

Elegant Bandit Finally Trapped

The short, portly, bearded man of the "Elegant Bandit," as his victims in Mexico City described him, has come to an end. Secret Service operators closed in on Alfredo Quiroga Gonzalez, who attempted to rob his seventh victim in less than two months as the latter left the offices of the Bank of Mexico.

Natally dressed, giving the impression of a university graduate rather than a ruffian, Gonzalez, aged twenty-four, told the police how he operated.

He concentrated on half a dozen main banks in the city. His habit was to enter a bank, and on the pretext of obtaining change for a high-value note, mark a victim who was withdrawing what seemed to be a "profitable" amount of cash. He usually selected a man or girl aged about eighteen to twenty-five, someone who could be bullied. Gonzalez would start smarting out after his intended victim, flash false credentials inferring he was a bank investigator, and frighten the person with a fanciful tale of a transgression of banking rules.

He was—and had to be—a fast, convincing talker to fluster and frighten his intended victim. Skillfully, he would guide his prey into a quiet alley, out of public view.

Then his charming manners would drop for, at pistol or knife point, he would order his victim to turn over the withdrawn funds.

When Gonzalez successfully robbed two seniors in this way, the firms employing the police insisted on stepping up police action. Till then, because of the wide area over which he operated, he had evaded police traps. The robberies brought comparatively minor financial rewards with amounts never exceeding \$250 or so. Gonzalez freely admitted that he did not want greater hauls.

He thought the smaller losses would be written off by business firms and forgotten. He sold or gave away personal valuables of his victims in case they led to his identification.

The youthful trickster, who thought he had found a way of having a plentiful supply of funds without working, told police that he spent the proceeds in houses of ill-fame, in drinking, and in holidays in Acapulco.

He will be "holidaying" in the Leominster penitentiary for some time now.

And as guest of the city he will not be provided with the fine clothing and expensive toiletries he used to "gain the confidence" of his victims.

Pays For The Fence After 183 Years

How these Welshmen stick to their 183 years Lloyd the Prince pays for Williams the Fence.

The mean of course, Selwyn Lloyd, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, who has sent a personal check for £9.38, 10d. to pay for a church fence burned by order of Maj. Edward Williams of His Majesty's Royal Artillery in Philadelphia, 1778.

The wooden palings were around St. Peter's Episcopal Church on Society Hill in the city of the Liberty Bell. George III's "redcoats" were cold. The major ordered them to take the wooden slats to make a fire. He wrote the order he would get "a reasonable allowance" for the fence.

Chancellor Lloyd is an ex-gunner from the Royal Artillery. He served as an officer in the same unit as the men who warmed themselves round the wood fire. He, too, is a Welshman.

When the Rev. Joseph Koci wrote saying he had found the unpaid account when clearing up vestry records in preparation for the church bicentenary on Sept. 11, Selwyn Lloyd sent a personal check for the current equivalent of \$18.

In regard to the clergyman's further claim for upward of \$750,000 interest at 6 per cent per annum, the Chancellor whimsically refuses this by suggesting the rector should sue the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or perhaps Douglas Dillon, United States Secretary of the Treasury, as representing the federal government of the ex-colonies, according to Melita Knowles in the Christian Science Monitor.

C. J. Carey, Mr. Lloyd's private secretary, gently pointed out that as this is said to have occurred before the Treaty of Versailles in 1783, Pennsylvania was at that time a British colonial territory. The convention is that claims by citizens of colonial territories against the government, which have not been settled by the date of independence, lie against the successor government unless a special arrangement is made to the contrary.

In reply to the rector's pronouncement: "An officer's word should be his bond, even though it was a long time ago," the private secretary, quite ally tongue-in-cheek, observes: "Claims lapse by passage of time according to English law."

In more serious vein, however, the Chancellor sent his personal check "as a token of his deep regard for the American people." The letter concludes with the Chancellor's wish to commend to the Rev. Mr. Koci the words of St. Paul in 1 Cor. 3:15:

"If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."

The rector reportedly has said he considers the account closed, and that "he will forget the \$750,000 for the sake of Anglo-American unity," which was no doubt received with sighs of relief in Treasury circles in England.

Rarely can a national debt have been settled with such finesse. The only criticism is from economic pedants who wonder if the Chancellor has contravened his own Treasury-exchange control regulations.

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TIME PIECE—This figure of an old Puritan clockmaker of the 1830s was part of a historical curiosities display at Kensington Town Hall in London, England.

Vaccine Victory Over Measles

There is little doubt that the measles vaccine developed by Dr. John F. Enders, Harvard Nobel Prize winner, is effective. Since 1958, thousands of children in the United States, Russia, Nigeria, and Panama have been inoculated in mass tests, and results show that the Enders vaccine, made of weakened live viruses, produces immunity against measles in almost 100 per cent of the cases. The trouble is, the shots produce side effects. In one group, four out of five children ran fevers, some as high as 106 degrees, while half developed rashes.

In Philadelphia last month, researchers announced that they have found a way to wipe out these side effects, in what could be a major step toward a government-approved vaccine.

Dr. Joseph Stokes Jr., physician-in-chief of the Children's Hospital, and Dr. Maurice R. Hilleman, Research Laboratories gave about 300 children the Enders live vaccine in one arm, and a shot of gamma globulin, a blood derivative, in the other. The globulin fought against the virus hard enough to keep down the fever and the rash but not the vaccine's measles virus. Only a few children had any fever, only one out of 50 any rash.

What's more, the 300 children were given the vaccine from Havertown Township, near Philadelphia, went through the disease, without getting the disease, among 300 other Havertown children who were not given the live vaccine 68 got measles. Dr. Stokes said last month: "Every child ought to have vaccine and globulin at seven months."

The two-shot method of protecting against measles could be available to American children in 1962, according to Dr. Hilleman. A final decision on this and twelve other vaccine tests being conducted by universities and drug companies awaits the results of a conference in Washington in November. Some time later, the U.S. Public Health Service will license one or more vaccines, which could cost patients up to \$3 a shot. Whatever the cost, the vaccine is expected to be a simple matter to get the mail yourself, it is important it is to check over what is delivered? Or maybe if you get the mail yourself, it is a windy day—and you know what can happen in a wind—almost anything. Or there might be a parcel to carry home or bulky to consider... that is if you live in the country or far enough out from your nearest town to have mail delivery necessary.

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However, one week there some mix-up in paper delivery when we got our mail there was just inside the paper... or so we thought. It came in 10 days later. I was busy and I wasn't sufficiently interested to pick it up. Later in the day I found time to look at it and lo and behold when I opened it there were three letters enclosed—one a business letter, the other two personal. Before our paper was delivered regularly again the same thing happened on two other occasions. I said to Partner—"Well, I don't like getting mail that way—letters could so easily be lost."

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A PEA IN A POD—There's power in this pod, and it takes the form of the "pea." Actually, it is no pea at all, but is a silver oxide battery system used to power electric wrist watches and hearing aid instruments. The new battery which maintains its performance in both cold and hot weather was shown recently.



Chronicles of Ginger Farm by Gwendoline D. Clarke

We are as happy as sandboys. Why? Because the weather has finally changed. Gone is the heat and humidity, and in its place we have cool, breezy, bracing weather. The outside temperature dropped to forty-eight degrees the night so this morning we had to step up the heat.

It is this casual way of treating mail spreading around what do I suppose you might say if I know what is being done with the letters it is a simple matter to look for them. True, but in some families it is the children who pick up the mail. Can they be expected to realize how important it is to check over what is delivered? Or maybe if you get the mail yourself, it is a windy day—and you know what can happen in a wind—almost anything. Or there might be a parcel to carry home or bulky to consider... that is if you live in the country or far enough out from your nearest town to have mail delivery necessary.

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