

## St. Louis Police Use Decoys In War Against Street Crime

By BOB POOS  
ST. LOUIS (AP)—Two thugs closed in on somebody they thought was drunk in a telephone booth.

The "drunk" pressed a button on a small, concealed, two-way radio to spring one of the St. Louis police department's "decoy squad" traps.

But the action didn't follow the script. Detective Harold Seifert, the decoy, had stepped into the phone booth to allow the two suspected muggers to catch up with him. They moved in suddenly before he could get free of the confining booth and began a brutal beating. Unable to pull his gun, he managed only to switch on his radio and gasp as he fell to the pavement.

"Help me. For God's sake help!" Detective Tom Crowe was the first to respond. He crashed into the hoods, grabbing one, who shot him in the knee. Five other squad members arrived in quick succession. The muggers fled amid an exchange of shots. Minutes afterward the cops and a police dog trailed one of the fugitives to a nearby apartment building. They found him crouching on the second-floor landing with a bullet in his chest and no fight left. An ex-convict, he's now serving three 30-year terms.

**HOPE FOR ATTACK**  
With two police casualties, that engagement last summer was the decoy squad's bloodiest to date and the most dramatic example of its guerrilla war against street crime.

For nearly a year men and women on this special squad have been frequenting high-hazard areas, disguised as ordinary citizens and hoping they will be attacked by criminals. The decoys are shepherded by other members of the squad riding in nondescript cars, who keep an eye on them and stay in touch through special radios.

There has been a noticeable decline in holdups, muggings, rapes and robberies since the squad went to work. St. Louis enjoyed an over-all decrease in crime of 11 per cent between 1960 and 1961.

The decoy squad was organized last year by Lieut. Edward Harper, 38, a hefty six-footer with horn-rimmed glasses and the looks of a brawny but kindly college professor.

He was given a squad of five men and two women supplied with equipment straight out of detective comics — miniature two-way radios, snub-nosed .38 specials carried in cutaway holsters, and tired-looking unmarked cars — powered by souped-up engines.

The squad, trained in judo, hit the streets early in May of last year.

**MANY VOLUNTEER**  
Assignment to the decoy squad is considered one of the most dangerous jobs in the department. But there is a long list of volunteers although most squad members have been attacked at least once.

Why is the duty sought? Harper says, "policemen are policemen and they like to make arrests. We've made well over 200."

Even on nights when they don't make an arrest, the de-

**TO VISIT FAIR**  
LONDON (Reuters) — Prince Philip will visit the Seattle World's Fair June 1-2 after his Canadian trip later this month. It was announced Tuesday. He leaves London May 12 to preside at the second Commonwealth study conference which opens in Montreal May 14.

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## BALTIC

Paul Caseley, Kensington, spent the Easter holidays in Clinton, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Pickering. Mrs. Ellen Cousins, Park Corner, Mrs. Wallace Adams, Darnley and Mrs. Bruce Crozier, Baltic, have returned from attending the annual teachers convention being held at Charlottetown last week.

Mrs. Turner Glydon has recovered from her recent illness and returned to her home in Moncton, N.B. were visitors to Kensington on Sunday. The members of Sea View Women's Institute sponsored a pot luck supper on Tuesday evening in Sea View Hall. A good sum of money was realized. On Wednesday a large number of people attended the auction sale of machinery, stock, etc., held on the premises of Harry Taylor of Hamilton. Mr. Arthur J. Stewart was auctioneer. The ladies of the Hamilton Women's Institute sold coffee and doughnuts.

Mrs. Ansel Bernard of Baltic is a patient in Prince County Hospital where she underwent surgery a couple of weeks ago. The Malpeque Road group of the United Church Women's Organization of Kensington United Church met on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Nelson Caseley for their regular meeting. Mrs. William C. Donald of Kensington entertained the members of Sea View Women's Institute at their April meeting on Friday evening.

Joseph Rindler of Moncton, N. Brunswick, was a business visitor to Baltic and Malpeque on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Woodside and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hogg and daughter Palmira returned home Saturday after a ten day motor trip to Toronto and Boston. Ontario has the largest Indian population of any province, numbering more than 37,000 in 1961.

**GREENFIELD SCHOOL**  
(Report for April)  
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Grade VI: 1. Mervin Ennis, 2. Kenny O'Halloran, 3. Paul Brothers and Janet Cairns  
Grade V: 1. Janie O'Halloran, 2. David Power  
Grade IV: 1. Carol Power and Elaine Ennis (equal), 2. Michael Brothers  
Grade III: 1. Betty O'Halloran, 2. Gerald Hynes

Grade II: 1. Cecil Ennis, 2. David Hynes, 3. Augustus Peter  
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