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Bogus Money Found, Huge Ring Broken

NEW YORK (AP) — A mammoth counterfeit operation, largest in the nation's history, was reported smashed Wednesday, before ring members could unload \$50 million in fake \$10, \$20 and \$100 bills. Samples were available for inspection by prospective buyers.

Already in the hands of federal officials were \$4.1 million worth of the fake \$100 bills, packaged in ordinary cardboard boxes and seized Dec. 29 at Kennedy Airport. Authorities said they were being shipped to a buyer, who had agreed to pay 10 cents on the dollar — or more than \$400,000 — for them.

Three men were arrested, one in New York and two in Ohio. The man seized in New York, Joel Lee, a Miami Beach, Fla., lawyer, was described by federal authorities as salesman and traffic manager for the ring. The other two were accused of printing the money, none of which, apparently, got into circulation. FURTHER arrests were forecast by Albert E. Whitaker, agent in charge of the Secret Service in New York.

The Kennedy Airport seizure was the largest haul of phony

money in the history of the Secret Service, surpassing the 1963 recovery in San Francisco of \$2 million in counterfeit \$20 and \$50 Federal Reserve notes.

The Kennedy Airport counterfeits were described as "passable" reproductions of regular \$100 bills, which bear the picture of Benjamin Franklin.

"I don't think New York was their final destination," Whitaker said, "although the bills were good enough to try to pass them here."

HE SPECULATED the \$4.1 million was destined for overseas. Lee, 39, father of three children, was arrested Tuesday night at Kennedy Airport, while returning to Florida. He was held in \$25,000 bail by U. S. Commissioner Max Schiffman on charges of possession, sale and delivery of the \$4.1 million in counterfeits.

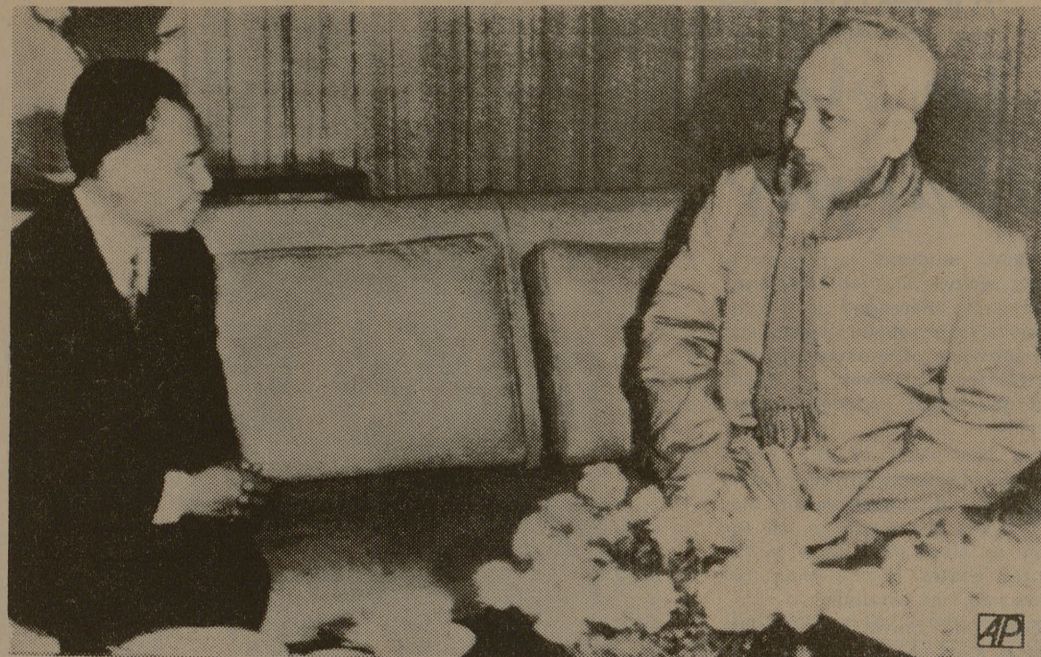
At Lee's bail hearing, Asst. U. S. Atty. Raymond B. Grunewald said the defendant had negotiated with one Dennis Lorraine in New York, and worked out a deal where the latter would buy the \$100 counterfeits for 10 per cent.

Lee was said by Grunewald to have provided Lorraine with 221 sample bills in advance, so he could examine their quality.

LORRAINE was not identified beyond his name, and was not listed among defendants in the case.

In 1966, the Secret Service said, Lee was accused of transporting more than \$300,000 in counterfeit money from Florida to Los Angeles, but the charges later were dropped.

In Ohio, Secret Service agents Wednesday arrested Louis Christian, 46, at his home in Canton, and James Clark, 28, of Clinton, Ohio, at his job in Akron. Both were charged with printing counterfeit money.



HANOI RELEASES PICTURES OF HO CHI MINH

This Hanoi radiophoto monitored in Warsaw was released by the official Vietnam News Agency apparently to refute a report in a Saigon newspaper that the 77-year-old Ho Chi Minh, right, president of North Vietnam, had died. He is shown talking with Cambodian foreign minister Norodom Phurissari in Hanoi. (AP Wirephoto by cable from Warsaw)

3 Mental Patients Strangled In St. Louis Hospital Beds

By ROY MALONE
Associated Press Writer
ST. LOUIS (AP) — Three male patients were found dead early today in a dormitory at the St. Louis State School and Hospital. Police said the patients apparently were strangled and the slayings were premeditated.

Authorities said four patients at the hospital were being questioned in connection with the deaths. Their names were not released.

Maj. F. J. (Pete) Vasek of the St. Louis County Police Department said the three victims apparently were strangled with strips of bedsheet found near their bodies in a ward of a security dormitory.

Dr. Cecil M. Baker, superintendent of the school, identified the victims as Allen Jackson, 24, and Henry Miller, 22, both of St. Louis, and Gary Earl Boenker, 22, of St. Charles, 20 miles west of St. Louis. All were longtime patients at the hospital.

Attendants found the victims shortly after 6 a.m. in a ward housing 29 patients. The ward is part of Donnelly Hall at the institution for mentally retarded young persons.

The hospital is located in Bellefontaine Neighbors, a suburb just north of St. Louis.

Two of the victims were found dead in adjoining beds, Dr. Baker said. He added that the third victim was found on the floor

near his bed.

Dr. Baker said an attendant makes an hourly check of the locked wards. He said that the hospital is understaffed, but added, "I doubt if this could have been prevented even if we had more personnel."

Donnelly Hall is a one-story building with bars on the windows. A spokesman at the hospital said it is designed for patients with behavioral problems, but not for patients considered dangerous.

The hospital, opened in 1924, has about 800 patients.

Aggie Grad Given Vietnam Air Duty

Air Force Capt. Windol C. Weaver, 1963 Texas A&M graduate, has been assigned duty at Nha Trang Air Base, Vietnam.

A forward air controller, the captain is assigned to a Pacific Air Forces unit. He served at Clinton-Sherman AFB, Okla., before going to Southeast Asia.

Captain Weaver studied accounting at A&M, married the former Sondra Covey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Covey, 200 Grove, College Station, and is a 1959 graduate of Waco High School.

Former MP Joins Campus Security

Joseph Biszalik, a former military policeman, has joined Texas A&M Campus Security Office as a patrolman.

A native of Detroit, Mich., Biszalik spent 12 years as an Army policeman and 12 years in the Army Medical and Dental Corps.

Biszalik, his wife, Dora Alice, and their children, Mickey, 12, and Rose Ann, 15, live at 106 First Street in Hearne.

New Airmail Rates Lower Servicemens' Package Costs

Packages up to 30 pounds for American military personnel served by Army and Fleet Post Offices overseas now can be sent by air transportation at special low rates, according to Postmaster Ernest Gregg.

"Area residents using this new airlift service will get much faster delivery on parcels to military personnel overseas," Gregg said. He said that the airlift is available on a space-available basis upon payment of the domestic parcel post surface rate plus a flat \$1 fee.

Packages weighing up to 30 pounds and not more than 60 inches in combined length and girth qualify for the new special airlift rate. Postal patrons can get the airlift service on packages mailed to all military personnel at APO and FPO address-

es overseas, and in Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. New airlift also applies to parcels mailed back to the States by servicemen from these military post offices.

Parcels on which the \$1 fee is paid get transportation all the way—from here to the port of embarkation, and from there to the overseas base. Postal patrons formerly had to pay air parcel post rates to get similar service.

Some examples are:

- A mother here sending a 15-pound package to her son in Vietnam pays \$3.85 for the new airlift service. The air parcel post rate for the same package is \$10.91.
- An eight-pound package going from here to Frankfurt, Germany, costs \$2.75 for the airlift service. The air parcel rate is \$5.87.

It is not always to the mailer's advantage to use the airlift service. On some light packages air parcel post rates may be lower than the airlift charges.

"Postal patrons should check with the Post Office for information on the best way to mail parcels to servicemen overseas," Postmaster Gregg emphasized.

The new airlift service went into effect January 7, 1968. It was authorized under the postal rate bill signed into law December 16 by President Johnson.

Postmaster Gregg explained that the regular postage on parcels mailed to servicemen overseas is based on the distance the package is hauled within the United States. No charge is made for carrying the package between the U. S. port and the overseas base.

Until January 7 airlift for parcels to servicemen overseas was restricted to packages weighing up to five pounds. Upon payment of the regular parcel rates, these packages get service transportation to the port of embarkation and are airlifted from there to the overseas posts on a space available basis.

There is no charge for this partial airlift and overseas parcels weighing up to five pounds will continue to receive this service, Postmaster Gregg said.

Project Themis Names Manager

Willis H. Clark has been named assistant program manager for Texas A&M's research efforts in optimization and meteorology under Project Themis.

Clark, associate research engineer in the office of the vice president for programs at the university, will coordinate efforts of the various interdisciplinary teams under Dr. Andrew Suttle Jr., vice president for research and manager of the Themis program.

Project Themis is funded by the Department of Defense with the object of establishing "centers of excellence" in various studies at universities.

At A&M, part of the \$1.25 million, three-year grant funds basic work in meteorology, has emphasis on subjective forecasting in localized areas. Investigators include Drs. William Clayton and Vance Moyer.

In the optimization effort, which seeks basic mathematical and statistical regimes for a number of physical operations, Drs. A. W. Wortham and Glen Self of Industrial Engineering and Dr. Ron Hocking of the Institute of Statistics are among the collaborators.

Two additional preliminary proposals have been submitted under the Project Themis program, Clark said.

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ATTENTION VOTERS OF COLLEGE STATION

VOTE FOR CHARTER AMENDMENTS ON SATURDAY, JAN. 13

College Station has an estimated total population of 19,900 persons, including 6,000 who reside in dormitories on the campus. The distribution of the population residing outside the dormitories is fairly equal among the wards but the vote cast for election of councilmen in the years 1961 through 1967 is very unequal. Most interest was shown in Ward 1, least in Ward 3 in which many students reside.

	wd. 1	wd. 2	wd. 3
present non-dormitory population	34%	30%	36%
votes cast for councilmen	51%	38%	11%
7-year average			

It is obvious that the "Ward System" of electing City Council Members fails to yield satisfactory results.

The Charter Amendment Committee recommended, among other items in its report, that the method of electing councilmen be changed from wards to one in which each candidate will file for one of three places each year. Each voter would have the opportunity to cast a vote for one candidate for each of the three places each year.

On the ballot to be used on Saturday, we urge that the recommendation of the Charter Amendment Committee be followed by voting for the first of the three options under Amendment No. 7, as shown below.

Amendment No. 7. Vote for only one (1) of the three propositions below:

"Do you favor the election of Councilmen at large, by all citizens, by Place Number?"

YES NO

"Do you favor the present method of election of Councilmen?"

~~YES~~ NO

"Do you favor the election of Councilmen at large by all citizens, but with Councilmen to reside in the Ward from which elected?"

~~YES~~ NO

- Frank G. Anderson
- Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Bauldauf
- J. B. Baty
- C. A. Bonnen
- Tom D. Cherry
- Dr. O. C. Cooper
- J. Cecil Culpepper
- John C. Culpepper
- James H. Dozier
- George H. Draper
- Rev. L. W. Flowers
- A. D. Folweiler
- L. P. Gabbard
- Gibb Gilchrist
- Mrs. C. B. Godbey

- T. J. Hirsch
- James M. Hendricks
- Robert Holcomb
- Edwin S. Holdredge
- Charles D. Holland
- Martin C. Hughes
- Luther G. Jones
- George W. Kunze
- Carl W. Landiss
- Ernest Langford
- Bardin H. Nelson
- Lester S. O'Bannon
- J. A. Orr
- Grady P. Parker

- Charles Pinnell
- Dr. Harold E. Redmond
- Norman Rode
- Ben Lyle
- Clifford H. Ransdell
- John L. Sandstedt
- Melvin C. Schroeder
- Mr. and Mrs. R. Kirk Strawn
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