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Capp Explains
Court Absence

LONDON, Oct. 2 (UPI)—Cartoonist Al Capp said today he failed to appear in a Boston municipal court for a rendition hearing on morals charges because his lawyers told him it was "completely all right" to be absent.

Capp said in an interview he was in London for three days "because I have some business here." He said he did not know a warrant for his arrest had been issued Friday in Boston for his failure to appear.

"Oh good God," he said, "I conferred with all my lawyers and they said it was completely all right for me to leave."

Capp said he was "ready to go back now. I may go back tomorrow (Sunday)."

"There was no need for me to go now. I could have come here a week later," he said.