

Terror on the Fourth Floor

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By JOHN LOTT

Nancy Johnson, 25 years old and blond, sat in the little fourth-floor apartment folding diapers on the sofa. Her son, one-year-old Ralph Johnson Jr., was asleep in the bedroom.

It was 2:30 on a Tuesday afternoon and her husband had been gone since 10 a.m. He said he was going to the employment agency.

Nancy heard the door squeak and hardly looked up as her husband entered. "Hey, who do you think I just ran into?" he said.

"I wouldn't know," Nancy answered. "No, you wouldn't, would you?" Ralph snapped. She could tell he was drunk and mad. After three years of marriage, it wasn't unusual.

This time it was Ralph, wild-eyed and weaving, came at her, slapped her three times across the face. Then he went to the gun rack and picked up a deer rifle and fired at her.

"Ralph, you're crazy," Nancy screamed as the third shot made a hole in the wall behind the sofa. "You're drunk and you're crazy."

Nancy leaped up and made a run for the bedroom, leaving her dazed husband cursing in the living room. As she snatched the whimpering infant into her arms, another shot rang out. It went through the bedroom door, hissed through a lamp shade, passed through the wall and into the apartment across the hall.

Panic-stricken and clutching her screaming son, Nancy bolted out the door and down a flight of stairs. She practically fell through the apartment door of her brother, who lived on the third floor. Her sister-in-law was watching "Love of Life" on television as she ironed.

"What's all the racket about?" "Ralph's gone crazy again. He shot at me. Call the cops," Nancy gasped, laying her husband's namesake on the sofa. "Call 'em quick."

"Oh, God, not again," her brother's wife said. She fumbled through the white pages, her finger passing over "Police Dept" twice before she found the number. She dialed quickly.

When the police came, Ralph had gone. He had emptied the gun rack in his apartment and took with him three rifles, two shotguns, a tear-gas pistol and all but one box of ammunition. The four officers, two of whom were plainclothesmen, listened to Nancy's story. She was composed now, and didn't even sob. The baby was asleep in her brother's apartment.

Just as the police were about to leave, the phone rang. It was Ralph. "I'm sorry honey, I'm sorry, I'm sorry," he said.

"Find out where he is," a policeman whispered to her. Ralph wouldn't say. "I know the cops are there. I'm not coming back."

An hour later Ralph was arrested without difficulty a short distance from his apartment. He was in front of a tavern and the tear-gas pistol was in his coat pocket. He had hidden the other guns.

The story unfolded in magistrate's court the next day. Ralph waived his right to a jury trial and pleaded guilty to four charges — assault, discharging a firearm within the city limits, carrying a con-

cealed weapon and being drunk and disorderly.

Dan Moylan sat behind the bench and looked down at the couple, making notes on his long yellow legal pad. Ralph Johnson admitted everything, said he'd been in jail three times before for breaking and entering and once had escaped from a mental hospital while doing time in Illinois. He also said he was making support payments for two illegitimate children.

Dan Moylan decided he'd postpone sentencing Johnson until a complete mental and physical examination was made at a state institution. As he was about to move on to the next case, one of the arresting officers said, "What about those other guns? Maybe he'll tell us where he hid them. If some kids would get hold of them . . ."

"Will you tell us what you did with the guns," Dan Moylan asked. "I'll tell my wife," Johnson said. "Maybe she can sell 'em or something." He looked at Nancy. "Com'ere," he said.

The couple went to the side of the room and spoke softly for about five minutes. Then they took Ralph Johnson back to his cell, and Dan Moylan wrapped up three other cases — speeding and two drunk and disorderly charges — within 10 minutes.

When he walked into his office his secretary and one of the arresting officers were talking about the case. "I'd sure like to see those guns," the officer said. "Hmmm, I bet they're hot."

Dan Moylan laid his note pad on the desk and told his secretary he wanted to dictate a letter to the hospital where he was sending Johnson. "The last time I sent a fella to an institution, he wandered off and died, poor guy," he said. "I want

to make sure they watch this one."

The letter Moylan dictated reviewed the case in detail and ended with the words: "The court considers this man dangerous and advises that every precaution is taken in dealing with him. Sincerely and the rest. You can sign it for me. Pat, I've got to leave."

Moylan picked up his overcoat and looked down at his notes again.

"I'll bet if you look into the background of this guy, you'll find all the usual symptoms," he said. "Broken home, early crime record and all that. I know what that report will say. Probably call him a 'sociopath.' They used to call them psychopaths, but now they're sociopaths. I guess it's true, they're at war against society."

"The thing about mental hospitals," he went on, "is that they can either cure a fellow or they'll send him back to prison. If he goes back to jail, then he's likely to get back out and do the same thing later. It's pretty hard to cure the repeaters, though. Most are too far gone for help."

The young magistrate walked out the door and down the hall. "Hey, Sam," he yelled to a colored boy walking towards him. "Got time to do my shoes?"

"Sure, man, always have time," Sam said.

"His wife," Moylan said. "Pretty attractive. If I were in her shoes, I'd find a good lawyer and get a divorce and go to Florida or Texas or someplace. It's wonder she ever married him in the first place."

Back in the fourth floor apartment, Nancy sat on the sofa. She was folding diapers and her baby was asleep in the bedroom. She was going downtown when he woke up. The relief check had come that morning.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 9
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7:30 p.m.
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Presbyterians
New Student Welcoming Events
Sunday Evening, January 9
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Additional Traineeships

NASA Expands Award Program

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has added 15 predoctoral traineeships to the 42 already awarded to the University graduate school for the 1966-67 school year.

More than 150 colleges and universities will participate in the 1966-67 program to increase the number of scientists and engineers in space-related science and technology to meet the growing needs of the government's space research program. Currently, 3,000 students are enrolled in the traineeship program.

From two to 15 additional traineeships have been awarded to participating institutions depending on the number of doctoral programs in space-related areas, adequacy of facilities and the extent of the institution's participation in space activities.

The traineeships are awarded for one year of study in a doctoral program, but the recipient who maintains satisfactory scholarship may anticipate renewal for a second and third year. The basic annual stipend is \$2,400, plus a possible additional stipend not to exceed \$1,000 determined on an individual basis according to each institution's policy. Tuition and certain research expenses are covered by an institutional allotment.

Applicants may be either beginning graduate students or ones already enrolled in a doctoral program related to specified areas. An applicant must have a very outstanding academic record, show unusual promise of research potential, manifest a genuine interest in space science or engineering, and plan to study for a Ph.D. Trainees are selected by a special committee appointed by the Dean of the Graduate School. This committee considers the candidate's academic records, his qualifications and his study and research plan for the coming period.

Interested students should contact the head of one of the research areas listed here in order to obtain a note authorizing the Graduate School to give them application materials. All applications must be completed by Feb. 23.

The space related areas at the University in which students will be eligible for awards in 1966-67 and the faculty members in charge are as follows: aeronautical engineering, G. F. Wislicenus; aeronomy—ionosphere research laboratory (electrical engineering and physics), A. H. Waynick; biophysics, E. C. Pollard; ceramic technology, F. A. Hummel; chemical engineering, M. R. Fenske; chemistry and mineralogy of soils research (agronomy), L. J. Johnson; computer science, P. C. Hammer.

Cytogenetic laboratory (chemistry), J. G. Aston; engineering mechanics, R. K. Vierek; field ion microscopy (physics), E. W. Mueller; geophysics, B. F. Howell Jr.; human performance research laboratory (physical education, physiology), E. R. Buskirk; low oxygen acclimation research (zoology), Adam Anthony; mechanical engineering, R. G. Cunningham; metallurgy, R. W. Lindsay; meteorology, Hans Neuberger.

Nuclear engineering, N. J. Palladino; nuclear physics laboratory (physics), Ernst Bleuler; radio astronomy (physics, electrical engineering), J. P. Hagen; sensory and perceptual research (psychology), H. W. Leibowitz; solid state technology (materials research), Rustum Roy; spectroscopy laboratory (physics), D. H. Rank; systems and controls laboratory (mechanical engineering), J. L. Shearer.



GREGORY AIN

Ain Show To Open In HUB

"Gregory Ain Housing 'Retrospective' will be the subject for the next exhibition to be held in the Hetzel Union Building gallery.

The exhibit will include photographs of many of the projects done by Ain, West coast architect from 1935 until his appointment on July 1, 1963 as professor and head of the department of architecture at the University.

A reception, scheduled for 8 to 10 p.m. Sunday will mark the opening of the exhibition.

A native of Pittsburgh, Ain has served as guest lecturer at the University of California in Los Angeles, Washington State University, California Polytechnic Institute, the Museum of Modern Art in New York, and as a visiting critic at the University of Southern California from 1949 to 1963. He served as visiting critic at the University in 1962.

Ain, whose works have appeared in many of the leading publications in this country as well as in European and South American publications, was one of four American architects to have a model home of his design erected in the Museum of Modern Art's Garden in New York, N.Y.

A member of the board of advisors of Arts and Architecture magazine, he studied mathematics and physics at the University of California at Los Angeles, from 1924 to 1926, and architecture at the University of Southern California from 1926 to 1927.

He was a Guggenheim Fellow from 1939 to 1940, studying low-cost housing. Last February he was invited to participate in a conference in New Delhi, India, on "The Architect and the Community." It was sponsored by the India International Center.

His works have also been presented in the following books: "Built in U.S.A. 1932-1944," published by the Museum of Modern Art; "Forms and Functions of 20th Century Architecture," "Landscape for Living" and "Apartment Houses."

Students Use Many Forms of Assistance

Students at the University are using every means of financial aid available to them, according to Ralph N. Krecker, director of the Office of Student Aid.

Scholarships, jobs, and loans are sought, and there are never enough to go around.

The pattern of financial aid to students has changed during the past ten years, Mr. Krecker points out. There was a time when a gifted student could obtain a scholarship, regardless of his ability to pay his own way; now need is an important factor in determining the recipients of scholarships.

Not many years ago, students were reluctant to borrow money for financing their educations. Today's students are convinced that in the long run it is wise to borrow enough to achieve their educational goals without interruption, and they can draw upon loan funds with low interest rates and generous repayment schedules.

The Office of Student Aid administers three kinds of loan funds. University loan funds have been set up by individuals or groups as memorials or gifts. Loan funds under the National Defense Education Act are allotted to institutions on the basis of need, and last year Penn State received over \$800,000 in this way. It is now possible, also, for students to borrow privately from banks and have their loans underwritten by the State Higher Education Agency in Harrisburg.

A general rule of thumb is applied to determine the amount of a student loan. A student should plan to borrow in all no more than 50 per cent of the annual salary he anticipates earning during the first five years after he graduates.

If he can reasonably expect \$6,000 a year, for example, he could borrow about \$3,000 for his undergraduate years.

Repayment of loans begins shortly after graduation and may be made at a minimum of \$15 a month at low interest. There is a penalty if loans are not repaid on schedule. Repayments are returned to the loan funds to become an ever-increasing source of student aid.

Loans are by no means a substitute for jobs. Students have demonstrated their willingness to work for as large a portion of their expenses as possible. Scholarships or loans are often used to supplement what a student is able to earn during vacation periods or while he is in school. Last year, for example, 3,500 students earned \$850,000 from University jobs alone. Many borrow money for tuition, room, and board, and count on earning money for books, travel, and incidentals.

Hoover Hits Influence

WASHINGTON — Student-oriented and other protest groups have again come under the scrutiny of J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Hoover said yesterday the Communist party "has played an ever-increasing role in generating opposition to the U.S. position in Vietnam."

The Associated Press reported Hoover also said the party is trying to attract more young people and is making plans to make a more active part in the 1966 elections, running candidates wherever possible.

"In September 1965," he reported, "party headquarters sent a directive to all districts giving instructions on slogans to be efforts designed to hinder U.S. action in Vietnam. In addition, the party has expended large sums of money in propaganda efforts designed to hinder U.S. progress toward peace."

Hoover said the Communist party and other groups supported and participated in various protests against U.S. policy. This was particularly true, he said, in the April 17 student march on Washington, the August Washington summer action project, the October international days of protest, the Nov. 27 March on Washington for Peace in Vietnam and the Nov. 25-28 national antiwar convention in Washington.

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