

U.S. murders: link found with Scientology

LOS ANGELES, December 7. — Police are seeking help from Mr. Ron Hubbard, founder of the Scientology movement, in their investigation of three more murders that may have been committed by followers of Charles "Satan" Manson.

They say Hubbard is cruising in his yacht off the English coast.

Manson was a former scientologist with a grievance against the movement and since Friday's court hearing the police feel his past may throw light on the killings.



L. Ron Hubbard.

The latest victims in the string of bizarre killings which have shocked America are two young women and a boy of 15, members of the Church of Scientology of California.

After being brutally beaten, all three were stabbed to death in ritualistic style. The bodies of Doreen Gaul, 19, and James Sharp, 15, were found in an alley 100 yards from a Scientology commune in Los Angeles.

Miss Gaul was naked except for a string of Indian beads. Sharp had multiple wounds.

Their right eyes were cut out.

The third victim, still unidentified, also had numerous stab wounds. The pattern of this killing leads police to believe that she too was a Scientologist.

The murders occurred late last month when several Manson defendants were under arrest, but many other members of his "family" were still at large. At least a score have still to be traced.

'Messy' killers told to try again

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 7.—The Sharon Tate killers, ordered to kill again because of the "messiness" at the first mass murder, cruised around a wealthy Los Angeles suburb the next night looking for another house to strike, according to reports of Grand Jury testimony.

Susan Atkins, 21, one of the black-clad hippie cult "execution" gang, according to Grand Jury sources, told how the gang looked at two homes before entering the house of millionaire supermarket owner Leno La Bianca.

Mr. La Bianca, 44, and his wife Rosemary, 38, were found brutally stabbed with knives and a carving fork on August 10. Three "X's" and the word "war" were carved on Mr. La Bianca's chest.

Miss Atkins, whose lawyers have admitted she was present at both the Tate and La Bianca murder scenes, is the main police witness at the Grand Jury hearings which began on Friday and will end on Monday.

Two others who had not taken part in the Tate killings came on the second killing foray.

Their car stopped outside one house but, when they saw pictures of children on a table through a front window, they decided against entering it.

—AAP.

Manson studied the beliefs of the mystical, quasi-scientific group while serving the last of his numerous prison sentences.

The jargon and rites attracted him. Elements of the cult could be adapted to fit into the practice of the so-called black arts. After release from gaol he went to Los Angeles where he met local Scientologists.

With Gary Hinman, a well-off musician, and Dennis Wilson, leader of the Beach Boys pop group, he attended several parties for movie stars. These are believed to have included the dedication on July 15 this year of a celebrity centre intended to attract Hollywood personalities to Scientology.

But Manson was not the man to conform for long to Scientology's rigid discipline and humiliating punishments. He is said to have been labelled a "suppressive person"—a disenchanted Scientologist who must win his way back into the fold.

In mid-October, police arrested Manson on car-theft charges. He was out of action. But not his followers. Resentment of the Scientology rebuff may have inspired them to further excesses in hope of vindicating him.

Membership lists of the "Church of Scientology" were at first refused to the police. Now they have been surrendered, incomplete.

ANOTHER CHARGED

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 7. — Garth Milton Tufts, said to be a member of the hippie cult allegedly involved in the Sharon Tate murders, was in gaol here today after being transferred from a desert town on a murder charge.

Tufts, 23, was wanted here only in connection with the La Bianca murders, sources close to the Grand Jury said.

Tufts had been held in Independence, California, since October 10, on charges of stealing and illegal possession of a shotgun.

—AAP-Reuters.



Shelley Joyce Nadell, 31, who shared a cell with Susan Atkins, a member of "Manson's family," leave court to return to gaol. Nadell repeated to police information given to her by Atkins.—(UPI PHOTO)

Births, a death at giant U.S. pop concert

SAN FRANCISCO, December 7. — A young man was fatally stabbed and three babies were born yesterday during a free concert given by the English pop group, the Rolling Stones, at Livermore, 50 miles from here.

Police said the victim was stabbed twice in the back and once in the face in a brawl which broke out among a section of the estimated 300,000 highly successful U.S. concert.

No one was arrested after the killing.

In another incident, a gang of motorcyclists marched into the crowd and clubbed five youths for no apparent reason.

They then forced their way on to the stage where they stayed for the rest of the concert.

But the vast majority sat peacefully on blankets and bedrolls which completely covered acres of barren brown hills and listed to the rock musicians.

A handful of young men and women stripped and danced naked in front of the stage.

Narcotics peddlers openly sold marijuana, LSD and

amphetamines in the grounds, which were patrolled only by privat guards.

The concert was given a "thank you" by the Rolling Stones at the end of highly successful U.S. tour.

The three babies were born when their mother went into early labor.

An unidentified woman reported suffering a "bad trip" on LSD was taken to a hospital by helicopter while hundreds of other were treated at the scene many for drug overdoses by 19 doctors and six psychiatrists

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