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# JUDGES' RULES VIOLATED, SAYS TRAIN CASE COUNSEL

# **OBJECTION TO REPORTS OF** DETECTIVE'S EVIDENCE

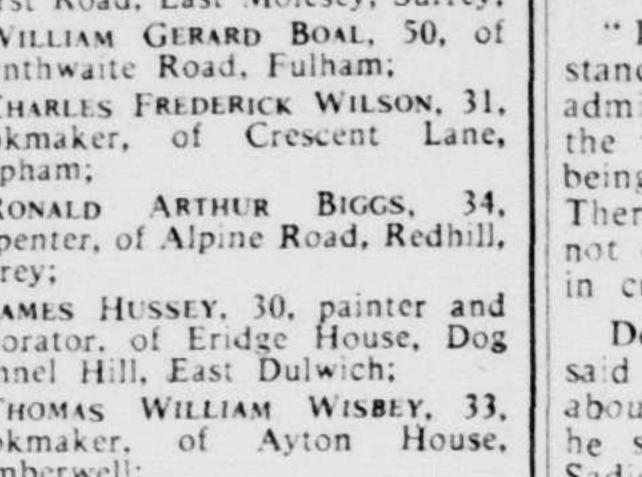
#### DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER

BARRISTER threatened newspapers with possible contempt proceedings if they published evidence given in open court during the £21 million Great Train Robbery hearing at Aylesbury, Bucks, yesterday.

Mr. Geoffrey Leach appearing for two of the men accused of taking part in the robbery issued the warning after making two unsuccessful attempts to have certain evidence

## THE ACCUSED

Nine of the accused men are charged with being concerned in the actual robbery. They are: ROGER JOHN CORDEREY, 42, of Hurst Road, East Molesey, Surrey; WILLIAM GERARD BOAL, 50, of Burnthwaite Road, Fulham; CHARLES FREDERICK WILSON, 31, admissability at trial. I object to bookmaker, of Crescent Lane, the whole of this verbal evidence RONALD ARTHUR BIGGS, 34, There is an old rule officers must carpenter, of Alpine Road, Redhill, JAMES HUSSEY, 30, painter and decorator, of Eridge House, Dog Kennel Hill, East Dulwich;



Mr. Fewtrell said: "Name some

At this point Mr. LEACH said he had to record that he took formal objection to this evidence having regard to the obvious breach of Judges' Rules. "I know the Press will under- "16s odd." He had paid about stand what that means so far as 4s for the bicycle. being a breach of Judges' Rules. he reached Oxford about 12.30 or something like that. not cross-examine people who are in custody." Det. Sgt. Pritchard said that

Det.-Sgt. PRITCHARD, continuing. Corderey was questioned about what he did in Oxford and he said Corderey was questioned THOMAS WILLIAM WISBEY, 33, about clubs he had visited and river." He said he got digs at a Sadie's, Ronnie's, Mr. McArthur noar the nub

Mr. Geoffrey Leach (LEFT), who is defending two of the accused men at the train robbery hearing at Aylesbury, Bucks, and Det.-Sgt. John Pritchard, who gave evidence yesterday.

Asked about the bicycle and where | " UP TO MY NECK he had got it from, he replied IN TROUBLE" "By train from Paddington." Asked about the fare, he replied: ACCUSED'S TEARS Sgt. PRITCHARD said that the He thought he had travelled same day he and Mr. McArthur saw on the 11.15 train and thought

Boal at Bournemouth police station and told him they were making inquiries about a large amount of money that he and Corderey had

been found in possession of. Boal replied : "I know, governor,

I am up to my neck in trouble."

After a few moments he said .



with no alternative nat if any part of	merchant seaman, of Green Lanes, N.; BRIAN ARTHUR FIELD, 29, manag- ing clerk of Kabri House, Bridle Road, Whitchurch Hill, Oxford-	the door."	Asked which public house, he said he did not know its name but it stood back off the road	"I did not know the money was from the railway job. I did not know he had any money until we were arrested and the room was searched."
bBC or television, solicitor will not eport it to the al to see if he ing proceedings for ourt."	DOUGLAS GORDON GOODY, 33, hairdresser, Commondale, Putney, BOAL, CORDEREY and BRIAN FIELD are also charged with receiving. Receiving charges	Breakfast in café Asked if he could give the names of anyone who could con- firm he was in Brighton on the night of the train robbery. Cor- derey pondered a few moments	"Monkey" to buy car He went to Oxford because he had to see Fred in the pub. It had been arranged the week before and it was suggested that Corderey should meet him at 12.30, but	Mr. McArthur said to him: "Surely that is not true. I under- stand that since you have been in Bournemouth you have bought two motor vehicles." to which Boal replied. "He did, but I did not know the money came from the
	Three other men and three women were charged with receiv- ing only. They are:	front." He said he had breakfasted in	he arrived a quarter of an hour late. Corderey said that Fred told	"I HATE HIM "
estioned by police subject matter of merely to remove questions plainly cross-examination. rong no harm will we are right and given publicity, it re matter. It would endants' trial and ble to be fair." NTIALS	ROBERT WILLIAM PELHAN, 26, motor mechanic, of Lonsdale Road, Notting Hill; MARY KAZIH MANSON, 42, of Wimbledon Close, The Downs, Wimbledon; ALFRED PILGRIM, 52, florist, of Bridge Road, East Molesey; and his wife, MARY FLORENCE PILGRIM, 49; RENEE BOAL, 52, Burnthwaite Road, Fulham; MARTIN HARVEY, 28, driver, Michaelson House, Boweven Drive, Dulwich.	a cale somewhere but they would not remember him going in. He said he stayed in Brighton most of the morning and then went to London. Asked by Mr. McArthur if he could tell him any house or place he stayed at or had a meal at between Bank Holiday Monday (August 5) and August 9. Corderey hesitated and finally said: "I can tell you this. On Tuesday I collected my boy from Brighton and took him to the fair at Hamp- ton Court. We spent that night at my parents' home.	nim: "Here is a monkey and gave me a parcel done up in an elastic band. He told me to get a car. "I saw a Rover for £360 adver- tised from a farm at Black- boughton, near Witney. I went there and bought it." He gave his name to the farmer as Thomas and Boal's address. He then returned to the pub and saw Fred and he went off in a car. Fred returned in about an hour and a half and told him there was a lot of money in the boot and told him to look after it.	Told what to do Det. Sgt. PRITCHARD continued: "Mr. McArthur said to him. "Where did you think it came from,' and Boal replied 'I just don't know. You can never tell with him.' "Mr. McArthur said to him: 'Surely he can't make you do things against your will?" To which Boal replied: 'He has a hold over me. He tells me what to do and I have got to do it. Sometimes I hate him. He seems
REQUEST	example, and the fact these two men were in the robbery, bears	wife in Brighton. I couldn't find	ALL-NIGHT WATCH	say 'Did you take part in the robbery?'"
GEOFFREY LEACH, a number of de- ubmitted that the	to some extent to answers they gave to police officers when they were investigating the matter in Bournemouth." In the past there has been very few cases when magistrates had sat in camera. There was the very important principle, par- ticularly in a case which had been very much in the public eye, when justice should be seen to be done. Mr. LEACH said it would oe	Corderey said he just walked around London. He could not name anyone who saw him or spoke to him that night. He just went around drinking clubs. He could not remember the names of them. Questioned about what hap- pened on Friday, he said he took	Corderey then said that he drove the car out of Oxford and parked beside the river. "I looked in the back and found three cases and a kitbag. There was another one on the floor at the back of the car. I went a little way off and sat there watching it all night." Sgt. Pritchard said that when Corderey was told he would be detained pending further inquiries	the Friday or Saturday. I forget which day now." Mr. SABIN: Was he then asked if he knew when the robbery was committed? Det. Sgt. PRITCHARD: Yes, and he replied. "I read it in the papers. It was after that I met him."

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request from Mr. Howard Sabin, The Bench rejected the applica-

magistrate.

#### **DEFENCE "NOT SCARED"** Police station questions

This was not because anything was kept back but because would be most unfair to prejudice man to cross-examine.

In the circumstances he did not ask the magistrates to apply the conditions of Section 4 of the detained the night in Bournemouth Magistrates' Court Act and keep with another man, and that a car the Press and public from this which has been traced to your hearing.

that they are scared to have the which appears to have come from hearing in public. But the matter that job.' is that there is a grave question admissibility which always to say "I also understand . . . arises on trial of questions which when he was interrupted by have taken place in the police Corderey who said: "Well, to be station."

prosecution, in putting its police track. witneses before the court. should limit them to saying that they had had a series of conversations with "A few thousand" offer a defendant and that these conversations were embodied in a statement and then producing the Supt. McArthur asked "What do statement.

and later the prosecution could my advice. I was told it was the serve a notice of additional evi. mail train to Euston and was asked dence.

It was unfair and prejudicial of the prosecution to persist in its and as I could do with it, I told

**3 DETECTIVES** AT INTERVIEW SERGEANTS' NOTES

Det. Sgt. JOHN PRITCHARD said that at 5.50 a.m. on August 15 he saw Corderey in the presence of Det. Supt. McArthur, of Scotland Yard, and Det. Sopt. Fewtrell, of Buckinghamshire Constabulary. He made notes of the officers' inquiries.

Supt. McArthur said they were the magistrates' mind since there inquiring into the robbery of the was no opportunity for the other Glasgow to Euston travelling Post Office in Buckinghamshire a week ago, and continued:

"I understand that you were possession contained a large sum "It is no part of the defence of money estimated at £60,000

> Supt. McArthur was going on honest the money does come from

Mr. Leach submitted that the the mail job but I was not on the

## ASKED FOR ADVICE

Det. Sgt. Pritchard said that you mean by that?" Corderey The magistrates could read it replied . "Well, I was asked for if it could be stopped. "I was offered a few thousand





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objection to his request that the them what to do." police giving evidence should leave Det. Supt. McArthur then aside the verbal statements and cautioned Corderey. He added give to the magistrates the written |" What advice did you give, and statements, the substance of which was it used?" had been opened to the magis- Corderey replied: "I told them trates.

#### "MOST UNFAIR"

#### Unchallenged evidence

After referring to examples of whom?" and Corderey replied: the reporting of cases in the courts. " Mr. F." Mr. Fewtrell carried Mr. LEACH continued:

"One does not want to be replied: "I do not know it, I only pressed by the prosecution into knew him as Fred." the position of asking for a secret Mr. Fewtrell asked: "Where

trial at this stage because then it does he come from?" to which appears to the general public that Corderey replied: "I cannot tell the defence have something to you. I would be topped." fear. They have not.

Mr. McArthur then said to him: "But it is most unfair that evi- "When did you meet him?" and dence completely unchallenged Corderey's reply was "On a raceshould be given and reported and course but I am not going to tell vet the question of admissibility you anything about him." has not been ruled upon."

#### Mr. SABIN said that what Mr. HOLD-UP NIGHT Leach was seeking to do was not "Wandering in Brighton"

to ask for a secret trial but to exclude large portions of the Mr. McArthur said: "The train prosecution's evidence against his was held up just after 3 a.m. on clients. "I must resist this Thursday, August 8. Where were application very strongly indeed." you that night?" Corderey replied: "I have had a lot of trouble

he said. One had to be as fair as one with my wife and she left me and possibly could, but again and again I was wandering about Brighton in this country the prosecution looking for her."

produced evidence of what hap- Mr. McArthur asked. "where pened in conversation with police abouts in Brighton?" Corderev replied: "I looked in one or two officers.

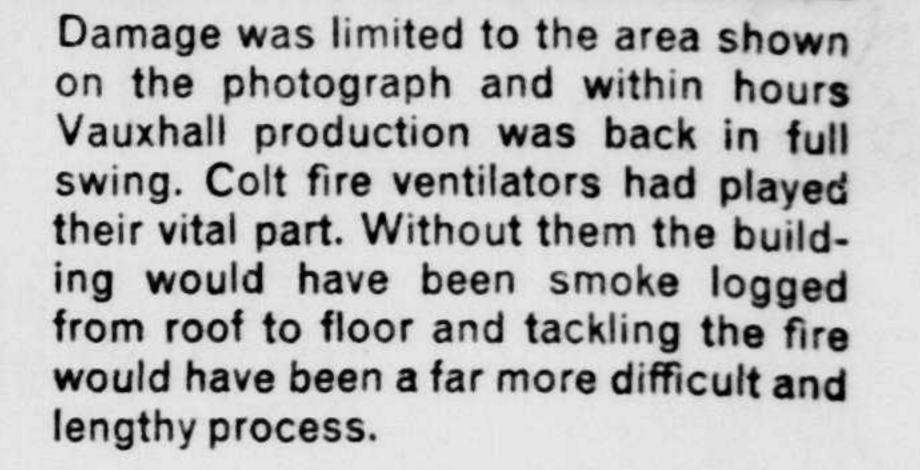
Very often it was prejudicial to clubs. I did not stay. I just the accused in the sense that it poked my head round the door." was against the accused. "What Mr. Fewtrell said: "What I am concerned with is to have clubs?" and Corderey replied, all the evidence before this court. " Several of them."

what to do about the signals. The next thing I knew I was put up as a front man to get rid of the money." Mr. Fewtrell said to him: "By

on "What is his name?" Corderey

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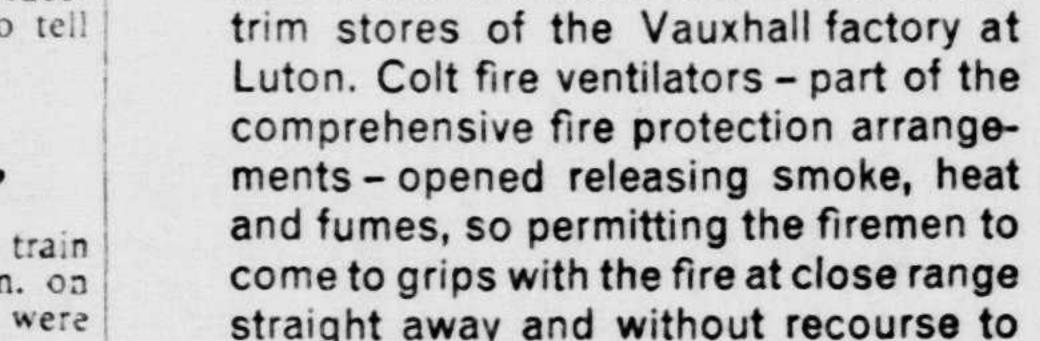


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