

One Armstrong FEB 18 1972 Brother Caught

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might have been living in the same house.

Armstrong, who has been working for the last six months as a gear machine operator in a small suburban Toronto gear factory, was taken into custody at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday Toronto time. He was using the name David Weller.

He is being held in "Don Jail," Toronto's city lockup, at least until today when the first of what could well be a series of legal hearings is held, according to Toronto police.

POTTS SAID the arrest was made by the RCMP in cooperation with Metro Toronto Police and Ontario Provincial police,

on a Canadian immigration warrant.

Potts repeatedly declined to say how authorities learned of Armstrong's exact whereabouts.

"All I can say is that the arrest was made on the basis of information received by this department," he said.

One non-police source in Toronto said that Armstrong had recently attempted to get a Canadian passport. "I personally believe that is what tripped him up," the informant said.

Potts said he could not say whether anyone is in line to receive the \$100,000 reward that has been offered on Armstrong's arrest.

Like the FBI's in the States, RCMP's information was sketchy at best, with few details of the actual arrest available. "I think you can understand why we cannot answer most of your questions," Potts said.

He did say that Armstrong, was wearing a beard at the time of his arrest. "He looked very much like pictures we have only with a beard," he said.

Potts said that since the arrest several tips have been received on the other three fugitives "but none of them proved to amount to anything."

"RIGHT NOW we have no leads on the other three," the RCMP official said.

Potts said Armstrong would appear before immigration officials here today and said hearing dates in the case had not yet been set late Thursday.

Armstrong, or Weller, as he was known to the other 15 employees at the Toronto Gear Works, Ltd., had mentioned to other employees that he wanted to get a passport so that he could get a job on a tramp freighter "and see the world." He told the other employees that he hoped eventually to reach Algeria.

According to Potts the last word on any of the four was when Fine and Burt were sighted at a YMCA Hostel in Peterborough, Ont., Sept. 5, 1970.

ABOUT THE same time that Armstrong answered a newspaper ad for the job in the gear works, Dane County (Wisconsin) Sheriff Jack Leslie predicted that "all four suspects in the Aug. 24, 1970, bombing will probably be picked up in the next two weeks, in Toronto."

Last September, more than a year after the bombing, Leslie and Madison Detective Charles Lulling went to Toronto to help in the search.

The search centered in Canada, and primarily in Ontario, when the Armstrong brothers were stopped in Little Falls, N.Y., just a few days after the bombing because the car they were driving had a loud muffler.

They were released then before Little Falls police learned they were wanted for the bombing.

FINE AND BURT were last reported seen at the YMCA Hostel, but they were able to get away when they heard of an RCMP call asking if they were staying there.

The four narrowly escaped arrest the night of the bombing when the car they were in was stopped near Devils Lake, Wis. by Sauk County police. They were not held because Madison police had no evidence at the time to link them to the bombing.

THE ARMSTRONG brothers are Madison natives. Fine was a resident of Wilmington, Del., Burt is from Haverton, Pa.

The \$100,000 reward has been offered by the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents. Killed in the blast that rocked the city was Robert Fassnacht, 33, a researcher who was working in the building at the time of the 3:45 a.m. explosion.