

Armored Truck Hijacked on Canal Street

\$500,000 Hub Brinks Holdup

OYSTER HOUSE DINERS UNAWARE

Customers at the Union Oyster House enjoyed Saturday fish dinners unaware that a spectacular robbery was under way directly across the street.

The restaurant's cashier, Mrs. Lorraine O'Malley, who sits near the window that looks out on the robbery scene, told The Globe she did not hear about the holdup until newspapers from New York and Washington began calling.

Waitresses said they heard about the robbery over the radio.

Patrons of nearby taverns and saloons were likewise oblivious of the holdup.



POLICE EXAMINE BRINK'S TRUCK AFTER ROBBERY (Bill Murphy Photo)

Machine Gun Pair Robs Messenger

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A Brink's armored truck was robbed of an estimated \$500,000 at 6:30 p.m. yesterday on Canal Street, North End, after two ski-masked bandits armed with machine guns kidnaped a messenger and drove away in the truck.

No one was injured.

The robbery took place in front of the Union Oyster House, 122 Canal st., only four blocks from the historic 1950 Brink's holdup scene.

The robbers drove the truck to the rear of the Dept. of Public Works building on Nashua Street, about half a mile away, where they emptied the contents into a station wagon driven by a third man.

According to first reports, two guards were out of the truck, and a messenger, Richard Haines, 43, of 797 Livingston st., Tewksbury, remained in the front passenger seat.

Haines told police a man wearing a black ski mask opened the driver's door with a key and confronted him with a machine gun.

A second man, also armed with a machine gun, entered from the passenger side and disarmed Haines. The robbers pulled Haines' hat down over his eyes and told him to keep quiet "or we'll blow your head off."

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