

The Attorney General

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REPUBLIC OF NEW AFRICA
RACIAL MATTERS

- 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. A. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
- 1 - [Redacted]
- 1 - Mr. G. T. Tunstall

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In connection with the recent killing of a Detroit, Michigan, police officer by members of the Republic of New Africa (RNA), a black extremist, separatist organization, I thought the following information would be of interest to you. It was provided by sources of this Bureau and by contacts at the Detroit Police Department.

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The March 29, 1969, evening session of the RNA National Convention was held at the New Bethel Baptist Church in Detroit. At approximately 11:40 P.M., shortly after this session had adjourned, two Detroit police officers attempted to disperse a group of Negroes congregated in the vicinity of the church. As the officers walked toward the group, rifle fire struck both officers killing one and critically wounding the other. Additional police officers arrived on the scene and forced their way into the church after a gun battle.

Five individuals inside the church were injured and required hospitalization. One hundred fifty-five persons were arrested in connection with this matter and police confiscated three shotguns, one rifle, and one .32 caliber handgun found inside the church.

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An informant has advised that some of the individuals congregated in front of the church possessed rifles and identified the following RNA members as those who participated

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in the shooting of the police officers: [redacted] (believed to be [redacted] (believed to be [redacted] and one [redacted] who has been identified as [redacted]. In addition, this same informant identified RNA members [redacted] (believed to be [redacted] and [redacted] as being participants in the shooting from inside the church. These individuals stopped shooting when police officers entered the church and thereafter dropped their weapons and mingled with the crowd. The above information was furnished to the Detroit Police Department.

All but two of the one hundred fifty-five persons arrested in connection with this matter were discharged on March 30, 1969, by Recorder's Court Judge George W. Crockett, who stated their civil rights had been violated as they had not been provided with legal representation. The two individuals who were held are [redacted] from New York, New York, who was charged with "carrying a concealed weapon - possession of gas ejection device," and [redacted] from Compton, California, who was charged with "carrying a concealed weapon - assault with intent to murder." Prosecutor William Cahalan, who was cited for contempt of court by Judge Crockett when Cahalan objected to the release of suspects before police officers could interview them thoroughly, reportedly will ask for a Federal Grand Jury investigation in this matter.

George W. Crockett has been in close contact with officials of the Communist Party, USA (CP), and defended Carl Winter, CP leader, during the trial of the eleven national CP leaders in New York. He also served as legal aide for the CP and CP front groups. On October 14, 1949, he was found guilty of contempt of court in the U. S. District Court, Southern District of New York, in connection with the above-mentioned Smith Act trial for which he received and served four months' imprisonment.

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The racial situation in both the black and white communities of Detroit has deteriorated and is very tense because of the action taken by Judge Crockett. Our sources are of the opinion that violence involving confrontations between black extremists and white protestors could erupt.

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NOTE:

Classified "Confidential" in view of the fact information reported herein was received from confidential informants of continuing value the disclosure of which could be detrimental to the internal security of this country.

See memorandum G. C. Moore to W. C. Sullivan, dated 4/3/69, captioned as above prepared by GTT:lk.