



LOVER—Minouche Schubert answers a question as her lover, Dieter Ellenbeck, looks on. They are charged in Duesseldorf, Germany, with trying to kill her husband. —AP Photo

# Did 'Pussycat' Wife Try To Kill Hubby 6 Times?

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DUESSELDORF, Germany (S&S) — Everybody still loves the passionate Pussycat, starting with her husband, whom she's accused of having tried to murder six times.

A brunette, Belgian-born enchantress, 36-year-old Micheline (Minouche, or Pussycat) Schubert also continued to maintain her spell over her lover, Dieter Ellenbeck, a 6-4, 30-year-old tie salesman. He's on trial here with almond-eyed Minouche on charges of trying to electrocute, poison and, finally, gun down 45-year-old soft-drink tycoon Theo Schubert.

Charged with them are two alleged hired killers, a 29-year-old German, Felix Kamphausen, and a 22-year-old Spaniard, Martin (Angel Face) Ortis. They are accused of carrying out the January 1970 shooting, for which they reputedly received \$15,600 and which left Schubert fighting for his life.

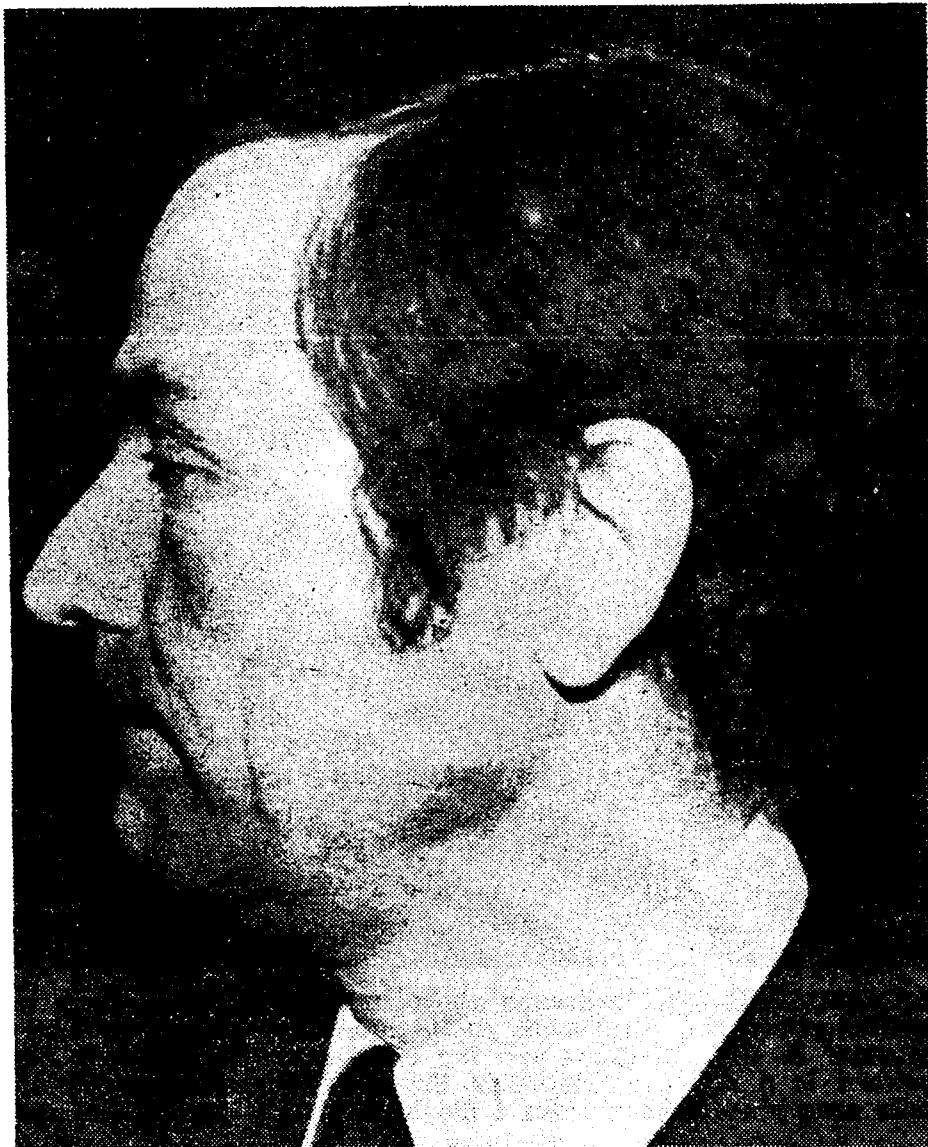
## 'Impossible' to Believe

He won that battle. Now he's trying to save his wife, formerly married to New York attorney Charles D. Ahern, from prison. Even Ahern has been quoted as saying that he finds it "impossible" to believe that Minouche could be involved in such conniving, let alone their 16-year-old daughter, Michele, who is also said to have joined in the plotting against her stepfather because they quarreled over her use of makeup and the volume of her radio and phonograph.

Schubert, now recovered from the near fatal stomach wounds received in the attack outside his home here, has said of Minouche, "To me it is fully clear that she is innocent. She has no motive to kill me. We have been a harmonious couple."

He also credits his wife of 11 years with "saving my life (at the time of the shooting) by calling an ambulance." "Whether she had lovers or not should not concern this court," he declares.

The earlier alleged attempts to do in Schubert involved poisoning his food — which he didn't eat because he didn't like the smell — and an abortive electrocution, when Ellenbeck is said to have tried to



HUSBAND—Theo Schubert, loyal to his wife although she is accused of trying to murder him, looks grim as he awaits developments in the trial at Duesseldorf, Germany. —UPI Photo

set a high-tension wire trap for Schubert but then to have lost his nerve before he could carry it out.

To show his still-unshaken devotion, Schubert kisses and embraces his wife at the start of each day of the two-week-old trial here. They also constantly exchange fond glances and smiles during the sessions, which have been spilling forth allegations of torrid Minouche romances, the longest five years, with Ellenbeck. He is said to have left his wife and child for her after meeting Minouche through selling her a necktie for her husband.

Nevertheless, every night Minouche finds fresh red roses in her cell as another token of her husband's love. He also bought her a new Paris wardrobe for her courtroom ordeal.

On the stand, Ellenbeck has

taken back a confession he is said to have made. He now denies that Minouche had anything to do with the attempts to eliminate her husband and insists that he still loves her.

However, the harried haberdasher is not backing down on his testimony that "no one can make love like Micheline. I forgot everything in her arms."

He told of going to the Schubert villa at night and making love to Minouche after she had made her husband drunk with wine.

On one occasion, said Ellenbeck, Schubert came home unexpectedly and surprised the two lovers.

"I fled into the garden and he chased me," recalled Ellenbeck. "He set his dogs on me, but they knew me well by then and just licked my hand."

## 'Contingency' Dry Run

# POW Release Plan Tested in Vietnam

SAIGON (AP) — The U.S. Command acknowledged Friday that contingency plans for the release of American prisoners of war were carried out recently under simulated con-

ditions.

It emphasized that this in no way signifies any expectations of U.S. prisoners being freed soon.

"We have nothing on which to base any hope or predictions of any prisoners turning up," said a spokesman. "It was a training exercise for any and all contingency plans.

"It was a concerted effort on our part to make sure that if and when something happens it goes perfectly, and the prisoners are processed and handled expeditiously and reunited with their families as rapidly as their health permits.

"It involved picking up simulated patients from points around the countryside and bringing them to hospitals in Da Nang and Long Binh. We wanted to make sure the system on paper will really work."

Meanwhile, the U.S. Air Force began phasing out of the \$72 million air base at Cam Ranh Bay.

"The plan is to phase out of Cam Ranh Bay," said one U.S. military source, "but I'm not aware of any specific date for completion."

The source said the Air Force is stripping its aluminum matting runway for shipment back to the United States and the hospital is closing operations as part of the phaseout.

He said the exact disposition of the base has not been decided.

"Sooner or later," the source added, "the South Vietnamese will pass their capabilities to expand into all of the facilities that we move out of."

## Malraux Rebuffed By Taiwan

TAIPEI (AP) — Nationalist Chinese government officials Friday dismissed as "ridiculous" statements by French intellectual Andre Malraux that Taiwan will be turned over to Peking control after the death of Nationalist President Chiang Kai-shek.

"This is crazy speculation. I think he (Malraux) makes a living out of crazy speculation," James Wei, director general of the government information office, said.

Malraux said Thursday he was convinced there is an agreement between Taipei and Peking to turn over the island to Communist control after Chiang, now 84, dies.

"This is ridiculous. There is absolutely nothing like this going on," said Chen Yu-ching, a section chief of the ruling Nationalist party.

"Our government regards the Communists as a rebel group, and our aim is to destroy them and unify China," Chen said.

## Antipolice Violence in Hamburg, Berlin Linked to Manhunt for Left Extremists

BERLIN (AP) — An explosion ripped criminal police headquarters in West Berlin and a policeman was shot in Hamburg Friday in a burst of violence authorities linked to a manhunt for a group of left-wing extremists.

The explosion shattered doors and windows and damaged two parked cars, but no one was injured. Police said they suspect the attack was in retaliation for the fatal shooting of a young leftist by police in Augsburg, Bavaria, on Thursday.

Police Lt. Hans Eckardt, 50, was seriously wounded when he broke into a suburban Hamburg apartment where police later found a weapons cache

and printing materials for counterfeit money.

Police identified Eckardt's alleged assailant as Manfred

### Cow's Hoof Turns Up Ring Lost 14 Years

LORIENT, France (AP) — A gold ring that Xavier Magnan lost 14 years ago has been found, caught in a cow's hoof.

Farmer Pierre Nicolas noted that his cow was limping and checked the hoof. He found the ring was engraved with Magnan's name and returned it to him.

Magnan said he lost the ring while walking through a field near his farm.

Grasshof, 25, a suspected member of the Baader Meinhof gang. Another man in the apartment, also was arrested.

Augsburg authorities said Thomas Weisbecker, 23, wanted by West Berlin police on several criminal charges, was shot dead Thursday when he allegedly drew a pistol on a policeman who asked to see his automobile papers. The car was stolen, police said.

All three incidents came amid a police hunt for the Baader-Meinhof gang, a small leftist group the West German interior ministry has described as a "group of desperadoes." The gang models itself after South America's urban guerrillas.