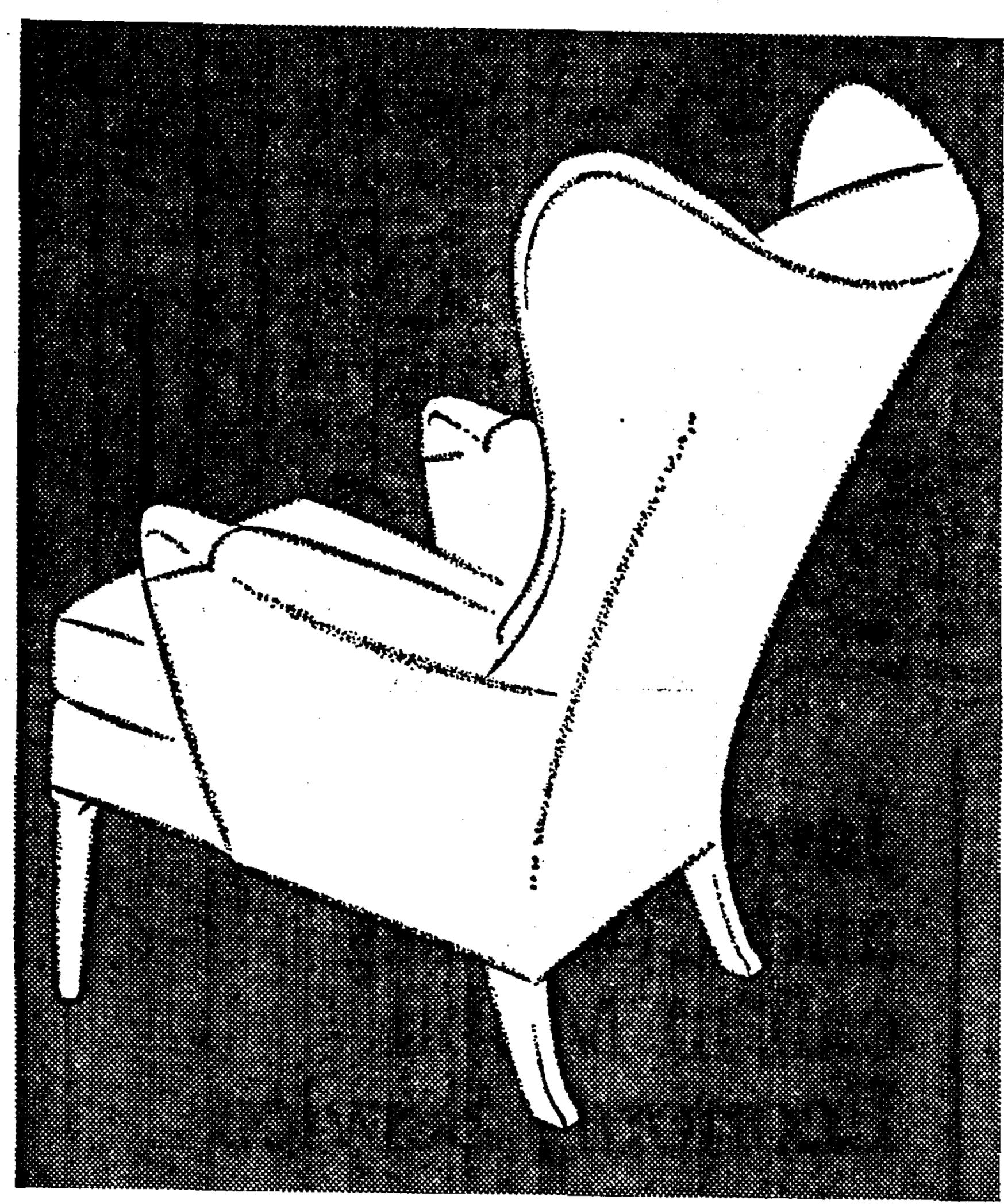
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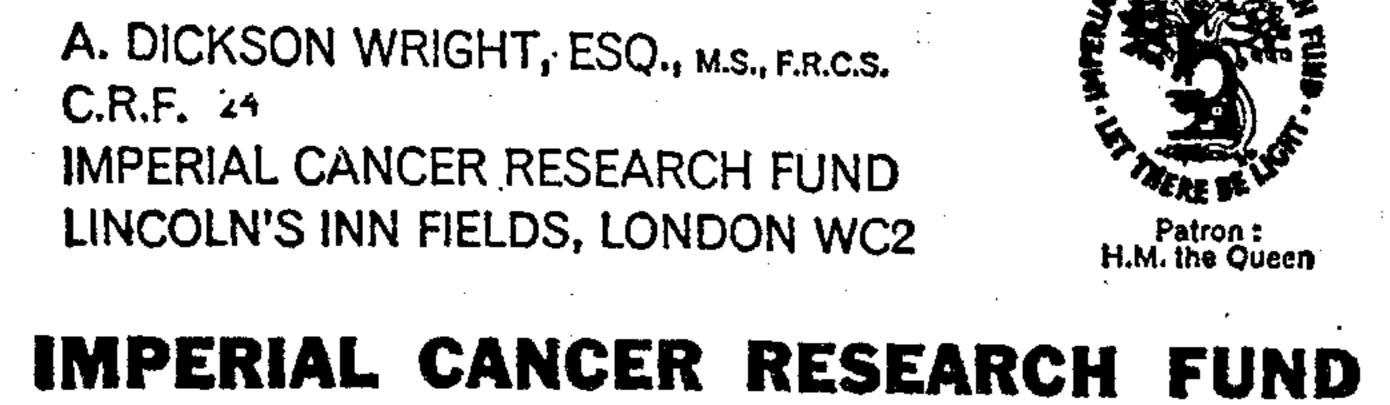
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Police Tell of Big Banknote Finds in Green Holdall and Kitbag

MAN'S ALLEGED ADMISSION: "MONEY CAME FROM TRAIN ROBBERY"

WITNESSES DESCRIBE CASH BUYING OF CARS

at the resumed hearing yesterday of the Buckinghamshire mail robbery case

before Aylesbury Magistrates. Detective-sergeant Stanley Davies, of Bournemouth police, said that about 8.40 p.m. on August 14 he received a telephone message from a Mrs. Clark and as a result went to her house at Tweedale Road, Bournemouth. Detective-constable Case

was with him. As he approached the front door he saw two men leaving the garage and walking away from the house. He identified these two men as two in court—Boal and Roger John Corderey.

and after that he went after the two men. Mr. H. Sabin, for the prosecution: What Corderey do?--Outside No. Tweedale Road, Corderey went into the garden of No. 9 while Boal retraced his steps towards No. 5.

Detective-sergeant Davies said that he stopped the police vehicle in Tweedale Road, and Corderey emerged from the garden of No. 9. He told Corderey he was a pair of Army gloves. a police officer and asked Corderey if he lived there. Corderey replied: "No. How do I know you are bloody police officers?

Detective-sergeant Davies and Detective produced their warrant Corderey started shouting: "Help, help. I want a witness." I asked him to tell me what he was doing | '

at No. 9 and he replied: 'Mind your own bloody business. I live here and I have a business at Wimborne' I said: 'I have just seen you also leave ! No. 45, Tweedale Road, where I believe

you have left a car'. He replied: 'What's | Charles Frederick Wilson, aged it got to do with you. I have a business | at Wimborne'." Detective-sergeant Davies asked Cor-

came from London. Corderey refused to be scarched and, asked if he would say who he was, he replied: "No, why should I?" Mr. Sabin: Was this a peaceful kind of interview or not?—No. Detective-sergeant Davies added that

during the conversation Corderey had tried several times to get away. take hold of him and restrain him. him I was going to arrest him for being found on enclosed premises for an unlawful purpose. Just after all this had happened, They are also charged with on I saw Boal walking past us."

"BECAME VIOLENT IN SEARCH" Detective-constable Case went to speak

I said: 'We are police officers and I suspect you of breaking into houses in this area with this man',—pointing to Cor-Boal said: 'I have never seen this man in my life before. I have done nothing of the beds?—I stripped the bed down to make visits. I live here. I have a business at

Wimborne '.' He tried to search Boal, who also became violent and had to be restrained and forcibly put into the police car. At Bournemouth police station, Detective-sergeant Davies searched both men. On Corderey he found notes, silver and copper amounting to £160 3s. 3d. and a number of keys.

Mr. Geoffrey Leach, one of the defence counsel, objected to Detective-sergeant Davies giving evidence about conversations with Boal and Corderey, saying it might prejudice the defence. Mr. Sabin said the Court could run into difficulties if such an objection were raised every time a police Bourton, said he put an advertisement in officer gave evidence. The Bench would not be able to get a fair picture of the case as a

The Clerk suggested the answer was to hear the evidence in camera. Mr. Leach said he was not asking for a secret trial dark glasses. One spoke to me and the said he was not asking for a secret trial but if the Bench did not accept what he said he would be forced to.

BENCH REFUSE TO AGREE

The magistrates retired for a few minutes and returned and rejected Mr. Leach's objection. He then said that he would be take £350 cash for it? I said I would take forced to apply for evidence to be heard £360 cash. He did not say anything. He in camera. The magistrates replied that | did not ask me anything about the car they would not agree.

tioned Corderey about the money and he of tea and he had a cup. "It's mine." He refused to give any other information about how it came into his possession. Asked for his name, age and address, he said his name was Freddie Jackson, of no fixed address and he was not sure of his age, but he was born

in either 1920 or 1921. Detective-sergeant Davies said he then searched Boal and found £118 18s. 01d. keys, a lady's fawn silk or nylon glove and a receipt for an Austin A.35, registration number UEL937. Boal gave his correct name and his address.

Asked to account for the money, Boal said: "I am in business at the U.D. Precision Works, Queen's Road, Sheen, Surrey, and the business is worth £70,000."

Detective-sergeant Davies, continuing, said: "I then asked him if he knew whose was the vehicle left at No. 45, Tweedale Road, and he replied, 'I bought it for a man named Gosden, of Lyndhurst Road, Bourne

In reply to Mr. Sabin, the witness said that when questioned on this Boal started screaming. "I am not going to be interrogated like this. I am an honest business | think I recognize the man who was in the I have a good precision engineering | car." I am well known. I want to see

WRAPPERS IN WET PILLOW CASE

At about 10.30 p.m., said the witness, he and other police officers went to Tweedale Road, and unlocked an Austin A35 van- Mr. Wilfrid Fordham, who appears for type vehicle with one of the keys found in some of the defendants, agreed that at Boal's possession. "In the back of the the time he had no reason to take any car was a large suitcase. I opened the particular notice of the man who remained suitcase... inside there was a green can- in the car. Nor did he speak to him. vas holdall. It was full of £1 and £5 case, and inside were bundles of bank- pick him out at any identification parade?

"There was also a wet pillow case. Inside | Does it put it fairly to say that you are put on banknotes. There was also a towel | think it is a man like him?—Yes. in the case.

court of a pub on Castle Lane'. "I informed Boal that I had found a large amount of banknotes in the vehicle at No. 45. Tweedale Road, he said, 'Fair enough, it came from the train job'."

Detective-sergeant Davies said he also saw Corderey and asked him to say where the money came from which had been reasonably likely, now you have seen the found at 45. Tweedale Road. "He said, 'sit man you indicated is a tallish man, you down and just listen to me. I know this may well have made an honest mistake money came from the train robbery job. about this?—I may well have made an Some time ago I met a man named Freddie I honest mistake. at Brighton Races.

I did. It was in a bub on the Abingdon manager, Mr. Walker He could recognize vehicle for him. He gave me some money, recognize the other man if he were dressed I bought a vehicle at Whitby. It was in the same clothes as he had worn before. Freddie gave me £500. I gave the name pointed out Boal. of Thompson. I met him again as arranged. Miss Ruby Margaret Saunders, of I gave him the vehicle. I asked for the Ensbury Avenue, Bournemouth, said she

He put lots of stuff in the car, the loot house, wanted the garage for three months, was at a house at Ensbury Avenue.

The garage was locked and he opened it with a key he found in Corderey's posses-

three women, charged with receiving. sion. In the boot were six cases full of banking £518, knowing it to have been stolen. On October 1, Detective-sergeant Van Dyck About 3 a.m. he went to the house in and Detective-constable Thorburn went to Wimborne Road and found a brown brief-Harvey's home, a flat in Bowen Drive, Dulcase, which also contained a large quantity of bank notes. There was also correspon-

dence relating to Boal and his works. TOTAL OF £141,000 COUNTED

stolen in the mail robbery.

except that up there" and pointed to a

small quantity of notes on the mantelpiece.

He said: "That is my wages. I mean my

holiday pay. It is the last week of my

"PACKET FOUND IN

RECESS"

immediately found a brown paper packet

concealed in a recess in a corner of the

"The officers began to search the room

That money amounted to £18.

1 Where did this come from?'

you some other explanation?"

because I have not got any chance. J

COMPLAINT OVER

VISITING

were almost impossible to arrange in the

understood, he said, that the defendants ir

"It is a bit hard", he commented.

not possible to make visits at the prison

The hearing was adjourned to today.

because of difficulties of space.

When the hearing opened, Mr. Fordham

bang to rights."

That is gospel."

Buckinghamshire.

detained in custody."

after about 3.30 p.m.

He also found a black briefcase in which was correspondence relating to property for sale in the Bournemouth area. It also con-He had a conversation with Mrs. Clark | tained a lady's silk left-hand glove, a logbook relating to a Rover car, and a logbook and correspondence relating to a Ford

> The officer was shown a glove which earlier in the hearing had been made an exhibit and was asked whether with the one he had found, it appeared to form a pair. He said they did. These things were found in the bedroom, and he also found

THE CHARGES

Nine accused are charged that on divers dates unknown between May 1 and August 9 this year, in Buckinghamshire, they conspired together and with other persons unknown to stop a train with intent to rob the mail.

They are:—Roger John Corderey, aged 42, of Hurst Road, East Molesey, Surrey: William Gerard Boal, aged 50, of Burnthwaite Road, Fulham S.W.; bookmaker, of Crescent Lane, Clapham, S.W.; Ronald Arthur Biggs, aged 34, carpenter, of Alpine Road, Redhill, derey where he came from and he said he | Surrey; James Hussey, aged 30, painter and decorator, of Eridge House Dog East Dulwich. Thomas William Wisbey, aged 33, bookmaker, of Ayton House, Camberwell S.E.; Leonard Dennis Field, aged 31. merchant seaman, of Green Lanes, N.; Brian Arthur Field, aged 29, managing Whitchurch Hill, Oxfordshire; and

are also charged with on I told the magistrates that he wished to draw August 8, in Buckinghamshire, being armed with offensive weapons and robbing Frank Dewhurst of 120 mailbags. There are charges of receiving stolen money against William Boal, Corderey, [Brian Arthur Field and six other

and under the pillow I found a bundle

The officer said that arrangements were made for two clerks from the National Provincial Bank to count the money and he was present the whole time they were doing this, opening the cases and handing the money over for them to count. Mr. Sabin.—Was the total amount about

£141,000?—That is correct. Earlier, Mr. John Stephen Furnival, com-

the Oxford Times on August 9 to sell his car for £370. After a telephone call that other stayed in the car."

Mr. Furnival went on: "I asked him if he would like a ride in the car and he said he would. I asked: 'Would your mate like to come with you? 'and he said: 'No he will stay where he is'. I took him out for a drive and I was with him in the car about 20 minutes or half an hour. On the way back to my house he said: 'Would you pointed out one or two things about it. Detective-sergeant Davies said he ques- asked him if he would like to have a cup

"APPEARED VERY **NERVOUS**"

"I told him I had not got the logbook with me. It was being registered in my name and could I send it on to him? He said: 'I am staying in Oxford, but I think you ought to send it to my home address. He gave an address in Burnthwaite Road, Fulham, S.W., and the name of Mr. Tomkins.

Mr. Furnival went on: "My wife was typing out a receipt for him and he was counting the money out."

Mr. Sabin.—Did you notice anything

about his manner when you asked him for his name and address to send the logbook?—He appeared very nervous. The man who had paid for the car drove it away, and the other followed, he said. Mr. Sabin asked Mr. Furnival to look round the court to see if he could see the

Mr. Furnival walked along the dock and said: "I recognize one of the men.

Mr. Sabin said that Mr. Furnival had identified Corderey as the man who bought

Pointing at a second man, Mr. Furnival said: "I am not certain about the other man, who stayed in the car some distance away, and I did not speak to him." Mr. Furnival, in cross-examination by

Mr. Fordham: You have not had the There was also a kitbag in the opportunity of seeing whether you could

were bank bags and wrappers as used to not sure of the man you indicated but you Mr. Fordham then asked Biggs to stand "I saw Boal again and asked if he had in the dock and when Biggs rose Mr any other vehicles in Bournemouth. He Fordham remarked: "Whatever else may said. Yes, there is a vehicle on the fore- be said about that man he is not a shortish

Mr. Furnival agreed. "COULD BE HONEST

MISTAKE" Mr. Fordham: Don't you think it is

Stephen Edward Martin. of Fortescue

Renton. He is the Brighton boy. He frequents the Brighton races. He has acted as an agent for me. Freddie told me to meet him in Oxford on Friday, which Freddie asked if I could get a Boal, and thought he might possibly 1 paid £360. Mr. Martin left the witness box and

books to be sent to a fellow's address in advertised a garage at her home to let and on August 12 a man came to see her. He "I met Freddie again on Friday night. said he had come to Bournemouth to buy a and would pay in advance. He paid her Corderey said the car, a grey Rover, £7 10s. The next time she saw him was on August 14, with a companion, putting the

T.U.C. WANT TALKS ON "HERALD"

PRINTING OFFERS

FROM OUR LABOUR CORRESPONDENT T.U.C. leaders decided yesterday to ask for another talk with the International Publishing Corporation about the future of the Daily Herald.

Finance and General Purposes Committee | after being knocked down by a car last Evidence of an alleged admission by William Gerard Boal that a large amount of banknotes found in the back of a car at Bournemouth "came from the train job", was given by a detective at the resumed heaving a way and located a garage at the resumed heaving a world be resumed to the discussing that the being knocked down by a car last two hours discussing in court.

Mr. Sabin opened the case against more than hypothetical until it was known what the Daily Mirror group's attitude to the being knocked down by a car last two hours discussing by a car away. She could not identify the man had spent about two hours discussing that have been made for a world with the suggestions that have been made for a world with the suggestions about two hours discussing had spent about two hours discussions could be no more than hypothetical until it is desirable. High Court, Mr. Sydney Silverman, Mr. Silverman stated: "In view of the court of the suggestions are the part of the suggestions and the pa S.E., who is one of six people, including would be to such suggestions.

The corporation has a licence to print ! He said Harvey was charged with receiv- the Daily Herald for 25 years. This is still ! operative, but the corporation has proposed to take over the T.U.C.'s interest in the paper and replace it by a new radical newspaper. The corporation has given wich, S.E. Harvey was told that they had Mr. Harold Wilson an undertaking that it a warrant to search the flat for banknotes continue publication of the Daily Herald until after the next general election. Harvey said: "You are joking. We have not got any of them here. I have nothing,

PROFITS SUBSIDY

Of the numerous suggestions for saving ' the paper two seemed last night not to have been ruled out. There were the offers | quiry were indeed necessary, would be in by Mr. Roy Thomson and by the News of a coroner's court on the holding of a new the World to print the Daily Herald at Inquest, for which in appropriate cases or near cost price if the T.U.C. decided to the High Court. to retain the title. An offer by Mr. Robert Maxwell that the profits from his printing of the Attorney General is a prerequisite firm could subsidize the Daily Herald and, a memorial showing grounds having providing the unions agreed to have all and Detective-constable Thorburn almost their printing work done by the firm was ' felt to be too much of a long-term proposal. | ally lodged about a week ago and is listed room. It was unwrapped and found to as it was put by Mr. Victor Feather, to be heard in the Queen's Bench Divicontain a large wad of Bank of England T.U.C. assistant general secretary, after notes. The officer said: What about this? the meeting the meeting.

The suggestion that six wealthy men of 'Harvey said: 'What can I say? I am ! left-wing views would subsidize the paper has not taken concrete form. The idea that Mr. Sabin continued that Detective-con- | the trade unions should meet the paper's stable Thorburn said: "I believe the money | losses has never been a starter. is from the mail train robbery, or have

It is hoped to arrange the meeting with Harvey the corporation within the next few days replied: "No, how can I? You are dead | and to discuss the matter again at a meet-It is from the job. Someone brought | ing of the Finance and General Purposes it here for me to look after. There is a | Committee on April 21. On the outcome monkey there. I am being given £200 for of the discussions with the corporation will depend whether the union leaders ask for Asked who had brought the money, talks with Mr. Thomson or with Sir William Harvey replied: "I cannot tell you now. | Carr, of the News of the World, to get How can I? I will have to swallow it, more details.

The committee also had before them a suessed where it came from. I will have! synopsis of the replies of 115 unions, reprethe receiving, but I was not on the job. senting 90 per cent of the T.U.C. membership, to the T.U.C. circular about revising In an alleged statement Harvey said he | the structure of the movement. Many of had never been to the Leatherslade farm. I the members, having just returned from the Labour Party conference, had not had time to read the paper, and so it was decided to defer that also until October 21.

WANTED MAN "SEEN AT LE BOURGET"

their attention to the arrangements for Scotland Yard said last night that they visiting the defendants in custody. Visits had received 70 calls in answer to their appeal to the public to keep a watch for of soldiers' pay, ordered to cover the rebuilding where the court is at present sitting | Ronald "Buster" Edwards and his wife, | placement of kit lost in a fire at Poperinghe June Rose, whom detectives investigating | barracks. Arborfield. Berkshire. Pending Friday, when the court last sat, it was the Buckinghamshire train robbery wish to the inquiry, the War Office said yesterday, interview. No trace of the couple had been | "Southern Command has ordered a stop custody could have their visitors at Ayles-

bury prison, where they were at present French police were notified when detained. However, when the visitors went Mr. Sabin.—Did you find anything in any to the prison, they were told it was too late Paris reported having seen Edwards sitting on leave, were in B Company, at the Royal Paris reported having seen Edwards sitting on leave, were in B Company, at the Royal Engineers' in a departure lounge at Le Bourget Air- Electrical and Mechanical Engineers' would suggest that a right, reasonable, and port. Later it was reported that one of depot. Seventy men, 20 of them married, the Paris passengers who thought he had had their pay cut to £1 15s. a week. They convenient course ought to be found, otherwise it is rather hard on those defendants seen Edwards in Paris was Lord Harring. | were told they had to pay for personal ton, of Elvaston Castle, Derby. He flew into London Airport on a Paris flight. Mr. Ivor Richard, another defence counsel, said he had been told that it was

WOMAN STABBED IN SOHO

After luncheon Mr. A. H. Simpson, the A woman found dead with stab wounds | This had been found in the boot of the Clerk, said that efforts had been made to in a room in Brewer Street, Soho, yesterday won a seat from Labour in an urban council Rover car, in the briefcase, and in the overcome the difficulties. Visits could now was identified later as Rosa O'Neill, aged by-election at Baildon, Yorkshire, on start at 6.15 p.m. but had to end by 7.45. about 45. She was found in a first-floor | Saturday and gained overall control of the room and had been stabbed with a knife. | council

APPLICATION BY MRS. WOOLF

FORMER HUSBAND'S

DEATH An application by Mrs. Margaret Woolf for a new inquest on her former The decision was made after the T.U.C.'s | husband, Mr. Herman Woolf, who died

Office and elsewhere it is desirable to make certain facts clear.

"Mrs. Woolf has made no representations to the Home Office nor have any such representations been made on her behalf or on her authority The reason for this is that Mrs. Woolf

considered and was advised that this was not a matter for a private police investigation, but for a public inquiry where the witnesses would give evidence on oath and be subject to cross-examination.

FIAT GRANTED

"The appropriate tribunal, if further inthere is statutory provision on application

"For such an application the authority previously been presented to him, the Attorney General granted his fiat on September 16 last. The application was formsional Court. It will be heard in due course and the coroner concerned and the Commissioner for the Metropolitan Police have been given due notice of it.

FRESH INFORMATION

"The notice of motion is in no way connected with the recent police inquiry to which Mrs. Woolf was not a party and in which she was not asked by the police to participate. But since the notice of motion was served certain information has been received from the police which adds something to the information already in her

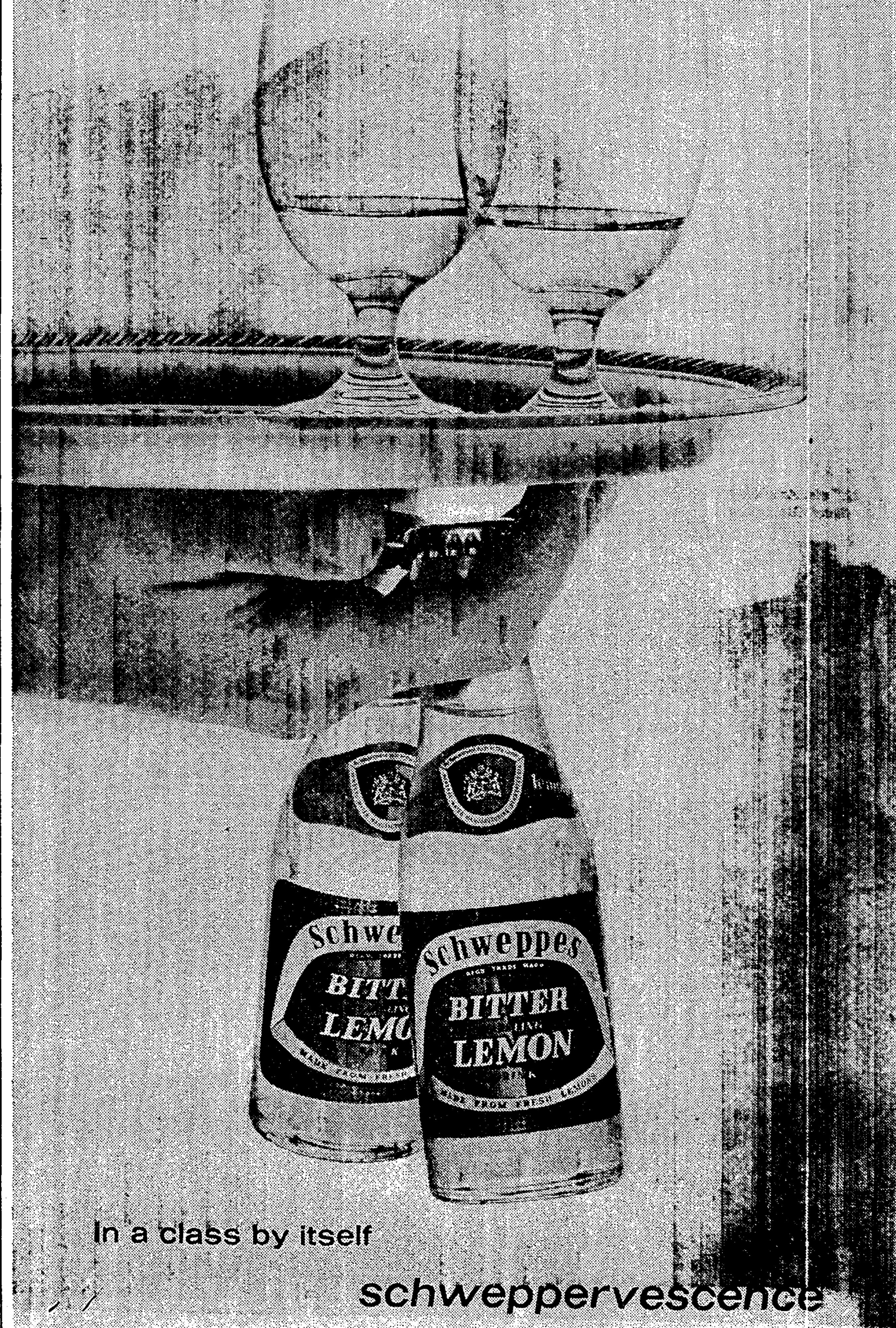
"Whether a case for a new inquest has been made out will be for determination by the High Court."

Mr. Woolf aged 60, an artist, died in hospital 13 days after he was injured by a car in Park Lane. After the accident he had been taken to hospital, discharged and taken into police custody before he was taken back to hospital, where he died. His marriage with Mrs. Woolf was dissolved 16 years ago, but the couple remained on friendly terms.

INQUIRY ORDERED INTO SOLDIERS' PAY CUT.

An inquiry is to be held into stoppages to action to recover pay from the soldiers".

The soldiers, who had been told to pay kit, No. 2 uniforms, and for personal clothes and belongings destroyed by fire Some owed up to £40; few owed less than



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