



Suddenly They're Millionaires

Christopher Brooker, 40, stands with his wife, Alice, and his son, John, 14, near some calves on their 38-acre farm, which is suddenly worth up to \$7.5 million. The farm is at Hayward's Heath, England, and the local council skyrocketed the value of the property by releasing

the land for building. Brooker has already been offered more than \$6 million by developers eager to put up living quarters, for which there's a big demand. Brooker says, firmly, "I'll sell, of course. They'd lock me up if I didn't." — UPI Photo

French Heroin: More Small Fry Than Biggies

By FLORA LEWIS

PARIS (NYT) — A dramatic spurt in arrests of heroin manufacturers and dealers in France has produced a new picture of the European side of the American drug trade. And it doesn't quite fit the film version of "The French Connection."

Tom Murphy, an American Embassy official who devotes most of his time to the campaign against heroin, no longer believes that two or three families dominate the traffic, in the style of the American Mafia.

"We believed in the stories that tied it all to the Orsinis and Venturis," two Marseilles-based families of Corsican background, Murphy said in an interview. "But, now that we have better intelligence, and we are getting good intelligence, we no longer see any role for a Mister Big."

"The pattern we see is more that of an assortment of small-scale entrepreneurs who drift in and out of deals with each other. They are frantically scrambling to raise money."

'A Financier'

Murphy said this did not guarantee that there wasn't "a Mister Big" — a kingpin who runs and organizes the traffic.

Mobilization of French police efforts to intercept heroin traffic has begun to reap an impressive payoff.

Three heroin laboratories were seized in the week of July 14 to 21, and, according to a French news agency report, the persons accused in connection with these three have confessed to the location of two more. This would bring the year's total to seven. In the entire previous decade, six labs were found.

The seizures and accompanying arrests produce more

information about the techniques and customs of the traffic, and more clues and telltale signs to guide police in further searches.

The finding of the three labs last week and the new revelation of yet two more, involved four men, three of them brothers. They were Marcel, 32, Armand, 37, and Louis Long, 40, and Jacques Azouzou, 27, all natives of Marseilles, with no previous criminal record or background.

They ran a family garage, with a government contract to tow away cars broken down on the Marseilles — Aix-en-Provence auto route, although Marcel, who seems to have been the leader, styled himself as a film producer. The family business wasn't doing very well.

2 Tons in 2 Years

It isn't clear yet how they launched themselves in the heroin trade on the side, but police figure they produced about two tons in the last two years. That works out, at Marseilles export prices, to about \$5,000 a month each.

A kilogram of pure heroin sells for \$10,000 to \$15,000 in Marseilles, but the New York wholesale price is about \$250,000.

"The money on this side just isn't worth it for our Mafioso types," Murphy said.

The Long brothers and Azouzou were caught by the most prosaic kind of police work, but it was the greatly intensified anti-heroin drive in France that turned what might have been routine arrests into a spectacular coup.

A woman living on the outskirts of St. Cyr-sur-Mer, between Marseilles and Toulon, became suspicious when she saw four men unloading the

contents of a 20-ton truck into a station wagon at midnight on July 14, the French national holiday. She called police.

Police found a gun in the glove compartment. The truck appeared to have a cargo of brooms and ordinary drugstore items. But hidden underneath were a number of vats and large pots, which proved to be a heroin laboratory.

A few hundred yards from the truck was an isolated cottage. More lab equipment had already been installed there, and there was a plastic bag holding 15 kilos of pure heroin.

The arrests were made on a Friday night. The next Sunday, the concierge of an apartment building in a suburb of Aix-en-Provence stumbled on some sinister trash in the ditch beside a major highway. Included were a Sten gun, an automatic pistol, a grenade and cartridges. He notified police.

Lived in Villa

A police investigation led to Huguette Schiano, Marcel Long's mistress, who lived in a villa he had rented. Nobody was home.

The police broke into the house and found signs of a hasty departure — food in the oven, piles of dirty dishes, clothing thrown around. They also found a large, fully equipped heroin lab that had clearly been in operation not long before.

Miss Schiano, 47, a native of Algiers, later that day turned herself in to Marseilles police, saying she had known nothing about the Long family's secret business until the arrests.

With a haul of new clues and people to interrogate, the police found the third laboratory, newly installed, in a shack at Velaux the next day.

TODAY'S WORLD

Gaullists Apparently Tighten Control Over French TV Net

PARIS (AP) — Mrs. Jacqueline Baudrier, a staunch Gaullist, has been named head of the No. 1 French television network as part of an extensive reorganization of the state-run broadcasting system that has been interpreted as a tightening of the Gaullist reins of control.

Parliament approved a new organizational system for the French Office for Radio and Television (ORTF) after parliamentary investigations had pinpointed a number of cases of clandestine publicity and operational shortcomings. Arthur Conte, a Gaullist deputy was appointed the general director of the government monopoly.

Mrs. Baudrier, who had been in charge of the autonomous news team on the Second Network, replaced Roland d'Hordain Tuesday as director of all programming and production activity on the First Channel.

Pierre Desgraupes, news director of the First Channel who had been sharply criticized by some Gaullists for his presentation of events, resigned and was not asked to stay on. Many newspaper critics had praised Desgraupes for opening up First Channel's news programs to all shades of political opinion. The news programs in the future will come under the channel directors.

German Draws 10-Year Term

HAMBURG (AP) — Werner Hoppe, 23, arrested last year during a manhunt for members of the Baader-Meinhof anarchist gang, was sentenced Wednesday to 10 years in prison on three counts of attempted manslaughter.

Hoppe was accused of firing three shots at policemen after his car broke through a roadblock in the Hamburg suburb of

Bahrenfeld on July 15, 1971.

Hoppe's companion at the time — Petra Schelm, a 20-year-old hairdresser — was fatally wounded under her left eye in the shootout. She, but not Hoppe, was linked to the anarchist gang.

Police smashed the gang with the recent arrest of its key members, including co-leaders Andreas Baader and Ulrike Meinhof.

Soviets Sentence U.S. Girl's Husband

MOSCOW (AP) — A city court convicted dissident Jew Gabriel Shapiro Wednesday of evading a two-month Soviet army call-up and sentenced him to a year at corrective labor.

The sentence means Shapiro, who is married to an American girl, will be free to live at home in Moscow but will be forced to work at a job given him by the court.

Twenty per cent of his earnings from the job will be appropriated by the state and the 27-year-old chemical engineer will be permitted to keep the rest.

Shapiro's wife, the former Judith Silver of Cincinnati, attempted to attend the trial but was refused entry to the Soviet Union on Monday when she arrived here without a visa.

Call-Girl Ring Broken in Rome

ROME (AP) — The Rome police say they've broken up an expensive prostitution ring and seized the madam's address book of 150 aging diplomats, businessmen and actors who paid as much as 500,000 lire — \$850 — per girl.

The police announced the arrest of Rosa Vurro, 40, known to her intimates as Rosalinda or Tidy Rose. They charged her with procuring, white slavery and inducing minors to

prostitution.

So far the police have identified 32 of her girls, aged 15 to 21, including two Swedes and several Brazilians. Tidy Rose dealt only in beauties with a high school education and good manners, the police said. They reported that all her clients were of middle age or older, and she accepted them only after careful investigation provided evidence of satisfactory financial status.

Food Poison Extortion Plot Bared

MILAN, Italy (AP) — Police said Wednesday they caught a man who had been poisoning food in local supermarkets, hoping to extort more than \$2 million from the store owners.

Police said the man threatened to extend his poisoning from Milan to Rome and other Italian cities. They said they found many packages of food in Milan's supermarkets with a

special mark on them. Some contained rat poison, police said. The others were still being examined by experts.

Police found the packages mixed among others on shelves after the extortionist had called up the supermarket managers and told them he had marked the poisoned packages as a warning that he meant business.

Gunmen Kill Uruguayan Official

MONTEVIDEO (UPI) — Gunmen shot to death Uruguay's director of civilian defense as he left his suburban home Tuesday, a government communique said.

The killers, believed to be Tupamaro guerrillas, gunned down army Col. Artigas G. Alvarez from behind shrubbery in a neighboring garden, the statement said.

No Damage in Venezuela Quake

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — An earthquake jolted this country early Monday, causing panic but apparently no personal or material damage.

The fire brigade reported

that several telephone calls were received reporting that elevators in buildings had stopped operating as people tried to abandon their apartments.