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Race Crisis Settlement Hopes Rise

'Black Knights' Agree To Leave Tense Town

CRAWFORDVILLE, Ga. (UPI)—Hopes for a settlement in the racial crisis here heightened Wednesday night when the director of the Georgia Highway Patrol announced he had persuaded the segregationist "Black Knights" to leave town. Col. Lowell Connor made the announcement after conferring several hours with Howard Sims and Cecil Myers, leaders of the black-shirted group.

Sims and Myers, arrested last September at Danielville, Ga., in the nighttime slaying of Negro educator Lemuel Penn of Washington, D.C., Tuesday were taken into custody in an attack on a Negro photographer.

Connor said Sims and Myers had agreed to ask their sympathizers to leave town. Connor also said he would attempt to talk Ku Klux Klan leaders out of holding a rally scheduled here Saturday.

At nearby Washington, 30 Negroes showed up at a movie theater where Negroes had been required to sit in the balcony. They demanded to sit in the downstairs area reserved for whites.

There were no whites in the theater at the time. The manager permitted the group to sit in the white section.

About 20 young Negroes scuffled with the troopers who prevented them from entering the buses by kicking some of the demonstrators or collecting them as they bolted through the line.

Later, local Negro leaders called a temporary halt to demonstrations that have taken place here for 16 consecutive days. The Negro leaders said the demonstrations would be halted until their local leader, Calvin Turner, returned from Augusta where a federal court hearing is taking place on Crawfordville's school integration problems.

NEW MATERIAL—Those of you who have spent any time in the waiting room outside City Manager Paul Hughes's office know the only reading material that's been available was an April 1964 issue of the magazine called "West," a City Manager's report. Well a new issue has finally arrived. It has such interesting articles as "Los Angeles Water and Power Building" and "Garrison Named Oregon League President." We wonder if the City Council would consider subscribing to it? Why, we know of one vote they would get if they did.

FELINE WEEK—It was very proper that the Board of Supervisors killed the cat licensing proposal yesterday. For in the mail arrived a proclamation from Gov. Brown stating Nov. 7-13 as Cat Week. "I urge California cat fanciers to mark it by paying honor to one of man's oldest friends, the cat," it reads. There were no suggestions included as to how we are to properly honor cats during this week. Perhaps we'll have to keep all the dogs locked up.

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38 HOURS INSIDE Jailers Have Keys; Dudes Have Power

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: This is the third of a series of exclusive inside reports on the county jail. Following last week's riots and attack on the sheriff's operation of the facility, the author invited arrest and was jailed for 38 hours. Tomorrow the series will be concluded.

By RICHARD GAIKOWSKI
News-Gazette Managing Editor

MARTINEZ—Under state law the sheriff's office is in charge of the county jail.

In Contra Costa County the sheriff's officers determine what cell a prisoner is to be assigned to; when the cell door is to be opened and closed; and when and what is to be fed; when the inmates may watch television, shave and shower.

But inside the cell blocks the prisoners form their own society. They have their own code of conduct by which their relationships with each other are governed.

FIRST CONTACT

I first came in contact with the code minutes after I was placed in the tank.

The tank, a 20 by 15 foot room with seven bunks, is the first cell most individuals booked at county jail see. There were 15 dudes in it. All the bunks had two or three individuals sitting on them except for one where a single individual sat. I naturally walked over to this one and was about to sit down when its occupant informed me it was his and I couldn't sit there.

This individual I later learned was the tank trusty—an inmate assigned to the receiving cell to keep it clean, distribute the food and generally assist the deputies. The dude is serving a six-month sentence. He was the boss of the cokes.

NO SMOKE
The first question I was asked was whether I had any cigarettes. This was one preparation I had neglected to make. I was out of smokes.

It was the same question asked the 32 individuals who passed through the tank Saturday night and early Sunday morning while I was there.

The population of the tank is forever changing. The incoming prisoners are held here until they are either bailed out or transferred to a cell on the main or second floor. Most bail out.

Within a couple of hours I was one of the tank's old timers and found myself asking the newcomers for a cigarette. No one ever refused if he had any. His pack would be passed around and more often than not it was empty when returned to him.

GOOD IMPRESSION

Actually, one gets a pretty good impression of the jail from the tank. The bunks have sheets and pillows and pillowcases. None of the cells upstairs have these luxuries.

To sleep between mattresses had to be put on the floor. Only one late arrival had to stretch out on the concrete.

The trusty rules the tank. He had three of the skinny, lumpy mattresses on his bunk. He had the respect of everyone because he knew the ropes and could explain what was taking place. He knew which of the bulls were good guys and which ones weren't.

Up on the second floor where I spent 26 of my 38 hour sojourn in jail, the old timers also ruled the cell block.



Dick Simons, secretary-treasurer of Teamsters Local 315 of Contra Costa County, right, examines a model of the union's new \$225,000 building which will be built starting in three weeks. With Simons is the building's architect, Harry Nakamura—News-Gazette Photo by Linda Crow.

Teamsters Unveil Design For Offices To Cost \$225,000

MARTINEZ—Plans for a 12 years as a truckdriver for the Acme Transportation Co. in San Pablo.

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ASSESSMENT VOTED
During the month of July, 1965, members voted to pay \$5 each per year for the next four years to help finance the project.

Since his chartering in 1949, the union has utilized a rented office building at 721 Castro St., in Martinez.

SPACIOUS BUILDING
It will contain some 12,000 square feet of office space, the major portion of which will be occupied by the local and other labor organizations.

There will be kitchen facilities for large banquets and the building will be air conditioned and acoustically treated for quietness.

LAIDS DESIGN
"The building will be something that the entire membership as well as the people of Martinez will be proud of," Nakamura said yesterday.

Simons was instrumental in coordinating the organization for the project.

He has served as secretary-treasurer for the organization for the past three years and for three years prior to that was the local's business agent and organizer.

Previously he had worked for

Says It's Not Good Enough

By CHARLOTTE PRUITT
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MARTINEZ—A \$2,000 assessment investigation report that was ordered "to dispel any public distrust in the County Assessors' office" was labeled inadequate yesterday by District Attorney John A. Nejedly.

Nejedly's objection stemmed from the fact the survey was supposed to include specific assessment investigation into the 14 tax accounts represented in the county by the scandal-involved James C. Toole tax firm.

The probe was ordered at the request of County Assessor Fred Wainika and the district attorney.

The report, prepared by Frank J. Ferguson of the Los Angeles office of Marshall and Stevens, said the 14 Toole accounts were all processed "in accordance with the well-established procedures that have been in effect for several years."

However, the report added that no attempt was made to determine the adequacy of the individual taxpayer's declaration. This would have required the audit of the books of account in the taxpayer's home office. This is currently being done by the audit division of the Assessor's Office.

DISCREPANCIES
Ferguson then told the board that it was understood "that audits of these specific accounts are now being made by Assessor staff auditors and that preliminary returns indicate a considerable difference in the reporting of these taxpayers with discrepancies of minor amounts in some cases to large amounts in others."

Nejedly reminded the board that he had said it would cost at least \$10,000 to conduct a thorough private investigation into the matter and the board had limited the investigation to \$2,000 and recommended specific actions.

The report unfortunately does not provide answers to problems that have been raised. However, as I have indicated before, there is no evidence of impropriety having occurred... the report just does not comply with the board's order."

GENERAL OBSERVATION
"After Ferguson reviewed the magnitude of responsibility," Nejedly continued, "he confided a full audit would cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000."

Nejedly then told the board he intended to continue the inquiry with "any limited staff since the report only gives general observations of county assessment procedures. I still believe an audit should be made of the specific Toole accounts."

"There is no question in my mind the County Assessor is doing a proper job," interjected Supervisor Tom Coll. "I do not see the reason to go forward and spend a great deal of money on an audit."

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ARRAIGNMENT SET

Father Of 2 Girls Gets Lie Detector

NAPA—Claude Ray Jr. submitted to a lie detector test at his own bid last night in the office of Mendocino County Sheriff Ray Bartolomeo. The sheriff declined to reveal details of the polygraph examination but indicated that the 34-year-old Napa man would be formally charged with the murder of his daughter, Renay, before Justice Court Judge Hale McCowan late today. Bartolomeo said he will have the full written report of the lie detector test today, but it is possible that nothing can be said about it for fear of revealing information vital to the case against Ray which is building hour by hour.

Following the test, the sheriff said he talked with Ray without hint that the prisoner was "sneaking up," or had taken any attitude deliveries from his silence on the death seven-year-old Renay and her missing sister.

The little girls were last seen a week ago Monday when they were seen on Highway 24.

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