



A radio newsman from New York, right, tries to get Abraham Prins to say a few words while he was being taken from Ramsey Police Headquarters to the Passaic County Courthouse, Thursday morning. Chief of Passaic County Prosecutor's Detectives, Adam Reiser, left, leads Prins to a waiting car.

Store Owner Alerts Police to Fugitive

Sam and Sarah Kaplan were tending their customers at the Allendale Spa as usual late Wednesday night between catching glimpses of Bob Hope's television show. Only moments before, their lives were in danger.

Kaplan was standing behind his cash register at about 7 p.m. when escaped killer Michael Salvi, walked in, ordered two packs of Camels and handed Kaplan a \$10 bill.

Immediately Kaplan said he suspected the man because he kept staring and looking around the store nervously.

Finally when the convict asked for small change to use the telephone, Kaplan said he remembered seeing the fugitive's picture in newspapers. The store owner said he wanted to alert police immediately but Salvi was seated in the phone booth with

the door open. Finally when Salvi closed the door, Kaplan said he ran out and whistled to Lt. Frank Parenti who Kaplan said was driving by. He said Parenti did not hear him and kept going.

Chief Robert Wilson said there seems to be some confusion about the fact that Kaplan tried to hail Lt. Parenti. He said the lieutenant was giving blood at the borough hall and that he had just finished and was talking with the chief and Mayor Robert Newman inside headquarters. The police car was parked outside.

Kaplan continued his story by saying when Lt. Parenti drove by, he asked a customer, Donald Huyzer of Waldwick, who had bought some beer, to get the police. Huyzer met Parenti at a red light on Franklin Turnpike and W. Allendale Avenue.



Allendale Police Lt. Frank Parenti, left, shows the revolver he took from Michael Salvi to State Police Lt. John Fitzsimmons. The gun was stolen from a prison guard when Salvi and Abraham Prins escaped.

Widespread Praise For Police Work

Words of praise, appreciation and pride flowed in Bergen County following the successful capture of two escaped convicts Wednesday.

Almost everyone had praise for the more than 200 men who took part in the long, cold manhunt. Even the criminals.

Michael Salvi, a convicted killer, praised his captor, Allendale Police Lt. Frank Parenti by saying, "He treated me like a human being." Even hard-nosed Abraham Prins, convicted armed robber and Hudson County underworld figure, said before getting in a state prison van for the trip back, "Everywhere I stuck my head out, there was a cop."

Ramsey Police Sgt. John Gates, who captured Prins, was commended by Prins for not having shot him. Prins was directly in front of Sgt. Gates who was armed with a carbine rifle used by the armed forces.

Praise for Others

Allendale Chief Robert Wilson and Ramsey Chief R.A. Doremus issued a joint statement Friday thanking all the men and agencies involved in the search for the excellent job.

"Although two of our men each single handedly captured these men, we must not forget the others who

made it possible. The State and County Police as well as the many local officers from the surrounding towns provided the necessary cooperation needed in making the manhunt such a success. We have to thank the firemen from the two towns, and the Civil Defense people who aided in the search by supplying light and the all important constant communication between searchers."

The chiefs also pointed out that the capture would not have been possible if it were not for the citizens themselves. The phone calls reporting a man or men running through a yard or over a fence kept the searchers in the area where the fugitives were hiding.

The end came when a Waldwick man summoned Lt. Parenti who cap-

tured Salvi, and a Ramsey housewife alerted Sgt. Gates.

They Made Mistakes

County Police Chief Charles LoPresti commended the men of the search in public Friday at the monthly meeting of the Detectives Crime Clinic of New York and New Jersey at the Casa Mana in Teaneck. The chief called the mission a "wonderful piece of police work" and named Lt. Parenti and Sgt. Gates as outstanding. He also pointed out that the cooperation of the Northwest Bergen police departments was second to none.

Former Bergen County Police Chief Matthew Donohue spoke out on the excellent job at Thursday night's dinner of the Bergen County Police Chief's Association in the Club 17 in Ramsey.

Chief LoPresti summed up the incident with these words, "Two convicts made two very bad mistakes Wednesday. One was that they escaped, and the other was that they chose Northwest Bergen County to hide in."



Michael Salvi, center, head low, walks out of Ramsey Police Headquarters guarded on the left by Passaic County Prosecutor's Detective Anthony Piccarelli, and Ramsey Ptl. Fred Smith on the right.



Michael Salvi, convicted killer serving life imprisonment, sits sheepishly after being captured in Allendale shortly after 7 p.m. Wednesday night. Salvi cooperated with police after his capture, despite his reputation as a killer. He said he was grateful he was not shot.

Chinese Professor Speaking Tuesday At H.S. Seminar

RIDGEWOOD -- Dr. Hsin-Hai-Chang, professor of history at Fairleigh Dickinson University, will be the speaker Tuesday at the high school seminar on the Far East. He will discuss China's philosophers and religions.

Sessions of the Far East seminar, planned and directed by Robert Hall, head of the social sciences department at the high school, take place at 2:45 in the cafeteria. The first lectures dealt with India and current ones through Feb. 20 are concerned with China.

Japan will be the third major eastern nation to be studied and the last three lectures will deal with a general survey of Southeast Asia.

An invitation is extended to any persons interested to attend any session of the seminar which is one of the features of the expanded seventh period program introduced last year in the high school and continuing this year.