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Friday night to approve a strike resolution unanimously.

The city immediately obtained a back-to-work order in civil district court, but a union leader said his men were ready to violate it and go to jail.

"I guess somebody will have to arrest us," said Mitch Ledet, a teamsters secretary-treasurer and one of the police union's top negotiators.

"Listen, I asked the guys to go back to work as soon as I heard about (the order). They are willing to go to jail."

At least one parade, the Krewe of Choctaw, changed its route to a New Orleans suburb where police could provide adequate protection. Eight other organizations, some scheduled to roll onto Canal Street in downtown New Orleans last weekend, called off their runs.

Morial said he would wait until later to decide whether to cancel additional parades.

Union officials, who said the city's stubbornness in negotiating precipitated the police walkout, predicted a lengthy strike. Officers ignored a similar back-to-work order last week before further talks ended a 20-hour walkout.

"We're going to be ducing court orders for a few days," said Vince Brunco, president of the Police Association of New Orleans.

The city refused to accept the union's demand that supervisory officers become part of the collective bargaining unit, a move Morial claimed would place 96 percent of the department's highest ranking officers under Teamster control.

Following a 30-minute meeting between union leaders and a city official, Ledet and Brunco had no trouble getting the 600 P.A.N.O. members to approve the walkout.

Members of the City Council hurriedly granted the mayor emergency powers to deal with the strike, including the authority to impose a citywide curfew and suspend all Mardi Gras activities. Morial said, referring to Teamsters consideration.

REPLACING POLICE — Three members of the Louisiana National Guard patrol an area outside New Orleans City Hall on the night of Feb. 16 shortly after being pressed into service as the city's police voted to go on strike, disrupting the Mardi Gras celebrations.

D.C. woman wins $17,500 in housing bias court case

The owner of a large realty company with properties in both Washington, D.C. and Baltimore has agreed to pay $17,500 in damages and legal fees to a black woman who alleged that she was discriminated against on the basis of race in the rental of an apartment. The settlement is one of the largest for a case of this kind in the Washington area.

In April, 1977, Michele M. Hunter answered a newspaper ad run by the Legum Realty Co., Inc. advertising vacancies in the Capital East Apartments on Capitol Hill. She was told over the phone that there were apartments available.

However, when she arrived at the building, the resident manager told Ms. Hunter that there were no vacancies. That same afternoon, Ms. Hunter asked a friend to call, and the friend was told that there were indeed apartments available.

Believing that she had been discriminated against because of her race, Ms. Hunter sought help from the Metropolitan Washington Planning and Housing Association (MWPHA), a non-profit, citizens' advocacy group that works to expand housing opportunities for low-income and minority persons in the Washington area.

Hunter and MWPHA filed suit against Legum in United States District Court. The suit alleged that Legum was in violation of the 1968 Fair Housing Act and the Civil Rights Act of 1866.

Both of these Acts prohibit discrimination on the basis of race or color in the rental of housing.

Legal counsel for the plaintiffs was provided through the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law, with Joseph A. Yablonski, of Yablonski, Both and Edelman, serving as attorney.

The out - of - court settlement, which was signed on Jan. 29, 1979, also provided for affirmative actions to be undertaken by Legum to prevent the possibility of discrimination in the future. Some of the provisions call for Legum to:

—establish, in writing, objective and non-discriminatory selection and screening criteria to be used in processing rental applications, and to make these criteria available to all rental applicants.

—conduct an educational program for its agents and employees to inform them of their duties under the Fair Housing Act.

—display the HUD-approved fair housing sign in all of its offices

—include the Equal Housing Opportunity logo in all display advertising

—keep a record, for the next 30 months, of all inquiries and rental applications, the race of the person involved, and the reasons for rejecting any application.

The agreement applies to all of Legum's properties in the District. The realty company's compliance with the agreement will be monitored by MWPHA.

James H. Harvey, Executive Director of MWPHA said, "As the housing market gets tighter, more and more minority people find themselves the victims of housing discrimination, even on Capitol Hill. This case is a good example of how that happens."

FBI appoints first black bureau chief

WASHINGTON FBI Director William Webster has appointed John Glover as the bureau's field office chief in charge of the Milwaukee office. Glover is the first black to hold an FBI bureau chief's post.

John Glover

Glover, 40, will replace J. Gerard Hogan, 48, who has been transferred to FBI headquarters here as records section chief.

Hogan was one of the four men disciplined last December for conducting illegal break-ins and surveillance in a hunt for fugitive members of the radical weather underground.

He was suspended for 30 days for placing an illegal wiretap in a flat upstate New York home in the early 1970s.

Glover currently is an inspector at FBI headquarters. He is a 12-year veteran of the bureau and has served as a special agent in Kansas City, MI and Washington.

There are 59 FBI filed offices throughout the country.

Ministers hold San Francisco meeting to discuss Jonestown

Some 100 ministers from black churches across the U.S. gathered last week at the Third Baptist Church in San Francisco for two days of discussion on "The Black Church and the Implications of Jonestown for the Church and the Nation."

The convention was the direct result of the mass murder-suicide tragedy in the jungle of Jonestown, Guyana, where 912 adults and children, members of the Rev. Jim Jones' People's Temple cult, died last November.

Sponsors of the meeting were the Rev. Dr. Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and the Rev. Kelly Miller Smith, president of the National Council of Black Churchmen.

A spokesman for Dr. Lowery said that while no resolutions or proposals were officially adopted

Dr. Joseph Lowery

during the sessions, the conference was quite productive, especially serving as it did to bring together so many prominent black church leaders for the first time in many years.

Discussions centered mainly around the whole cult situation and why some churches were losing membership to some of the cults. The spokesman said that much concern was expressed over what had happened at Jonestown.

Among the speakers at the meeting were Dr. Lowery, Rev. Smith, Dr. C. Eric Lincoln, professor of religion at the Duke School of Divinity and Mrs. Raye Robinson of San Francisco, who lost a sister, nieces and a nephew at Jonestown.

Hooks talk will keynote Notre Dame fest

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — A talk by Benjamin L. Hooks, executive director of the NAACP, and appearances by sports personality Wilma Rudolph and Broaway dramatist Vinie Burrows will be highlights of the Black Cultural Arts Festival beginning Feb. 25 at the University of Notre Dame.

Hatcher to seek fourth term as mayor of Gary

GARY, Ind. — Mayor Richard G. Hatcher, one of the nation's most visible black elected officials, has declared his intentions to run for a fourth term as mayor of this medium-sized industrial city on the shore of Lake Michigan.

MADAME SECRETARY — Dr. Ethel Allen (R) newly appointed Secretary of State for Pennsylvania, is congratulated by Gov. Dick Thornburgh after her swearing - in Feb. 16 in Harrisburg. Six other cabinet officials were also sworn in.

Hatcher made his announcement Feb. 5 at the new Sheraton Inn, which he described as "a clear indication of things to come in downtown Gary."

In discussing his committment to stay in and work for Gary, Hatcher talker frequnetly about his 7-month old daughter, Ragen Heather, who attended the press conference with Mrs. Ruthellyn Hatcher, the mayor's wife.

"I want my daughter Ragen to grow up in that city called Gary," Hatcher said. "I want her to walk its streets in safety.

"I want her to attend its public schools and achieve an education second to none in this country. I want her to enjoy its fine parks and lakeshore.

"And when she goes away to college, Ruthellyn and I want her to have a job waiting for her when she returns. A decent house to live in, when she decides to marry and raise a family.

"And when she grows old, I want this city to care about her and make her later years happy and pleasant ones.

"And if Ragen should become ill at any age, I want the finest medical facilities and practitioners available to her, not 20 miles away but right here in Gary.

"I share these hopes and aspirations with thousands of parents in this city. Working together we can turn hope into reality and dreams into substance. We can build that city."

Richard G. Hatcher

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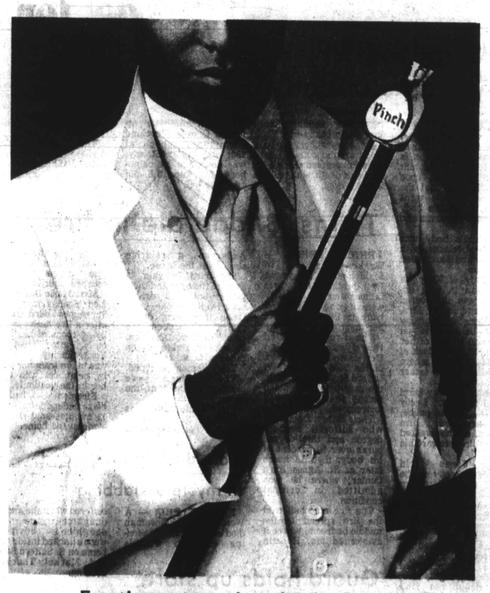

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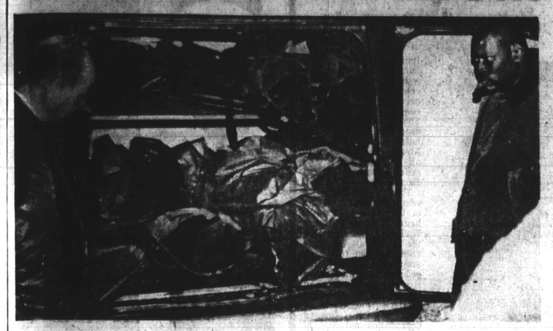

MASSACRE VICTIMS—Seven body bags inside a mortuary wagon contain the bodies of seven persons found slain in dingy apartment of a Harlem tenement Feb. 21. Police believe the slayings were drug-related.

NEW YORK (UPI) — Revenge apparently was behind the brutal massacre of seven persons in a Harlem drug factory—one of the largest mass killings in city history, police said this week.

The six men and one woman had their throats slashed and five of them also were shot.

Detective Al Grant said that "because of the viciousness of the crime, we believe revenge was involved."

Grant said equipment for cutting and packaging drugs were found in the Harlem tenement apartment where the bodies were discovered. He said police believed the apartment was a "small - scale drug factory."

Detectives have no suspects in the killings, but Grant said at least two persons were involved. "If there was only one, he'd have to be nine or 10 feet tall," he said.

The blood - soaked bodies of the victims were found in the dingy, rear-floor apartment of the tenement, some of whose tenants were among the slain. A knife was recovered, but not the murder gun.

Chief of Detectives James Sullivan said it was one of the largest mass slayings in the city's history. A fire set by an arsonist killed 25 persons at a Bronx social club in 1976.

Sullivan said the tenement was a block from a basement social club where three persons were killed 2½ months ago. That slaying remains unsolved.

Clive Hayhurst of the chief medical examiners office said five of the victims had been shot behind the ear at least once.

At least five of the victims were bound and gagged. All were believed to have been natives of the Dominican Republic, police said.

Police said the bodies of six men and a woman were found about 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, in a first - floor rear apartment in the poor, crime - ridden neighborhood. The victims had been dead for several hours, officials said.

Several neighbors said they believed marijuana was being sold from the apartment.

Police said the dead all appeared to be in their 20s and 30s.

Three of the victims were found on a bed in the middle room of a three - room apartment, two of them tied back-to-back with a wire. The woman was found on the floor near the bed and the three other bodies were on the floor of a rear room.

"They all had their throats cut," said police department spokesman, officer Joseph McConville. A 13-inch knife, covered with blood, was found on the bed and was taken to the police laboratory for tests.

Police said five of the men were bound and gagged while the sixth man was not tied or gagged. It was not clear whether the woman had been bound.

The victims were not immediately identified.

The four - story building, some of its windows boarded up, is in the middle of a shabby block lined with abandoned tenements. Some 50 onlookers gathered in the snow - filled street as police carried out their investigation.

Latest poll indicates less confidence in black leaders

WASHINGTON — The results of a national poll — released here Tuesday (Feb. 20) shows that rank-and-file black Americans are losing confidence in black leaders.

The poll, commissioned by the National Council of Christians and Jews, and conducted by Louis Harris and Associates, was sponsored in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of NCCJ.

Louis Harris, president of the public opinion research firm, released the results at a news conference held in the National Press Club.

In what was called one of the most startling results of the poll it was reported that:

"Both the white public and white leaders tend to think that black leadership is ahead of the rank-and-file of blacks in this country, feeling that blacks have become somewhat apathetic about their lot during a period of 'benign neglect'."

But when black Americans were polled on the subject, the report said:

"Blacks tend to think their own leaders are at best in step with them, or are lagging behind their aspirations for equality and integration. "Compared with 1970, black confidence in the leaders of traditional civil rights organizations has dropped 14 points."

The poll also found that the confidence of blacks in their elected officials is "down a full 30 points," while black ministers and religious leaders have suffered a 18-point loss in confidence.

The poll also confirmed suspicions of many grass roots black community groups, which have charged in recent years that black leaders are out of step with the black masses.

"A majority of black leaders think the times are not right for blacks to take to the streets in non-violent demonstrations," the report said, but added:

"Most blacks, however, disagree and are adamant about pressing their cause for equality and integration throughout the white establishment.

"Blacks yearn deeply for the kind of leadership given them by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., whom 78 percent said they miss him 'very deeply.'"

This disturbing finding is reminiscent of criticism Dr. King often voiced against black leadership, much of which was hostile toward his aggressive crusade for human dignity.

When reminded by a reporter that many black middle class leaders considered him a "trouble maker," Dr. King recalled the fate of an ancient and ineffective Indian leader, who complained:

"There go my people. I must hurry and catch up with them because I am their leader."

The poll also found that the one issue "with the immediate explosive potential between the races, is the jobs issue."

On that point, the report had this to say:

"One important front-line issue still shows a huge gap between blacks and whites: the area of jobs for blacks.

"A substantial 43 percent of all blacks volunteer that the top problem facing them and their families is the lack of adequate jobs.

"Yet, no more than 11 percent of all whites volunteer that they are aware of this problem.

"Whites are almost totally absorbed with their own inflationary troubles and have a low consciousness about black unemployment."

That finding, incidentally, jells with the contention of the annual report, issue by the National Urban League last month.

Titled "The State Of Black America," that study concluded that the plight of Black America "bordered on disaster," because of the shockingly high rate of unemployment.

Other findings of the NCCJ study show that there has been a sharp decline in the number of whites who feel that blacks are "trying to move too fast."

"Over a decade ago, back in 1966," the report said, "71 percent of all whites felt that blacks were trying to move too fast.

"Today, 61 percent of national and community leaders surveyed in this study estimate that most whites still think blacks are trying to move too fast.

"Among national black leaders, an even higher 77 percent think most whites feel this way.

"The NCCJ survey shows that no more than 37 percent of all whites, in fact, think blacks are trying to move too fast, a dramatic decline of 34 percent."

Despite preliminary apprehension about busing on the part of both blacks and whites, the study shows, a majority reported the experience to be "very satisfactory."

As to the U.S. Supreme Court's Bakke "reverse discrimination" decision, the poll said it has not adversely affected progress toward affirmative action in higher education.

Dr. David Hyatt, NCCJ president, said a total of 2,465 people were interviewed for the study and the nationwide sample included 1,673 whites, an oversample of 231 Jews with sub-samples of 86 Spanish-Americans, 450 Catholics, and 943 white Protestants.

A separate nationwide cross-section of 732 blacks were also surveyed, according to Dr. Hyatt.

Dr. Hyatt added that the survey, commissioned by the nation's oldest and largest intergroup relations organization was funded by seven corporations. They are:

Exxon Corporation, Mobil Oil Corporation, Ford Motor Company, Hoffman-LaRoche, Inc., Arthur Jensen, Inc., Bristol-Myers, and Mutual of Omaha.

Poverty agency fund use probed

WASHINGTON — Sam Brown, the director of the anti-poverty agency known as ACTION, is feeling what some critics call the law of retribution.

ACTION is the parent agency for VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America) and the Peace Corps.

Last month, with the blessings of President Carter, Brown fired Peace Corps director Carolyn Payton.

And in subsequent forced resignations and firings, Mrs. Payton charged that many of the black and female employees she appointed in non-policy making positions were purged by Brown. She charged racism and sexism.

Now, however, Brown is feeling the sting of criticism from the House Appropriations Committee, which overseas Peace Corps and VISTA.

MSU announces book reviews

The Morgan State University Interfaith Council and Soper Library announced the spring semester book review schedule which will run on successive Thursdays at noon through March 29, 1979.

"Chesapeake," by James A. Michener; to be reviewed by Dr. Elaine G. Breslaw, professor, department of history, on March 1.

"Inventing America: Jefferson's Declaration of Independence," by Garry Willis; to be reviewed by Dr. George Sinkler, professor, department of history, on March 8.

"Lying: Moral Choice in Public and Private Life," by Sissela Bok; to be reviewed by Dr. Roger K. Williams, professor, Department of psychology, on March 15.

"Shosha," by Isaac Bashevis Singer; to be reviewed by Lew Kowarski, assistant professor, department of mathematics, on March 22.

"A Distant Mirror: The Calamitous Fourteenth Century," by Barbara W. Tuchman; to be reviewed by Dr. Max Wilson, professor, department of philosophy, on March 29.

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