

# Explosion in Chicago Rips Statue of a Policeman

**Haymarket Monument Ruined for Second Time in a Year—Weatherman Call Reported**

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CHICAGO, Oct. 5—An explosion ripped apart the statue of a policeman on Haymarket Square early this morning, a day less than a year after the monument had been blown up on the eve of the Weatherman demonstrations here.

Moments after the blast, a caller identifying himself as "Mr. Weatherman" telephoned The Chicago Tribune and said the revolutionary group had bombed the rebuilt monument to seven policemen who died in the 1886 Haymarket riot, the newspaper reported.

"We just blew up the Haymarket Square statue for the second time in a row to show our allegiance to our brothers in the New York prisons and our black brothers everywhere," the caller was quoted as saying. "This is another phase of our revolution to overthrow our racist and fascist society. Power to the people."

A similar message was telephoned to United Press International, the news agency said.

The blast, at about 1:15 A.M., blew both legs from the statue, hurling one about 75 feet away and the other about 50 feet, and shattered dozens of windows in the area. The police said the explosion was heard four miles away.

## 'High Velocity Explosive'

Detective Arthur Nolan, of the Bomb and Arson Squad, said that a "high velocity explosive," probably a dynamite charge, had been placed near the base of the statue.

Mayor Richard J. Daley vowed this afternoon, "We're going to rebuild the statue again right where it is."

"Again we were subject to a senseless and vicious attack on the entire community," the Mayor said, calling the bombing a "dastardly act" by "evil creatures who work in the night."

At a news conference called to discuss the bombing, Mr. Daley declared: "I don't frighten from such acts of violence."

The bronze statue portrayed a policeman in the uniform of the 1880's with one hand upraised. The inscription on the base reads: "In the name of the people of Illinois I command peace."

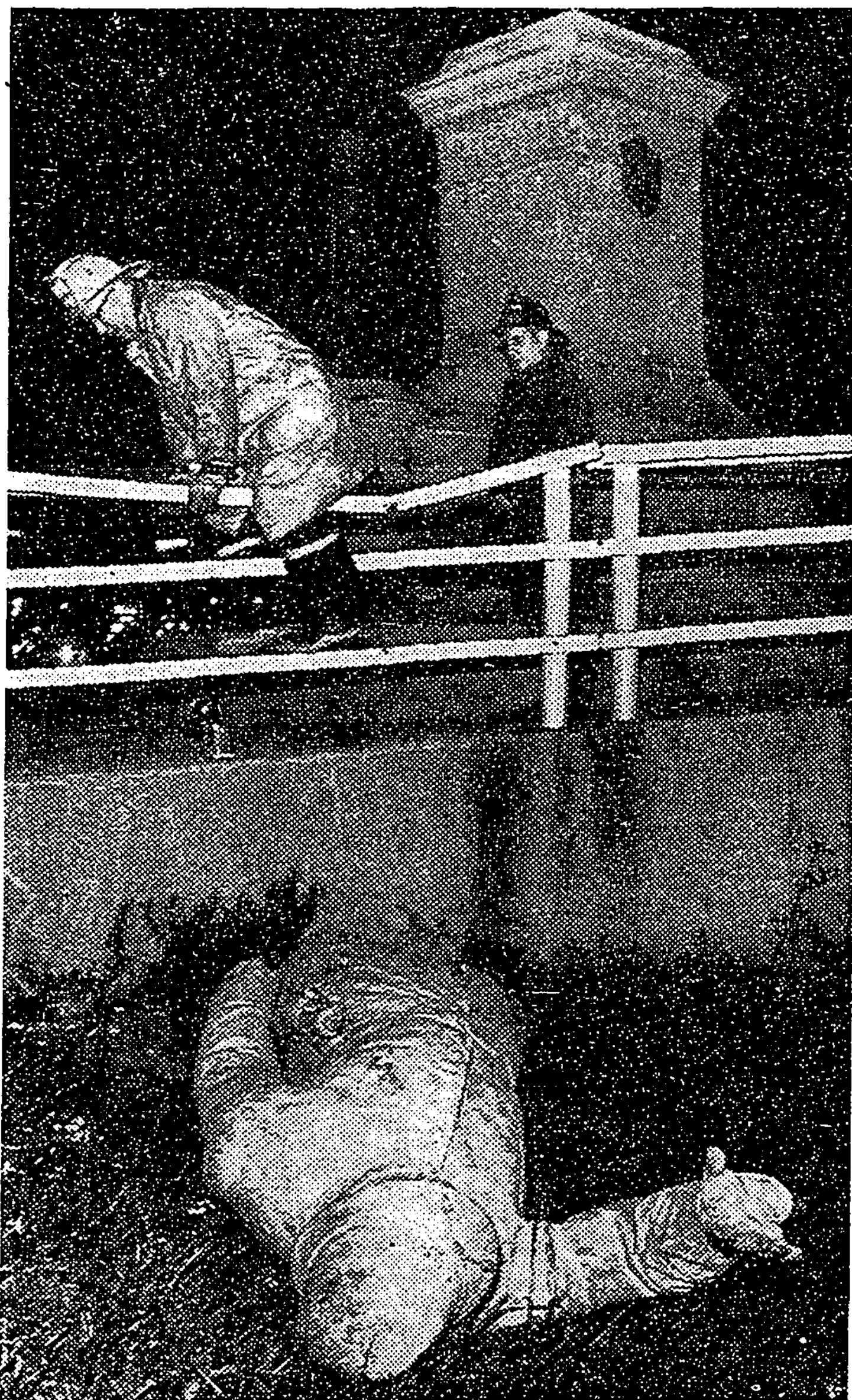
The statue was erected in 1887 to honor seven policemen killed when a black-powder bomb exploded in their midst as they broke up a labor rally on Haymarket Square on May 4, 1886.

Although a plaque on the base says the policemen were "martyred" in an "anarchist riot," historians have not been able to discover who actually threw the bomb when the police moved in force to disperse a small and rapidly dwindling gathering.

The Haymarket riot occurred during a time of heated labor strife, with more than 58,000 workers on strike for an eight-hour day, and of radical ferment, particularly among the city's German immigrant population.

In the uproar after the Haymarket riot, known anarchists and syndicalists were rounded up and eight were swiftly brought to trial and sentenced to death because of their writings and speeches.

Four were hanged, one committed suicide in his cell and the others were later pardoned and freed by Gov. John Peter Altgeld.



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Chicago firemen approaching the statue of policeman in Haymarket Square after it was blasted early yesterday.