

W. Germany refuses to hand over ex-Nazi

BONN, West Germany (AP) — The West German government may have to refuse Italy's request to hand over an escaped Nazi war criminal because the constitution forbids extradition of German nationals, the Justice Ministry said today.

The Federal Criminal Office in Wiesbaden issued a nationwide police alert for Herbert Kappler, the 70-year-old former SS colonel who headed the Gestapo in Rome and ordered the Ardeatine Caves massacre of 335 Italians in 1944.

Kappler, reduced to 105 pounds by terminal cancer, was smuggled out of a Rome military hospital in a big suitcase by his wife early Monday, the Italian government said. He was serving a life sentence.

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Westchester Classic

Once again, professional golf makes a stop in Westchester with the annual Classic golf tournament. See the tournament's official program in today's paper for the details on this year's event.

Ruth Taylor at 91

Ruth Taylor, former head of Social Services in Westchester, is a legend in the county. And at 91, though adjusted to a changed pace of life, she is as sharp as ever. See Jean Hall's column today on the Insight page for an interview with a legend.

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Yanks are hot

The New York Yankees keep winning, but so do the Boston Red Sox. Monday night the Yanks slugged Chicago but Boston nipped the Royals. See page 18.

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Was there another victim?

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Son of Sam suspect David Berkowitz is reported to have written in his diary that he shot and wounded a Yonkers woman, which would raise the number of persons he is suspected of shooting to six and eight wounded.

Westchester County District Attorney Carl Vergari said there had been no open or reported case in Yonkers involving an elderly woman being shot with a .45 pistol, as Berkowitz's diary alleges. The only un-

solved shooting of an elderly woman in Yonkers within the last year occurred July 4. The gun used was much lighter, a .22 caliber pistol.

Gun shots, however, were reported to police at 1 a.m. on May 15 at Berkowitz' 35 Pine St. residence. Police dismissed the report as unfounded when no further evidence was found at the apartment.

The Yonkers shooting was reported to have been made with a .45 caliber rifle. One such weapon was found in his apartment, police said.

"We will check with what Berkowitz said and conduct our own investigation," said Vergari. "He may have thought he was in Yonkers, when it could have been the north Bronx or Mount Vernon."

New York City and Yonkers police have ended their investigation of a Yonkers man they originally believed might have had a connection with David Berkowitz and the .44 caliber killings.

"We spoke to Inspector (Timothy) Dowd (of the Task Force) this morning and they do not believe the man

was involved in any of the criminal activities of Berkowitz," said Det. William Grogan. Grogan and Det. Sgt. Steven Kogan

An employe at a Mamaroneck animal shelter had placed Berkowitz and an unknown man at the shelter the day before the suspected Son of Sam was arrested last Wednesday.

"The employe thinks Berkowitz was there," said Grogan, "but there is no positive ID. From the descriptions given by the animal shelter employe (for the second man) we do not feel it matches this man."



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Son of Sam suspect pleads not guilty

By JOSEPH KELLY
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David Berkowitz, the suspected "Son of Sam," stared blankly in Brooklyn Supreme Court today as his lawyer entered a plea of not guilty by reason of insanity in the bizarre .44-caliber killer case.

The plea was entered by a new lawyer Mark Heller, of Mineola, instead of Leon Stern or Phillip Peltz, previously considered to be his attorneys before Supreme Court Justice Leonard E. Yosweil. Berkowitz is charged with the murder of Stacy Moskowitz, 20, and the wounding of her date, Robert Violante, 20, of Brooklyn as they sat in a parked car last month in a Brooklyn lovers' lane.

Judge Yosweil held in abeyance the request by Peltz to be relieved from the case as Peltz had requested and ordered all documents and tapes that Peltz had made in interviews with Berkowitz at Kings County Hospital to be turned over to the court.

Peltz had originally attempted to sell the tapes to two New York City newspapers. He implied he had done it with Berkowitz's consent, with the proceeds to go to the victims of the .44 caliber killings. A hearing on Peltz's withdrawal will be held three to five days after receipt of the psychiatric report on Berkowitz from

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Suspect calm amid commotion

By KARIN LIPSON
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While the rush of activity swirled unabated around David Berkowitz Monday, the man accused as the "Son of Sam" remained quietly behind bars of the prison ward at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn.

Only Berkowitz' lawyer, Leon Stern, a representative of the Brooklyn district attorney's office and an occasional reporter appeared Monday afternoon to break the outward calm and isolation of the scene at the sixth floor psychiatric ward where the 24-year-old suspect was being held.

When Stern was asked about his client, the Mineola, L.I., lawyer, answered "I can't characterize his condition...or comment directly on the defense." But when a reporter suggested that an insanity plea seemed likely if Berkowitz ever stands trial Stern smiled slightly, nodded almost imperceptibly, and answered, "You said it, I didn't."

Behind the locked bars where three police officers stand on duty, Berkowitz has been spending long hours in his 8-by-12 foot room, watched over constantly by at least one of the guards. He has been described as "eating like a horse, sleeping like a baby" and watching some television.

Berkowitz is undergoing psychiatric testing to determine if he is mentally competent to stand trial. He will be declared fit to stand trial if his psychiatrists conclude that he understands the charges against him and is able to participate in his own defense.

According to Dr. Daniel Swartz, the hospital's director of forensic psychiatry, tests should take "about two weeks." But, added Swartz, "there are constant interruptions." Berkowitz has undergone many hours of questioning by police investigators and his lawyers.

Swartz refused to give any details of the tests used on the former postal clerk who allegedly killed six persons and wounded seven in a year-long killing spree.

But another psychiatrist at the hospital, who has not personally seen Berkowitz, said the use of a standard battery of psychological tests seemed likely. These include the Rorschach "inkblot" test, a "thematic apperception test," in which the patient is asked to interpret a series of pictures, and one in which the patient is asked to copy some drawn figures. Berkowitz is also being questioned in interviews with Dr. Swartz.

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Arafat visits camp

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat sits amid a group of children during a visit to a

refugee camp near Beirut over the weekend. The AK-47 assault rifle belongs to the children.—AP Photo

'Sam's' story still for sale to highest bidder

By JUDITH CROWN
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Sam Carr still believes he has a story to sell.

The 64-year-old "Sam" of alleged .44 killer David Berkowitz "Son of Sam" fantasy will recount his version of events to a journalist for anywhere between \$10,000 and \$20,000.

Reporters who phone Carr's answering service at 316 Warburton Ave. are referred to Carr's lawyer, Louis Ecker.

"We're prepared to give an interview if the right bargain can be struck," Ecker says. "We're talking in excess of \$10,000."

"Is that the minimum fee you'll consider?" a reporter asks.

"I'm not saying there's a minimum," Ecker says. "I'm awaiting offers and I'll assess them."

According to suspect Berkowitz, whose Pine Street apartment overlooked Carr's home, Carr was the 5,000-year-old "Sam" who commanded the .44 killings. Berkowitz has told police that he received messages to kill from Sam's black retriever Harvey.

He may have kept a diary of his attacks

NEW YORK (AP) — "Son of Sam" and "The Duke of Death" were names the .44-caliber killer called himself in handwritten letters while he stalked the city for more than a year, killing six young persons and wounding seven others.

David Berkowitz, 24, the man who police say is the killer, is being tested to see if he is mentally

able to stand trial. On Monday a grand jury charged him with murder, attempted murder, felonious assault and illegal possession of the .44-caliber Charter Arms Bulldog revolver that ballistics experts say he used in his year-long kill spree. He was to be arraigned today.

The New York Daily News said in today's editions that Berkowitz

kept "an exacting, 40-page handwritten record of his eight attacks" in lovers' lanes in Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx.

Quoting unidentified sources, the newspaper said the record, on looseleaf pages, was found in Berkowitz' Yonkers apartment, where he was arrested last Wednesday.

Letters Berkowitz wrote to his

high school sweetheart while he was in the Army were obtained by two newspapers here, The Daily News and The New York Post.

The .44-caliber killer left his first written message for police last April 27, on the bloodied car where Valentina Suriani, 18, and her boyfriend, Alexander Esau,

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Bronx 10-year-old hangs self

NEW YORK (AP) — Apartment 6J at 580 Castle Hill Avenue in the Bronx was George Curet's home, his cage and ultimately the site he chose for his self-destruction. He was 10.

Hour after hour, day after day, George Curet was left in the apartment to tend to his 6-year-old brother, Bruce. Their mother and two older brothers worked. Their father did not live with them.

All this meant that the two boys idled away their hours inside, while other children from the 12-story project played outside.

A resident of the building described it as "run-down" but "the place to come to from burnt-out buildings."

It was in that setting that George Curet lived and George Curet died.

"This year, he didn't come down a lot. His mother wouldn't let him come down," said Robert Alvarado, 14, who described himself and his 10-year-old brother Robby as George's only friends in the building.

"The only time he ever came down was to ride his bicycle. But he only did that a couple of times a

year. His older brothers would never take him anywhere.

"He was a quiet kid," Alvarado said. "He didn't like to mess around. And besides, he always had to take care of his brother."

His mother wasn't always happy with the way George handled Bruce. The younger boy would often lose things or else cry to his mother that his older brother had mistreated him. George would be blamed — and sometimes yelled at or maybe hit.

That, at least, is the version Robert Alvarado tells. George wouldn't

talk about it — not even to his few friends, including Alvarado.

"I never heard him say nothing," the youth admitted.

Typically, the two brothers were alone in the apartment Monday morning when telephone company worker McKinley Alston arrived to install a phone. But George Curet's patience and hopes had run out.

"Is your mother home?" Alston asked.

"No, just my brother," the young boy said. "But he's hanging."

