

Police Seek to Link 3rd Slaying to Murder of Two Cult Members

Detective Claims Scientologist Church Blocks Efforts to Make Connection Between Nov. 16 and Saturday Crimes

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—Both Miss Gaul and "Jane Doe" were recently arrived here. The former had been here about six months. Absence of traces of smog in the unidentified victim's lungs established that she was a recent arrival, the coroner's office stated.

The unidentified woman, tall and slender, was clad in a blue jacket, blue denims and riding boots, all well worn. Her throat had been cut and she had been stabbed numerous times in the upper torso. She had not been sexually molested.

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out. Miss Gaul had moved only last week into one of the cult's hippie-like communes, which bound in Alvarado-Westlake district, where Scientology's churches and administrative buildings are located.

She was working as a cook for her room and board in the 14-room Theatan Manor at 1032 S. Bonnie Brae. Sharp lived about a block away, at 921

S. Bonnie Brae, with an older Scientology worker.

The youth had come here early last summer from Crestwood, Mo., a St. Louis suburb. Miss Gaul was a native of Albany, N.Y.

It was learned that Miss Gaul planned to have an "auditing," or counseling, session Friday night with young Sharp, who had reached a higher rung than she on the Scientology ladder of achievement.

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However, in a statement issued several hours later, a Scientologist spokesman said:

"Within a matter of hours after we were asked for a list of membership, the police had the first part of that list in their possession and the rest had been promised within 12 hours. We will continue to cooperate to the fullest of our capabilities."

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Police Search For Slayer of Two Teenagers

(CNS) — Los Angeles police are investigating the "execution type" slaying of two youths whose bodies were found in an alley behind 1138 S. Magnolia Ave., early Saturday.

Police said they have only three solid hints to the backgrounds of two teenagers whose bodies were found in an alleyway near the Harbor and Santa Monica Freeways interchange.

Only a thin string of multi-colored beads was found on the body of 19-year-old Miss Doreen Gaul.

The body of 15-year-old James Sharp was found nearby. He was fully dressed.

But authorities discovered a bracelet identifying him as a member of the American Saint-Hill organization, a local sect that believes man is a spirit.

Both of the two teens were from out of state but were living near the downtown section of Los Angeles.

Police said their killer or killers mutilated their faces with knives and then dumped their bodies in the alleyway near Arapahoe Street and Magnolia Avenue.

Tate link sought in 2 other deaths

By JERRY COHEN

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LOS ANGELES — Detectives are investigating possible ties between the recent slayings of two young scientologists and the seven murders linked to the alleged killers of actress Sharon Tate, it was learned yesterday.

Parallels among the savage crimes are philosophical as well as physical.

As a result, investigators are dipping into the lore of cabals which practice black magic and glorify sexual excess.

Under particular scrutiny is a cult which is fiercely anti-Establishment and whose beliefs include Satan-worship. It is an offshoot of scientology but is disavowed by practitioners of that mystical, quasiscientific order.

THE OUTLAW CULT is known both as "The Process" and the Final Church of Judgment. Its members are nicknamed "mind benders" and they claim to be in direct contact with both Lucifer and Christ.

Detectives have been struck by the similarities between its philosophies and the occultism of Charles Manson and five of his followers indicted for the other murders.

The "Process" cult is based in London, where English authorities, despite great pressure, have recognized it as a legitimate church.

But it has staged major recruiting drives in the United States, which suggests the possibility of cross-fertilization between The "Process" and the Manson cult.

Manson and five members of his clan were indicted Monday for the murders of Miss Tate and four others Aug. 9 and for the murders of a Los Angeles couple the following night. Both crimes had overtones of dark ritualism and anti-affluence.

MANSON IS KNOWN to have dabbled in scientology, then to have gone on to more eccentric cultism which apparently included the power to order the execution of those he marked unworthy to live.

The slayings of the two young scientologists appear as lacking in motive as did the other two slaughters when first discovered.

The bodies of Doreen Gaul, 19, and James Sharp, 15, were found Nov. 5 in an alley near downtown Los Angeles. They had been murdered elsewhere and dumped in the alley, only a few blocks from their respective residences.

The investigation into their deaths fell to a team of detectives headed by Lt. Earl Deemer, who immediately was intrigued by the selection of the scientologists as victims.

Deemer, who had worked on the Tate case, noted these circumstances which later gave rise to speculation their deaths might be related to the other killings:

- Like all but one victim of the two-day murder orgy in August, the young man and young woman had been stabbed repeatedly. Each bore between 50 and 60 wounds.

- The November victims lived in a neighborhood with a large hippie population, much of it mystically inclined. Miss Gaul resided in a scientology commune whose residents dressed in Hippie style.

- Many of the neighborhood's inhabitants use "soft" drugs — marijuana and LSD — are promiscuous and are nomadic, like the Manson clan.

THE FINAL CHURCH of Judgment is headquartered in a mansion in London's posh Mayfair district. It is run by Shanghai-born, bearded, long-haired Robert Degrimston, 34, who attended Cambridge University and later took up scientology.

AFTER COMPLETING a course in the mystical philosophy, he decided to start his own cult, which took a sharp turn away from scientology.

The "church" proclaimed its "dedication to the elimination of the gray forces" — the affluent establishment.

One issue of its journal, The Process, called for an "alliance of God and Lucifer" to rid the world of the affluent.

Other issues advocated black masses, described marriage as "an abomination" and offered ideas to stimulate sexual perversion, even rape.

De Grimston is known as "the Christ of Carnaby Street."

MANSON'S FOLLOWERS called him "Jesus," "God" and "Satan." Members of the "Process" wear black apparel.

The slayers who stole onto the Tate estate and killed the actress, Jay Sebring, Abigail Folger, Voityck Frykowsky and Steven Parent wore black, according to Susan Atkins, who said she was a participant in the murderous raid.

Deemer declines to go beyond describing connections among the scientology murders, the Tate killings and the murders of Leno and Rosemary La Bianca the next day as anything more than a "possibility" at this stage.

But he wants to question at least two young male members of the Manson cult.

At least one of them was present at the strange death of another Manson cultist Nov. 5.

Christopher Jesus, 20, also known as "Zero," was found dead on a bed in the beach community of Venice, Calif., a gun beside him and a bullet wound in his head.

A YOUNG WOMAN said he had been playing "Russian roulette" and the death formally was listed as a suicide.

"But I've never been satisfied with that whole thing," said Detective Sgt. Art Hansbrough, who revealed the death still is under investigation.

Not a single fingerprint was found on the gun.

Other cultists who had been living at the residence scattered shortly afterward.

One who did, a slight young man who held Christopher Jesus' head as he lay dying, said he is convinced the death was not a suicide.

MANSON, meanwhile, was jailed here last night on murder-conspiracy charges in the Tate and La Bianca deaths.

The 35-year-old Manson arrived here after a five-hour automobile trip from the Inyo County Jail at Independence, Calif., where he had been held on charges of arson and receiving stolen property.

Dressed in fringe-trimmed buckskin clothing, his long, reddish-brown hair in disarray, the prisoner was escorted into Central Police Headquarters between two plainclothesmen.

Manson's hands were handcuffed behind him.

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Scientology: New Light on Crowley

ON 5 OCTOBER, 1969, Spectrum published an article "The odd beginning of Ron Hubbard's Career." The Church of Scientology has sent us the following information.

Hubbard broke up black magic in America: Dr Jack Parsons of Pasadena, California, was America's Number One solid fuel rocket expert. He was involved with the infamous English black magician Aleister Crowley who called himself "The Beast 666." Crowley ran an organisation called the Order of Templars Orientalis over the world which had savage and bestial rites. Dr Parsons was head of the American branch

located at 100 Orange Grove Avenue, Pasadena, California. This was a huge house which had paying guests who were the USA nuclear physicists working at Cal. Tech. Certain agencies objected to nuclear physicists being housed under the same roof.

L. Ron Hubbard was still an officer of the US Navy because he was well known as a writer and a philosopher and had friends amongst the physicists, he was sent in to handle the situation. He went to live at the house and investigated the black magic rites and the general situation and found them very bad.

Parsons wrote to Crowley in England about Hubbard. Crowley "The Beast 666" evidently detected an enemy and warned Parsons. This is all proven by the correspondence unearthed by the Sunday Times. Hubbard's mission was successful far beyond anyone's expectations. The house was torn down. Hubbard rescued a girl they were using. The black magic group was dispersed and destroyed and has never recovered. The physicists included many of the 64 top US scientists who were later declared insecure and dismissed from government service with so much publicity. ☺