the Canadian share of its North American output. This would prevent the U.S. parent firms from flooding the Canadian market with lower-priced American cars at the expense of their subsidiaries in this country.

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As high as that may seem, it is a smaller increase than in the previous Canadian expansions of comparable length and vigor and also is smaller than the price increases in nearly every other major country. Meanwhile, the rate of increase in general bank loans has been about 11 per cent over the life of the current expansion. In the last year they swelled by a little over 15 per cent, or by \$1,074,000,000 to a year-end total of \$18,192,000,000. Interest rates have remained fairly steady. In fact they are no higher now than when this expansion began nearly four years ago.

In addition, there has been a narrowing recently in the gap between Canadian and U.S. interest rates. Normally average long-term rates in Canada are one to 1½ percentage points above comparable rates in the U.S. In the last month the differential has shrunk to about eight-tenths of a point.

PROSPECTS UNCERTAIN
Prospects for the year ahead are uncertain. On one hand, Finance Minister Gordon has clearly set the government on an expansionary path. Presumably, this would apply to monetary as well as fiscal policy.

On the other hand, the fre trade agreement will not result in any immediate major reduction in the price of cars in Canada, although officials say it will ultimately lead to similar prices in both countries. U.S. car prices now are substantially below those in Canada.

The officials say the plan could give a major shot in the arm to the Canadian industry, which now will have access to a huge new market. It is thought likely some of the manufacturers will concentrate on certain models in the Canadian plants, confine other models to U.S. plants, and thus lower production costs and lengthen production runs.

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THE PAS, Man (CP)—A pilot, walking and crawling with a broken ankle, reached civilization Friday in time to save one of two passengers in his crashed plane. One passenger died.

Lyle Gibson, 25, of The Pas crossed 13 miles of remote snow-covered country in temperatures that dipped to 30 below in 20-mile-an-hour winds to reach a spillway station near the hydro company of Grand Rapids, 250 miles north of Winnipeg.

There a young Indian and companion found Gibson, who broke his ankle when his plane crashed Thursday, on the floor next to an electric heater. His word on the plane's location was passed quickly to search parties, who found one Manitoba Telephone System employee alive but severely frost bitten and another dead.

Gibson and Fred Wark, 32, of The Pas underwent treatment in hospital here and were in good condition. In Grand Rapids, RCMP were reported to be making arrangements to move the body of Don Snider, 55, home to The Pas today.

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TEACHER GIVEN 4-FOOT SNAKE

BOSTON (AP)—English teacher Arthur J. Hull opened a gift box on his desk at Walpole High School and there peering up at him—and weaving—was a four-foot boa constrictor.

Hull says he can't be angry at his prankster pupils because, thinking back, he asked for it. Several weeks ago, a pupil asked Hull what he wanted for Christmas.

"Nothing much," Hull replied. "A paper clip, or a Boa constrictor maybe."

"Hull, a bachelor, has the serpent in his apartment—in a five-foot-high box. "It could do a job on a small cat but that's about all, although if you let it wrap itself around your arm, it takes two people to get it off," he said.

Incidentally, Hull also got three paper clips for Christmas.

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Sukarno Action Feared

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Indonesia's President Sukarno may be preparing for strong new thrusts against neighboring Malaysia, intended to stop short of provoking general war in Southeast Asia. He could edge perilously close to the brink.

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ON HUNGER STRIKE

Jack Waters, 37, of Sudbury, Ont., and formerly of St. Thomas, Ont., Friday started a hunger strike which he hopes will stimulate Canadians to

take a personal interest in organizations trying to help the world's hungry. Settled in a \$12-a-day room in the Royal York Hotel in Toronto he says

he will take only tea, water and milk. Here, he prepares letters to corporations seeking funds. (CP Wirephoto)

U.S. Treasury To Seek Change In Gold Reserve Requirements

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. treasury said Friday it will ask Congress to change the law requiring a 25-per-cent gold backing on domestic money. At the same time, it reassured foreign governments they may convert to gold any U.S. dollars they hold.

Some speculation in foreign exchange markets was set off by several unrelated developments, the treasury said. These developments included: —It was reported President Johnson tentatively plans to ask Congress to eliminate the gold cover that backs the U.S. banking system while retaining the gold requirement supporting currency.

On the gold cover, the announcement said: "While legislative action will undoubtedly have to be requested of the Congress, the form and timing of the request has not been finally determined."

CHANGE IS NEEDED
The change will be needed, the treasury said, "to assure the availability of credit in a growing domestic economy and to relieve any doubt that may remain anywhere the U.S. gold supply stands firmly behind the dollar in international markets at the immutable price of \$35 (an ounce)."

The United States has about \$15,500,000,000 in gold and about \$13,600,000,000 of this is committed to reserves backing federal reserve notes and the deposits of commercial banks. Removal of the 25-per-cent gold cover on bank deposits would release almost \$5,000,000,000 in

gold and removal of the cover on both bank deposits and currency would release \$13,600,000,000.

A major reason for the squeeze is that the amount of money in circulation and in bank deposits is increasing because of bigger incomes and business earnings. Thus additional gold backing will be needed unless the legal requirement is lowered.

While U.S. citizens have not been able to swap currency for gold since the U.S. went off the strict gold standard in 1934, foreign governments are permitted to exchange any U.S. dollars they accumulate for gold at the fixed price of \$35 an ounce.

EMPHASIS ON MOVE
Treasury officials said the French action held no great significance, aside from the timing, and the emphasis that was placed on the move by the French themselves.

After the conversion of the \$150,000,000 into gold, France will hold about \$1,300,000,000 in gold.

France Germany Sign Trade Pact
BERLIN (Reuters)—Trade between France and East Germany will increase by more than 80 per cent under an agreement for 1965 signed here Friday. The East German news agency ADN said east Germany will export mainly machine tools and textile and office machinery in exchange for French agricultural products and consumer goods.

Some \$700,000,000 of this amount is expected to be held by the French to cover the debt it owes to the United States and Canada.

In addition, the treasury announcement said, France requires a working balance of about \$40,000,000 in U.S. dollars.

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Canadian Forces Headquarters announced Friday HMCS Fraser, with the RCN Escort Squadron at Esquimalt, B.C., will join surface ships of the United States Navy for the tests near Kahoolawe Island in the Hawaiian Islands.

The TNT will be exploded at the ocean's surface. The announcement said each of the blasts will be similar to one carried out last July at Suffield Experimental Station, Ralston, Alta.

The Fraser will sail from Esquimalt Jan. 12. She will be exposed to the first blast early next month and will return to Esquimalt before heading back to the test area for the second shot.

The United States invited RCN and Defence Research Board scientists to take part in the tests as a reciprocal arrangement to facilities extended to the U.S. during the Suffield explosions.

The Fraser, 2,900-ton St. Laurent class destroyer escort, is the only one of seven ships in her class that has not begun conversion to carry a helicopter and variable depth sonar to improve her anti-submarine capability. She is to start conversion after completion of the blast tests.

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The big sell-off started shortly after noon when the United States treasury department announced any speculation against the price of gold—fixed at \$35 (U.S.) an ounce since 1934—would inevitably end on the losing side. Within an hour the exchange's gold index, which had inched up .65 in morning trading, collapsed 9.25 points. It was



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Princess Unperturbed By Extremist Plotting

ABBEYLEIX, Ireland (AP)—Princess Margaret toured Ireland unperturbed Friday despite noisy attack by explosion which police charged was part of an extremist plot against her.

The princess and her husband, the Earl of Snowdon, drove through the lanes of the Irish midlands while to the south security men questioned 10 youngsters captured in an elaborate series of road blocks.

A mysterious explosion, just before midnight Thursday night shattered windows in Abbeylisk House, a rambling Georgian mansion where the princess and her husband were guests of Lord and Lady de Vesci. Lord Snowdon is Lady de Vesci's brother.

What exactly happened was lost in an Irish mist. Police said a length of bicycle chain was hauled by ropes over high tension cables leading to the house. This short-circuited and blew up a transformer station. But Superintendent Patrick O'Connell, in charge of security operations here, said another and much more powerful explosion was the cause of the damage to the house.

This explosion shook the small town of Abbeylisk, a quarter-mile from the mansion, and sent people running into the streets. Scores of police spent the day searching the estate round the mansion but could find no trace of the explosion's origin. O'Connell explained: "This is rough terrain and thickly wooded and we have a large area to cover."

Some persons in the town said they heard shots. But police insisted all they could have heard was a motorbike backfiring. Security police charged the destruction to the so-called New Irish Republican Army, a band of youngsters dedicated to ending the partition of Ireland which leaves the six counties of Northern Ireland part of Britain.