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Speedway Kidnap Victims Found Dead In Wooded Area

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The bodies of four young per-sons abducted Friday night from a Burger Chef restaurant at 5725 Crawfordsville Road were dis-covered in a secluded wooded area in Johnson County about 3:05 p.m. Sunday.

The victims, who had been shot, were

found on private property in White River Township, two miles west of Center Grove High School and one mile east of Ind. 37.

The four, all of whom were employed at the restaurant, were Jane C. Friedt, 20, assistant manager, Ruh E. Shelion, 17, a junior at Northwest High School, 18, a junior at Northwest High School; and Mark S. Flemmonds, 16, a sophomore at Speedays High School; and School.

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THE DEAD men, Eugene Lillico, Steve Nichter and Rickey Burke, had been shot in the neck and bead. When found two weeks later, their bodies were frozen to the ground and covered with ice

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Lillico and Burke had worked together in a tavern. Ball also had worked there for awhile before being fired. The night the victims were killed, \$400 was taken from a safe for which the two employees knew the combination.

Ball was convicted of second-degree murder in June 1977: and sentenced to three life terms in prison.

Religion in Poland, the homeland of the new Pope, Page 37

POLICE CAR BLOCKS DRIVE WHERE BODIES WERE FOUND Woods In Background Helped Hide Bodies Of Murdered Youths

Four Murders Largest **Multiple Killing Here** Since February 1977

The shooting deaths of four young employees of a Burger Chef restaurant, is the largest multiple murder in Marion County in recent history. POLICE SAID Melvin C. Carr apparently had hooked a hose from an exhaust pipe to the trunk of the car, in which he had put, his three victims: 23-year-old Karen. Mills, her. 2-year-old son Robert, and 17-year-old Sandra E. Harris.

Police theorized that Carr, who previously had been crunvicted of white slavery in a case involving a 14-year-old girl, had kidnapped the three victims at gunpoint and forced them into the car. He probably then drove the vehicle into the garage, hooked up the hose, turned on the engine and closed the garage door.

Returning later to check on his victims; police surmised, Garr i apparently was so overcome by the fumes that he, too, was applystated.

Carr has, also been linked to the unsolved disappearance of a mother and ber daughter in 1967, and police dug up his garage floor in a futile effort to locate the bodies.

Less dramatic than the others, but no

It is also the largest mass murder in the state since the Valentine's Day killings of four Hollandsburg youths in 1871.

The case that drew national attention was opened on Feb. 14, 1977 when three brothers and their stepbrother were executed, gangland-style, by four men who burst into their mobile home in the Parke County community of Hollandsburg.

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THEIR MOTHER, Betty Spener, survived the ordeal and was able to supply enough details to lead to the arrest and conviction of four suspects.

Her story became famous: She was in the house with her son by a previous marriage, Gregory Brooks, 22, and her three stepsons — Ralph, 14; Reeve, 16, and Raymond Spener, 17 — when four men broke in, lined them up on the floor, robbed them and shot them one by one.

Mrs. Spener escaped death because a shotgun blast fired at her blew off her wig and the killers believed she had been killed.

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One of the most hotorious mass murder cases was the so-called "LaSalle Street" murders of November 1971, in which three local businessme were slain ritualistically in the bachelor pad shared by two of them. Those murders remain unsolved.

Two of the men — Robert A. Glerse and Robert Hinson — were business partners who ran a microfilm, service. The third, James Barker, had met the others when all three worked together in Chicago. Barker only had lived in Indianapolis a short while.

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Sometime between the night of Nov. 30, 1971 and early the next morning, the three were slain in the home shared by Gierse and Hinson on North LaSalle Street.

Street.

Sach one was struck on the head shortly after entering the bouse, then tied up. Later, their throats were slashed from ear to ear.

In April 1977, several murders came to light with the asphysiation killings of three persons in an Eastside garage.

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them on his own land."

The bodies were taken to Johnson County Memorial Hospital at Franklin for autopsies.

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POLICE WERE checking out a 1973 green Mercury found Sunday night in the 2000 block of Carrollion Avenue. The auto was reported stolen from Speedway Friday night in the area where the Burger Chel is located.

In the hours following the discovery of the bodies, police were extremely reluctant to release details. One state police trooper attributed their reticence to the rash of publicity which followed a series of bombings in Speedway.

A press conference at 10 p.m. Sunday at the Speedway Police Department yielded no new information about the murder.

murder.

Johnson County Prosecutor D. Charles
Gantz refused to allow policemen at the
press conference to answer questions,

Each time State Police First Sgt. Leon Griffith was asked a question, he turned to Gantz for permission to answer. Gantz repeatedly shook his head, leading Griffith to. respond, "No_comment" to numerous questions.

POLICE WOULD not comment on the POLICE WOULD not comment on the method of shootings or whether the gun-shot wounds were the cause of death. They said they were unsure whether the four employees were shot in the location where they were found or if they were shot elsewhere and dumped in Johnson County.

"All of the victims were clothed, but police refuse to say whether they were still wearing the orange-and-brown Burgeer Chef uniforms they were at the time of the kidnappings.

As darkness arrived, state police and other investigators secured the scene. They said they will return to the site early today to seek clues.

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The Indianapolis Star learned Sunday that incomplete composite drawings of several men seen prowling the area shortly before the robbery and abduction-were prepared by the Marion County. Sheriff's Department and turned over to the FBI.

EARLIER SUNDAY, FBI agents said they are not certain the men are involved in the abduction, but they may have

information about the robbery.

The Indianapolis Police Depayment and Marlon County Sherilf investigators were assisting the FBI with composite drawings and information about other robberies of fast-food restatorants in the

State police were in charge of the investigation since the victims were transported across county lines. Johnson County Sheriff Thomas Pritchard said his deputies were not being allowed near the scene. "I'm very, very upset about this," he said, "I don't know why they (state police) can't cooperate."

THE FBI ANNOUNCED on Sunday that an anonymous person had offered a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the whereabouts and safe return of the

tour-young persons.

Police belietaeth: 2:20ployees were forced to leave the restaurant between 11 p.m. Friday and 12:15 a.m. Saturday in a car owned by Miss Friedt. The auto was found Saturday in the 5500 block of West 18th Street, 11/2 blocks from the Speedway Police Department, Examinations of the car turned up no evidence, police said.

said.

Brian Kring, 17, an off-duty Burger
Chef employee who was passing the
restaurant, discovered the back door
open and found the manager's office in
disarray. The safe was open, and two



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purses belonging to the abducted females were in the restaurant.

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KRING SAID the back door normally is kept locked. He speculated that the four victims were interrupted while emptying trash because several trash containers were just inside the open door. FBI agents entered the case because of a "presumptive clause" in which police assume after. 24 hours that an abduction has involved crossing state lines.

lines.

Before the bodies were found, FBI agent Floyd B. Hannon said police were See KIDNAP Page 12

Survivors Of Cult's Attack In Guyana Cite Brutal Slayings Of 5 Americans

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Georgetown, Guyana — Survivors of a
jungle attack that killed five persons
including a California congressman and
three -newsmen said the victims were
stain with shotgun blasts to the head fired
"inches away" by members of an American religious sect.

There were unconfirmed reports of
mass sucides at the sect's camp, Jonestown, after the Saturday evening slay-

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riegi. Leo J. Ryan (D Cafffy) had gore to the camp to investigate reports of abuses of members of the sect, the California-based People's Temple. Shooting erupied as he tried to take several disencianted sect members back to Georgetsem by plane.

THE STATE Department identified four of the dead as the 5x-year-old Ryan; reporter Don Harris, 42, and cameraman-Robert Brown, 38, both of NBC News and both Los Angeles residents, and photographer Gregory Robinson, 27, of the San Francisco Examiner newspaper. "Ten were reported wounded and 10 others still missing.

The identity of the fifth victim was withheld pending notification of relatives.

The Rev. Jim Jones and the People's Temple got started in Indianapolis. See page 11.

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but Guyanese sources said she was an 18-year-old American woman from the set-tlement who apparently was trying to leave with Ryan.

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Robert Flick, an NBC News field producer with the crew, said after the initial shooting that the assailants walked up to the wounded and shot them in the head with shotgurs. "That was how Ryan and Harris died," he said.

In an account given on NBC television, he said he saw soldiers guarding the wreckage of a Guyanese plane that had recently crashed at the arstrip and ran to them for help. Flick said the soldiers, armed with M-16 rifles, refused to inter-

"THE CONGRESSMAN ... dived be-hind the opposite wheel of the airplane from the gunfire and was hit almost immediately." Filck said. "Then he was-shot by people walking through with their guns." He said the others died the same

According to Flick, there were from eight to twelve gunnen, both black and white, who apparently had acted as Ryan's guides and became enraged and started shooting when they saw some sect members try to leave with him. He

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Georgetown, Guyana (UPI) — Between 300, and 350 bodies have been found at the cult headquarters of the Peoples Temple in the jungles of northwestern Guyana, survivors of the camp said early today.

The refugees from the camp about 150 miles from Georgetown close to the Venerulean border told relief officies of the control of the control of the control of the control of the cult has deep the control of the cult has a control of the cult has a control of the cult has a sturday opparently killed Rep. Leo J. Ryan (D-Calif.) and four of the bizarre group led. by a former. San Francisco city worker and based in Geyana.

said from 50 to 75 shots were fired.

San Francisco Chronical reporter Ron Javers, who was wounded in the arm, said in a copyrighted account, for his paper that NBC cameraman Brown continued filming even as the attackers charged and "I saw Brown go down.

"Then I saw one of the attackers stick a shotgun into Brown's face," inches away, if that, and fire."

BROWN, 38, had been a cameraman with NBC news since April, He was graduated from Franklin (Ind.) College.

He said the troops told him they refused to intervene for fear of hitting the Americans.
The State Department in Washington



DON HARRIS NBC Correspondent

said one of the People's Temple refugees being taken from the area pulled a gun and obened fire after boarding one of the two waiting planes. Then other gunmen on a flat trailer pulled by a truck opened

fire.

Bullets disabled one plane but the crew of the other plane took off with the first crew and one wounded woman, State Department spokesman Tom Restonsaid.

All the dead and wounded were Americans, according to the U.S.Em-bassy.

THE ATTACK occurred at a femote airstrip at Port Kaituma, eighy miles

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south of the Jonestown settlement. Jonestown is 150 miles northwest of
Georgetown and about 50 miles south of
Guyana's border with Venezuela.

The State Department said the bodies,
would be Jlown from Port Kaltuma to,
Georgetown where autopsies would be
performed to comply with Guyanese law
in cases involving homicide.

Pilck-said Guyanese ztoops-arrested
nine suspects. The government, through
a spokesman in New York, Jack Gelinas,
confirmed one arrest. He named the
suspect as Larry John Leyton and said he,
was an American whose age and

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U.S. Denies Plan To Intervene In Iran To Keep Shah In Power

By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL In apparent response to a warning from the Soviet Union, the United States said Sunday it doesn't intend to intervene in troubled Iran to keep Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi in power.

But Secretary of State Cyrus Vance-said in Washington the United States plans to maintain its close "political, economic and security relationship" with

Meanwhile, in Iran Sunday, the shah ordered the release of 210 political prison-ers in celebration of a Moslem holiday. But the move was marred by reports of

new clashes between demonstrators and troops in two holy cities.

VANCE SAID the United States "does not intend to interfere in the internal affairs of any other country, and reports to the contrary are totally without foundation."

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He made his remarks in a statement issued a day after Soviet President Leonld Brezhnev warned the United Stales to set aside any thoughts of intervening in Iran.
Brezhnev said the Soviet Union, which borders Iran, would view U.S. intervention as a matter affecting the Kremlin's security interests.

Vance, in denying any such U.S. inten-tions, said the United States expects "other countries to conduct themselves in similar fashion"— an apparent attempt to turn the tables on the Soviet Union.

The secretary of state went on to say U.S., officials "firmly support" the embattled shah in the face of demands for his ouster-from a loose opposition coalition of leftists and Moslems.

"WE HAVE confidence that Iran can solve its own problems," Vance said. "We intend to preserve and pursue with Iran our strong bilateral political, eco-

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Light Co. joined with the federal government in subsidizing a 23-mile section of line between Charlottesville and Cambridge City, which Conrail wished to

Richmond community leaders dispute Conrail's argument that the line, which carries thousands of carloads a year for several large businesses, is not profitable. They suspect they have taken the big railroad off the hook, keeping open a line which Conrail doesn't have to pay to maintain.

Even if that's true - and Conrail disagrees - the utility has a bargain. The subsidy cost it only \$15,230 in 1977, while the cost of rerouting coal from the Conrail line to feed its power plants was estimated at \$250,000 a year - \$25 for each RP and L customer.

THE DISPUTE aside, the fact of the Richmond matter is that a heavy user of national rail- arail service is at least partially paying in addition to for his own railroad, rather than spreading the expense over both users and nonusers. A growing phenomenon, it's the logical extension of the well-established practice of shippers' buying or leasing their own rail cars to ensure they'll be available.

> Black and his successor as director of state rail planning, fellow I.U. transportation professor Joseph P. Hartley, suggest there should be more of this. But they warn against the fallacy of "reductionism."

> "There are many profit-making companies using government-subsidized rail service, so you're indirectly subsidizing them," says Hartley, "That's hard to justify ethically.

"On the other hand, rail has many other values aside from that to direct users. It was estimated that if the seven bankrupt lines had been allowed to disappear, there would have been a permanent 12 percent loss to this region's economy. That's everybody's problem."

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assuming that a successful robbery took place.

Hannoh said a number of leads will be checked out, including the possible connection of the abduction-slayings with a group of escaped convicts who held several hostages in Ohio Friday night.

POLICE REFUSED to speculate on why the four employees would have been taken along following the robbery or on any connection between their abduction and the Speedway bombings earlier this fall.

... The Burger Chef is located within sight of the first bombing in the Speedway Shopping Center.

Speedway police still are investigating the July slaying of Julia Scyphers, who was shot to death in the garage at her home by a man she believed to have been checking on a garage sale.

No more than \$500 was taken from the restaurant, according to the manager,



LT. WILLIAM CRAFTON Addresses Press Conference

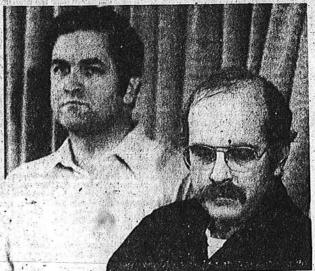
Robert Gilveat. He described the victims as "model employees" who had no problems with him or with customers.

THE RESTAURANT where the four were employed closed about 9 p.m. Sunday after a flurry of phone calls to the acting manager, Tom Seidl.

"I don't work here normally. None of us do." Seidl explained to one customer. "We're just short of help tonight,"

Seidel received word of the death of the employees just before closing the Burger Chef.

In July, six employees of a fast-food restuarant at Oklahoma City, Okla. were shot to death during a robbery and found stuffed inside a freezer. Suspects later were arrested



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