

Cops, Suspect Hunt Star of India in Fla.

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Miami—New York detectives escorted suspected Star of India jewel thief Allen Kuhn to his old haunts last night, then disappeared today amid unconfirmed reports that the famous sapphire stolen in New York may have been recovered.

The detectives and Kuhn vanished here this morning after a "lose that car" chase with newsmen and possibly were headed back to New York. At least four detectives and an assistant New York district attorney flew here yesterday with Kuhn, one of the three "beachboys" suspected in the theft of the Star of India and other jewels worth a total of \$410,000 from the American Museum of Natural History in New York on Oct. 23.

They spent several hours last night at a Miami Beach bar, and also visited Kuhn's posh apartment. Then they checked into the Dunes Motel for the night, but from all the activity no one apparently slept very much. All night long there were mysterious comings and goings at the motel. This morning three men left the apartment, hailed a cab and loaded it with baggage. They drove three blocks and stopped, were joined by two men who ran from the shadows of a building, and then took off.

Later cab driver Dick Foley identified himself as the man behind the wheel of the detectives' cab. He said he recognized one of the two men who ran from the shadows as Kuhn. "The man (one of the detectives) then said we were going to be followed and asked me if I could lose the car behind us," Foley said. "I said sure, and I lost them. I took these gentlemen to a restaurant and one got out and made a phone call. About 10 minutes later another guy drove up and they all got in and drove off."

Kuhn, 26, was flown to Miami secretly Tuesday night in the company of the four detectives and Assistant District Attorney Maurice Nadjari. New York authorities were said to be hoping to have the jewels—including the 563.35-carat Star of India sapphire—within 24 hours.

Kuhn, who had pleaded innocent to the robbery charges along with Jack (Murph the Surf) Murphy, 27, and Roger Clark, 29, apparently cracked when



MISSING GEMS are, from left, Midnight Star sapphire, the Star of India and the DeLong Star Ruby.

his bail was raised Tuesday to \$150,000—the first bail figure he could not meet. Murphy and Clark were taken to Manhattan City Prison Tuesday, but Kuhn was never admitted to the jail. After a series of secret conferences among his attorney, District Attorney Hogan and Supreme Court Justice Mitchell D. Schweitzer, he was permitted to return to Miami, where he lives, under surveillance.

Hogan declined to say whether any deal had been made with Kuhn. He and top police officials refused to comment on the case. But Kuhn, who was seen by reporters last night at his plush bayfront apartment in Miami, presumably would be hoping for lenient treatment if he effected the return of the gems. He declined to discuss his return to Miami. "Now, now, fellows," he shouted, and disappeared. Telephone calls to his apartment were answered by a woman who said she was a friend of Kuhn and insisted that he was not in town Nadjari, the assistant district attorney who reportedly accompanied Kuhn to Miami, was not at his North Bellmore home last night.

Kuhn is said to have told the authorities that he did not know exactly where the 24 missing gems were, but that if he could return to Miami he might be able to "effect their return." Presumably he was to make contact with an unidentified person who was holding the jewels or could get them. Since

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STARRY GAZE. Allen Kuhn, in Miami with New York police reportedly to turn over the Star of India sapphire and other loot stolen last October from the Museum of Natural History, peers from the door of his swank apartment yesterday as a man identified only as Charley Smith, a friend, enters.

Shark Probe In Suffolk Set To Open Today

By Tom Renner

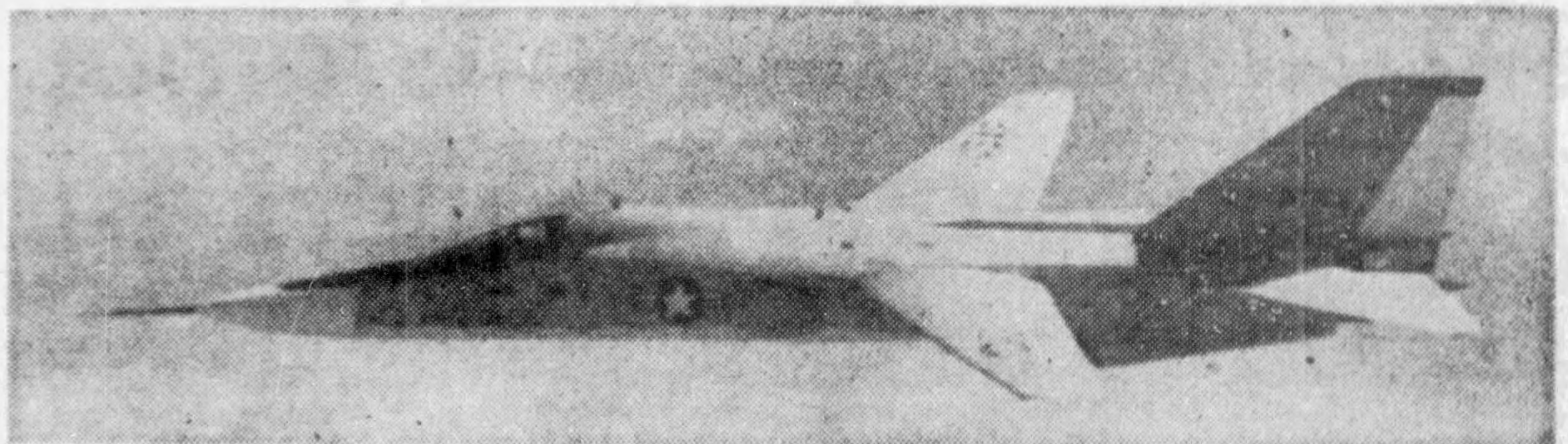
Riverhead—A Suffolk grand jury opens hearings today on a gambling loan shark empire directed by Cosa Nostra lieutenant John (Sonny) Franzese.

The grand jury investigation, directed by Rackets Bureau Chief James M. Catterson Jr., follows three weeks of police research into mob loan shark records seized at the home of a man arrested on bookmaking charges Dec. 15. The records gave police and the Rackets Bureau their first concrete evidence against mob loan sharks after more than two years of investigations, according to District Attorney Smith.

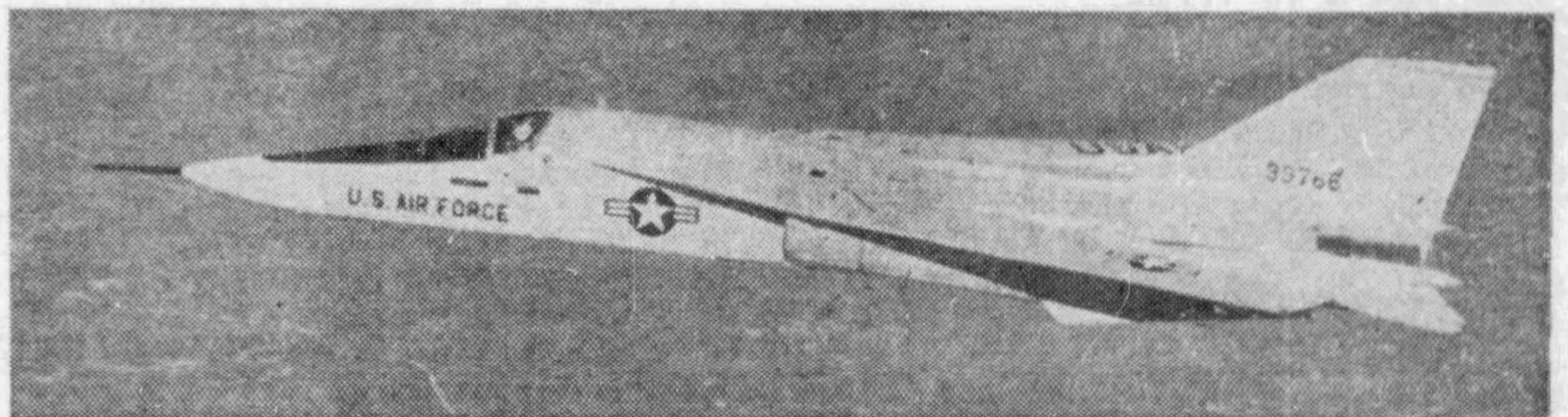
Catterson, an assistant district attorney, refused to comment on evidence to be presented to the jury, but he said that 23 witnesses have been subpoenaed to appear today. Included in the list of witnesses were 16 victims of loan sharks and several, as yet unidentified, relatives of mobsters involved in the loan shark investigation. Authorities said that most of the witnesses were listed in loan shark records seized at the home of convicted bookmaker Michael (Mickey) Candela, 33, whose address was given as 22 Montgomery Ave., North Babylon. Candela has been held in \$25,000 bail as a material witness because authorities feared he faced mob vengeance for failing to destroy the revealing records. They listed loans of \$26,000 that brought in "vigorish" (interest) of more than \$11,800 from October, 1963, to December, 1964.

A major target of the investigation is a top Franzese organizer, Felice (Philly) Vizzari, 44, of 291 Grand Boulevard, Deer Park. Vizzari was one of six Suffolk loan sharks identified at New York State Investigation Commission hearings into loan shark operations last month. He has a record of convictions that includes criminal negligence and armed robbery and was identified as the organizer who took over control of a North Babylon luncheonette, planting bookies (includ-

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First Phase—Wings Spread Wide



Crucial Phase—Wings Pulled Back

AP Wirephotos

TFX's Wings Fold—By Design

Fort Worth (AP)—The TFX fighter plane, made famous by a congressional investigation while still on the drawing boards, successfully spread its variable sweep wings yesterday in its second test flight.

It was the first test of the variable sweep wings which can be extended out at almost right angles to the fuselage for added lift and short takeoffs, then can be swept back to reduce drag for supersonic speeds. Never before had a plane utilizing the retractable wings performed so well in the effort to solve the problem of incorporating short takeoffs and landings with high speed into a single aircraft.

The flight of the 1,650-MPH supersonic plane, now designated the F111, was historic in that never before had a plane featuring the retractable swept wings performed so well. The big aircraft's maiden flight, though hailed as a success by the builders, was marred by a malfunction of the wing flaps. But yesterday's flight erased this blot on the plane's performance.

Officials of General Dynamics, which built the 72-foot-long plane, view its early and obvious success of the flight as unspoken rebuttal to critics of the company's design. The contract award, expected to be worth between \$6 billion and \$10 billion, ignited

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TFX Folds Its Wings In Successful Flight

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the controversy that resulted in a congressional investigation.

The investigation focused on contentions by some congressmen that the Boeing Co. submitted a superior design while promising production savings. Defense Secretary Robert McNamara literally placed his career on the line in support of General Dynamics, contending that a single plane to serve both the Air Force and the Navy would produce a savings of \$1 billion. More recently, there have been published reports that technical and cost problems have combined to cloud the F111's future. General Dynamics officials have denied this.

Pilot R. L. Johnson joined company officials

yesterday in proclaiming the resounding success of the test mission, which significantly came 24 days ahead of schedule. He said the feasibility of the sweeping-wing concept "opens up some new possibilities and probabilities, all of which I think are intriguing." Johnson, who piloted the bi-service fighter on its maiden flight Dec. 21, predicted other aircraft soon will utilize the new concept. He and co-pilot Val Prahl swept and retracted the wings at an altitude of 10,000 feet, moving them from the forward position of 16 degrees back to a fully swept angle of 72.5 degrees.

The adjustable wings permit the revolutionary aircraft to fly at extremely high and slow speeds and take off and land in short distances. Johnson said the F111 flew at a top speed of nearly 400 knots (about 450 miles per hour) and reached an altitude of about 27,000 feet. Five chase planes carrying photographic equipment and official observers streaked beside the sleek fighter, officially capable of flying at 2.5 times the speed of sound.

In addition to wing tests, Johnson and Prahl checked the aircraft's stability at various altitudes, wind configurations and characteristics of takeoff and landing. Johnson said the third flight, not yet set, would be made at supersonic speeds. The veteran test pilot revealed that the multi-purpose jet completed its prime accomplishments with "one minor exception."

He said the craft at one point developed in one of its two engines a slightly high temperature and erratic fuel flow, preventing several minor stability tests. "It was a very minor thing," he said, comparing it to the "loping of a car engine while driving at 30 miles an hour."

The second flight came a day later than scheduled because of adverse weather conditions, but still more than three weeks ahead of the Defense Department deadline.

Rockefeller Message Greeted in Silence

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the Democratic program." Controller Arthur Levitt, a Democrat, said: "The message was a broad description of some of the problems facing the state, with little specific content as to solutions."

Most Republicans were duly enthusiastic in their comments, as contrasted with their response on the floor. State Sen. Earl W. Brydges (R-Niagara Falls) and Assemblyman George L. Ingalls (R-Binghamton), the new minority leaders, said: "Gov. Rockefeller's message has spelled out a course of action of great importance to all our people. It will of course be considered in context with the forthcoming budget message. Its keynote is the call for a bipartisan teamwork which will be essential if the dramatic progress of the past is to be continued."

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Kuhn and Murphy are acrobatic beach boys, there was speculation following their arrest that the jewels might be hidden in an underwater cache.

There was no indication of whether Murphy and Clark knew that Kuhn was cooperating with authorities or he was acting alone. Murphy, a more colorful personality, has been regarded publicly as the central figure in the case, but police believe Kuhn may be the idea man of the trio.

The sudden turn in the case followed a series of strange twists in which the bail of Murphy and Kuhn, which started at \$20,000, was gradually increased to \$150,000 as crime after crime was uncovered. Clark, who police say was a lookout while Murphy and Kuhn stole the gems from the American Museum of Natural History Oct. 29, had slightly lower bail throughout.

After their arrest Nov. 1 on charges of grand larceny the men made frequent trips between Miami and New York for several court hearings while free in bail. Their troubles began to mount last Saturday when Murphy and Clark were arrested in Miami Beach and accused of ransacking a private home there and taking \$2,000 in costume jewelry. Back in New York for a court appearance Monday, Murphy was accused of assault and robbery in the \$250 holdup and pistol-whipping of a hotel clerk last

summer. Then Tuesday, police said, actress Eva Gabor tentatively identified Murphy and Kuhn as the men who beat her and stole a \$25,000 diamond ring in Miami Beach last January. Bail for Murphy and Kuhn was raised to \$150,000 and for Clark to \$125,000.

Murphy and Clark were imprisoned in The Tombs until their next scheduled court appearance, which is tomorrow. But Kuhn never got there. According to reports, Hogan, in a rare courtroom appearance, conferred with Schweitzer and Nadjari, and later with Gilbert S. Rosenthal, an attorney who is representing Clark and has filled in at times for Harvey St. Jean, a Miami attorney who is representing Murphy and Kuhn. After several secret conferences Schweitzer apparently gave the necessary permission for Kuhn to leave the jurisdiction of the court. None of the principals would discuss the arraignment last night.

The burglary of the museum, as reconstructed by police, was a daring plan in which the suspects put their acrobatic skills to good use, police said. With Clark as a lookout, they said, Kuhn and Murphy scaled a 10-foot wall at the rear of the museum, forced a lock on a ground floor door, and walked to a fifth floor room above the room where the gems were kept. From there, police said, they lowered themselves 15 feet with a nylon tape and entered the gem gallery through a window.

Waldemar Accuses Cahn of 'McCarthyism'

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employed by the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R-Wis.), Cahn said: "I think my actions in this respect were very much contrary to what is termed McCarthyism. If I'd wanted to, I could have made this public at the time I issued my other report."

Cahn's investigation of Waldemar began last summer after a series of disclosures in Newsday about the foundation's financial and administrative practices. At that time, Norman Molomut, the foundation's scientific director, and Mrs. Florence Lazere, its former administrative director, asked Cahn to investigate "all the affairs of Waldemar and make your findings public."

Nemser, in his statement, also spoke of "the viciousness of this effort to totally destroy Waldemar." Cahn, who refused to comment on Nemser's statement that no

charges have been made or will be made against Waldemar, said, "I'm not interested in destroying anyone" when asked about Nemser's total-destruction charge. After Cahn's disclosure Tuesday, a spokesman for Molomut said that Molomut denied any knowledge of subversive relationships of any type and would be glad to cooperate with any investigation.

The full text of Nemser's statement reads: "Having failed to demonstrate any financial or professional shortcomings at Waldemar, the Newsday, Cahn, ex-Waldemarite cabal now turns to McCarthyism and vague references to 'subversive associations.' There have been no charges made. There will be none, because there is no basis for any such charges. In today's tense world, great damage is done by merely suggesting the possible existence of 'information' which might lead to such charges.



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ROMAN HOLIDAY. Recently elected Italian President Giuseppe Saragat shakes hands with an unidentified girl as he presents a gift packet to her at traditional Epiphany Day ceremonies yesterday at Quirinale Palace, the presidential residence in Rome. About 600 children of the palace staff received gifts. Woman in center also was not identified.

Go Ahead, Rap 007, But When a Spy ...

London (AP)—James Bond was denounced yesterday as a menace to young people, charity drives and highway safety.

The late Ian Fleming's Secret Agent 007, said this week's issue of the Salvation Army newspaper, War Cry, is an intolerable mixture of violence, illicit sex, gambling and gluttony. "He kills people all over the place," said Lt. Col. Bernard Watson in a front-page article. "This is never murder. Bond does it by license. Violence reaches a psychopathic degree."

He continued, "Bond girls are invariably unchaste. Marriage rarely figures in his plans. He does not seduce married women simply because in the Bond circle they do not need seducing. There is no pity for the maimed, tortured people who go screaming through a typical Bond plot. Cruelty seems to be for the love of cruelty."

Bond's taste for fast cars "is likely to threaten the success of road safety campaigns," Watson said. He continued: "It is certainly easier to interest people in Bond's quite incredible exploits than to interest them in the plight of those matter-of-fact hungry and homeless who need the Salvation Army's care. During 1965, the year of the Army's 3,000,000 pounds (\$8,400,000) centenary appeal, the turnover of the James Bond industry is expected to exceed 5,000,000 pounds (\$14,000,000) in Britain alone."

The colonel noted that London has a James Bond Association where young people meet to drink vodkatinis (vodka martinis) in emulation of their hero. "I do not suggest that it is dangerous to the mature adult," Watson said. "I do claim that to the immature young it can be poison." Watson said his complaint was aimed not so much at immorality as at "amorality—a total absence of morals."

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ing Candela) and loan sharks in the store. The owner, Mrs. Margaret Rudgalvis, said that she and her husband fled in terror after Vizzari musclemen beat her wrist against the closet door of her home because she objected to Vizzari's activities.

The jury also is expected to look into evidence of a territorial feud between Vizzari and Pasquale (Patsy C. Guariglia, 40, of Avenue V Brooklyn.)