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purge is not aimed at any particular racial group.

However, he does admit that most of those arrested are Negroes. (He has an explanation for this).

He has a bone to pick with the Negro press and the Detroit Branch NAACP.

And he gave some indication that his days as

police commissioner may be numbered, because of the costly (\$50,000 yearly) sacrifice.

On the crime situation, Hart said, "I think we've been very successful in reducing serious street crimes, armed robberies, breaking and entering, and purse snatchings."

He said crime is not only on the increase in Detroit but across the nation. He attributes the crimes involving money to socio-economic conditions — but could not explain the high incidence of rapes and murders.

He said there is a tendency now to rob and assault the victim.

In discussing the department's "crash program," Hart said, "Statements that the program is aimed at certain groups are not accurate. The crack down on crime is directed at high crime areas, regardless of race, color or creed."

He said implications that the Negro was the main target could have been de-

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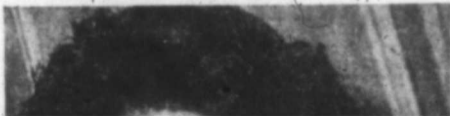
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Police were put on a six-day work week; special crime squads were assigned to reported high crime areas; and orders were issued "to resort to the old police system of arresting on suspicion."

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Councilman William T. Patrick last week asked the Corporation Counsel to investigate the legality of police methods, specifically stopping citizens on the streets and searching them.

Police Superintendent Berg said he ordered the long work week ended because of "a noticeable reduction in crime."

At least two robbery-slayings were solved during the two-week crackdown. Three teen-age boys were arrested in connection with the fatal beating of 71-year-old Cyril Campbell.

Another murder was solved, that of 78-year-old William Ward, who was robbed and beaten on October 17.

However, a homicide inspector attributed the break-

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Willie Mays, Wife On Outs, Reports Say

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Willie Mays, San Francisco Giants' outfielder, packed most of his wardrobe and a television set into his car and left his swank 15-room house here during the weekend; it was reported last week.

His wife, Marguerite,

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NAACP to Hold Mass Meeting on Crime Crisis

The Detroit Branch NAACP will conduct a public mass meeting on the crime-police situation Monday, Jan. 16, at 8 p.m. in the Ford Auditorium, Woodward at Jefferson.

"Aim of the meeting," NAACP president Edward Turner said, "is to clarify the issue, to interpret a corrective action program and

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CHARLAYNE HUNTER managed a warm smile Sunday before leaving Detroit for Atlanta and a date with Georgia University school officials.

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Charlayne Hunter: Poised, Intelligent

Charlayne Hunter is best described, as a well-rounded student.

She has intellect, personality and poise, ambition with direction, and is attractive.

Because of these attributes, Charlayne will be able to adjust to any conditions that may confront her at the University of Georgia, according to her close friends at Wayne University.

She has remarkable poise. While State legislators were

Woman Raped By "Polite" Knife-Wielder

A 48-year-old Detroit woman was treated at Receiving Hospital Thursday night after she was raped at knifepoint while her husband sought to get a tire repaired at a nearby service station.

The woman told police her husband's car developed a flat tire at Miami and S. Fort, while returning from River Rouge on a business trip.

The woman said she sat alone in the car until she became cold, got out and began walking toward a neighborhood store.

A motorist parked his car and inquired whether

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FIFTH ASSAILANT SOUGHT

Four Youths Admit Slaying Aged Man

Police said they cleared up the murder of a 79-year-old businessman Sunday night with the confession of four teen-age youths.

Held for investigation of murder are: Alvin Lewis, 18, of 4121 1/2 Alameda; Theodore Burns, 18, of 2508 St. Antoine, and two brothers, Ray Dawkins, 18, and Warren, 17, of 4679 Blaine.

Charges against two of the youths were dropped. Both will appear as prosecution witnesses.

The victim of a vicious street beating was William P. Ward, owner of a coal company at 5596 Lincoln.

Court "Opens" Georgia U

Injunction Forbids Withholding Funds From University

ATHERNS, Ga. — Firm action by federal and circuit judges has forced open the segregated doors of the University of Georgia, a citadel of the "white only" philosophy all during its 157 years of operation.

The third in a series of court orders left Georgia's die-hard segregationist governor, Ernest Vandiver, temporarily without any recourse, save an appeal, to legally stop the integration of the University.

Federal Judge W. A. Battle Tuesday issued a temporary injunction, restraining Gov. Vandiver and the State Auditor not to cut off or withhold the University's operating funds.

Vandiver Monday threatened to close the university

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George L. P. Weaver

2nd Negro Named to High Post

WASHINGTON — George Leo-Paul Weaver of Washington, D.C. was one of six President-elect Kennedy appointments to top jobs in the Labor department.

Weaver, 48, was designated Special Assistant to the Secretary.

The announcement said "it is anticipated" that Weaver, a Negro, will become Assistant Secretary for International Affairs upon the resignation of George Lodge in midsummer.

Lodge is the son of Henry Cabot Lodge, defeated Republican vice-presidential candidate.

Weaver has the international background necessary for the future post as assistant secretary for international affairs.

He is now assistant to James Carey, president of the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, AFL-CIO.

In 1951, he joined the administrative staff assembled by Sen. Stuart Symington to reorganize the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

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Murder Suspect Under Hypnosis



A NEW SCIENTIFIC TOOL — Ephraim Clark, facing a murder charge, is interrogated by Hyman Arthur Lewis, a professional hypnosis consultant in the County Jail. At left, watching and taking notes, is Atty. Harry H. Anbender.

According to Anbender, Clark while in a hypnotic state, was able to recall names of persons who possibly may be able to substantiate his alibi. He also recalled a play in which he played a role during his elementary school days. (See Page 4)

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His wife, Marguerite, refused to deny or confirm reports that she and Mays are separating.

Fields close to the family told newsmen that on New Year's Eve, Mays moved out of the \$75,000 home he purchased on exclusive Croft Terrace about six months ago.

Mrs. Mays' twice divorced husband married the star outfielder Feb. 14, 1956 in Elkhart, Ind.

But she would not say whether either is taking

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Rites Thursday for Wife of Local Mortician

Funeral services for Mrs. Lucretia Flaker Brown, of 6375 Beechwood, will be held at Scott Methodist Church, Kirby and St. Antoine, Thursday at 1 p.m.

She had been a teacher in the Detroit Public School System for a long number of years.

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BOTH PLEAD GUILTY Arraign Mother and Son in Theft-Killing

Booker T. Washington, 17, and his mother, Mrs. Pearl Washington, 46, both of 1409 Townsend, pleaded guilty last Thursday on arraignment before Recorder's Judge Frank G. Schenansky.

Booker T. was charged with first degree murder and his mother, Mrs. Washington, accessory-after-the-fact of murder and receiving stolen property.

Mrs. Washington was released on \$2,000 pretrial bond. Examination set for Jan. 18 before Recorder's Judge Elvin L. Davenport.

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A Teenage Killer Repents!

Booker T. Washington Cannot Explain Motive In Vicious Slaying

By ISAAC JONES
Chronicle Police Reporter

I spent 40 minutes Saturday at a table in a private dining room on the fourth floor of the Wayne County jail, listening to the confession of a young killer.

He wonders what the future holds for him — so do many Detroiters.

Booker T. Washington, 17, of 1409 Townsend, is a former fourth grader at Eastern high school who dropped out in March of 1955, because my mind started acting up.

Washington, who has become a serious Bible-reader since his arrest last week, is awaiting trial on a first degree murder charge in the fatal beating of 71-year-old Cyril B. Campbell, of 1733 Seyburn.

Well-acquainted with poverty, and penniless most of the time, Washington said he doesn't know why he killed Campbell.

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THE REV. M. J. Moore, (seated, second from left) encourages the members of the Helping Hand of Mercy club at the New Calfee Spiritual church, to help those

in need. Seated also are Mr. president; Mrs. Roxie Williams. Other members of the club look

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rived from tips received from the Detroit News' offer of rewards for information leading to the killers of Marilyn Donohue and Mrs. Mary James.

He said the killers were "allegedly" Negroes, and that 600 tips have been checked out in the Donohue case and an additional 400 in the James homicide.

He said the mass arrests from these tips did not reflect on the rest of the community.

About the Negro press, Hart feels that local Negro newspapers are biased against the police department.

"When the Negro press has a controversial story about the police department, all we ask is that someone call us to get our side of the story. Of course, our side won't be as sensational as the other, but this would at least give the public both sides."

Regarding the Detroit NAACP, Hart said he was "bitter" because not once during his two years as commissioner has anyone from the NAACP bothered to seek a meeting with him on police-community problems.

"They always by-pass me and appeal to public officials. I'm pretty bitter about this. I know more about the department than any public official and the matter is always referred to me anyway.

"I will meet with anyone, but I will not impose myself on the NAACP or any group or person. I'm not running for any political office. . . ."

The Commissioner stood pat on his earlier statement that "integration of police scout cars was a flop because of below par work production of integrated crews."

He added that integration of scout cars won't be expanded because, as he put it, "only 55 of the 95 Negro officers assigned to precincts are eligible for scout car duty."

About the lack of integration in the other police

bureaus, he attributed this lack of qualification, time on the job, seniority of the application itself, and the ability of the officers.

He said there are no restrictions based on race in the department.

About his future, Hart said, "I don't know how long I will continue as commissioner. I love the work, but it's costing me \$50,000 a year. I'm only doing this as a public service.—By O. F. Dukes.

Man on the Street

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offer something more constructive.

"I don't think the methods they're using are the best, but I can't think of anything better."

Herman Anderson, attorney was more emphatic in his opinion.

"There is no doubt in my mind that the current arrests made by police are completely illegal and contrary to the constitution of Michigan and the constitution of the United States."

Anderson added, "Personally, I think we Negroes will have to stop ducking and apologizing for the necessity of the police mass arrests and take an affirmative stand in the court to protect our civil liberties."

Mrs. Beatrice N. Johnson, real estate broker, stated:

"I don't think the present police approach to the crime problem is the right one. I realize that they may have to arrest some innocent persons but not to the extent of more than 1,000.

"If this continues I'm afraid

it may cause another race riot. This is not time for increasing tension between the races. We have too much of this overseas. I think the police officials should get together and map better strategy."

Mrs. Johnson added that "Negroes should pay more attention to reporting crimes committed" as a step toward helping the situation.

"Sometimes we feel that we've been mistreated so much that we shouldn't report one of our own to the police."

Louis Reeves, 30, truck driver for Tories Refractory, said:

"As to the police methods used to combat crime, I would say they are temporary in nature, but the crime problem will persist after the heat has ceased.

"I feel the best long range approach to the problem is one of education and increased freedom of opportunity among the so-called unfortunates."

Rites Thursday

NAACP Official Complains of Illegal Search

Among the wave of Negro citizens experiencing the discomfort of being "patted down" in public by police last week was Arthur L. Johnson, executive secretary of the Detroit branch NAACP.

According to police, Johnson was observed seated in his car, with the lights out and the motor running, in front of 2212 Atkinson.

The officers reported they circled the block and upon noticing the car again, decided to investigate. They said Johnson's statements regarding his living address conflicted with information on his driver's license.

Johnson was then ordered from the car and searched by the officers. Johnson then drove to the Petoskey precinct, where he filed a complaint of illegal search.

In a statement issued this week, Johnson declared:

"The Police Department has fabricated an explanation of the incident involving me that attempts to justify the illegal and abusive conduct of the officers involved.

The fact of the matter is I was not sitting in my car with the lights out except for the purpose of starting the car to get to a meeting.

This did not involve enough time for the officers as they have charged, to circle the block and return to where I was alleged to have been sitting in my car in the dark.

Further, the rather fictitious issue that was raised concerning a so-called discrepancy in my address and my license has no bearing whatsoever in the incident since my identification was not even read by one of the officers until I had been asked to get out of my car and to submit to the indignity of the frisking and patting down on the street.

"Whatever the Department chooses to say about the incident, however, will not change one iota the essential truth about this incident and what I regard as the injury to me and to this community.

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ing this case to "continuous police investigation."

Community groups also blasted daily papers for playing up race in their handling of crime stories. Several radio stations were also criticized for "creating unnecessary tension."

Dr. Jesse Jai McNeil prompted local clergymen "show some leadership" in actively working toward a workable solution to the crime problems.

In statements issued by numerous community and religious groups that met to discuss the problems, it was pointed out that "crime is a community problem, and not the responsibility of a seg-

ment of the community."

At the Cotillion Club's community-wide meeting on crime Tuesday night, several police officials appeared to answer questions concerning the police approach to the problem, and arrive at constructive solutions to the perplexing crime situation.

Hot Money

Fred Flintstone's daydreams of wealth become a near reality when bank robbers jettison \$86,000 in Barney Rubble's backyard and it clouts Fred on the noggin "The Big Bank Robbery" on "The Flintstones" Friday, Jan. 20 (ABC-TV, 8:30-9 p.m.).

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