

# Artist Capp Accused in Morals Case

EAU CLAIRE, Wis., May 7, (AP)—District Attorney Lawrence W. Durning said today a warrant charging cartoonist Al Capp with a morals offense against a 20-year-old Eau Claire State University coed had been issued by County Judge Thomas H. Barland.

Durning said the warrant named Alfred G. Kaplin, 61, of Cambridge, Mass., who draws the "Li'l Abner" comic strip and lectures under the name, Al Capp.

The district attorney said Capp was charged with sodomy, attempted adultery and indecent exposure, following an investigation by his office and Eau Claire police.

Capp denied the charges in a statement issued through his Boston attorney.

The complainant, who is married, told authorities the alleged offense took place April 1 in Capp's motel suite where she had gone to report to him on the liberal point of view on the Eau Claire campus. He had requested the information and she had been assigned to brief him on opinions and viewpoints, she said.

Capp made a lecture appearance the same day at a forum at Eau Claire State University, attended by some 2,500 persons.

Durning said he had contacted Capp's attorney and was told that Capp was in Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston. The district attorney said he is forwarding the complaint and a warrant for Capp's arrest to the sheriff of Suffolk County, Mass.

Capp's statement, released by attorney Alfred Hockberg, said:

"The allegations are entirely untrue. I have been warned for some time now that the revolutionary left would try to stop me by any means from speaking out on campuses. My home has been vandalized and I have been physically threatened. This is also part of their campaign to stop me. Those who have faith in me know that I will not be stopped."