

# GATEWAY GAZETTE

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## Police Allow International Jewel Thief to Escape

*By Kendell Caperman*

Sunset City police were briefly in the enviable position of having taken custody of the White Diamond, a dangerous jewel thief desperately wanted by the police forces of most of the nations of Europe. Not surprisingly to anyone familiar with the record of Sunset City's finest, the police did not actually capture the criminal themselves, and by the time they had positively identified him he had already escaped from them. The ruffian was captured not by the police, but by Sunset City's most notable citizen, Miss Dixie Hill, who was recently granted the title of honorary police captain. It is a pity that she was not given charge of the city's jails at the same time, if she had been perhaps the villain would not still be at large. Miss Hill was typically modest in speaking of her capture of White Diamond, but it is apparent that the criminal attacked her for some unknown reason of his own, only to discover that he had grabbed a tiger by the tail.

White Diamond is so-called because, like the recently captured criminal Iron-Clad, he is in the habit of wearing a suit of armor when he commits his crimes. Unlike Iron-Clad, however, the armor of White Diamond is composed of the hardest material in existence, diamonds. Chief of Police Sam Stone announced that the police are following up numerous leads on the current whereabouts of White Diamond. Privately, police sources admit that there is little likelihood of an arrest anytime in the near future.

## Vigilante and Gang Members Brawl in Chinatown Streets

*By Hubert Hubbersmith*

Citizens of Chinatown were terrorized by a violent fight between members of the Dragon Gang of Chinatown and the self-styled 'protector' of Sunset City, the vigilante known as Vigilance. The cause of the fight is unknown, although Vigilance is well known to roam the late night streets of Sunset City searching for any sign of "wrongdoing" to justify one of his violent attacks. It is believed by many that police officials refuse to crack down on such vigilante violence, an attitude which is in no way justified by their own apparent inability to control the criminal elements. The extent of property damage caused by this battle is not yet known, but reports indicate several buildings were destroyed by fire, numerous private automobiles were destroyed, and severe damage was done to the streets of Chinatown. If the residents of Sunset City begin to wonder who will protect them from their protectors, can anyone be surprised?

## False Alarms Hamper Police

*By Jack Kemp*

Public response to the recent announcement by government officials that a suspected foreign agent was in Sunset City has been overwhelming, police officials report. Unfortunately, all of the reports of "suspicious behavior" have proven to be false alarms, which have taken up police time and resources for no good purpose. City officials are now urging the public to use more judgement before reporting suspected spies.

## Farfield Oversees US-Soviet Meeting

*By Harold Moore*

Senator Farfield, the chairman of the Space Committee, is currently overseeing a highly unusual joint US-Soviet symposium on space research in Capital City. The US and Soviet Space Agencies, historically rivals in the exploration of outer space, are meeting to discuss "recent issues of mutual interest" in their respective space programs. Despite the concerns of many that this is a Soviet trick to gain information on the American space program, Senator Farfield, well known for his internationalist leanings, is quoted as saying that "I have the highest hopes that this meeting will be of enormous benefit to both countries, and to humanity itself in our exploration of our planetary neighborhood."

## Diomedus Ultra-Security Section Handed Over to Military Authorities

*By Harold Moore*

The Ultra-Security section of Diomedus prison, used for housing metahuman prisoners, has officially been taken over by a special unit of the US military. The federal government has long maintained that the dangers posed by metahuman criminals represent a threat to natural security, and therefore should be handled by military rather than civilian authorities. Prisoner Lance Freeman, formerly known as Ironclad, is being moved to Diomedus as part of the transfer of control.