

WHERE IS THE FAULT?

Racial News Gap Led to Problems

By CAROL SCHMIDT

It is becoming a cliché that race fear, not race hate, is behind Detroit's problems and the reaction to last week's sporadic outbreaks proved that race fear, caused by ignorance, abounds in Detroit. The fault lies partly with the white press. Not with the reporting of the incidents themselves, but in the paucity of in-depth articles which could have given the white population some understanding ahead of time of the problems.

An article, "The Racial News Gap" in the Aug. 13 Saturday Review, spells out the problem. Author Alfred Balk notes:

"Because of the little-comprehended size of the (black) populace and the depth of its problems, not only the future of our great central cities but of the republic itself may be determined. But the overwhelming majority of Americans—prosperous, comfortable, suburban-oriented—have no real conception of what life in the slums is like. Since most traverse the inner city via expressway, few have occasion even to drive through the most abysmally degraded areas."

It is not just a Detroit problem. The Los Angeles Times won a Pulitzer prize for its reporting on Watts—after the riot. And the Detroit papers are not the worst offenders. They have occasional good pieces, such as a Free Press series on the poverty program and the News condensation of Crisis in Black and White.

But there have been the pieces describing the inner Boulevard areas as a jungle, the Third street area near the Chronicle office as evil—articles which are down-right insulting to inhabitants of these neighborhoods and misleading to their readers.

Where have been the regular pieces, part of the daily news flow, not segregated as special "black" pieces, on Negro organizations, weddings, births, deaths? Where have been the stories of the Negro janitors who have sent four children through college by extraordinary determination, the ADC mothers who have raised wholesome, healthy, moral children in spite of devastating family circumstances which caused them to have been on welfare, the stories on upper-class groups such as the El Dorado boat club which recently treated Brewster-Douglass children to boat rides?

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This Is an Indictment Of the Mayor, Police, CCR, TAP and Society

(An Editorial)

This is an indictment. Breast-beating and finger-pointing—afterward are part of the pattern that is emerging as more and more cities experience racial outbreaks. But in Detroit the pattern is different.

Officials were fully aware ahead of time of conditions that led to incidents on the Eastside last week. But they chose to ignore them, justifying they are choosing to ignore the real problems now, looking for a scapegoat in the Afro-American Unity Movement rather than examining the real problems which cause a group like the AAUM to exist.

The background of the AAUM goes back to 1963, with Barry Kalish successfully organizing for the first time, youth of the area. The Barbours School Community Movement for Equality was the forerunner of the Adult Community Movement for Equality, (ACME), which has been replaced in recent reorganization with the Afro-American Unity Movement and its branch, the Afro-American Youth Movement.

All the groups are the outgrowth of organizational attempts by the national Northern Student Movement, under Frank Joyce in Detroit. Alvin Harrison, now AAUM coordinator and project director of NSM, was an organizer sent in from New York.

Joyce, as part of the evolving role of whites in the movement, has shifted his talents to PAR, People Against Racism, a suburban white group that gives financial support to NSM's groups and educates its own members in civil rights.

And Barry Kalish, because he used methods society didn't approve of to get attention of a society which didn't approve of his community either, was treated as a criminal, a pattern which has been followed in dealing with all of the groups and officials who followed him on the Eastside and really reached the people.

Kalish, like Harrison, became the criminal as a scapegoat, while the responsible parties, the police department, the city officials, the school system, all the people in society who had caused the feelings of desperation to build up on the Eastside, went unpunished.

Harrison makes a good point elsewhere on this page. In the South the power structure blames "outside agitators" and "communists" for causing "trouble," and northerners laugh. They don't laugh when the exact same thing with a northern touch happens here.

The Eastside didn't need Harrison to tell them they were being taunted and brutalized by the police. The documented cases, such as last year's Sabra shooting, have been reported fully in the Chronicle, and are clipped neatly into the police and Community Relations Commission files, but have not been acted upon to the community's satisfaction.

How can we condone Molotov cocktails? But the closer you are to facing the day to day humiliations of police who won't let you stand on your own corners when there is nowhere else to go, of shopkeepers who call you "boy," of teachers who read newspapers in class because they think you're too dumb to learn because you're black, the closer you feel to the boy who heaves one.

And, black or white, the farther away you are from such a situation as exists on Kercheval, the more indignant you become at "agitators."

The real criminals are not the four youths who are accused of "inciting a riot," but the Mayor, the CCR, the Police, exploiting shopkeepers, biased teachers, the white papers which did not tell it like it was to the white community the poverty program officials who didn't set up a program in the Kercheval area, which they acknowledge as one of the worst in the city and who established the nearest community action center miles from there, and members of the Negro community who want no part of their brothers' jammed into the ghetto.

The city rests peacefully tonight. The "agitators" are caught, and Detroit can go back to its "excellent race relations." Or can it?

Read the stories in this issue of the people on the street, who were hoping a full-scale riot would break out so we can raise enough hell so they'll change things, who hate the police and explain why, who "dig" Al Harrison. They don't dig anybody else. Who else really tried to dig them and listen to them?

Arresting Al Harrison hasn't solved anything. The ghetto has learned from the experience and is a bitter that their point didn't get across this time—or did it? If not, what will it take?

Gas Poisoning Fells Eight in Family

Voting Begins
This Week for
"Cinderella Baby"
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NEGRO LEADERS TO MEET

Meet to Outline Program for Eastside Area

FAMILY OF NINE

Fumes Are Third Tragedy to Hit

The family of Jerry and Mary Harrell of 3720 Rivard has been in Detroit eight weeks. In that period of time, they have suffered three major tragedies.

Jerry Harrell, 38, has been unable to find steady work. He has been working three to four days a week on construction.

He brings home approximately \$50 per week. In the latter part of June, just after the family had moved from Clairmont, Fla., one of the daughters was struck by a taxi. And then there were smaller incidents, like finding a place to live, getting furniture and so on.

Then last week, all seven of the children and the mother were struck with a strange illness. It was first believed to be food poisoning, but subsequent investigation revealed that it was fumes from a gas leak.

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Lansing's Youngsters Curb Riots

LANSING — Lack of jobs and adequate recreational facilities were cited as major reasons for the unrest among Negro youths here as community leaders began moving to meet these pressing needs following two nights of terror here last weekend.

Ironically the young people of this community, both Negro and white, received credit for playing a major role in restoring a degree of peace after the rioting which brought national attention to Michigan's capital city.

As officials of social and community agencies moved to seek ways and means of meeting the admitted problems, a meeting arranged by five boys and a girl was held Thursday night at West Junior High school with some 150 young Negroes and several white teens in attendance.

Many parents, interested adults and some clergymen were on hand to observe.

The committee of youngsters, LaVonne Adams, Gary Dabney, Melvin Smith, Alvin Maak, Robert Nicholson and Wayne Wood, had called the meeting to inform the boys and girls of the plans that had been offered for improved recreational facilities and opening job opportunities.

"The violence is over now, let's meet people half way and get down to the work of doing something constructive," Wood told the audience. His remark was greeted with loud applause.

James Shute, director of the local office of Economic Opportunity, announced that he expected to get a \$30,000 federal grant to establish a pilot program of three neighborhood "nerve centers" to help the youngsters find jobs and coordinate recreation facilities.

"You do not have to riot to get federal funds, and this is not a reward for the violence or mob disorder which have occurred here," Shute asserted.

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DR. MORTON SPEAKS

NANM Convention Opens Here Sunday

By ELLIOT HARVIN

A radical shift has taken place in man's outlook on humanity, said Dr. Charles E. Morton, principal speaker Sunday at the opening of the 43rd annual convention of the National Association of Negro Musicians on the Wayne State university campus.

"We've moved away from that sense of alienation philosophers of the '40s and '50s felt. They focused on the personal, inner world where there was no political and social reality. The feeling that we are not at home in the world had penetrated our liberal optimism."

"Now we see a passing away of that era of hollow liberalism," Morton asserted.



THE FAMILY OF Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Harrell, 3720 Rivard, were victims of gas poisoning last week when a defective water heater caused them all to be taken to Detroit General hospital.

Shown, from left to right, are Gloria, 12; Vanessa, 9; Geraldine, 8; Reginald, 5; Grace, 6. Mrs. Harrell holds Pamela, 4, and Harrell holds seven-month old Randy.

AFRO-AMERICAN UNITY MOVEMENT:

"Just Wait Till Two Weeks—Burn, Baby"



JAMES ROBERTS

By CAROL SCHMIDT and JIMMY TINKER

Al Harrison, coordinator of the Afro-American Youth Movement, sat in the office at 9211 Kercheval, and said, "If the police think they can stop this thing by keeping tabs on me, they've got another thing coming."

A scout car was parked in front of the storefront office that has boards on the windows up higher than eye level, another car was parked across the street and another was around the corner.

The Tactical Mobile Unit cars that paraded by in two down three slowed in front of the office, scanning the faces of the youths who came into the office in twos and threes as a sundown approached, some to talk with Harrison, then leave.

Harrison said he was insulted by the statements that blamed the incidents on him. "Everytime something goes wrong down South, they blame it on 'outside agitators.' Up North they blame it on communists. Here they're blaming it on me. This thing is a lot deeper than that. We laugh at them down South looking for a scapegoat, then turn around here and do the same thing."

Well, they'll probably say Bob Williams has something to do with it. He glanced up at the wall at a picture of Robert Williams, the former North Carolinian who fled to Cuba and is now in

Communist China. Malcolm X's picture was next to it. Notices about a Negro Judo club were on another wall, along with clippings about Watts, Selma, Chicago.

"This is a national thing. It lies in with Bob McNamara talking on TV about Vietnam. The police and 'leaders' aren't trying to find the solutions out here, they're not out to protect us. The man is out to keep the niggers in the reservation."

"Power yields only to power. That's the key. These people aren't looting, stealing 90 cent wine. They're revolting against the system. It's just coincidental that the Negro revolt just got to Detroit."

The most significant thing

that's happening out there is that these kids who were taught all their lives to fear those crackers can now stand up with a rock and say, 'I'm sick of this.' Things will never be the same again."

One of the youths listening interrupted. "It's not just the police. It's the overbearing, the insults from Whites. And that TNU. They call it for 'crime control.' Hell, it's a riot squad, a Gestapo, the storm troopers. You don't need a riot force if every thing is really as good as they're saying."

A phone call came in then, saying, "I've been calling all day and when I catch that — Harrison — The

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Demand "Crash" Program

A crash program to meet emergency needs in Detroit's ghetto areas and a long range program to meet problems of housing, recreation, police-community relations and employment were outlined by a group of Negro leaders who met Monday afternoon in face of recent outbreaks that increased racial tensions here.

The meeting of a number of well-known Negro leaders climaxed a series of meetings including one of residents of the Eastside called by Congressman Charles C. Diggs Jr. and State Senator Coleman Young, which met Friday, one called by Congressman John Conyers Jr. Saturday, and one held with Mayor Jerome Cavanagh.

Out of the meeting Monday came the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee for Community Peace which plans to meet with Mayor Cavanagh Thursday and request certain action.

Major concern and of paramount importance was action that would bring about a change in attitude on the part of the police in the community. Necessary alleviation of Negro citizens' attitude toward police was considered of major importance.

State Senator Coleman Young stated that he felt that major changes should be made in command positions in precincts "predominantly Negro."

The Rev. Charles Butler, whose church, New Calvary Baptist, is located in the heart of the troubled Eastside, said that from his talks with people in the community it is generally felt that "the major provocateurs" are the police and the "attitude of the police has changed since the primary election."

This opinion was supported by Ernest Brown, assistant employment manager of the Michigan Consolidated Gas company, who resides in the Eastside area.

A call was made for a factual study of the Eastside problems by Atty William

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WORKMEN SHOVEL out the remains of the front end of Deluxe

Drugs, burned out by a Molotov cocktail Wednesday night.

A Sullen, Damp Thursday—Spent "Waiting for the Riot"



"REPORTERS NEVER give whites' side of the story," claimed a woman who wouldn't give her name because she was afraid. "Then my house would be next," to reporter Carol Schmidt.



YOUTHS GATHER as dusk approaches on the tense corner of Kercheval and Parkview Thursday

Night, four police cars pass the block at one time, one of them a heavily armed Tactical Mobile Unit car.



"WHO KNOWS what will happen next?" wonders Miss Peggy Molloy, clerk at Deluxe Drugs, set on fire Wednesday.

"Peace-Makers," Wary Police Watch

By JIMMY TINKER

A Thursday night "waiting for the riot" can be frightening. Convoys of Tactical Mobile Unit cars paraded up and down Kercheval and Mack, sometimes returning the taunts from youths on the streets, just waiting. Traffic was less than usual, weaving its way through the police cars, which got thicker and thicker until 10 p.m. the streets were curbed to curb police, waiting.

The "peace-makers," small groups of ministers and social workers, could have been the spark on more than one occasion. Police stopped them frequently and asked what they were doing. They were allowed to proceed, but a crowd of youths would be watching the interchange from across the street, waiting.

In the headquarters of the Afro-American Youth Movement at 3811 Kercheval, a score of youths waited. Occasionally a youth would enter and huddle in conference with Al Harrison, coordinator of the group, and then leave, only to return in ten minutes.

At times Harrison would try to get them to go home, and in one case a reporter from the daily press called downtown and managed to get a 15 minute reprieve during which they could leave the office and go home without being stopped by police. But many still lingered and waited.

Each time a group went to the front door to taunt police officers, Harrison upbraided them and made them come back inside.

A passer-by snickered, "Hell, they did a much better job in Watts. They can't seem to get this riot off the ground."

None of the officers who patrolled the area wore badges. All wore or carried helmets. Shotguns and riot guns were displayed through windows as the officers rode by, waiting.

Some youths complained that this treatment was part of the problem that Negroes in this section of the city were fighting against. One said, "These whites come through here with their shotguns and the like and we are supposed to be afraid because of their show of power. Hell, they have had this all the time, and it hasn't made any difference. Why should we be scared now?"

"These whites have been running over our parents and grandparent for all these years and we are supposed to take it. Well, it ain't like that no more. We intend to stand up for what we believe in and fight him back."

Midnight came, and the youths realized there would be no riot and began to drift away from the office. Harrison would speak quietly to them and tell them there was no need to antagonize the officers and get hurt needlessly. He admonished them to go to their respective homes.

The youths said they were going home but in half an hour would be found roaming up and down Mack. There was a difference, however. When they were on Kercheval, they were waiting and ready for anything that came. On Mack, they were just teenagers looking for something to do.

Stolen Tickets

Are No Good

Tickets stolen for the Buster-Mathis fight Aug. 29 at Cobo Hall have been voided, warns Kronk Recreation Center. If you buy one from an unregistered seller, the ticket will not admit you to the fight.

Missing tickets are from Section R.1, row D, seats 1 to 14; the entire section of 4 and 17, plus some \$1 general admission tickets, about 400 in all.

"BUILDING UP 10 YEARS"

Youths on the Street Hate, Blame the Police

The police are hated, and blamed as the cause of last week's incidents on Kercheval by the man on the street. Three youths gave this dialog about what lay behind the incidents, as police paraded by, glaring at the news interview, seven Tactical Mobile Unit cars on the block at one moment:

"The police have been f—ing the people too damn long. We're just plain sick of it. Look at that," one pointed to a policeman who stared too long at the group. "If you're just standing on the street, no matter how long you've been there, they run you off. If you're in your car, they tell you to move on. If you drag your eyes, you're wrong."

"Everybody's working around here that wants to work, so that's not the problem. But you get through working and come home and there's nothin' else to do, so you go outside, and they chase you off your own streets."

Was there any special reason why the stores that were the scenes of violence were picked? "Not really—when you're angry, man, you get so mad you don't care who you hit."

"But it was this whittly thing. You see no damage to the stores."

Was the Afro-American Unity Movement behind the violence? "Hell no, this thing's been building up 10 years. But I think they're cool. I dig them."

"If this was normal times, we'd all be arrested by now," one snickered, as more police drove by and stared.

"Every time a Negro gets a new car, they stop you and strip it and search you for dope. You don't have to be pushing dope to have a new car. We all got jobs."

"If you owe for one traffic ticket, they pull you off your job, make you lose \$25 to pay a \$5 ticket. So you get notices, sometimes you just can't get the money then. If some whittly got a ticket, they'd be saying 'please,' but not to us."

customers' boys' out there. Let us control our own neighborhoods.

"It's like South Africa, they expect us to carry identification around all the time. It's like Vietnam. We're not fighting for nothing in Vietnam. The people in Vietnam haven't done nothing to us, why kill them?"

The rains started and the interview switched to a storefront. "Man, I bet Mayor Cavanaugh is glad, him and that bunch of 'leaders' who've been meeting like crazy the past couple days. But they haven't asked none of us to them meetings."

"Look at that bayonet on that cop's gun. Man, I'm buying a 16 gauge with my whole pay Friday." Roberts said as the group prepared to break up and run for better shelter as the wind shifted. "The whole thing is a nutshell is that we're trying to raise enough hell so they'll do something, 'cause they've been f—ing us too damn long."

"Look at them crackers look at us. They got guns, but we got guns too. All we need is for the man to shoot. Hell, while all them cops are out parading around here, what if someone gets killed over on Vernon? I hope to God it breaks out full scale. If I did I'd rather die for something."

"We don't want better recreation, more lights, we just want to be able to have what we're qualified for, to be able to go in and apply for a job and not be turned down in favor of some peckerhead who hasn't got a bunch of traffic tickets on his record like we all do, thanks to them," he glared at another staring policeman.

James Roberts, 24, 1943 Pennsylvania, the first Negro to be arrested, joined the group and gave his solution. "Let Whitley leave our neighborhood. Let him open a liquor store out in Grosse Pointe, where they'll respect him. Bet he won't call his

Murphy Summons's Condition Still Remains Serious

Murphy Summons, 32, of 6158 W. Chicago, former basketball star at Northwestern High, remains in serious condition following heart surgery in Detroit General hospital Aug. 6.

Summons suffered the wound when he was stabbed in a fight when we was attacked by two men outside a bar on W. Warren last Saturday morning.

Two men have been arrested and held on an assault with intent to kill charge.

Last Rites for Mrs. D. Pickens

Last rites were held for Mrs. Dora Pickens Wednesday at the St. Matthews A.M.E. church, with the pastor, the Rev. H. C. Higgins officiating.

Mrs. Pickens died in Detroit General Hospital following a brief illness.

She was a native of Dadeville, Ala., and was the youngest of 12 children born to the late Frances and Ruben Nelson.

Mrs. Pickens was a member of the missionary society and the senior choir of St. Matthews.

Surviving Mrs. Pickens are a son, Tilton of Princeton, W. Va.; a niece, Mrs. Ullie Nelson and four nephews. The White House Funeral Home is in charge.

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Racial News Gap

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Where have been the stories on life in the East-side area around the Chrysler expressway, doomed years ago by "blight by announcement," certainly one of the most discouraging areas in the country? Where have been the stories on the hundreds of Negroes living in the suburbs?

Instead of pictures of these successful, middle-class people almost indistinguishable except for the skin, fitting easily into suburban life, the news stories were "A Negro" moved into Grosse Pointe, that same house, facade, story structure called "A Negro," guaranteed to worsen fears.

It was only later that the press gave "A Negro" a face, that of Gordon Wright, intelligent, educated, quiet, prosperous, respectable Gordon Wright, regional director of the Economic Development Administration.

But nothing is said of the Negroes who have integrated every major suburb around Detroit, which might have lessened the fear of people who are scared to death "A Negro" will move in next to them.

Where have been the stories of police brutality, which certainly exists, which might have given whites some understanding of why many Negroes want to secede from their protectors, why an incident like the Deadywyer killing in Los Angeles could set off Watts III.

Where have been the stories on the interracial communities and apartments and houses that have been successful, on the Fair Housing Lending Service and other groups that have fought real estate pressures because they believe in interracial housing?

Even the religious and community leaders who are not intimately connected with the inner-city but who are sincere on civil rights have this distorted view on what the situation really is. This was clearly evident last week. They were panicky.

The Chronicle got hundreds of calls from people wondering if they dare go home from their businesses. The way rumors spread through the vacuum of ignorance about what was really happening showed only too clearly the lack of knowledge and background about what was going on.

And there were thousands more, we are sure, who didn't bother to call the police or the Chronicle or anybody else to find out if the rumors about rioting on 12th, Marquette, John R. were true. They weren't, but that didn't stop people from panicking them on as the gospel truth.

Maybe the daily papers really believe they don't have space for more coverage. But the editor of *Los Angeles Times* was asked why his magazine devoted so much space to civil rights, and he said, "Because this is the most important domestic issue of our times, and if we ignore it we are not doing our jobs."

A lot of people are not doing their jobs.

Negro Leaders

(Continued from Page 1) Patrick, former member of the Common Council and now assistant general secretary for the Michigan Bell Telephone company.

Dr. Remus Robinson called for an evaluation of the situation and cautioned against the support of lawlessness in any form.

The group was also warned "not to succumb to the slavery of chaos" and it was agreed that the members would make a unified stand in support of a "curfew" law against a long-range program to meet the needs of the community.

Attending the meeting were Joseph Cole, assistant director, Detroit Commission on Community Relations; Wardell Craft, president, Wright Mutual Life Insurance company; Albert Dunmore, managing editor, The Michigan Chronicle; Arthur L. Johnson, deputy director of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission; Atty. Damon Keith, co-chairman, Michigan Civil Rights Commission; Bertram Gregory, exalted ruler, the BPOE of W. Francis Korrey, executive director, Detroit Urban League; Leonard Proctor, member, Board of Assessors, city of Detroit; and Robert J. Lindal, executive secretary, Detroit branch, NAACP.

Others were Horace Sheffield, international representative, UAW; James N. Garrett, president, The Coalition Club; John C. Dancy, former executive director, Detroit Urban League; and Roy Allen, president, Baptist Pastors Union.

Two detectives assigned to the Fourth Precinct were killed in an automobile accident at Livorno and Lafayette Sunday night. Detective William L. Bell, 39, of 15916 Fordham, and Detective Marlyn W. Bateson, 38, of 15977 Ferguson were killed. Both officers were dead on arrival, being pronounced at 10:35 p.m.

Witnesses of the accident said Louis Williams, driver of the other car in the accident, was driving at an excessive rate of speed and ran through a red light at Lafayette as he was driving north on Livorno.

The two detectives were in a scout car crossing Livorno when Williams' Ford convertible crashed into it. The officers' car was struck in the rear. Williams' car had run the red light.

Following the impact, the scout car struck three trees.

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from a defective hot water heater that had caused the illness of the family.

Mrs. Harrell sat on a bed-ridden sofa and told of the frightening incident. "We had all gotten up and eaten breakfast. I was sitting here holding the baby. All of a sudden, the baby was limp. About the time Reginald, 5, staggered from the bedroom into the kitchen. Then Charlene started coughing and complaining of a dizzy head. She fainted out by the TV. She could only say she was dizzy."

"After all the children complained of being ill, I got concerned. I had thought at first they were just playing with me. I called a neighbor and told her my children were sick and she called the police. I didn't get sick until I got to the hospital and then it hit me."

Mrs. Harrell told police that all of the children were complaining of being ill. They transferred the family to Detroit General Hospital, where they were treated and released.

An emergency call brought a crew from Michigan Consolidated Gas Company who advised the family gas water heater was the culprit. The heater was disconnected and the gas line to the house was sealed. The heater was replaced with an automatic type.

The house in a bad state of repair. The bathroom fixtures are not working properly and other plumbing work is going on. There are three bedrooms in the house for a total of nine people. The center room there is a pot-bellied stove of the type used in rural southern schools. The light in the living room hangs from a worm and frayed cord in the ceiling.

Revisiting the situation, Jerry Harrell said, "We come here to find a better kind of life. I had no money. I was making \$4.20 an hour. This was much better than I was doing before. I was working a white and then went for a salary."

"Since I've been here, I've been to the employment agencies, MEA and several other places. I want a better place for my children to grow up. Just a few days ago, a man was killed near door, and down the street, last week, another man was shot and killed."

Harrell, looked around at the gray sky and said, "It rains tomorrow I won't be able to work. Construction. Then I'll go and see about another job and maybe I can find another place to live in another neighborhood."

That was on Sunday, Monday the sun shone.

Abandoned Automobiles Set Afire

Two abandoned cars were burned by a fire set by unknown persons Thursday night, in the rear of 3446 Holcomb.

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mus Robinson, Detroit Board of Education president; Merrill Lennox, of the Metropolitan Detroit Council of Churches; and Robert Lawson and Celeste Cole of WSU's music department.

Choral selections were given by the Robert Harris Singers, Harris conducting with Donald Black at the organ, and Stanley Waldon at the piano.

Later in the evening, the NAM awarded its \$500 piano and voice scholarships, following a six-contestant competition, to Detroit pianist Franchon Young, and to Ellen Jefferson, a Cleveland mezzo soprano.

The NAM convention continued through Friday with a daily series of vocal and instrumental workshops, clinics, tours, and night public concerts. For information call TR 3-2439.

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Riots and One Way to Try to Stop Them

Every time there is an UPRISING (I prefer Uprising to RIOT) ... THE CITY FATHERS call a big meeting of NEGRO LEADERS ... As a preventive measure, after the fact, these leadership meetings don't do much ... At least not as a deterrent to a re-run of the UPRISING!!!

The UPRISING usually ends about like it began ... Sort of spontaneously, because, everybody is either in JAIL, or in the HOSPITAL, or in the CEMETERY.

I contend that these LEADERSHIP MEETINGS are held with NEGRO leaders ... Usually the City Fathers, in panic, call in the ministers, elected officials, politicians and professional people and so on ... And they all sit down and talk about how terrible it is for people to riot in the streets ...

Hardly ever, in my knowledge, is there a LEADER at these meetings who has a tendency himself to engage in an UPRISING ... This is usually a person with a LOT to lose, which is a pretty good deterrent to uprisings, in fact about the best you can get ...

The street rioters are usually in the street, in the first place, because they have NOTHING, and I do mean Nothing, to lose ... No house ... no car! ... no education ... no money! ... NO NOTHING!!!

Street rebels often contend that the police officer inflames them by "whipping heads" ... Yet when these leadership meetings are held, the "beat officer" is absent ... The Police Commissioner is the INSPECTOR, along with these other affluent leaders ...

The commissioner traditionally says he has the utmost faith and confidence in his officers ... He extols their virtues, calling them the finest in the country, and tells how they are there to protect all citizens equally and to enforce the law equally, regardless of RC and C, etc ...

They don't ever bring, well hardly ever, the beat officer to these high-type meetings, to ask him questions or to let him ask questions of these outstanding leaders ... In a way, the beat officer is about as bad off as the rebels because his channels of communication are about as bogged down as theirs ...

So all these leaders come on TV and deplore the riots and make pious speeches about how terrible it is to break the law, and how it is hurting the white movement, and how we are losing our white friends who support our cause and so on and so on ...

Inasmuch as the rioters are not present at these leadership meetings to give their side, the rioting continues the next night according to schedule, because not only are the rebels not invited to their own meeting, but they also do not hear the pious speeches on TV because they are somewhere brewing molotov cocktails from a formula clipped from one of the newspapers ...

I don't think ANYBODY really knows how, why, riots bring, because nobody has ever gone to the trouble of asking the people who start them ... Very often these people are in despair and they want somebody to listen to their story, but they don't get anyone's attention, because everybody is somewhere having a big leadership meeting or making a very erudite speech about how to handle and help and lift up the disadvantaged ...

Only the disadvantaged are NOT invited to these meetings and don't even know how hard a lot of somebodies are working on their problems ...

These disadvantaged and down-trodden citizens who start these cute little neighborhood melees are usually surprised to no end when they see their leader's picture in the newspapers ... Especially when it turns out to be somebody they don't know from nothing ...

All the time they're thinking their leader is "JOE BLOW" with the "Do-Rag" down at the corner pool room ... Since nobody calls in "Joe Blow" with the "Do-Rag" for a leadership meeting, he keeps right on leading "his flock" in his own inimitable way ...

"Joe Blow" and his followers probably do not know how intensely interested everybody is in helping "Our Less Fortunate Brethren" ... "Joe Blow" is so busy with his "Do" and his "Do-Rag", he doesn't know that elections are won and lost ... Huge amounts of money are appropriated by the Congress, new agencies set up, and a lot of people get big jobs and bigger salaries, all because he, "Joe Blow", needs attention ...

"Joe Blow" simply does not know how important he is to the GREAT SOCIETY, which is now in progress, or he would be a good boy and sit and wait quietly for his kindly fellow citizens to come to the poolroom and rescue him ...

"Joe Blow" believes, and in his heart he thinks he is right, that he has been forgotten by everybody, including the Negro leaders ... Usually his only glimpses of his benefactors is when they "whiz" through his "ghetto" on their way to their fine and comfortable homes, complete with recreation rooms, patios and even poolrooms ...

Riding meanwhile in their air-conditioned cars and smoking their expensive cigars ... Fresh from two-hour luncheons with other civie-minded citizens ... Tired from gorging succulent businessmen's luncheons and three double Martinis (each) ...

"Joe Blow" doesn't know that between Martinis a very fine program for his rehabilitation has been implemented (they have to use words like implemented in such groups or they will think you are a square) ... If "Joe Blow" knew all this stuff was happening, he wouldn't go out that same night and start throwing bricks at cars that look like yours ...

It wouldn't hurt SOMEBODY TO TRY ANOTHER TACTIC! ... At the next big leadership meeting, call in "Joe", suffer his "Do" and his "Do-Rag" ... Don't lecture him about what a bad dropout boy he is, and tell him how he is setting back the civil rights movement, because he will probably tell you he couldn't care less ...

Don't give him any big intellectual speech about IMPLEMENTATION and PROMULGATION and INCULCATION ... He may get up and belt you one before the meeting gets off the ground ... Let him do the talking ... Ask him what he thinks about things ... After "Joe Blow" tells his side of the story, he won't hurt to ask him what to do about it ...

Before "Joe" leaves the leadership meeting, steel yourself and shake hands warmly with him (you can always soak your hands in his sweat) ... Now, when "Joe" goes back to his followers, he will feel big, recognized, important, wanted and needed ... and he will probably say to his peers: "Now look here all these cats, then people wants us to help them, they just told me so ... And they all shook hands with me and asked me to ask you to help them ..."



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Marine Sees Action In Vietnam

(An Editorial)

VIETNAM—Marine Lance Corporal James E. Mosely, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Mosely of 7567 Richmond, Detroit, is serving in Vietnam with "F" Company of the Second Battalion, Fourth Marine Regiment of the Third Marine Division.

During the last five months the battalion has participated in eight major operations including Operation Jay which netted more than 400 Viet Cong, killed, wounded, or captured.

His battalion's primary mission is to meet and capture or destroy the enemy by weapons fire, maneuver, or shock action.

The Negro leadership regards Williams as the father of the Democratic Party in Michigan. It was largely to the outpouring of the black vote that G. Mennen Williams owed his long stay in the governorship. He has been outspoken in defending the rights of the Negro people to the full measure of citizenship. He didn't limit his liberalism to mere speeches. He sponsored scores of proposals specifically intended to improve the lot of the Negroes of the state.

As governor, Williams appeared in person more than once before the Michigan legislature appealing for economic and social justice for the citizens whom the state had neglected on account of their racial identity.

It was largely because of his record as a crusader for the rights of the black minority that the late President Kennedy made Williams assistant secretary of state for African affairs. The Ex-Michigan governor brought tact, understanding and brilliant insight to a role that had therefore been entrusted to misguided hands.

If past record is any index to the character of future performance, G. Mennen Williams cannot fail to give a good account of himself once he becomes a senator. We have no doubt but that he would join his voice to the voices of the progressive forces battling for human rights and justice and equality in the world's greatest legislative forum—the U.S. Senate.

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"LED IN WRONG DIRECTION"

J. H. Jackson Sees Riots As Major Threat to U.S.

OKLAHOMA CITY — The most serious threat to the peace and security of the nation today is the current wave of riots, according to Dr. J. H. Jackson of Chicago, president of the National Baptist Convention, the nation's largest organized body of Negroes.

Speaking last Thursday before some 2,000 members of the National Beauty Culture League at the Sheraton-Oklahoma Hotel in Oklahoma City, the Baptist clergyman also stated that the American Negro should not be made the goat for the error that is taking place in the nation.

Negroes have been misused and abused by white groups as well as their own people, and some Negroes have "led our people in the wrong direction," he said.

"The great majority of Negroes in this country are not committed to violence and they will remain loyal unless their patriotic faith is destroyed by trusted leaders."

Dr. Jackson pointed out that many factors are responsible for present tensions and race riots, and listed them as:

(1) A growing distrust of law and order; (2) the continuing evils of degradation and discrimination; (3) the teaching of despair; (4) the condoning by public officials of rising based on the economic, mental and moral predicament of the persons involved and (5) the involvement of people dedicated to the overthrow of the nation.

Civil disobedience has taught many young people to disobey the law and disrespect law enforcement officers, said the minister. Civil disobedience, although dressed up and refined as non-violence, will influence and lead people to disrespect the law and out of this can be expected mob thinking and action.

Because of segregation and discrimination, many people caught in the pit of poverty

and ignorance have had their minds led into a spirit of revolt and resentment, he continued.

He called those who have made an "idol god" out of segregation, "teachers of despair." These teachers of the blame for the present tensions," he said.

The Chicago minister commended the Vice President Humphrey's recent speech in New Orleans declared that the Vice President had blundered in "condoning riots."

"To me his speech was a political gesture beneath the dignity and standing of a high office of this country. He does my people a great disservice when he condones riots and encourages law breaking when he subjects moral decisions to the level of economic and social privation."

Stinging out those who are dedicated to the overthrow of this nation he said these people are using every opportunity to play one group against the other and keep class wars, colored and class wars, going among all groups and sections of the nation.

"Study of the riots from Watts until now reveal that they follow a pattern designed to disrupt, weaken and destroy the American way of life," he said.

(1) Civil rights should not be dealt with in a piecemeal fashion. Congress should not get a new bill every year in order to gamble with the support and voting strength of the Negro people.

It does not make sense for Americans to parcel out, bit by bit, the civil rights to Negro people," he said.

(2) Just laws should be enforced and public officials and law enforcement officers must take a firm stand against all forms of lawlessness.

"Political office should not be used to protect, encourage and lead acts of civil disobedience and civil disobedience must not be legalized and become an American way for correcting the ills of our country," he said.

(3) Individuals and groups who break the law should be apprehended and punished.

Referring to an often used statement, "Negroes will hurt their own cause by certain acts," he stated, "These Negroes who commit illegal acts must be blamed, penalized and reminded that the cause is not the Negroes alone but all Americans."

(4) There should be no special privilege which permits klanism to wear hoods, white citizens' councils to write laws of prejudice and Negro civil rights leaders to break the law.

(5) More citizens' committees to work together for freedom and civil rights should be formed in every community.

Concerning use of the news media by those involved in civil rights activities, Dr. Jackson said, "Citizens who advocate the American way of life should be as vocal in the news media as those who 'curse the nation'."

In conclusion, he warned to beware of those so-called Americans who in the interest of healing a hurt would destroy the country.

Prophet, Aide

A self-styled prophet and his aide were released on \$100 bonds each on arraignment before visiting Municipal Judge John C. Emery Jr. pending trial Aug. 16 on a charge of fortune telling.

He is Prophet Grove Lee Wimbley, 38, of 9412 Oakland. And Miss Thelma Smith, 18, of 509 Kenilworth.

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