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Bureau of
Criminal Apprehension
State of Minnesota
State Capitol - St. Paul, Minn.

Name

Dorothy Karpis

Alias

Alias

Age

Eyes

Height

Comp.

Weight

Build

Hair

Born

Crime

Place

Marks & Scars

Wife of Alvin Karpis

F. P. Glass

ALVIN KARPIS,
WEST PLAINS, MO.

MURDERER
Item #2

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Alvin Karpis, aliases: George Dunn, R.E. Hamilton,
George Hallas, Raymond Hadley; 25; 5' 9-3/4"; 130 lbs.
brown hair; blue eyes; cut scar base of left hand.
Wanted for the murder of Sheriff Kelly, Howell County,
West Plains, Mo. Take no chances with this man; he
is a killer. If apprehended, notify Sheriff
J. Ed Threlkeld, West Plains, Mo. 8-2

KARPIS, ALVIN

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Hadley, Raymond ✓

Haller, George ✓

Korpi, Alvin ○

Peel, Earl ✓

Dunn, George ✓

Hamilton, R.E. 8

Hunter, Ray ✓

Karpis, Ray ✓

27 (1936), 5-9 3/4, 130 lbs., brn.hair.
blue eyes, fair comp., slender build.

6-10-31; Inv.Burglary; PD Tulsa, Okla.
#8008.

1-17-34; Wtd./Kidnapping; FBI Wash.DC.

5-1-36; Appr. New Orleans, Louisiana.

5-1-36; Consp.to Kidnapping; PD St.

Paul, Minn.#26417; committed to Fed.

Pen.for life.

Alvin Karpis arrested on May 1, 1936, at
New Orleans by the Dept. of Justice and brought
back to St. Paul for the Hamm kidnaping.

ALVIN KARPIS

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R.E.Hamilton

Geo. Dunn

May 3, 1932 - Pal of Fred Barker - both men wanted by Sheriff,
Howell County, Mo. for Murder. Donald Phoenix
was with these men in St. Paul - suspected of
Webster, Wisc. Murder.

Dec. 15, 1932 Dallas, Texas, Wanted - Murder.

Mar. 23, 1934 With Doc Barker wanted by U.S. Government for questioning
in Bremer Kidnaping case.



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Name

Raymond Hadley

Alias

Alvin Karpis

Alias

Age

Eyes

Height

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Weight

Build

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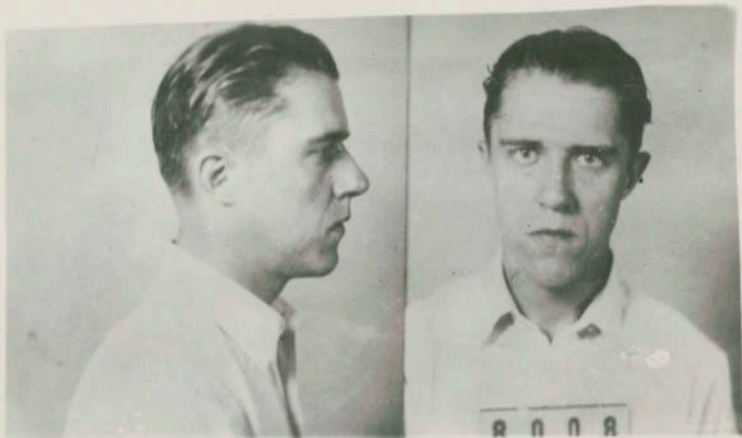
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Name

Alvin Karpis

Alias

Wanted for Mrs C. R. Kelly

Alias

Sheriff of Win. Plain. Mo

Age

22 - 1931

Eyes

Blue

Height

5-9

Comp.

Fair

Weight

130

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Kansas

Crime

Murder

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Howell. Mo

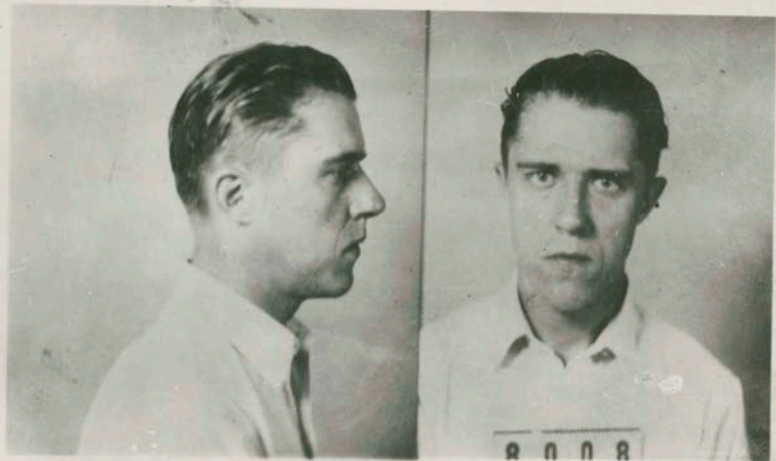
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Alvin Karpis

Geo. Dunn

R.E. Hamilton 157

Ray Karpis

Raymond Hadley

Geo. Keller

Age 22

Ht 5'9 $\frac{3}{4}$ "

Wt 130

Hair Brown

Eyes blue

Tooth broken

\$1200.00 record.

Murder

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\$1,200.00

REWARD

\$1,200.00

Twelve Hundred Dollars.

WANTED

*Today
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**For the Murder of C. R. Kelly, Sheriff of Howell County, Missouri,
on December 19, 1931**



**Gangsters of
Kimes-Inman
Gang of
Oklahoma
Missouri
Kansas and
Texas**



ALVIN KARPIS

FRED BARKER

DESCRIPTION: ALVIN KARPIS, alias George Dunn, alias R. E. Hamilton, alias Ray Karpis, alias Raymond Hadley, alias George Haller; Age 22; Height 5-9 $\frac{3}{4}$; Weight 130 lbs.; Hair-brown; Eyes-blue; Scars-cut SC base L. hand; Occupation, Worked in bakery.

FPC 1-R-II-5

1-U-UU-8

Karpis is ex-convict having served State Reformatory Hutchinson, Kansas, 1926, No. 7071 Also State Penitentiary Lansing, Kansas, May, 1930, Crime Burglary.

DESCRIPTION: FRED BARKER, alias F. G. Ward, alias Ted Murphy, alias J. Darrows; Age 28; Weight 120 lbs.; Height 5-4; Build-slim; Complexion-fair; Hair-sandy; Eyes-blue; Teeth-lower front gold, two upper front gold. Sentenced State Reformatory, Granite, Oklahoma. Robbery 1923. Sentenced State Penitentiary Lansing, Kan., March, 1927.

FPC 29-I-20

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These men acting together murdered Sheriff C. R. Kelly, West Plains, Missouri in cold blood when he attempted to question them.

The Chief of Police and Sheriff at West Plains, Missouri, will pay a reward of \$300.00 each for the arrest and surrender of either of these men to Howell County, Missouri officers. \$200.00 additional will be paid on conviction. We will come after them any place.

An additional Reward of \$100.00 each will be paid for the arrest and surrender to Howell County officers of A. W. Dunlop and Old Lady Arrie Barker, Mother of Fred Barker. Dunlop is about 65 years of age; slender, white hair, full blood Irishman. Mrs. Barker is about 60 years of age. All may be found together on farm. We hold Felony Warrants for each of these parties.

Police and other authorities: Keep this Poster before you at all times as we want these Fugitives. If further information is desired Wire Collect Chief of Police or Sheriff at West Plains, Missouri.

James A. Bridges

Chief of Police

Mrs. C. R. Kelly

Sheriff

West Plains, Missouri

STATE OF MINNESOTA, BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION

STATE CAPITOL BUILDING - ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Record from

Shuyys Office

(Address)

West Plains Mo

On the above line please state whether Police Department, Sheriff's Office, or County Jail



Received from.....County

Date received

Charge *Murder*

Sentence

Place of birth *Kansas*

Nationality

Age *22-1921* Height *5-9*

Weight *130* Hair *Red*

Build *Slim* Eyes *Blue*

Complexion *Fair*

Marks and Scars *Scars at base*

left index finger.

Paroled

Discharged

May 3-1932

CRIMINAL HISTORY

Pal of Fred Barker. Both men wanted by the Sheriff of Howell Co. Mo for murder

Donald Phoenix was with these men in St. Paul suspected of Webster's murder

Dec 15-1932 Dallas - Texas - Murder.

Mar 23-1934 With Doc Barker wanted by U.S. Gov in Bremer Kidnaping case.

11-1-1934 Arr. at New Orleans La.



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Alias

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Alias Alvin Karpis - R.E. Hamilton.Geo Dunn - ???No. 1609 Color White Sex MaleRef. 1 U 8

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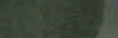
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Four fingers taken simultaneously

Four fingers taken simultaneously

WANTED FOR MURDER

\$ 1,200.00 REWARD (TOTAL)

KARPIS AND FRED BARKER KILLED SHERIFF KELLY
OF HOWELL COUNTY, MO. DEC. 19-1931.
KARPIS, Description, AGE 22- Hgt 5-7 3-4.
Weight 130-. Build, Slim. Comp, Fair.
Eyes, Blue. Nat. American. Hair Med brown.
Scar at base left index finger. Residence,
Chicago, Ill. Born, Kansas. Felony Warrants.
Notify collect- Will Extradite from anywhere.

J.A. Bridges Chief of Police.

Or

Mrs C.R. Kelly, Sheriff.
WEST PLAINS, MO.

Kansas, Mo., 1939

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Prisoner's signature

Verified by

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Three Kidnap Kansan After Police Battle

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Kansas City, July 23.—(AP)—

The L. C. Worth Grain Company received word from the Blue Rapids, Kan., Milling and Elevator Company that W. E. Groggman, salesman for the Worth Company, kidnaped today, was safe near Blue Rapids.

Marysville, Kan., July 23.—(AP)—W. E. Groggman, Kansas City salesman for the L. C. Worth Grain Company, was kidnaped at Herkimer, near here, today by three men who forced him to accompany them in his automobile. They fled northward toward Nebraska.

The three men were believed to be those who exchanged shots earlier with police at Fairbury, Neb. The men were wanted there for questioning in the abduction of two Nebraska police, a double slaying in Michigan and for several robberies.

Witnesses said Groggman came out of the Herkimer elevator at 10:30 a.m. Three men, who appeared to be transients, were seated near his automobile. As he got in two of them approached. One displayed a gun and they forced him from the driver's seat.

With Groggman seated between them, they sped a short distance and a third man was seen to run toward the car. A station agent said he was carrying a machinegun or a sawed off shot gun. He jumped into the car and it sped northward.

A posse was organized immediately.

Joe Cook, chief, and his assistant, Foster Helvey, of Fairbury, engaged in a gunfight with three men earlier in the day.

7/23/1935

gouty 7/2 **Gunmen Get Away, One Believed Karpis**

Fairbury, Neb., July 23.—(AP)—Police today exchanged shots with three gunmen, wanted for a double slaying in Michigan, the abduction of two Nebraska officers and for robberies, but the trio escaped and apparently none was injured.

Police chief Joe Cook and Foster Helvey, his assistant, opened fire on the gunmen's automobile as it raced into Fairbury, but they escaped.

Michigan officers want the gunmen for the slaying of Devere Wygent, and John Jeske, in a robbery near Saginaw July 6. Police expressed the belief one of gunmen was Alvin Karpis, sought by officers for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul.

CLASH WITH OFFICERS

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Police Chief Joe Cook and Assistant Chief Foster Helvey opened fire on the gunmen's automobile as it ached into Fairbury. Nine shots were fired by the officers and Helvey said at least eight bullets were fired by the gunmen. A sawed-off shotgun charge fired by Helvey ripped open a tire on the robbers' car and it was abandoned, but the men fled while police stopped to get more ammunition.

Car Stolen at Hooper

The car used by the gunmen was stolen last week from a Hooper, Neb., garage while the Hooper marshal, Charles E. Mack, was forced to watch the robbery. Later the gunmen bound him hand and foot, and left him under a bridge. Helvey said he believed the trio also participated in the abduction last week of Sheriff Emil Ackman here. The sheriff was released unharmed two hours later after being questioned concerning the whereabouts of Jess Doyle, now in the state penitentiary awaiting trial for the \$150,000 robbery of the First National bank of Fairbury in 1933.

The three gunmen Monday night burglarized Bosterman's filling station at Chester, Neb., got no money but took a quantity of merchandise. They also are wanted for questioning in connection with the robbery of the Winslow drugstore in Hebron, Neb., where \$200 in cash and drugs worth \$90 were taken last week.

Wanted in Michigan

Michigan officers want the gunmen for the slaying of Devere Wygent, 22, and John Jeske, 24, in a robbery near Saginaw July 6. An automobile stolen by the trio in Michigan was burned near Hooper, Neb., following the garage robbery.

Ackman expressed the belief one of his abductors was Alvin Karpis, sought by officers for the \$200,000 kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul.

A quantity of stolen merchandise a shotgun, in the aban-

OUTLAWS HEAD FOR NEBRASKA WITH CAPTIVE

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Abduction Is Believed Sequel to Gun Battle With Fairbury Posse

Kansas City— (AP) —The L. C. Worth Grain company Tuesday afternoon received word from the Blue Rapids, Kan., Milling and Elevator company that W. E. Groggman, salesman for the Worth company, was safe near Blue Rapids.

The message, which gave few details, said Groggman was left tied about four miles from Blue Rapids in a church, by three men who abducted him at Herkimer.

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Forced Into Auto

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With Groggman seated between them they moved a short distance and a third man was seen to run toward the car. Station Agent Potter said he was carrying a machine gun or a sawed off shotgun. He jumped into the car and it sped northward.

The automobile is a blue Chevrolet sedan with Missouri license 373-171.

A posse was organized immediately. Sheriff M. F. Flanagan notified Nebraska officials and Kansas highway patrolmen.

1936

MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE: TUESDAY MAY 5 1

KARPIS IN ST. PAUL CELL



ALVIN KARPIS.

W. A. R. L. H. Thomas No. 1 as he looked Monday in St. Paul

Alvin Karpis, Hamm Kidnap Figure of '30's, Will Seek Parole



ALVIN (OLD CREEPY) KARPIS

On His Way to St. Paul Federal Court in 1936.

—AP Wirephoto

TACOMA — (AP) — "Let me show you around," says the guide cheerfully. "We're pretty proud of this place."

"This place" is Summit House, an outside-the-walls-residence for model prisoners at McNeil Island federal penitentiary.

The guide, showing it off to visitors, is Alvin (Old Creepy) Karpis.

Does the name ring a bell? If you were around in the 1930s, it's a safe bet it does.

Karpis teamed with Kate (Ma) Barker to head one of the underworld's most notorious gangs. The FBI said members of the gang killed 10 persons, wounded 4, and

stole nearly a million dollars between 1931 and 1936. The gang operated largely in the Middle West.

KARPIS, the FBI says, was nettled by J. Edgar Hoover's frequent public references to him as a rat. He sent Hoover word that he intended to kill him—just as FBI agents had slain Ma Barker and one of her three outlaw sons in a 1935 gun fight in Florida.

The FBI labeled Karpis Public Enemy No. 1 after the \$100,000 extortion-kidnaping of William Hamm Jr. of St. Paul.

Hoover, meanwhile, was upset over complaints by

Sen. Kenneth D. McKellar, D-Tenn., that the FBI director himself had never made an arrest in his 12 years on the job. Thus on April 30, 1936, Karpis became the first fugitive to be arrested by Hoover in person. Hoover and other agents caught up with him in New Orleans.

KARPIS was given a life sentence for the Hamm kidnaping. He served the first 25 years in Alcatraz before being transferred to McNeil Island in April, 1962.

Hamm, a brewer, was kidnaped June 15, 1933, and returned four days later after

his family had paid \$100,000 in ransom.

Karpis also was charged with the 1934 kinaping of another wealthy St. Paul resident, Edward G. Bremer. He too was returned alive on payment of ransom.

Today Karpis is a clerk-typist helping to keep records of the work-release program at McNeil.

WHEN the federal parole board makes its annual visit to McNeil in August, Karpis' case will come up, as it has each year since his initial rejection for parole in 1951. Warden R. W. May says he is being sponsored for parole by a resident of Montreal,

where Karpis was born Alvin Karpavicz 57 years ago.

Karpis now lives at Summit House, a former guards' residence which houses about 30 prisoners. Many of the men participate in the work-release program, working on the mainland by day and returning by night, but Karpis has not left the island since he arrived.

Looking forward to his possible release, authorities are letting Karpis relearn how to drive a car. A short while ago he got his first lesson at something new.

It was an automatic transmission. They hadn't been invented when the iron doors first closed on Alvin Karpis.

Ex-Public Enemy No. 1 Awaits Prison Release

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — Alvin Karpis, one-time elusive leader of the notorious Karpis-Barker gang who ranked as Public Enemy No. 1 in the 1930s, is spending his final days in prison planning a future as a clerk typist.

Karpis—whose gang was linked by the FBI with the slaying of 10 persons and kidnapping of two between 1931 and 1936—says all he wants now is to live quietly and away from the limelight.

"I know I'll make good," he said Wednesday from his comfortable room at the McNeill Island federal penitentiary near this western Washington community.

He has been assured a job by a private social welfare agency in Montreal, where he was born Alvin Karpavicz.

Interviewed shortly after the U.S. Parole Board announced he would be paroled and deported to his native Canada, Karpis, now 62 and with close-cropped greying hair, said "I knew I was crazy to expect parole before serving 25 years."

Karpis now has served 33 years — 25 of them at Alcatraz.

He declined to discuss in detail his celebrated capture by FBI agents on a New Orleans street in 1936. That arrest, however, has been part of the legend behind venerable FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, who is credited with making the capture.

Karpis only grinned when asked if Hoover really made the arrest.

"The records said he did," Karpis said.

But he said stories also noted that he sat in the front seat of a car when Hoover's G-men closed in and that Karpis had reached into a back seat for a rifle.

"There was no back seat. I was in a coupe," Karpis said.

Karpis keeps a candy box stuffed with photos and a file folder with a narrative of what happened following his arrest. Karpis and his attorney — James Carty of Woodland, Wash. — both declined to discuss the details until after the release.

But Karpis said that following the arrest he was flown to St. Paul and was grilled for 100 hours without sleep by FBI agents. He said agents kept him handcuffed to a radiator most of the time in a St. Paul federal building.

Karpis had been dubbed Public Enemy No. 1 following the kidnapping of St. Paul beer magnate William Hamm Jr., who was released unharmed after \$100,000 ransom was paid.

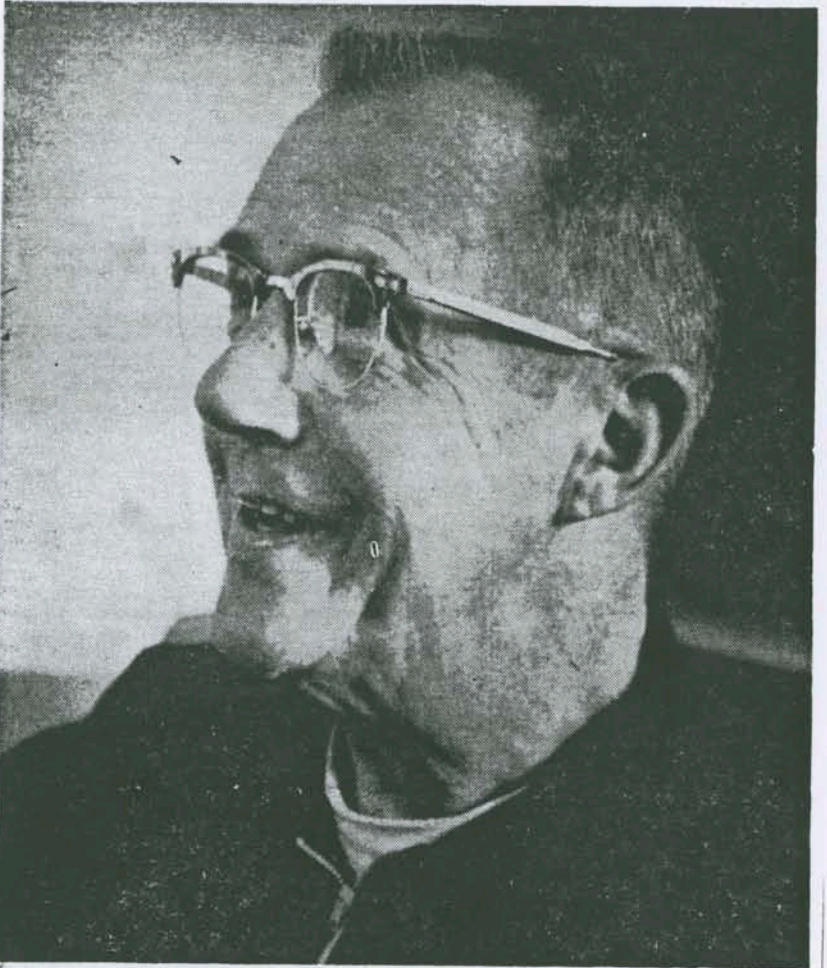
Following his arrest Karpis was sentenced to life in prison, which he began serving at Leavenworth, Kan. Later he was transferred to Alcatraz. When that penitentiary was closed in 1962 he was moved here.

Karpis has been known as a model prisoner.

"He straightened out a lot of punks both here and at Alcatraz," said one prison official, who knew Karpis at both institutions.

Karpis said his sales pitch is blunt: "I was Public Enemy No. 1 — look what it did for me."

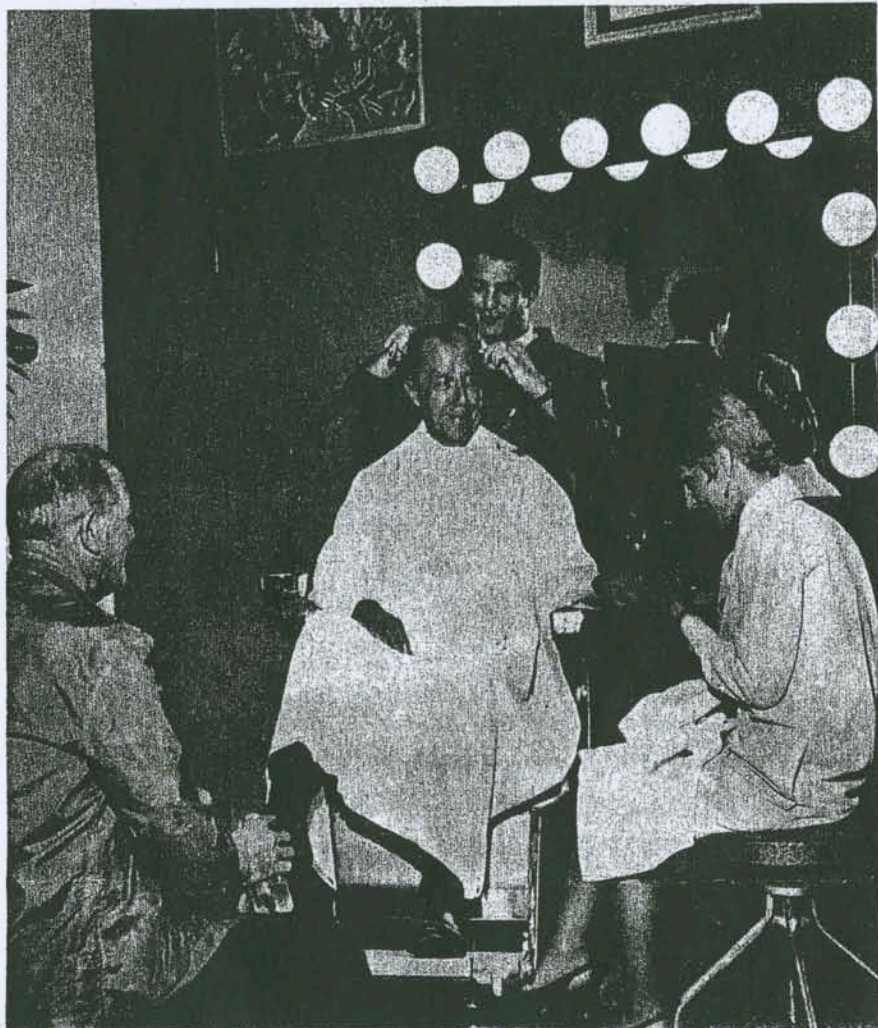
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ALVIN KARPIS DISCUSSES PAROLE
Hamm Kidnaper to Be Departed

—AP Wirephoto.

A New Life for Public



Regaining his freedom has been exciting and confusing for Karpis. At one time he might have gotten the electric chair — instead of the barber chair.



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Back in the rugged thirties when the designation of Public Enemy Number One was a highly competitive title, bankrobber-gunman Alvin Karpis held this dubious honor for quite a while. At one time, Karpis, nicknamed Old Creepy, was wanted for several bank robberies in the Twin Cities and midwestern states, for kidnapping William Hamm Jr. and Adolph Bremer in St. Paul, and fourteen states had murder charges against him. The lead gun in the notorious Ma Barker gang, Karpis escaped when Ma and a major part of the gang died in a hail of FBI bullets. He was subsequently captured in New Orleans in 1936 by J. Edgar Hoover personally, a deed that did much to raise Hoover's esteem with the public.

Sentenced to prison, Karpis faded from sight and mind, but unlike such desperado rivals as Dillinger, Pretty Boy Floyd and Bonnie and Clyde, Karpis stayed alive. In January of 1969, after 33 years in federal pens, Karpis became a free man. For the past year, he has been living in his home town, Montreal, Canada, and has been collaborating with a writer on a book about his violent life and times. The book is planned for publication late this year. In this article, Karpis brings his post-prison life up to date, and tells what it means for a man who did everything wrong to attempt to become "a good citizen."

Enemy Number One

By ALVIN KARPIS
(As Told to Bill Trent)

I HAVE no apologies to make for my past. I hope I shall have none concerning my future. I am a man taking inventory and liking what he sees.

With an odd, rare exception, I have been accepted at face value by everyone with whom I have come in contact in Canada. I have the feeling that I am being given every opportunity to prove I can be a good citizen.

Back in the 1920s and 1930s, few people would have called me a good citizen. The thought that I want to be one today rather fascinates me.

I mark my life according to dates and two of them stand out vividly. One is May 1, 1936. That was the day I was arrested in New Orleans. The second is January 14, 1969. That was the date they opened the gates of McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary, Tacoma, Washington, and let me out.

After 25 years in Alcatraz and eight at McNeill, they released me on deportation parole to my native Canada and, with an institutional expression of good wishes, sent me off into a world now a third of a century older than when I had last known it.

I STARED at architecture I had only seen before in pictures—and marvelled at it. I rode in jets I had only seen in outline high above my prison—and was excited.

I mingled with mini-skirted girls about whom I had so often dreamed—and was glad. They looked so much better than they had on television.

In Montreal I finally settled down with an understanding family. There I hoped to pick up the threads.

I was no longer Public Enemy Number One. I was a guy out of prison. Somebody wanting to fit in somewhere. It was a whole new world I had come back to—new, glittering shops, new ways of doing things, new values altogether in many cases.

It took some getting used to. In my day, nobody was going to the moon, for example. But some of the old



Karpis arrested by FBI in New Orleans, 1936.

things were still around and they took some getting used to again, too.

The simple dinner date, for instance. Taking a woman to a restaurant, helping her into a chair, taking her coat, lighting her cigaret...

Hailing a cab, riding a bus, buying a tie, calling a friend on the telephone...

You forget so much in prison.

My last 12 months have been remarkable ones in

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Alvin Karpis

many ways. In fact, I'm somewhat staggered by all the events.

Writing the story of my life, of course, has been the most consuming thing of all. As I go over the 600,000 words I have put on tape, I still get wet in the armpits. It's a strange feeling, reliving all those desperate moments.

But there have been other things, too. There was Crank Sawyer's pardon in Kansas. What a wonderful feeling for me to finally to be able to sign an affidavit to the effect that I had been guilty of the bank robbery for which he had been convicted 25 years ago. I could only have done this for Sawyer as a free man.

There were the interviews and the public appearances, the meetings with famous people like celebrated U.S. attorney Melvin Belli. Then, too, there was the visit from my sister, Emily, of Chicago. How long it had been! How many memories to be recalled.

If a little over a year of freedom has taught me anything, it's that there is one hell of a lot more to being a law-abiding citizen than simply working for a living and not stealing.

But then I can't take freedom for granted the way other people do.

I HAVE to consider all the possibilities. I have to remember that I might get stopped by a policeman, wanting me simply to identify myself. I have to remember to have him call the people with whom I live.

The situations that might arise are numerous. What would I do if I witnessed a bad car accident in which one of the drivers was obviously at fault? Would I give my name as a witness and risk a browbeating from the defendant's attorneys? Or would I just slip away and avoid possible unpleasantness?

What would I do if a cop, in trouble, asked me for assistance? Would I go to his rescue? Or just fade quietly into the background?

Supposing I saw bandits jump into a car after a bank robbery. Bank robberies are common in Montreal, so I might easily come across a situation like this. What would I do? Would I note the license number of the car and report it to the police?

I haven't faced up to these situations yet but I have given them a lot of thought. I realize now how much is involved in the matter of being a good citizen.

It is generally believed that the cops won't leave you alone once you have done time. In my case, this has not been so.

I have had only two encounters with the police since coming to Canada and both have been uneventful. One was in Vancouver when I arrived from Tacoma. An RCMP officer took me into an airport office and questioned me as to my plans, and asked me if I was going to make contact with any known criminal characters in Montreal. He was satisfied that I was no longer looking for trouble.

The second encounter was on an Ontario highway. I was driving with a friend from Prince Edward Island who happens to be a priest. An Ontario Provincial Police car followed us along the road for a time and then waved my friend to the shoulder.

My friend was wearing his clerical collar but that didn't impress the officer. He asked to see some credentials and scrupulously examined every document in my friend's wallet, including his credit cards. He wasn't interested in me at all. In fact, he hardly looked at me.

My friend was flabbergasted when finally told to move on. He just couldn't understand why he, a priest driving an out-of-province car, would be subjected to that kind of thing.

I could only reach one conclusion.

"You're a suspicious-looking character," I said.



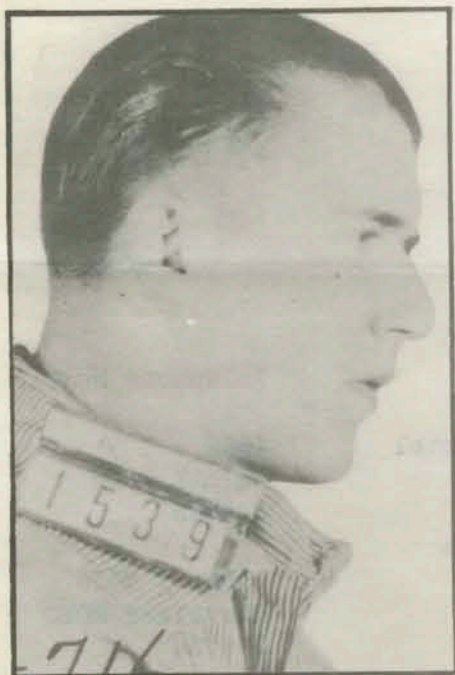
Relaxing playfully with his pet shepherd.



Karpis enjoys a walk as a free man along Montreal thoroughfare.

Photos by Frank Prazak
and from Pioneer Press Files

WANTED



ALVIN KARPIS

On April 22, 1936, HOMER S. CUMMINGS, Attorney General of the United States under the authority vested in him by an Act of Congress approved June 6, 1934, offered a reward of

\$5,000.00

for information furnished to a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, which results in the apprehension of Alvin Karpis.

DESCRIPTION

Age, appears to be 25 or 26 years; Height, 5 feet 9 3/4 inches; Weight, 135 pounds; Build, slender; Hair, brown; Eyes, blue-grey; Complexion, fair; Marks: 1 inch cut scar lower knuckle left index finger.

All claims to the aforesaid reward and all questions and disputes that may arise as among claimants to the foregoing reward shall be passed upon by the Attorney General and his decision shall be final and conclusive. The right is reserved to divide and allocate portions of any of said reward as between several claimants. No part of the aforesaid reward shall be paid to any official or employee of the Department of Justice.

If you are in possession of any information concerning the whereabouts of Alvin Karpis, communicate immediately by telephone or telegraph collect to the nearest office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, the local addresses of which are set forth on the reverse side of this notice.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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May 12, 1936

The following is a transcript of the record, including the most recently reported data, as shown in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning our number

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J. E. Hoover

Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

J. E. HOOVER, Director

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
SIR, Hutchinson, Kans.	Alvin Karpis, #7071	2-25-26	burglary 2nd degree	10 yrs.; escaped 3-9-29; returned 3-25-30.
PD, Kansas City, Mo.	Raymond Hadley, #17902	3-23-30	larceny of auto and safe blower	rel. to SIR, Hutchinson, Kans. as an escape; no pros. Kansas City, Mo.
SIR, Hutchinson, Kans.	Alvin Karpis, #7071	returned 3-25-30	escaped convict	trans. to SP, Lansing, Kans. 5-19-30.
SP, Lansing, Kans.	Alvin Karpis, #1539	5-19-30 in trans. from SIR, Hutchinson, Kans.	burglary 2nd degree	5 to 10 yrs.; 5-2-31 rel. - full term.
PD, Tulsa, Okla.	George Haller, #8008	6-10-31	inv. - burglary	
PD, Okmulgee, Okla.	Alvin Karpis, #1609	6-10-31	burglary	to County.
USM, St. Paul, Minn.	Alvin Karpavicz, #2610	5-1-36	conspiracy to kidnapping	held in Ramsey Co. Jail in default of \$500,000 bond

(AIR MAIL)

*Represents notations unsupported by fingerprints in FBI files.

For completion of our records, please supply dispositions to this Bureau in any of the foregoing cases where they do not appear

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
*			Has a number of former arrests against him. (As on print #7071).	
*			Served 3 jail sentences in Florida for vag. (As on print #7071).	
*			As Alvin Karpis, arrested PD, Chipley, Fla., 10-31-25, train riding; tried 11-2-25, pleaded guilty; sentence \$25.00 and costs - in lieu to serve 30 days hard labor (amounting to about 46 days including costs).	
*			As Alvin Karpis, burg. warrant received by SO, Okmulgee, Okla., 6-12-31, returned "found" 6-16-31. Case filed 7-8-31.	
*			Alvin Karpis, sentenced Superior Court, Henryetta, Okla., 9-17-31 to serve 3 yrs. SRef., Granite, Okla. Paroled from bench same date to his attorney.	
*			WANTED: As Alvin Karpis for murder 12-19-31. Notify SO, and PD, West Plains, Mo., per inf. rec. 1-2-32. Also notify Supt. B. of I., Tulsa, Okla. STILL WANTED: Notify PD, West Plains, Mo., per inf. rec. "True Detective Mysteries", April, 1932. STILL WANTED: Per inf. rec. 5-12-32. STILL WANTED: As Alvin Karpis, for murder. Notify SO, West Plains, Mo., per inf. rec. Mo. Crime Prevention Bureau, Clayton, Mo., 11-12-34, Bulletin dated 11-9-34. Notified 5-12-36.	
*			WANTED: As Alvin Karpis (poss. ident.) robbery State Bank, Ihlen, Minn., 6-9-33. Notify SO, Pipestone, Minn., and State Bureau, St. Paul, Minn., per inf. rec. State Bureau, St. Paul, Minn., 6-12-33. Notified 5-12-36.	
*			WANTED: As Alvin Karpis, charge not given. Notify SO, Topeka, Kans., per inf. rec. "Kansas Peace Officer", August 1934 issue. Notified 5-12-36.	
			Please advise whether the subject of the wanted notice received from St. Bu., St. Paul, Minn., is identical with the subject arrested as indicated above and whether wanted should be withdrawn.	
			This person was published as a fugitive in the monthly bulletin for January 1933, issued by this Bureau.	

(CC- SO, West Plains, Mo.)
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 15, 1936.

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APPREHENSION ORDER
NO. 1218-392.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases:
A. Carter, Raymond Hadley,
George Haller, Alvin Korpis,
Earl Peel, George Dunn,
R. E. Hamilton, Ray Hunter.
KIDNAPING.

Identification Order No. 1218 on the above named subject is
hereby canceled, inasmuch as he was apprehended at New Orleans, Louisiana,
May 1, 1936.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,

Director.

This cancels Identification Order No. 1218.

Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,

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