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# Accused Killer Under Guard In Hospital Cell

## Richard Speck Awaits Hearing in Chicago Court; Police Use Care to Avoid Technical Court Error

CHICAGO AP—A nurse who survived the mass slaying of eight of her dormitory mates visited a jail hospital today but, a doctor said, did not view the man charged with murdering one of the young women.

Miss Corazon Amurao, 23, and several other persons were taken to the jail hospital where Richard Speck, 24, accused in the mass killings, is being treated for self-inflicted cuts.

"Was he viewed?" reporters asked Dr. William Norcross, associate medical chief of the hospital.

"It did not occur," he replied.

Earlier the doctor said he was advised against any confrontation by Speck and outsiders because of the effect it might have on his physical condition.

Speck was ruled unfit to appear, as planned for today, in the felony division of the Circuit Court for arraignment on a murder charge.

State's Atty. Daniel Ward told reporters, "There will be no court appearance today upon medical advice of the doctors."

He said that Dr. William Norcross, associate medical director of the City Jail Hospital, asserted that Speck still is substantially under the effects of sedation.

Ward was asked whether Miss Corazon Amurao, 23, the only survivor of Thursday's killing orgy, who was brought to the jail, had identified Speck as the killer.

"I can't make any comment on that," he said.

### Protective Custody

Miss Amurao spent 2½ hours in the House of Correction, from 9:15 to 11:45 a.m. Police have guarded her as closely as they have Speck, and kept her secluded from newsmen.

A cordon of police kept sight-

seers away from the grounds of the House of Correction today as unusual security measures were enforced to guard Speck. Ward said, "We are cognizant of the situation in Dallas after President Kennedy's death, and we are anxious to prevent any such occurrence."

### Cites Oswald Slaying

He referred to the slaying of Harvey Lee Oswald, named by the Warren Commission as the assassin who shot Kennedy. Oswald was killed while he was in custody of Dallas police in a basement passage of the Dallas Courthouse.

Jack Ruby, convicted of killing Oswald, is awaiting the outcome of an appeal.

John Stamos, first assistant state's attorney, indicated earlier that Speck's appearance might be held in a court session in the jail.

He has been in the hospital since early Sunday after his arrest there. He had been taken to the hospital from a cheap hotel where he tried to end his life.

Speck had been the most wanted man in the country since police named him Saturday as the prowler who knifed and strangled his victims in their

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South Side townhouse dormitory Thursday.

Police brought him from a Skid Road hotel room to Cook County Hospital after midnight Saturday, without recognizing him after Speck had slashed a vein in his left arm and cut his right wrist. A doctor recognized him in the hospital emergency room.

Speck was held in a private room of the jail hospital only a block away from the Criminal Courts Building. Many persons clustered in the courtroom of Circuit Court Judge Daniel Ryan where defendants in criminal cases based upon police complaints are brought for their first court appearance.

### Cameras Barred

Judge Ryan today signed an order barring cameras from the courtroom.

Prosecutors told newsmen that Judge Ryan's decision was based in part upon a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court voiding the murder conviction of Dr. Sam Shepherd because of prejudice stirred by lax courtroom decorum.

Stamos, State's Atty. Daniel Ward, and other members of his staff conferred on procedure against Speck today. Ward said the charge awaiting to be heard is murder of Gloria Jean Davy, 22, one of the eight young women slain.

### Still in Stupor

Stamos told newsmen that he had been informed earlier in the morning that Speck still is under the effects of sedation.

As soon as Speck is pronounced sufficiently clear of sedative effects, Stamos said, he will be given a court appearance, even if a judge must convene court at his jail hospital bedside.

In the public defender's office, Gerald Getty, chief counsel, said he had received no request to provide counsel for Speck.

"If he asks for an attorney, I'll represent him myself," Getty said.

Ward said he anticipates filing multiple murder charges against Speck and that he probably will present the case to the grand jury this week.

Speck has been under sedation in City Jail Hospital and reported in good condition. Ward said Speck had not been questioned and had made no statements. He was under heavy guard.

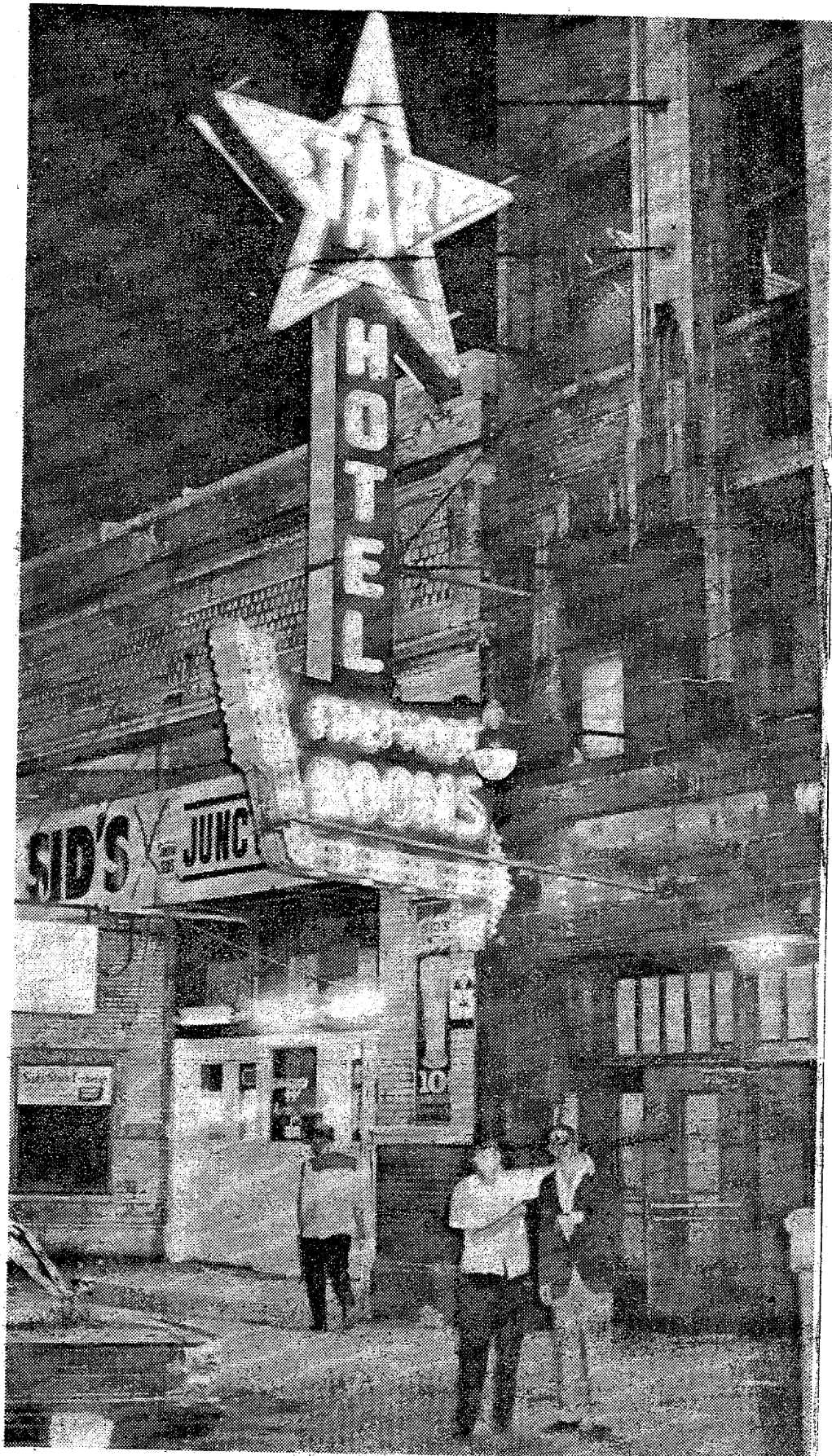
### Covered With Blood

The nationwide hunt for Speck ended in a skid road flophouse when a tenant saw Speck staggering down a hallway, covered with blood. The tenant called the desk clerk and he summoned police.

Police placed a tourniquet on the profusely bleeding left arm and took the man, reeking from alcohol and partly conscious, to Cook County Hospital.

But a young surgeon who had just read a newspaper recognized a tattoo and summoned police. It came less than 15 hours after a murder warrant had been issued for Speck.

Detectives theorized that



**HOTEL WHERE SPECK WAS FOUND**—Richard Speck, suspect sought in connection with slaying of eight nurses in Chicago, was found early Sunday in this transient hotel on Chicago's Skid Row.—AP Wirephoto.



**DOCTOR WHO IDENTIFIED SPECK** — Dr. Le Roy Smith, resident intern at Cook County Hospital, explains at press conference Sunday how he identified Richard Speck, suspect sought in connection with slaying of eight nurses in Chicago.—AP Wirephoto.

Speck drank himself into a stupor and tried to commit suicide after he saw a drinking buddy in the back seat of a police car.

#### Saw Him Quizzed

Detective John Mitchell said Speck may have spotted Robert Gerrald in the back of a squad car as police toured Skid Road in a systematic search for Speck Friday night and Saturday.

Mitchell said Speck may have reasoned "he had run out of time," and attempted to kill himself.

Authorities said he used either a broken bottle or knife to slash his arm and wrist. He lost 1½ pints of blood.

Police picked Gerrald up Friday afternoon after witnesses reported seeing Gerrald with Speck in a rooming house Thursday afternoon.

Police said Gerrald told them he and Speck discussed the nurses' massacre while drinking in a tavern the morning the bodies were found.

Gerrald said Speck told him: "It must have been a sex maniac who did that crime."

The story unfolded all day Sunday as details of police activity were made public.

#### Saw Tattoo

The young surgeon, Dr. Leroy Smith, 26, worked on the bloodied man — who was registered in the Starr Hotel as B. Brian — in the emergency room as just another slashing case until he saw something under the coat of blood.

"I moistened my finger tips and rubbed," Dr. Smith said. "I saw a B. I rubbed some more and saw B-O-R-N."

It was the first word of a tattoo reading "Born to Raise Hell."

Dr. Smith recalled the newspaper article and quickly washed the blood off the arm.

The tattoo was one of the identifying marks flashed across the continent 15 hours previously.

"What's your name?" Dr. Smith asked the man.

"Richard, Richard Speck," he answered weakly.

"This is the fellow police are looking for," Dr. Smith told a nurse. "Get hold of the police right now."

At one point, Dr. Smith said, Speck looked up and asked: "Will you get the \$10,000?"

"I just walked away," the young surgeon said.

#### Reward Offered

The reference was to the \$10,000 reward offered by the South Chicago Community Hospital, where the student nurses trained.

When Speck was coming out of the anesthesia, the doctor quoted him as saying: "I'm scared. I'm scared."

As details of the police investigation were revealed Sunday,

it showed that Speck might be tied to the mass murder partly by his desire to reach New Orleans.

The only survivor of the massacre, Corazon Amurao, 23, a Filipino exchange nurse, told police the killer had said to the nurses he would not harm them; that he only wanted to get money so he could reach New Orleans.

Then, Miss Amurao said, the man coolly and methodically took her eight friends into other rooms one at a time and strangled or slashed them to death.

#### Escaped Slaughter

Miss Amurao escaped the slaughter by rolling under a bed while the man was killing a nurse in another room.

Within three hours after the bodies were found, police learned that a stranger had been at a service station three blocks from the nurses' townhouse two days

previously. He said that he was a seaman and wanted to find a job so he could go to New Orleans.

At the National Maritime Union hiring hall—which is within 30 yards of the nurses' front door—detectives learned that a Richard Franklin Speck had applied for a job.

"He wanted a ship going to New Orleans," the clerk said.

The clerk gave police the man's application, along with a 25-cent photograph of Speck.

The next day, Miss Amurao identified the photograph of Speck as the man who killed her eight friends.

#### Prints Matched

In Washington, the FBI produced the ex-convict's fingerprints. At midday Saturday, three prints lifted from a door in the nurses' townhouse were matched to those of Speck.

The FBI said Speck was now their most-wanted man.

The tall, acne-scarred Speck has a list of felonies and misdemeanors filling pages of Dallas, Tex., crime records. One offense was an attempted attack and robbery of a Dallas woman with a knife.

The 6-foot-1, 160-pound Speck was described by his brother, William, of Monmouth, Ill., as a "loner and drifter who drank more than he should."

To a sister, Mrs. Carolyn Wilson, 23, of Dallas, he is "warm-hearted and tender. He would do anything for anybody."

To Police Chief Harold Tinder of Monmouth, Speck's hometown and a city where he is wanted for questioning in the attempted rape of a 65-year-old woman and the slaying of a 33-year-old barmaid:

"He was a very disarming man to talk to. He seemed sociable. He'd counter your questions with other questions, but not offensively. After you'd talked to him, you had the impression that he wouldn't hurt a fly."

#### Family in Seclusion

Neighbors in Dallas said Speck's mother, Mrs. Mary Margaret Speck Lindberg, and family members went into seclusion Saturday night.

Speck moved to Dallas from Monmouth with his mother when he was in the second grade.

Prison records show he had been married to a woman named Shirley. They had one child about four years ago, and were divorced last year.

The wife and child are living in California, neighbors said, but they did not know what city.

Officials moved with extreme caution in their efforts to construct an airtight case against Speck — mindful of the recent ruling of the U.S. Supreme Court concerning "in-custody questioning" of persons.

Officials made not attempt Sunday to interrogate Speck. They said Speck would be completely informed of his rights before interrogation begins.

The Supreme Court has ruled that before a person may be interrogated, he must first be advised of his constitutional rights to refuse to answer questions and to have a lawyer present.