



LEAPS OF THOUGHT

Historical Media Coverage

A FORTNIGHT AGO

retired Chicago detective Jim Jack made a pilgrimage to two local cemeteries, where headstones have marked the graves of Anton Schuessler Jr., John Schuessler and Robert Peterson (below, left to right) for exactly half a century. The boys' deaths in October 1955 changed Chicago child-rearing practices forever and presaged the era of Amber Alerts and milk carton photos. Before the three were slain at the hands of stableman Kenneth Hansen, who evaded justice for 47 years, parents



let their kids roam the city's streets without fear, an innocence that ended suddenly with a collective shudder. Jack worked the case, is writing a book about it and stays in touch with remaining family members. "This case never lets you go," he says. "But there is closure."

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