

GATEWAY GAZETTE

Police Helpless in Prisoner Escape

By Kendall Caperman

The criminal gang that recently brought the city to a standstill by holding the Citizens' League hostage staged a daring escape, easily outwitting police with a diversion while the escape was carried out under their noses. The escape occurred while the criminals were being escorted to the Court House for arraignment under what police officials called "heavy guard." An airplane was crashed into the city streets with a blatant disregard for public safety, and some sort of armored individual or mechanical device emerged from the wreckage, holding police attention while compatriots of the criminals dug up from the city's sewer system into the police van carrying the criminals, freeing them. Its mission accomplished, the mysterious figure fled, leaving police with a crashed airplane, an empty van, and more questions than answers. Police Commissioner Redgrove claimed that police were following several leads, but Police Chief Stone was less positive. "We're dealing with some sort of criminal mastermind," he said. "We don't know what he's going to do next." None of the city's so-called superhero protectors were observed to be involved in this outrage against the law.

Ominous Team-up of Youth Gangs

By Kendall Caperman

Reports from the Devil's Point area of the city indicate that gangs of criminal youth, who have historically been restrained from the most serious crimes only by their rivalry with one another, are now teaming up and working together. Police have apparently not yet formulated a response to this dangerous trend.

Enterprise Out of Contact

By Harold Moore

The mystery of the Hermes 5 continues to deepen. After being out of contact for several days, the spacecraft has touched down in the Pacific Ocean. However, shortly after recovering the capsule, communications with the USS Enterprise were apparently cut off. Government Officials are claiming that the situation is well under control, but have not yet explained the reason for the loss of contact, nor have they given a report on the condition of Major Dirk Drake.

Heroic Girl Revives Policeman

By Jack Kemp

Sunset City resident Dixie Hill, daughter of a famous and well-regarded private investigator, saved a dying police officer after a near-fatal crash. Doctors say that the officer would certainly have died if Miss Hill had not provided immediate first-aid at the scene of the accident, which occurred during a high-speed chase of fleeing thieves. The criminals managed to escape, and are currently being sought on charges of burglary, grand theft auto, vehicular assault, and resisting arrest.

Captain Liberty Protects Scientist

By Harold Moore

An apparent assassination attempt against the United States' most famous scientist, Dr Alexander Luthor, was foiled by America's Defender, the supersoldier known as Captain Liberty. The attack, which occurred at a Capital City hotel where Dr Luthor was staying pending a speech before Congress, was carried out by a lone individual. Captain Liberty refused to discuss the matter, saying only, "I have given a full report to the President, and the decision on what to reveal rests in his hands." Dr Luthor praised the hero, saying "Captain Liberty is an example to all who would seek to use their abilities in service to their fellow man." Captain Liberty, who operates as a special agent for the US government, is noted for his dedication to the rule of law, unlike many so-called superheroes.

Magician Endangers Audience

By Jack Kemp

A performance by Sunset City stage magician Magnus Specter nearly resulted in serious injury to the audience when a stage prop, a giant stone statue animated by clockwork gears, was accidentally activated and began to move through the frightened throng. The statue caused severe damage to the theater, and was reportedly destroyed.