

## AL CAPP IS ACCUSED OF MORALS OFFENSE

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

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

The District Attorney said Mr. Capp had been charged with sodomy, attempted adultery and indecent exposure, following an investigation by his office and Eau Claire city policemen.

Mr. Capp denied the charges in a statement issued through his Boston attorney, Alvin Hockberg.

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

Mr. Capp made a lecture appearance the same day at a forum at the state university. Some 2,500 persons attended.

Mr. Durning said he had spoken to Mr. Capp's attorney and had been told that Mr. Capp was in Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston. The District Attorney said he was forwarding the complaint and a warrant for Mr. Capp's arrest to the Sheriff of Suffolk County, Mass.

Mr. Capp's statement 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."

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