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CAPSTICK REPLIES: "WELL THIEVES WHO COMMIT VIOLENCE, THEY SHOULD BE FLOGGED AND GIVEN THE CAT. YOU KNOW I KNOW OF MANY OLD CRIMINALS WHO HAVE HAD A JOLLY GOOD FLOGGING AND THEY NEVER COME BACK FOR THE CAT TWICE."

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IN ALL MY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE THE THIEVES THAT I HAVE KNOWN THAT HAVE HAD THE CAT, YOU KNOW, FOR VIOLENCE THEY'VE NEVER, NEVER COME BACK FOR A SECOND LOT."

32 ft

C,U. JOHN CAPSTICK: BILL SYMON OFF SCREEN ASKS: "AND WHAT'S YOUR SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM?"

CAPSTICK REPLIES: "WELL YOU KNOW THIEVES WHO COMMIT VIOLENCE THEY SHOULD BE FLOGGED WITH THE CAT, THEY UNDERSTAND THAT. I HAVE KNOWN IN ALL MY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE THESE THIEVES THAT HAVE HAD THE CAT, AND MY WORD THEY NEVER COME BACK FOR A SECOND LOT. YOU KNOW THEY MUCH PREFER A DOUBLE SENTENCE OF IMPRISONMENT THAN A CAT OF NONE TAILS."

38 ft

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CAPSTICK REPLIES: "WELL THEY'RE DOING WELL BUT THEY CAN CERTAINLY DO BETTER. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE POWERS THAT BE IN THE METROPOLIS TAKE THE UNIFORMED PEOPLE AWAY FROM THE STREETS OF THE WEST END."

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SUMMONSING THE MOTORISTS FOR OBSTRUCTION AND WHAT I PERSONALLY WOULD LIKE
TO SEE IS THE WOMEN POLICE TO DO THESE DUTIES AND LEAVE THE MEN SUPPRESS
CRIME."] 39 ft

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C.U. BILL ~~AND~~ SYMON ~~XXXXXX~~ WHO ASKS "WHO ARE YOU?"

"WHAT'S YOUR SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM?"

"DO YOU THINK THE POLICE ARE DOING ENOUGH TO COMBAT THIS TYPE
OF VIOLENT CRIME?" 24 ft

INTERVIEW OF MR. R.A. BUTLER

S.V. MR. BUTLER AND BILL SYMON. BILL SYMON ASKS

"SIR, WHY ARE YOU AGAINST FLOGGING PEOPLE WHO ROB WITH VIOLENCE?"

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C.U. MR. BUTLER, BILL SYMON OFF SCREEN ASKS

"SIR, WHY ARE YOU AGAINST FLOGGING PEOPLE WHO ROB WITH VIOLENCE?"

MR. BUTLER REPLIES:

"WELL ORIGINALLY FLOGGING WAS DONE AWAY WITH IN 1861, THAT'S ABOUT 100 YEARS AGO. IT WAS KEPT FOR CRIMES OF ~~VXX~~ VIOLENCE UP TILL 1948, THEN ~~WX~~ IT WAS ABOLISHED BY THE THEN UM GOVERNMENT IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE BILL AT THE TIME AND SINCE THEN THE CRIMES OF VIOLENCE HAVE ACTUALLY GONE DOWN, AND NOW THEY STAND AT LESS THAN THEY WERE IN 1948. AND THEREFORE, I DON'T THINK REALLY THAT WE NEED THAT PARTICULAR PUNISHMENT TO STOP THE CRIMES OF VIOLENCE WHICH HAVE EVIDENTLY GONE DOWN SINCE THE DATE."

59 ft

S.V. BILL SYMON AND MR. BUTLER. BILL SYMON ASKS:

"DO YOU INTEND TO INCREASE THE POLICE FORCE?"

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C.U. MR. BUTLER. BILL SYMON OFF SCREEN ASKS "

"SIR, DO YOU INTEND TO INCREASE THE POLICE FORCE?"

MR. BUTLER REPLIES:

"WELL, THE INTERESTING THING IS THAT WE HAVE MORE POLICE THAN WE'VE EVER HAD BEFORE. THAT IS TAKING ALL THE ~~FREE~~ FORCES IN THE COUNTRY. I AM RESPONSIBLE MYSELF FOR THE METROPOLITAN FORCE DIRECTLY AND THERE WE ARE RATHER SHORT, IT IS IN THE BIG CITIES WE'RE MOST SHORT. WE ARE GETTING MORE RECHUITS AND OF COURSE ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ I SHOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE STILL, BUT I THINK IT'S EVEN MORE IMPORTANT TO ~~MAKE~~ MAKE MOST USE OF THE FORCES WE HAVE. I'VE NEVER KNOWN THEM MORE EFFICIENCE THAN THEY ARE NOW. WE HAVE ALL THESE UP-TO-DATE METHODS, SCIENTIFIC METHODS AND THEY'RE HAVING A VERY BIG EFFECT ON CATCHING CRIMINALS AND I THINK THE MORALE AND SPIRIT OF THE POLICE IS VERY GOOD. WHAT I THINK WE NEED IS TO GIVE THE POLICE EVERY ENCOURAGEMENT. NOW SOME PEOPLE SAY THAT THERE ARE TOO MANY ON TRAFFIC DUTIES BUT IN FACT WE HAVE ANALYSED THAT AND I DON'T THINK THERE ARE. YOU SEE THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN FACT ACCOUNT FOR MORE LOSS OF LIFE THAN ANY THING EVEN THE CRIMINALS DO, SO WE MUST KEEP A BALANCE BETWEEN THE TWO."

"WHAT WE ARE DOING IS TO REVIEW THE WHOLE DUTIES OF THE POLICE AND TRY AND PUT THEM WHERE THEY ARE MOST NEEDED, REMEMBERING I ONLY AM RESPONSIBLE FOR THE METROPOLIS. ANYTHING I DO WITH THE OTHER FORCES, OTHER PARTS OF ENGLAND, I MUST DO SIMPLY BY UNDERSTANDING WITH THE AUTHORITIES WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM."

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C.U. MR. BUTLER, HE GOES ON TO SAY:

"YOU REMEMBER WHEN THE QUEEN READ THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE SHE SAID THAT HER MINISTERS WOULD INTRODUCE MEASURES TO DEAL WITH THE INCREASE IN CRIME. WELL I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW SERIOUSLY I TAKE THAT AS HOME SECRETARY AND THE MINISTER CHIEFLY RESPONSIBLE FOR LAW AND ORDER. I KNOW ABOUT ALL THESE INCIDENTS, I KNOW ABOUT THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE GETTING OUT OF HAND AND I PROPOSE BEFORE CHRISTMAS TO INTRODUCE A VARIETY OF PROPOSALS WHICH I HAVE ALREADY TOLD THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THE OUTLINE AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW, AND I'D LIKE OTHER PEOPLE TO KNOW THAT I DON'T PROPOSE TO LEAVE ANYTHING UNDONE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE MAKE THIS ~~SIX~~ SITUATION BETTER WITH THE AID OF ALL THE AUTHORITIES, ALL MODERN METHODS AND THE AID OF THE POLICE."

67 ft

C.U. BILL SYMON WHO ASKS:

"SIR, WHY ARE YOU AGAINST FLOGGING PEOPLE WHO ROB WITH ~~VIOLENCE~~ VIOLENCE?"

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ROBBERIES ALARM GOVERNMENT

Spate of cash-and-grab and currency snatches results in new anti-crime measures.

From two concealed camera positions, one shooting through back of car, the other if possible elevated, the following shots are taken:

1 Exterior: Midland Bank, Spitafields. Two men leave bank with large bag, which is attached by a chain to the wrist of one of them. They hail a taxi, which is just slowly cruising by. They give address and get in.

It happened one day. Things more or less like it happen on many days.

Bank clerk and messenger were taking £16,000 to the head office.

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The above action is taken in one shot by both cameramen. This provides for cross cutting and a look of actuality. The people passing by don't know any films are being taken. It is done in one take: no repeats.

Every week - same time, same day - they made the journey. Always by taxi.

The first taxi that came along. They never had to wait more than seconds.

This time there was no waiting at all.

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✓ Interior taxi as it travels. The two men in back seat.

3 Full C.U. showing that bag with money is chained to wrist of messenger.

4 Interior taxi. Men lean over slightly as taxi turns into side road. The leaning over must not be too pronounced, as the scene visible through back window will show that taxi is turning.

It was only a fifteen-minute run to the head office. As a precaution against the bag being snatched it was chained to the messenger's wrist.

Men register small surprise at change of direction.

One of them says (for subsequent dubbing) "Where's he going?"

5 Exterior: Back street. Taxi is seen in distance turning into this street

Out of the traffic into a quiet back street.

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6 Exterior: Yard of a disused factory shooting towards gates leading to the street. Two men, masked with nylon stockings over their faces open the gates. Taxi swings into yard.

Out of the street into the yard of a disused old factory.

A perfect ambush. The taxi was stolen. The whole thing perfectly planned. The swag. £16,000

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7 Exterior: Street, facing gates, which are quickly closed.

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8 Straight out quick shots of newspaper headlines, read in commentary as each one appears: eg.

TAXI BANDITS STEAL £16,000
WIFE REMANDED ON BANK RAID CHARGE
BANK GANT GET £20,000
MAIL GANG IN £10,000 LONDON RAID
MAN SHOT IN LONDON BANK HOLD UP
● OSH GANG TIE THREE IN LONDON RAID.
etc., etc.

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9 M.L.S. Midland Bank, Stoke Newington High Street

10 M.L.S. Rear of this Bank

11 M.S. Door of yard through which thieves brought safe-breaking apparatus.

12 C.U. Window which had bars cut away

From the Mid. Bank S. Newington High St. thieves stole £20,000, in a most scientifically carried out robbery. They took oxy-acetylene apparatus through a builders at the back, and entered the bank by cutting the bars from a window.

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- 13 Detail Shot: Street Sign: EUSTON ROAD
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- 14 M.L.S. Ironmongers in Euston Road
- 15 M.C.U. Bolt Cutters of type used in above robbery
- 16 M.C.U. Shot assistant who sold cutters to one of the thieves.
- 17 M.L.S. Shooting from angle of Ironmongers. Car in mid-distance drives away.

At a Euston Road ironmongers, shortly before that robbery, a man bought some large bolt cutters. As he seemed uncertain of the kind he wanted, and wasn't the type of man who uses that sort of thing, the shop assistant was suspicious. He noted the number of the man's car.

When he read about the robbery he told the police: information that led to an arrest and the recovery of some of the money.

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- 18 Quick straight cut L.S.s of various locations of wage and bank robberies.
- 19 Library shots of some of inventions.

Several banks have been the centre of these modern robbery raids. Several firms have had their wage-money stolen, between bank and factory. Some ingenious inventions would make it almost impossible for a smash-and-grab man to get away with the money or to escape capture on the spot. Meanwhile, hardly a week goes by without a sensational robbery.

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- 20 M.C.U. A man on a stretcher
- 21 M.S. Ambulance men lift stretcher and put it into ambulance.
- 22 M.S. Another angle. Ambulance closes and drives away. In doing it reveals some spectators.

One disturbing feature of all this is how little one hears of the men and women who are coshed and in other ways injured by the thieves. Sometimes seriously injured.

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Woman: Suppose he'd been your husband?

- 23 M.C.U. Two women talking to each other.

Woman2: There's only one way to stop it: give them the cat. If they knew that was in store for them they'd think twice before they coshed anybody.

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24 L.S. Whitehall L112

25 M.S. Butler at desk

26 C.U. Butler interviewed.

In the clam of Whitehall that view finds no favour. At the recent Con. Conference Mr. Butler said that to bring back flogging would be putting the clock back a hundred years.

He says something to the effect that the government is taking steps to increase the police force. More men on the beat is one of the chief preventives of crime.

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27 Shots from Everthorpe Borstal L113

Perhaps some revision of the Borstal training system will make the young offender realise that crime doesn't pay. But that's a long term plan. How can we stop the cosh-and-snatch thugs NOW?

28 C.U. A man in a street

29 M.S. The man. The "voice" enters shot. It is W. Symon.

MAN: You expect miracles?

Voice: (Off) Who are you?

Man: I'm ex-Inspe. Capstick

30 Interview proceeds. On lines to be agreed with C.

For example he may mention possibility of paying wages by cheque, recruiting more police, new law to increase considerably the prison term for violence-crimes.