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## HUNT FOR 4 ABDUCTED IN SPEEDWAY AREA

# Police Baffled By Kidnappings

By RICHARD D. WALTON

Police fanned out in the Speedway area Saturday trying to unravel the mysterious abduction of four employees during an overnight holdup at a Burger Chef restaurant.

Speedway reserve and off-duty policemen formed search parties on foot while police helicopters scanned from above. A statewide alert was issued on the missing persons and the FBI offered assistance.

The four employees — an assistant manager and three teen-agers — were abducted sometime between 11 p.m. and midnight Friday during a robbery at the restaurant, 5725 Crawfordsville Road.

**POLICE THEORIZED:** that the four employees were forced to leave the store in a white 1974 Vega owned by the

assistant manager, Jane C. Friedt, 20, but said it appeared they left without a struggle.

The Vega was found early Saturday in the 5900 block of West 15th Street, a block and a half from Speedway Police headquarters. The door on the driver's side was locked, but the passenger door was not, police said.

It was believed less than \$500 was taken in the holdup.

The other three missing persons were identified as Ruth Shelton, 17, a junior at Northwest High School; Daniel Davis, 16, a junior at Decatur Central High School, and Mark Flemmonds, also 16, a sophomore at Speedway High School.

Another employee, Ginger Haggard, 17, said Flemmonds originally was not scheduled to work Friday night, but agreed to switch shifts with her.

The youth tried to get out of his

commitment at the last minute, but the manager made him keep his word. Miss Haggard said.

"It's kind of scary," she added. "I feel awfully bad about the whole thing."

Police described the kidnappings as a "serious abduction," ruling out the possibility of a prank.

"If I thought this was a kids' prank I sure as heck wouldn't have stayed up all night working on it," Lt. William Crafton said.

**NEVERTHELESS,** authorities admitted they were stumped by the "very peculiar" kidnappings, for which there was no apparent motive. None of the families involved have received any ransom demands and no witnesses have been found, Crafton said.

"It just doesn't make any sense. They have got their money, and they made their escape. Now why the devil don't

they give us back our children?" Carolin Friedt agonized from her home, 5500 West 10th Street, where she and her husband, George, anxiously awaited word of their daughter.

The Friedts were told by police not to release any photograph of their daughter to the news media, but were not told why, they said.

They described her as 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighing 115 pounds and having dark brown hair.

Mrs. Friedt said she believes her daughter was forced to drive the car from the restaurant because "she always locks her door."

**INDIANAPOLIS** police crime laboratory specialists searched the automobile for clues and dusted it for fingerprints Saturday.

A brown negative-heel-type shoe found

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(Star Photo by Charles A. Berry)  
**SGT. ROBERT SPENCER STUDIES FOOTPRINTS FOUND IN VEGA**  
Lt. William Crafton Stands Beside Assistant Manager's Car

## 4 Killed As Winter Storm Hits

By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

A blinding snowstorm whistled across the upper Midwest Saturday, burying some communities under more than a foot of snow and causing scattered power blackouts.

Three persons in Minnesota died while clearing snow and one person in Michigan was killed in a traffic accident since the storm began Friday.

The storm, the first of the season to turn its full fury on northern Wisconsin and upper Michigan, dumped 15 inches of snow in northeastern Wisconsin.

Savage winds downed power lines and knocked out electricity in much of Vilas County, in extreme northeastern Wisconsin near the Michigan border. Snow plows were kept off the roads by savage winds that whipped snow into blinding clouds.

WINDS GUSTED to 50 mph across



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## FACT-FINDING MISSION

# Rep. Ryan, Newsmen Are Reported Slain In S. America Attack

Washington (AP) — The State Department said late Saturday it has been told Rep. Leo J. Ryan (D-Calif.) and a number of reporters have been shot and killed after an attack on the congressman's fact finding mission at the airport in Port Kaituma, Guyana.

Ryan was leading a 13-person delegation investigating a controversial American religious settlement at Jonestown in the South American country.

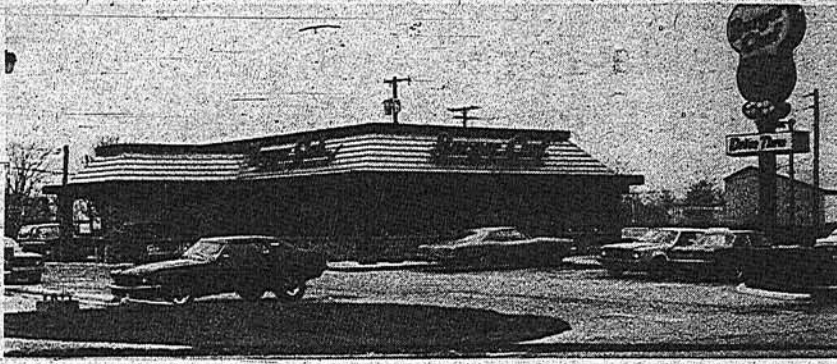
State Department spokesman Tom Reston said the report reached Washington by a flash message from the U.S. embassy in Guyana, formerly a British Colony. Reston said the shooting and Ryan's death have not been confirmed.

RESTON SAID the report was relayed by a pilot who was flying Ryan, a group of reporters and a Ryan staff worker, to





**DETECTIVE PHILLIP SMITH**  
Speedway Policeman Baffled



**BURGER CHEF AT 5725 CRAWFORDSVILLE ROAD IS SCENE OF ROBBERY-DISAPPEARANCE**  
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**SHOES FOUND ON 21ST STREET BRIDGE OVER EAGLE CREEK**  
Similar To Shoe Found In Assistant Manager's Car

(Star Photos by Charles A. Berry)

# Baffled

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in the auto was similar to a pair discovered by search parties on the 21st Street bridge over Eagle-Creek River, police said.

It was not known if the findings were connected.

Miss Friedt, described as a "very reliable person" and "well liked," has been assistant manager at the restaurant on Crawfordsville Road the last three months, and has been employed by the chain three years. She is a 1976 graduate of Avon High School.

Police theorize that she and the others closed the restaurant as usual at 11 p.m. Friday and began cleaning up — a process that normally takes until 1 or 2 a.m.

Police said an off-duty employee who was passing the restaurant about 12:15 a.m. called police after he stopped to help with the clean-up and discovered a back door open about three inches.

The employee, Brian Kring, 17, said he entered the building, found no one there and noticed that cash register drawers were on the floor. The manager's office was in disarray and on the floor was a jacket he remembered seeing Miss Shelton wearing earlier Friday.

Kring said the back door of the building normally is locked, but speculated the employees had unlocked it to take trash outside to a nearby receptacle because several trash containers were just inside the back door.

Police found two empty currency bags and an empty roll of adhesive tape next to the open safe in the manager's office. The safe contained several rolls of change.

Two purses belonging to the female employees were in the restaurant. Police believe all four victims still were wearing their brown and orange uniforms at the time of the abduction.

Mrs. Friedt said security at the Burger Chef has been "excellent" since eight still-unsolved bombings occurred in Speedway in September. The restaurant is across the street from the Speedway Shopping Center where some of the blasts occurred.

MRS. FRIEDT also said her daughter recently told her that if there was ever a holdup in the store she...

Her father, a Conrail train conductor who rushed back here from St. Louis when he learned of the kidnaping, said, "You read about something like this



**LT. WILLIAM CRAFTON**  
Case Is 'Very Peculiar'

happening but you don't think it can happen to you."

**ALSO SATURDAY**, a 16-year-old Westside youth said that sometime between 11:15 and 11:30 p.m. on Friday he was approached by two shabbily attired white men in their 30's as he was sitting behind the Burger Chef. The youth said he was with his girlfriend, who had just finished work at a nearby business.

According to the youth, who asked to remain unidentified, one of the men asked the teens for identification, then advised them to leave the area, saying "a lot of vandalism has been going on." The man sported a full beard and mustache, the youth said.

As he and his girlfriend were walking away from the restaurant, they noticed a white Vega parked on the east side of the building, he said.

His girlfriend said the bearded man, who did all the talking, kept his face down and held a handkerchief around his face, as if to wipe his nose.

**THE COUPLE** said they thought nothing of the encounter until Saturday afternoon when they learned of the disappearances and told police, who they said interviewed them for more than an hour.

Police could not be reached for comment late Saturday.

## 15 Killed In Crash Of Guadeloupe Plane

## Colleges May Be Discriminating By Use Of Standardized Tests

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**Washington** — By emphasizing standardized scholastic aptitude tests, U.S. colleges and universities "may unknowingly be using wealth, race, sex and geography as a basis for admissions," a leader of a national student organization said Friday.

Joel Packer, legislative director of the U.S. Student Association, testified at a National Academy of Sciences hearing:

"There does not seem to be much disagreement that standardized tests, at all levels, discriminate against minorities and low-income persons."

Packer said that correlation also has been found between family income and scholastic aptitude tests — the higher the family income, the higher the median test score. And Easterners do better than Westerners on the same tests, he said.

Nancy Gaeta of the American Federa-

tion of Teachers testified that testing in elementary and secondary schools is necessary in discovering students' learning problems. But, she said, "it is inappropriate to make comparisons between children according to some nationally set standard."

Richard H. McKillip of the U.S. Civil Service Commission's personnel, research and development center said, however, that standardized tests are es-

sential in determining which of about 1.6 million federal job applications will be hired each year.

McKillip said the commission realizes that a "balance needs to be struck between the social problems and the need for a work force the government can get the most work for its dollars from."

"The written test remains the single most valid method we have available," he said.

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