

A6 DRAMA

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OF SCOTLAND YARD

FATHER

By the Mirror Crime Bureau

AN elderly Scotland Yard clerk and his wife spent two hours at the Yard yesterday . . . helping detectives who think their son may be able to help the search for the A6 gunman.

The gunman shot scientist Michael Gregsten, 34, and his companion, Valerie Storie, 23, as they sat in a car last month on Deadman's Hill—on the A6 road between Luton and Bedford.

Gregsten—married, of Shirley-road, Abbots Langley, Herts—was killed. Valerie, of Cippenham, Bucks, was badly hurt.

And yesterday, Scotland Yard clerk Felix Alphon, 68, sat with his wife Gladys and gave detectives a detailed description of their son Peter, 31—keen student of theology, theosophy and astrology, and constant customer of public libraries.

Peter Alphon—said to have been recently calling himself Frederick Durrant—rarely visits his parents. Detectives asked them where they thought he might be found. Later, as the couple went home arm-in-arm to their upstairs flat in Gleneagle-road, Streatham, London, Mrs. Alphon was sobbing.

'Son can help us' - police

Search

Last night, the Yard stepped up the search for Peter Alphon. Detectives called at London hotels . . . watched at greyhound tracks . . . kept a vigil at railway stations and airports.

And at his parents' home in Gleneagle-road, elderly landlady Ethel Taylor talked of the time Alphon came to stay.

"It was about two months ago," said Miss Taylor. "Mr. and Mrs. Alphon had been here nearly two years. I thought they had no family."

Accent

"Then Mrs. Alphon brought home a young man and said it was her son Peter—come to stay for a fortnight."

"Peter was a very nice young man indeed—the sort who would make any young girl a wonderful husband."

"I realised he had had a very good education. "But—though his father is French-born, and speaks with a French accent—I noticed Peter had a London accent."

"At the end of the fort-



These pictures, built up by the Identi-Kit method from descriptions by witnesses—show what the A6 killer is believed to look like. Scotland Yard asked last night that the pictures should be published again.

night, Peter packed his clothes in a small case, and left."

Miss Taylor added: "Mr. and Mrs. Alphon are very nice people. I can't imagine why the police want to see Peter."

When Peter Alphon used the name "Frederick Durrant" he also gave an address at Horsham, Sussex—No. 7, Hurst-avenue. Yesterday police traced a woman who once lived at the house. She is Mrs. John Buckman. She now lives in Upwey-avenue, Poole, Dorset.

And her maiden name was Durrant. Mrs. Buckman said yesterday: "I have no relative

named Frederick Durrant. I have never heard of Peter Alphon."

"I think the man they are looking for may be someone who was a wartime evacuee at a Horsham house in 1942. I don't know his surname—but his first name WAS Peter."

Porter

A friend who knew Peter at school said last night: "Peter matriculated from Mercers School. Later, he went into the Air Force for his National Service."

"When he left the R A F he became a railway porter, then a hospital porter."



STAIR CRASH MODEL

MODEL Francesca Amerikaner, 24, is pictured yesterday after being awarded £156 damages against the owners of the Odeon Cinema, Swiss Cottage, London.

Miss Amerikaner, of Hendon, Middlesex, claiming £272, told

Westminster County Court that she fell down a short flight of slippery and badly-lit steps leading to the ladies' room at the cinema in May last year. Owners of the cinema, the Circuits Management Association, Ltd., denied negligence.

Bevins acts in rumpus over 'Soccer for the Sick' broadcasts

By MIRROR REPORTER MR. Reginald Bevins, the Postmaster-General, is to act over the threat to Soccer broadcasts to the sick and blind.

This was announced last night by a GPO spokesman.

His announcement followed yesterday's Daily Mirror story that officials of Soccer clubs and hospitals, who voluntarily organise broadcasts of matches to people in hospitals and homes, will have to pay nearly double for the telephone land lines they use from next November 1.

These officials fear they will be unable to raise enough money to carry on.

Cancelled

Organisers of the broadcasts from Aston Villa ground have already decided that the cost will be too great, and have cancelled the service.

But Mr. Bevins—who as a school-boy was a supporter of Liverpool, his hometown side—decided yesterday on an urgent inquiry to see whether cheaper means of providing the facilities could be found.

Announcing this decision, a GPO spokesman said: "The decision to resist pleas for cheap rates for good causes does not come from hardness of heart in the Post Office, but from its duties to run services on a sound basis for customers as a whole."

Now, however, with the Football League's decision to protest to every MP about the new charges, Mr. Bevins might find a way to reduce the cost for some people.

SAMPLE INCREASES: Portsmouth's bill up from £139 to £250; Birmingham's bill from £800 to £1,300; Brentford's from £57 to £100.