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Speck Treated After Attempt to Kill Himself

Ruled Not Yet Able
to Appear in Court
on Murder Charge

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CHICAGO (AP)—A nurse who survived the massacre of eight of her dormitory mates visited a jail hospital today to view the man charged with murdering one of them.

Authorities said that Richard Speck, 24, accused in the mass slaying, was ruled unfit to appear in court to hear the murder charge against him because of his physical condition.

He is under treatment for self-inflicted wounds.

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

He said that Dr. William No r c r o s s, associate medical director of the city jail hospital, asserted that Speck still is substantially under the effects of sedation.

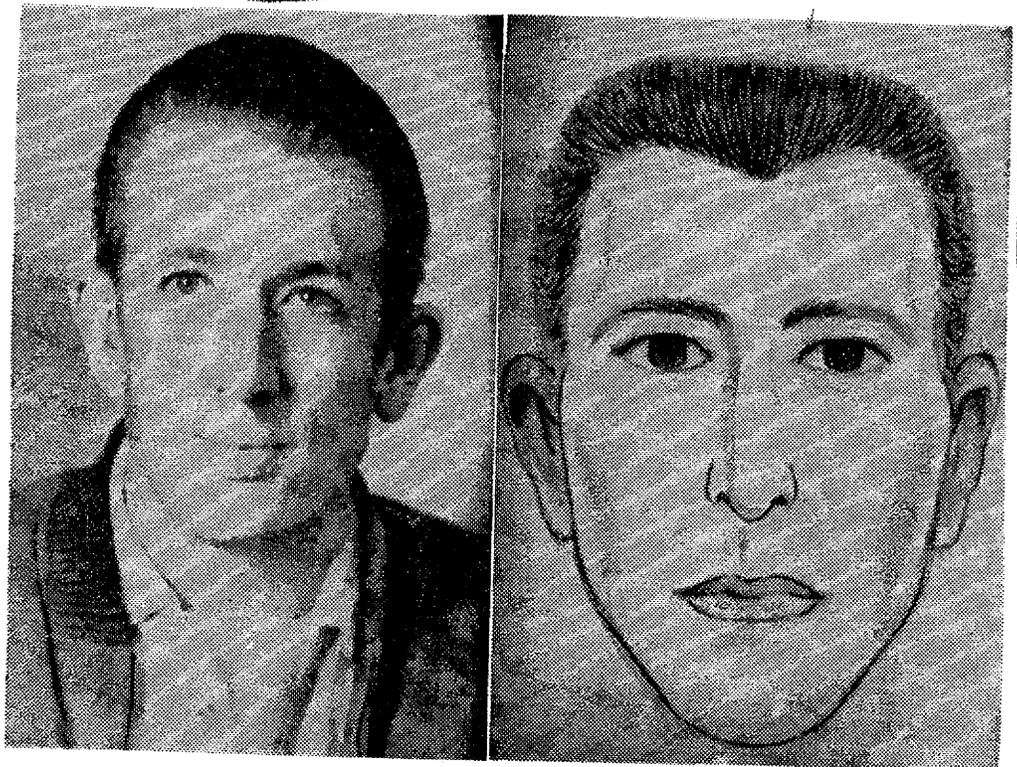
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Ward was asked whether Miss Corazon Amurao, 23, the only survivor of Thursday's killing orgy, who was brought to the jail, had identified Speck as the killer.

NO COMMENT

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

Miss Amurao spent 2½ hours in the House of Correc-



AP Wirephoto

HOW THEY COMPARE—At right is a drawing made by a Chicago Police Department artist of the slayer of eight student

nurses. Left is a police photo of a man identified as Richard Speck, 24, who has been charged with murder in the case.

tion, 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 sightseers away from the grounds of the House of Correction today as unusual security measures were enforced to guard Speck.

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Ward said, "We are cognizant of the situation in Dallas after President Kennedy's death, and we are anxious to prevent any such occurrence."

SHOT KENNEDY

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. Since early yesterday after his arrest. 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 suspected prowler who knifed and strangled his victims in their South Side Town House dormitory Thursday.

Police brought him from a skid row hotel room to the 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

appearances.

CAMERAS BARRED

Judge Ryan signed an order barring cameras. It was the first time that photographers had been barred from that court. Photographing is banned in other courtrooms when trials are in session.

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. Ward said the charge awaiting to be heard is murder of Gloria Jean Davy, 22, one of the eight women slain.

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 bedside.