

SMOKE FOILS BANDITS!

The bag to beat the bandits may soon be used by most firms handling big money for wages, or for paying in to the bank. Chemicals in a container can be made active by an electric current, automatically switched on if the bag is snatched. Safety pin removed, it only remains for the case to be strapped to the cashier's wrist. Then if the would-be get-rich-quickers grab the bag, the cord tightens, the current is switched on. If the chemicals do all they're expected to, the bandits are in for the surprise of their lives. The key's left behind; the bank has a duplicate. And one of the advantages of the idea is that the cashier doesn't need an escort. Now for a demonstration.

On the face of it the cashier looks a sitting duck to the sinister thieves now waiting to pounce. No real ones volunteered, so Test cricketers Geoffrey Evans and Bill Edrich, plays a new role. The red vapour draws far too much notice for any bandit's liking. It stains their clothing, and it also dyes the money. So even if they got away with any notes, they couldn't spend them!