



Rolling Stones guitarist Keith Richard, accompanied by the Stones' executive secretary Jane Rose, grins optimistically while leaving a Toronto court yesterday. Richard pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of possession of heroin, and is due to return Tuesday for sentencing.

## Richard confesses heroin use

TORONTO (UPI) — Rolling Stones guitarist Keith Richard pleaded guilty to possession of heroin yesterday and prosecutors immediately withdrew the more serious charge of drug trafficking that could have sent him to jail for life.

County court judge Lloyd Graburn said he would pass sentence today. The maximum penalty for simple possession is seven years imprisonment, but the prosecution sought a sentence of six months to one year.

The 34-year-old founding member of the British rock group surprised about 80 spectators in the courtroom by pleading guilty to the reduced charge.

Looking neat in a beige, three-piece suit, Richard stood in the prisoner's dock and nodded his head when Graburn asked him if he would admit owning nearly one ounce of heroin police took from his hotel room 20 months ago.

The lanky, ashen-faced musician

had been charged with possessing heroin for the purpose of trafficking, which could have brought a life sentence.

The guilty plea to the lesser charge came after a pre-trial bargaining session with crown attorney Paul Kennedy, who agreed to accept the plea. The prosecution also dropped a charge of cocaine possession.

Kennedy said the cocaine count was dropped because "my evidence was stronger on the heroin charge. The documents showed the heroin was for his own use, and I accepted that."

Defense attorney Austin Cooper submitted documents from a New York psychiatric clinic stating Richard was undergoing treatment for heroin addiction, but had kicked the habit now.

Calling Richard "a special person with emotional dislocations," Cooper said Richard had used heroin since 1967 because he was "a creative, truly tortured person who used heroin

to prop up a rather sagging existence and he had a poor self-image — trouble relating to people."

Kennedy told the court the Stones played music telling young people "of the benefits of using drugs," and urged Graburn to impose a sentence of six to 12 months.

The charges stem from a search made when the British band arrived in Toronto February 24, 1977, to record an album. Customs officers at Toronto International Airport found about 10 grams of hashish in the purse of Anita Pallenberg, Richard's common-law wife of 10 years.

Three days later Royal Mounted Police raided a hotel suite Richard shared with Pallenberg. While the musician slept, they seized 22 grams of poor quality "street" heroin, about five grams of cocaine and a brass cigarette lighter and switchblade knife bearing traces of heroin.

Pallenberg was charged with possession of hashish and the heroin traces on the knife.

# China and Japan sign historic friendship treaty

TOKYO (UPI) — China and Japan signed a historic peace and friendship treaty yesterday and Chinese Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping told Emperor Hirohito his country would now "let bygones be bygones."

The Chinese vice-premier and Japanese Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda smiled as their foreign ministers signed the treaty ratification papers in a simple ceremony at Fukuda's official residence.

Then the champagne flowed and Teng, who masterminded the pact, gleefully shouted the traditional Japanese toast: "Kampai!"

The 10-year treaty is designed to end three decades of mistrust between Asia's two giants as a result of Japan's attempt to conquer China during World War II.

It binds the nations not to go to war and settle all disputes peacefully.

To the anger of the Soviet Union, it contains a clause saying that both Japan and China oppose hegemony — China's code word for Russian aggression — by any nation in Asia.

Already, it has brought cries of condemnation from diehard anti-Communists and cold, angry silence from Moscow.

Imperial Household Agency officials said Teng was later a guest at a luncheon given by Hirohito at the moated Imperial Palace.

The officials said the 77-year-old Hirohito welcomed the 74-year-old visitor and the emperor told Teng, "there was a temporary unfortunate event in the long history of relations between our two nations."

Hirohito's reference apparently meant

Japan's aggression against China that developed into World War II.

Teng, in reply, said Peking will let "bygones be bygones" and try to build peaceful relations.

Teng today is scheduled to pay a courtesy call on disgraced former Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka in a gesture that recalled the red carpet welcome China accorded former President Richard Nixon in 1976.

Tanaka is now standing trial in connection with the \$12 million Lockheed payoff scandal. As prime minister in 1972, Tanaka severed relations with Taiwan and recognized Peking.

Police mobilized a huge security force of 16,000 men each day to protect Teng and his entourage. They said about 470 rightists aboard 88 sound trucks cruised Tokyo Tuesday blaring, "Down with Communist China."

## Pilot who saw UFO is missing

MELBOURNE, Australia (UPI) — The Australian Air Force yesterday launched a renewed search for a pilot who radioed that a UFO with four green lights was pursuing his plane and "playing some sort of game."

"It isn't an aircraft. It's..." Frederick Valentich radioed an Australian control tower. Moments later the transmission was cut off and nothing more was heard from him or his single engine Cessna 182.

The air force ordered a full-scale search for the missing plane and its lone occupant, whose last known position was over the Bass Strait, 130 miles south of Melbourne.

Rescue planes sighted an oil slick about 18 miles north of King Island, but officials said it was not made by a light aircraft.

One official theorized that Valentich may have become disoriented Saturday evening, flown upside down and mistaken reflections against the clouds for the lights of a flying saucer.

Valentich's father said his son has been interested in UFOs for many years, and reported sighting one about 10 months ago.

Transport Department spokesman Kenneth Williams said

Valentich radioed Melbourne Flight Service Control Saturday evening and reported a UFO was following him at 4,500 feet.

He described his pursuer as having "a green light and sort of metallic light on the outside."

Ground control said there was no air traffic in the area below 5,000 feet.

But Valentich disagreed.

"It has four bright lights — appear to be landing lights. Aircraft has just passed over me about 1,000 feet above."

"It isn't an aircraft. It's..." Then silence.

Two minutes later, Valentich's voice rasped over the radio again.

"Melbourne, it's approaching from due east toward me... It seems to be playing some sort of game... Flying at a speed I cannot estimate... It is flying past... It is a long shape... Cannot identify more than that... coming for me right now... It seems to be stationary... I'm orbiting (circling) and the thing is orbiting on top of me also... It has a green light and sort of metallic light on the outside."

Suddenly, Valentich reported his engine was coughing. Metallic scratching replaced his voice. Then there was no sound at all.

## The 'Sun' will not be out today

NEW YORK (UPI) — The Sun, a new daily newspaper planned by New York Post publisher Rupert Murdoch, will not be out today, as originally announced.

A spokesman for Murdoch said yesterday no day has been set for the

start of publishing for the morning tabloid.

Murdoch met yesterday with George McDonald, president of Mailers Union Local No. 6, one of five unions who want separate contracts with the Sun before they start work. Talks were to resume

today.

Over the weekend, Murdoch said plans to publish the Sun have been jeopardized by the "resistance" of the unions, which also want job security clauses to protect their members at the Post in case the afternoon paper should fold.

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