



— Boys victim of gay sadist —

HARVEST OF HORROR

Toll may reach 40 in Texas murders

by SCOTT HARBERS

HOUSTON—As many as 40 teenage boys may have died to satisfy the sadistic sex cravings of a 34-year-old "nice guy," police here believe. Nineteen bodies had been found as of Aug. 10.

If the number is anywhere near correct, it will be the nation's highest known toll of indisputably homosexual sex killings. Californian Juan Corona is serving a life term for the murders of 25 men in 1971, but though those killings had strong homosexual overtones, it was never definitely established that Corona was homosexually motivated.

The gruesome torture deaths attributed to Dean Corll of Pasadena, a Houston suburb, over the past three years could prove a major setback to the Gay Liberation Movement.

They surfaced when Corll was shot and killed early Aug. 8 by 17-year-old Elmer Wayne Henley, later identified by friends as Corll's young lover.

Henley then phoned his mother and both of them called Pasadena police. Henley later led police to a southwest Houston boat storage yard, where the bodies of 17 teenage boys were found buried.

Henley at first painted himself as an innocent victim of Corll's advances and said he shot the older man to save himself and two young friends whom Corll had threatened to kill. But under questioning, he broke down almost immediately and told a story indicating that he had been participating in Corll's thrill-kill activities for some time.

He also implicated another friend, 18-year-old David Brooks, in the slayings. Police said Brooks, an ex-roommate of Corll, has signed a statement admitting involvement "in practically all of the killings."

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REMORSE

Elmer Wayne Henley, 17, tells reporters how he shot and killed Dean Corll, 34, to prevent himself from being sexually molested. He later changed his story and admitted that he and another youth had taken part in the murders by Corll of many other teenagers in the Houston, Tex., area. As of Aug. 10, police had found 19 bodies and feared the total murdered may reach 40.

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Nation's lawyers call for consent laws

by THOMAS COLEMAN
WASHINGTON—The American Bar Association in its Aug. 5-9 annual meeting here adopted a resolution which urges the states to repeal all laws prohibiting private sexual behavior between consenting adults, saving only those portions which are necessary to protect minors or public decorum.

The adoption of this resolution was the product of extensive efforts and lobbying by several individuals and groups over the past 18 months.

The resolution was first introduced 18 months ago into the section on individual rights and responsibilities by E. Carrington Bogan, a New York attorney for that city's Gay Activists Alliance.

The rights section of the ABA recommended its passage at this year's annual meeting.

An identical resolution was introduced into the assembly of the ABA at its 1972 annual meeting in San Francisco by William Thom, another New York attorney.

The ABA membership succeeded in bucking the issue last year by sending the resolution to the section on criminal law for further study and consideration.

At the mid-year meeting of the ABA in Cleveland in February 1973, an ad hoc subcommittee of the criminal law section was appointed to consider the resolution. That subcommittee, chaired by Barbara Babcock, associate professor at

Stanford University School of Law, heard testimony and recommended passage by the council of the section on criminal law.

The council, of which Joseph Busch, district attorney of Los Angeles County, is a member, voted to adopt the resolution and report it back to the assembly for adoption at the 1973 annual meeting here. It is not known how Busch voted at the meeting.

A similar resolution, which also called for decriminalization of prostitution, was introduced in the law student division of the American Bar Association at its annual meeting in San Francisco in August 1972.

Its passage in the law student di-

vision was secured by the efforts of the Gay Law Students Association and the National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties.

Additional support for this year's resolution was received by the Young Lawyers section of the ABA.

Extensive Debate

At this year's meeting the resolution was extensively debated. Speakers for the resolution on the floor of the assembly included Babcock; E. Carrington Bogan, now chairman of the equal protection committee of the section on individual rights' this writer, who is past chairman of the Gay Law Students Association and member of the House of Delegates of the law student division' the Rev. John Corn,

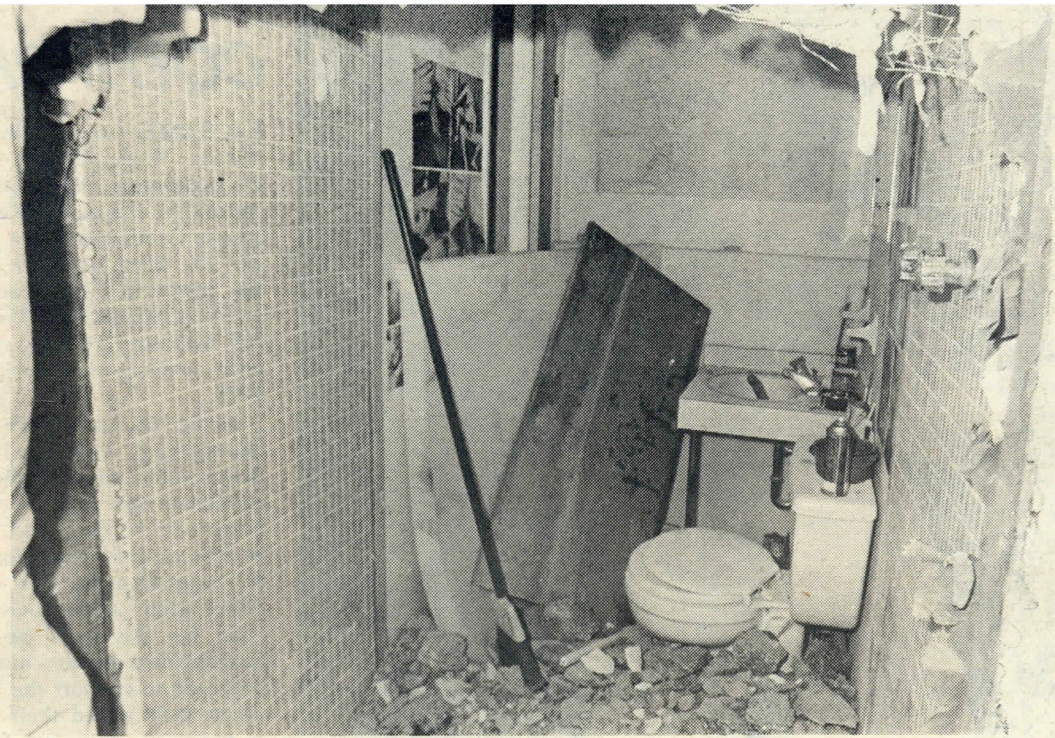
legal counsel for the Episcopal Diocese of New York; and Sen. J. Fernandez Sanchez (D-Puerto Rico).

Debate on the resolution was interrupted by the late arrival of U.S. Atty. Gen. Elliot Richardson, who addressed the assembly on the impact of Watergate on the trust of the citizens and the Department of Justice and reported new guidelines for the department.

After Richardson's address, several well-established members of the ABA opposed the adoption of the resolution on the grounds that it would promote "promiscuity, adultery, and undermine the family."

However, even after these pleas to

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Photos by the Miami News Herald

MACABRE MURDER. Men carry out the body of 16-year-old Mark Matson from the Miami house where he was murdered, dismembered, and buried in a shower stall

(picture at right, foreground) under 3½ feet of concrete. The murderer, Albert Brust, then raped Matson's female companion repeatedly, freed her, and took his own life.

Diary reveals Miami killer's obsessions

MIAMI—The recently released diary of Albert Brust, who killed and dismembered an Ohio youth and sexually abused a 15-year-old Kentucky girl for nearly 24 hours before releasing her and killing himself, reveals a hate-drenched personality obsessed with death and a dread of age and infirmity.

It casts little light, however, on

Brust's sexuality or what he did or didn't do in the well-equipped torture chamber in his neat brick home here before the final incident with the teenagers. According to a motorcycle shop owner who said Brust had propositioned him, Brust "hung around with a bunch of Gays" and described himself as a bisexual who preferred boys. Police

are still seeking the identity of a husky former seaman who reportedly had been a frequent visitor at Brust's home.

The diary, however, while indicating that Brust was looking for sex, doesn't make clear what kind, and there was considerable evidence of his heterosexual interests in the pornography and other items found in

the house such as women's panties and an empty pantyhose package.

His sado-masochistic bent emerged clearly in the pornography, books by French philosopher Marquis de Sade also found in the house, and the steel and concrete torture chamber itself—complete with sound-proofing, whips, chains and padlocks, stereo speakers, and

a psychedelic black light.

Police described Brust early in their investigation as "a sexual deviate" who appeared to have "entertained other people with similar tastes." The torture chamber appeared to have been built shortly after Brust bought the house last October. But a diary entry July 12, "no sex yet," raised the possibility that the episode with the two teenagers was his first chance to use the chamber.

Whatever Brust's own warped predilections, his case and a series of unsolved mutilation murders in Long Beach, Calif., have focused attention on the growing S&M phenomenon in the gay world itself.

The final episode in Brust's unhappy life, in which his grim fantasies were to be bared in bloody reality, began when he stopped his recently purchased white Dodge van in Fort Lauderdale July 14 and picked up 16-year-old Mark Bernard Matson and the 15-year-old girl whom newspapers here have dubbed "Mary Ellen" while withholding her true identity.

Mark, from Washington Court-house, Ohio, had met "Mary Ellen," a runaway from Frankfort, Ky., on the beach the day before.

Brust, a 43-year-old ex-convict originally from New York, had been working as a Metro housing inspector here for about 18 months. He got the two errant teenagers to come home with him by promising to pay them a few dollars for doing some chores around his house, "Mary Ellen" said later.

But when he got them into the house, she said, Brust took them in-

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Texas killer 'loved to be around kids'

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Although the two teenagers' stories indicated that Corll tortured his victims, few details were released. Police said "sadistic equipment," including boards, handcuffs, and knives, had been uncovered. Investigators theorized that at least some of the young victims had been strangled or bayoneted, but one police source said, "You name it, it happened."

In Henley's first account to police, which he has not substantially altered, the youth said he took Tim Kerley, 19, and Rhonda Williams, 15, to Corll's Pasadena home Aug. 7. The three sniffed glue until they passed out.

Next morning, Henley related, "he woke us up, and was tying and handcuffing us. He said he was going to kill us all, but first he was going to have his fun."

Kerley and the girl were gagged with tape, stripped naked, and fastened to a basketball backboard which had been converted to a torture rack with holes for hands and feet, Henley said.



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DEAN CORLL

He said he "sweet-talked" Corll into untying him after "I promised I would torture and kill them [his two friends] if he'd let me go. So he did."

Henley said Corll told him to sexually attack the girl while he (Corll) would attack Kerley. Henley went

into the bathroom for lubricant and returned to the bedroom.

"I picked up a gun from the table. I told him to back off and stop whatever he was doing. He said something and came at me, and I shot him."

Corll was hit six times in the chest with bullets from a .22 calibre revolver.

Henley later indicated he had known what was going to happen when he took Kerley and Williams to Corll's house, police said. He appeared grief-stricken.

As police reconstructed the story from statements by Henley, and apparently also by Brooks, teenage boys were enticed to Corll's house for sex and drug parties on a fairly regular basis over the past three years. The boys were tortured and killed, and their bodies wrapped in plastic bags and buried in a boat shed leased by Corll in 1971, as well as at an East Texas fishing resort on Sam Rayburn Lake and on High Island off the Texas coast.

The bodies found so far are all of boys in an apparent age range from

13 to 19. Most were in an advanced state of decomposition, and one was only a skeleton. Some appeared to have been buried naked, others in bathing suits.

One of the bodies is thought to be that of 13-year-old David Hilligiest, who disappeared in 1971 after leaving his home to go swimming. His parents spent thousands of dollars trying to find him.

Henley apparently became involved with Corll about a year ago when Brooks introduced him to the older man.

Henley's mother described Corll as "a polite man [who] loved to be around kids." She said that "Dean treated Wayne like a son, and Wayne loved him like a father. I know Dean must have done something terrible to Wayne to make Wayne shoot him."

A co-worker at Houston Light & Power Co., where Corll worked as an electrician, said he had a "good personality. Everybody liked him. He would help you if you needed help. And he was intelligent."

—MURDERS DON'T INDICT WHOLE COMMUNITY—

Gays shouldn't feel guilt over killings, S&M writer says

Larry Townsend, past president of HELP, Inc., has written extensively on the subject of S&M. He also holds a Master's Degree in clinical and industrial psychology and has worked as both a counselor and specialist in personnel motivation. He comments here, at the ADVOCATE's request, on the Dean Corll and Albert Brust killings in Texas and Florida and a series of unsolved mutilation murders in the Long Beach, Calif., area.

by LARRY TOWNSEND

When we read about these gruesome mutilation murders, it seems only natural to ask ourselves, "Could this creep really be gay?" The answer, I think, is much more complex than a simple "yes" or "no."

Just as most human beings possess the emotional potential to be either homosexual or heterosexual, so do most of us retain the residual elements of a more primitive sexuality. Because the sex drive is the only component of our personalities to be seriously restricted by society, it is the one most likely to emerge in strange or distorted form. And even this is a subjective statement, based upon the arbitrary standards established by our social conditioning.

When a crime of unusual, bizarre circumstances takes place, it is viewed with horror, but also with a strongly morbid fascination—as witnessed by the flocks of curious onlookers who gathered outside the home of Albert Brust in Miami. Why this fascination? In a way, it

parallels the old dilemma: Why do so many sweet little old ladies enjoy the murder and mayhem of Mickey Spillane?

In the case of Albert Brust, I think we have an individual with a (fortunately) unique sexual personality. Whereas he incorporated elements common to many other people, he compounded these elements into his own peculiarly lethal admixture.

In my opinion, he was no more "gay" than "het." He murdered the boy and mutilated him (although, apparently, not sexually); he then raped the girl. This is certainly not consistent with a purely homosexual syndrome—S&M or otherwise. Neither is rape, kidnaping, murder, nor enforced imprisonment a legiti-

mate aspect of S&M behavior—not that form of behavior as practiced by many thousands (perhaps millions) of people, both gay and het, throughout the world. Brust was as much a maverick to this group as he was to the balance of society. In fact, I feel it is a serious misnomer to call these crimes "S&M murders."

In Dean Corll (Houston), we have a much grosser amplification of the same, basic syndrome. Following the classic pattern of heterosexual child molesters, Corll utilized a younger fellow to lure his victims into the web and physically used or abused them; then, probably motivated more by fear of discovery than anything else, he murdered them. As yet, we have seen no indication of

Corll's having had any gay social aspects in his life; that is, he is not characterized as having been involved in any adult activities with other Gays.

This would seem to point up the basic inadequacy within his ego structure, a typical inability to relate to a peer group. Like the dirty old man who seduces little girls, Corll sought release by using kids. His behavior pattern relates about as closely to a gay S&M person's as does that of a heterosexual murderer-rapist to the style of the het "family man."

As Gays, we are easily embarrassed by sensationalized bizarre behavior on the part of any homosexual. But in neither Corll's nor

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Brust's case should we feel a kindred humiliation. Without being able to interview either of them, and having only the sensationalized news stories to go on, I am loath to attempt any sort of in-depth analysis. I can, however, point up the gross inconsistencies between the apparent behavior of these two men and that of the normal S&M or "gay leather" people within our own community. For most who are actively involved in the scene, it is a game to be played on the weekend, with the largest percentage being interested in the role of bottom man, or M. This is just as true of the het S&Mers as it is with ours.

In the true S&M relationship, there is a good deal more involved than the physical abuse of one per-

SUMMIT CONFERENCE

'Royalty' frozen out

by PHYLLIS McINTIRE

The crowned heads of Greater Los Angeles have formed an imperial alliance to repeal a threat to their royal prerogatives from a bunch of upstarts in the San Fernando Valley.

To understand what it's all about, a smattering of Los Angeles geography is necessary. The Valley, as it's known locally, is that part of the L.A. megalopolis lying north of the Santa Monica Mountains, which cut through the city from east to west about a third of the way down from the northern fringes of Greater L.A. The biggest part of it is inside the city limits of Los Angeles proper.

Mostly fields and orange groves as late as the mid-'30s, its vast expanse is now one of the bedroom bastions of the L.A. area's white middle class. The other is Orange County to the south. Along the Valley's southern boundary runs Ventura Boulevard, which is dotted with gay bars and restaurants.

About three years ago, the idea of a drag "empress," dreamed up in San Francisco in the mid-'60s, took hold in the glitter and tinsel world of female impersonation in Los Angeles. Since then, crowned heads have been sprouting like cabbages.

The first "empress" of Los Angeles was a drag ball promoter, Larry Morrow, known professionally as LaRey. Now the reigning dowager, Empress I LaRey de Los Angeles was not at all pleased when Lew Schirtzinger, who owns El Poquito restaurant in the Valley, decided it was time the Valley proclaimed its independence. Schirtzinger staged a contest July 2 at which two bartenders from a place called Forsooth the Dragoon were crowned Empress I Veronica Vavoom de San Fernando Valley and Emperor I Puff de San Fernando Valley.

Not long after, Schirtzinger and LaRey found themselves at the same function in San Diego. According to witnesses, words were exchanged and Schirtzinger poured a drink over the coiffed head of the dowager empress. LaRey promptly snatched the shirt from Schirtzinger's back.

"I would've wiped the floor with him if I didn't have a dress on," LaRey said later in confirming the incident.

Determined not to let such a gross affront to her royal dignity and prerogatives go unchallenged, LaRey got on the phone to the royal courts of Long Beach, the Inland Empire, and South Bay. The territories of the latter two include the Los Angeles satellite cities of Pomona (Inland Empire) to the east and Inglewood (South Bay) to the south.

The result was the Imperial

son by another. As I have been at some pains (no pun intended) to explain in my own writings, the S, or topman, is never going to derive the full pleasure he is seeking unless he provokes an appropriate response from his subject.

In other words, the S&M exchange is just that—an exchange, basically seeking the same sensual experience as any other sexual interaction. If the M is to be subjected to pain, or whatever, it is only with his express or implied consent. If the scene is carried beyond the limits of the M, it becomes quite a different matter. Those outside the "leather circle" may not understand why or how such a relationship can come into being, or how it can be enjoyable; but they should realize that it is in no way lethal.

Of more concern to me, is the series of unsolved murders in Southern California. Albert Brust and

Dean Corll, after all, are dead and gone. Whatever harm they have done, they will do no more. This nut who is murdering, torturing and dismembering the living bodies of his victims along the coast from Long Beach to Oceanside remains a fearsome threat. Adding to this concern is the apparent factor of misconception on the part of investigating officers. I understand that they have been questioning patrons of gay leather bars, and have been looking into the lives and habits of people who are active in the S&M scene. In my opinion, this is an extremely unfruitful line of inquiry. People who are able to express their sexuality... to act out their desires in a non-destructive exchange, are the least likely to commit this sort of crime. Even if the components for violence lie within them, the very act of sex play tends to become the "safety valve", permitting the steam of passion to escape before it causes an explosion. The most appropriate place to seek this murderer is deep within some dark and hidden closet.

The pattern for this California killer may be visible in both the Texas and the Florida situations—although, again, I must indicate my hesitancy to analyze on the basis of the minimal and probably distorted information available. Still, in Brust and Corll we can see the silhouettes of two men who were probably: extremely inhibited and repressed socially as well as sexually (one of them somewhat brutalized by his prison experiences), each emotionally incapable of admitting his desire for "socially unacceptable" partners. Brust's tendency to long, esoteric rationalizations in his journals would seem to substantiate such a contention. I would expect some type of similar exposition in Corll's case, as such is so typical in any of these sensational sex-murder stories.

In summary, then, it would be my opinion that these dreadful, violent crimes have come into being as the result of three individuals—two dead, the other still on the loose as of this writing—who were unable to find socially acceptable outlets for their sexual urgings. With society's cap screwed down so tightly, we can expect that the weakest will sometimes explode.

Until now, the violence has come from heterosexual psychopaths, sometimes with homosexual over-

tones. In Texas, at least, we seem to have encountered the reverse. I know that a great many of our people are extremely upset that one of the largest mass murders in the history of the United States should appear to have been committed by a homosexual. I concur completely in these feelings, but I must also note that the same "uniqueness" which makes it a Front-Page story reflects its infrequency. It also leaves me to wonder if this type of sexually moti-

vated crime would be as likely to occur in a culture where we accepted the existence of diverse sexual appetites as readily as we acknowledge the varied tastes for food and drink.

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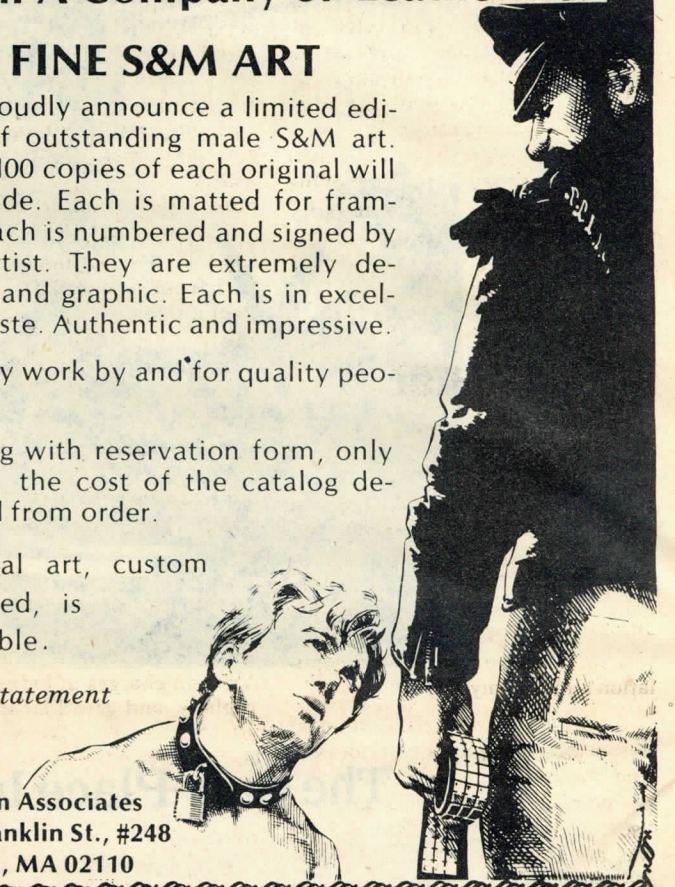
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to the bedroom where the torture chamber was located and forced them at gunpoint to perform what police later described as "perverted acts," while he took photos.

Matson eventually jumped Brust, who shot the boy three times and dragged his body into a spare bathroom. He cut off Matson's head, feet, and hands and buried him under three and a half feet of concrete in a shower stall. As far as could be learned from police, young Matson was not sexually mutilated, however.

"Mary Ellen" was manacled in the torture chamber for almost 24 hours and raped repeatedly, she said. But though Brust slapped her around some, he apparently didn't use his torture devices on her.

Girl Released

Finally, saying, "I have taken a life, so now I'm going to give one back," Brust drove the terrified girl back to Fort Lauderdale and released her. She went immediately to police, but her hysterical account was greeted with skepticism. "Mary Ellen's" mother, contacted in Frankfurt, described her as a "pathological liar," confirming the officers' suspicion that she had made up the bizarre story.

Five days later, Brust stretched out in a lawn chair in the yard of his home and drank chocolate milk laced with cyanide. Two more days

'Victim' willing, but educator still convicted

WOODLAND, Calif.—In one of the strangest cases in California history, a consenting adult has been allowed to go free—without any legal charges pending—while his alleged sex partner remains in jail without bail, convicted of oral copulation and sodomy.

A jury in this small town near Sacramento took only two hours to find former Woodland School Superintendent David Reeves guilty of "sexual perversion." Reeves, 40, was accused of having a tryst with 19-year-old Robert Carling in a Palo Alto motel on Feb. 7. After the alleged sex acts took place, Carling reported the incident to the police, and Reeves was arrested at the motel.

What was bizarre was that Carling admitted that he was not afraid of Reeves and that he had done nothing verbally or physically to remove himself from the situation. The willing, healthy 6-foot youth, a college student, was clearly "consenting," according to Reeves' attorney, Earl Stokes.

The attorney is confident that a higher court will overthrow the jury decision and also rule that the judge erred in refusing to grant Reeves, a well-established educator, bail.

During the trial one police officer was even permitted to give testimony although he had sat in the courtroom and heard other witnesses before him.

Reeves made headlines in 1972 when he became the first person in California to be appointed as school superintendent without first obtaining an education degree. The popular educator hired persons with hard business sense to run the schools and was rewarded with a \$28,500 a year salary.

The school board in conservative Woodland retained Reeves in his position for three months after the original charges were made as a demonstration of their confidence in him. In May, under public pressure, the board was forced to dismiss him.



ALBERT BRUST

went by before neighbors investigated and called police, who found the house reeking with the odor of a decomposing body and fluids oozing from the hastily cemented shower stall.

Until they broke it apart with jackhammers, police suspected more bodies might be inside a 16-inch thick concrete wall adjoining the torture chamber, but none were found. Police checked out the possibility that Brust had had something to do with the deaths of two teenage sisters from New Jersey, whose bodies were found in Key Largo two months before the Matson killing, but later said they thought the boy was the only person Brust had killed.

'The Ultimate Solution'

Brust's diary, in a notebook labeled "The Ultimate Solution," was found inside the house. Police kept a tight grip on it before releasing its contents Aug. 1.

Begun in April 1970, the diary's theme is a continual yearning for death, never fully explained. It refers continually to "the events of August and September 1968" which led to a nearly successful suicide attempt, but never says what they were. Brust apparently never referred to them in talking to anyone questioned by police here.

In 1951, he was sentenced to three to 10 years in prison in New York on charges of kidnap, assault, robbery, and grand larceny. He was paroled in 1957. The diary reveals that his prison experience remained in his thoughts, and at times he seemed to have a masochistic urge to return.

But above all, he seemed to be afraid of age and ill-health. Shortly after starting the diary, while staying with a younger sister in Astoria, N.Y., he wrote this passage, perhaps motivated by his 40th birthday:

"I notice that my memory and thinking power has deteriorated in the last two years... I fear insanity. I fear prison, I fear the loss of my intellectual and sexual powers, and I fear death. But of them all, I fear death the least... I don't want to be an old fool, a doddering wreck of feeble powers, a remnant of the Brust that rebelled and won a round against this stupid society. You might say that I wanted to die with my intellectual boots on."

'The Brustian Solution'

In late 1970, entries in the diary trail off and do not begin again until July 12, 1973, less than 48 hours before he picked up Matson and "Mary Ellen." Here he writes that although "I have successfully changed my life-style drastically: from lathing to housing inspection, from bike to van, from apartment to house, from New York City to Florida," his thinking has remained the same.

"I note how much I actually enjoy solitude the last few years—even more than I did in prison. After work I always get home as soon as possible to enjoy my solitary sanctuary and its music and books and TV. No sex yet, but I'm working on it—slowly but with determined resolve. I know what I want. I need someone for sex, yes, but not an idiot I have to cater to."

"Enter the Brustian solution—!"

The solution evidently entailed picking up the two teenagers and taking them back to the house for the sexual outlet he craved.

After the episode with Matson and the girl, the diary entries show no remorse, only a regret that he had freed the girl. The next day, a Tuesday, after driving "Mary Ellen" back to Fort Lauderdale, Brust wrote:

"My own capacity for empathy has proved my undoing—? Has it cracked my shell permanently?"

Two days later, he told a co-worker, Gerald Court, 63, "The pain of life far outweighs the joys of living."

By this time, the odor of Matson's body was permeating Brust's home. Back in 1970, he had written in the diary, "The straw that breaks the camel's back and precipitates my final act will probably be emotional..."

And so it was. On July 19, the same day he spoke so gloomily to Court, Brust wrote in his diary:

"I have miscalculated. However, I know I could save the situation by a lot of disagreeable work, but I see no good reason for going on. What would come next? The whole business is not worth it; life is not worth the trouble after all, death comes sooner or later, so why not sooner and save yourself all the trouble and pain of living. 'Once born make haste to pass the gates of Death.'"

"One factor in my decision is my clearly declining health. I now suffer foot pain—both feet—plus shoulder pain, probably bursitic. In addition, there is the vascular problem in my right arm, the 'pins and needles' sensation that indicates a circulatory disorder. Add to it all my diabetic tendency and the inevitability of insulin dependency. Fuck it all!"

That was the last entry.

Mild-Mannered

Neighbors and acquaintances—he seemed to have no real friends—found Brust an aggravating man but didn't seem to suspect his capacity for murder.

I just can't believe what's in there," said Mrs. Ruth Court, the wife of Brust's co-worker, as police extracted Matson's body from the shower stall. "He talked big, but he was a mild-mannered little man." Brust was about 5 feet, four inches tall.

As she talked, a steady stream of cars, their passengers gawking, drove slowly along the normally quiet street. An ice cream truck did a booming business, selling Cokes for a quarter to curious onlookers and swarms of children gathered around the house.

Mrs. Court's husband, who often drove Brust to work, was impressed by his co-worker's brain, if not his philosophy.

"He knew more than anyone else I ever met. He had a marvelous memory and was self-educated. I'm a college graduate, and he made me feel stupid."

Mrs. Gaye Gompers, 28, who lived directly behind Brust and was the closest thing to a confidant he had in the neighborhood, said he seemed to consider himself superior to everybody. She said he told her

that he had almost married a "blonde woman who was dumb and big in the bosom and bottom" because she "would be like a servant and do whatever he wanted."

Brust lived "like a hermit," she said. "He didn't say anything except grievances. He disliked everything intensely. He always smirked and looked sarcastic. When you talked to him, you didn't want to stay near him."

Cocky About Jews

On the other hand, Brust was described as "very happy, cocky even, talking like a magpie" about what he would like to do to Jews, by Carl Erdvig, 29, owner of the Outrider Motorcycle Shop in North Miami Beach where Brust took his 500cc BMW for servicing before buying the van.

Erdvig, who was the source of the information that Brust preferred boys, said Brust had talked on a couple of occasions about having "disposed of somebody in the East River" in New York, and another time claimed to have "concreted somebody."

"I thought he was joking, but I wasn't sure."

Brust's diary indicates admiration, if not for the Nazis, at least for the cyanide suicides of Hitler, Heinrich Himmler, Herman Goering, and Joseph Goebbels.

Erdvig said Brust also hated lawyers, politicians, children, "Catholics, cats and dogs, almost everything."

He also said Brust talked about suicide and about growing old. Mrs. Gompers said he complained of headaches, but Dr. Charles L. Garrett, chief deputy medical examiner for Dade County, said there was no evidence from the autopsy of a brain tumor or any other physical cause of his behavior.

Whatever the source of his obsessions, they apparently already had

Brust locked in an inescapable grip when he began his diary in 1970. On Apr. 10 of that year, he wrote:

"RAPE, MURDER, SUICIDE. These thoughts are constantly with me. Not a day passes without some autistic thinking along those lines. Of course, this is not mentally 'healthy'—there is no doubt that by present standards I am mentally ill, a hopeless sociopath. 'Hopeless' because there is no changing me without changing the social context I exist in. At the age of 40, the die is cast..."

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