THE GIRL WHO SHOCKED THE WORLD AT SIXTEEN WANTS TO START A DRESS SHOP

Killer Juliet may be set free—and come to England

by PETER VANE

JULIET HULME, the beautiful English girl who shocked the world by helping to murder her schoolfriend's mother, may soon be released from jail in New Zealand and come to England.

First news of Juliet's probable release was given to me yesterday by New Zealand Secretary of Justice Mr. Samuel Thompson Barnett. Over the 12,000-mile radio-telephone link from his office in Wellington, Mr. Barnett told me: "The question of Juliet Hulme's release comes up before the Executive Council (New Zealand's 13-man Cabinet) on March 31."

It was four years and nine months ago that Juliet and 16-year-old Pauline Parker killed Pauline's mother to death with a brick-loaded stocking at Christchurch, New Zealand, where Juliet's father had a university post.

At the girls' trial it was said that they lived in a "Fourth World" in which they had "their own paradise, their own god, and their own morality."

Both girls were detained during her Majesty's pleasure—there is no capital punishment for persons under 18 in New Zealand.

Secretary of Justice Barnett said the question of the custody of Juliet after her release would be decided definitely later.

All smiles

Officials know that her family life will never be the same—her parents' marriage was dissolved shortly after her trial.

From Auckland, New Zealand, a Sunday Express Correspondent cables:—

Rose Bourke, who was recently in Auckland jail with Juliet Hulme, told me that Juliet believes she will be released before her 21st birthday on October 28.

"One day last August," said Miss Bourke, "she was called to see the prison governor. She returned smiling all over her face and said that she was to be flown to Wellington to spend a short time in Arohata Women's Borstal until she left for England."

(On the phone yesterday Mr. Barnett confirmed that Juliet was still detained at the Arohata Borstal.)

"Julie was planning for her release all the time," said Miss Bourke. "She showed me letters from her father in England. They were kind letters in which he said he was looking forward to seeing her soon.

Dress shop

"In one letter he agreed to a suggestion of Julie's that he provide the money for her to set up a dress shop somewhere in England. She wanted me to partner her in the shop but I refused.

"She developed into an expert dressmaker. The prison authorities issued her with a brand new sewing machine. She had copies of Vogue sent in regularly but preferred to make up her own designs.

"Her taste was discreet and smart. But there was one odd item in her going-out wardrobe—she had made herself a topcoat which was an adaptation of a German officer's great-coat.

"She said if she had been a man, and she would have liked to have been a man, she would have loved to have been a German officer.

"In a jail full of drab girls she stood out because of her smartness and beauty. She had an English voice. She was somebody, and she knew it.

"She wrote a novel and sent it to the editor of an Auckland newspaper. She received an encouraging letter in reply.

'Scorned'

"She was a cool customer all right. She was single-minded about getting out and never put a foot wrong.

"Her former friend Pauline Parker—they went to separate jails—became a figure of scorn. Julie said she never wanted to see her again.

Anna Hoffman, who was in the same jail as Pauline Parker, said:—

"Pauline was kind and gentle and everybody loved her. She has become a devout Roman Catholic and wants to become a nun and devote her life to mission work in backward countries. She, too, is expecting to be released shortly.

"She has studied hard in jail and won her school certificate and, I think, her university entrance exam.

"She told me she was sorry about her mother."

LEGAL NOTE: After release on licence the girls will continue to be answerable to the New Zealand prison authorities for the rest of their lives. In New Zealand they can be re-arrested and jailed without trial.

Susan has a 'lorry' taken off her tongue

Five-year-old Susan Downs tried to take a bite out of a toy motor lorry and got her tongue caught in the spring of the lorry's clockwork.

Her mother, of Ravenscroft-road, Beckenham, Kent, took her to hospital, where two doctors, the matron, the assistant matron, and a nurse failed to set her free.

The fire brigade was called. Susan was given an anaesthetic, and a fireman put grease on the spring and drew it off her tongue. Susan was none the worse.

'Dearer to live' in flitch town

Prices in the shops of the flitch town of Dunmow (Essex) are 24 per cent higher than those in nearby towns, according to a survey by Dunmow Socialist Party. The survey says goods costing £3 9s. 3½d. in Braintree, seven miles away, would cost £4 6s. 1½d. in Dunmow.

THE FACE

It launched a thousand ships . . . now it gets a thousand daubs

THIS is the face of the star of the film "Helen of Troy" . . . "the face that launch'd a thousand ships."

Now it becomes the face of a thousand daubs.

The make-up expert here is Stefano Vicario and he is preparing his mother, Mrs. Marco Vicario, for a game of cowboys and Indians in Rome.

Mother is Italian actress Rossana Podesta.

VILLAGERS MOURN OLD PADDY, GENTLEMAN TRAMP

Sunday Express Reporter

IN the Welsh mountain villages around Machynlleth, Montgomeryshire, they called Old Paddy the tramp a real gentleman. And when he died last week the local council paid £30 for a coffin and a blue slate headstone. The council arranged the funeral, and the chairman, Mr. Richard Williams, was the chief mourner.

The wreaths of tulips and daffodils told of their affection for Old Paddy . . . one from his friends at the Penrhos Arms . . . another from members of the British Legion who remembered his First World War stories.

Old Paddy—his real name was John Duffy—had tramped in the lanes and slept in barns or hedgerows about Machynlleth for 37 years.

He had a brown bushy beard flowing over his ragged overcoat and he always pushed a pram carrying all he owned.

Farm jobs

"Everybody round here knew him," said council official Mr. David Brynn Jones, yesterday. "He made a living doing odd jobs on farms. He stooped a bit as he grew older, but there was not a touch of grey in his beard.

"We were determined he would not have a pauper's funeral. Everything was done in the best taste. It was a fine coffin, a funeral any family would want to give their dearest. For we all loved him."

In the bar of the Penrhos Arms the landlord's wife, Mrs. Mary O'Keil, said Old Paddy used to buy half a pint of mild beer. Then he would sing old Irish songs.

People would stand him a round and sometimes give him old clothes.

Often he spent his evenings in the kitchen of Mrs. Hilda Davies, the doctor's wife in Cemmaes.

Good family

"He used to have some supper but he said little about himself," said Mrs. Davies. "He was the perfect gentleman, he was well spoken and must have come from a good family.

"He said he always wanted to go back to Ireland but he never went. Once he intended going, but he heard that a friend on the road had been back but wasn't welcomed by his family. So he stayed here."

Mr. Baldwyn Williams, stonemason at Llanbrynmair, whom Paddy visited the day before he died, said: "He didn't say much about his family, but he said that one day he was coming into an estate.

And in the cemetery the simple headstone says: *To the memory of John Duffy, no fixed abode, who died aged 64, loved by all.*

Siren-suit Sir Winston in marble

Sunday Express Reporter

SCULPTOR Oscar Nemon, aged 53, whose finished statue of Sir Winston Churchill was placed in London's Guildhall last week, has done another bust of Sir Winston—by order of the Queen.

It is a more-than-life-size head and shoulders in white marble, and shows Sir Winston Churchill in his war-time siren-suit.

The bust is now on show in the Armoury at Windsor Castle, and it is understood that the Queen is delighted with it.

Husband accused of murder

Joseph Buckley, 47, boarding-house keeper, was remanded in custody for a week at Margate yesterday on a charge of murdering his wife Ellen, 46, at their home on Friday.

Ernie gives London 2,718 prizes

Ernie, the mechanical selector, gave London 2,718 prizes in this month's premium savings bond draw. Ten Londoners won £1,000, and 24 won £500. Lancashire had the next best total, with 1,241 prizewinners.

Most luckless county was Radnorshire, where there were only two wins—both for £25.

Mr. Mapp proves it

A 73-year-old Bournemouth man, Mr. Ernest Mapp, spent 230 hour drawing a map of the town to prove he was "as capable as any younger man of doing it." Now a firm is to print 10,000 copies of it.

Three share 'Fur Jacket' £1,000

In the Sunday Express Fur Jacket Competition the judges decided that the best order of appeal qualities are as follows:

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They share the £1,000 prize and will each receive a cheque for £333 6s. 8d. in due course, subject to any rescruting that may be necessary.

There is another £1,000 prize to be won in this week's competition.

Terry Dene still in the Army

Rifleman Terry Dene is still receiving treatment in a civilian hospital, the War Office said yesterday. "No decision has been taken on his future. He is still in the Army," said the spokesman.

WERE YOU RIGHT?

(SEE PICTURES ON PAGE 6)

1. *Mandarin Ducks: drake (left), duck (right)—from China.* 2. *Fat or Edible Dormouse—from Central Europe.* 3. *Coppa—from South America.* 4. *Cock Capercaillie (Abernethy Forest, 1943; only photograph ever taken of a Cock Capercaillie in Britain) —from Sweden.*

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White-collar dustman

Mr. Herbert Ellis, the man in charge of emptying Bristol's 150,000 dustbins, in a review of the work of his department forecasts that with the development of polythene bags and other soluble wrappings, the dustman of the future will have a white-collar job.

£2,000 haul

Fifty record players worth £1,200, with £800 worth of diamond-tipped needles and the safe in which they were kept, were taken by thieves who raided a firm in The Square, Isleworth, yesterday.

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