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Crimes Of Violence Increase In U. S.

EDITORS NOTE: An FBI report on crime in 1959 says there was an "alarming" increase in law-breaking last year. United Press International asked FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover to write this dispatch commenting on the report. Following Hoover's statement is a summary of the report.

By J. EDGAR HOOVER
Director of FBI
Written for UPI

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Almost daily, newspaper headlines blare forth tales of brutal violence; mass killings, the slaughter of entire families, the battering of children into lifeless pulps.

These atrocities are not confined to any one section of this

nation. They occur with tragic frequency throughout the country. A feeling of terror is inculcated in the hearts of many citizens.

The most recent FBI statistics concerning crime point up the growing seriousness of these violations. Crimes of violence continued to spiral upward in 1959. Aggravated assaults jumped 7 per cent over 1958; murder 5 per cent; rapes, 4 per cent. In cities between 500,000 and 750,000 in population, murders increased by a shocking 21 per cent.

These vicious crimes present a grave challenge to the nation today. Law enforcement must have the wholehearted cooperation of every citizen.

Vigorous action must be under-

taken by all elements of society. To ignore the threat of these crimes of violence can only lead to disaster.

Here is a summary of the preliminary 1959 FBI crime report, issued Wednesday night, on which Hoover based his plea:

As a whole, major crimes went up 1 per cent over 1958. Robberies and burglaries declined.

Violent crimes against individuals jumped by 7 per cent. In this category, aggravated assaults were up 7 per cent, murders 5 per cent and rapes 4 per cent.

Murders rose by 21 per cent in cities of between 500,000 and 750,000 population.

Arrests of juveniles — persons under 18 years of age — went up 5 per cent. Increases occurred in both large and small metropolitan areas.

Arrests of adults showed almost no change.

There was a 2 per cent increase in auto thefts, and a one per cent rise in major larcenies. The number of burglaries was virtually unchanged, while robberies declined 4 per cent.

New York City led the nation in homicides, with 390, followed by Chicago with 330, Los Angeles 134, Philadelphia 119, and Houston, Tex., 115.

Jet Trainer Crashes Into Capital Home

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—An Air Force jet trainer plane crashed in a crowded residential area Wednesday, killing the pilot and co-pilot and injuring two persons in a house the plane hit.

The victims were identified as Air Force Maj. David L. Cooper, 38, Wheatland, Ore., and 1st Lt. Lloyd D. Cogdill, 27, Clovis, N.M.

Injured were Mrs. Lillian Pritchett, 72, and Larry D. Crabtree, 19, who was rooming in Mrs. Pritchett's home. They were treated for cuts and bruises at Methodist Hospital.

The sleek, single-engine T-33 trainer was on a flight from Hanscomb Air Force Base near Bedford, Mass., to Oakland, Calif., when it apparently either had engine trouble or ran out of fuel during a landing pass over Weir Cook Municipal Airport. The plane dove to the ground only a few blocks from the airport.

Slices Through Trees
The plane sliced diagonally through a row of tall trees, clipped the corner off a house owned by Walter Lyons, and smashed into the Pritchett home.

Fuel from the plane's ruptured gas tanks and gas escaping from broken utility lines threatened an explosion and fire. But quick action by firemen eliminated the danger.

The bodies of Cooper and Cogdill were about 100 feet from the wreckage. They apparently ejected themselves from the craft a moment before it hit the ground. Cogdill's parachute was partially opened, but Cooper's remained neatly folded in its pack.

Cooper was survived by his widow and six children, and Cogdill left his widow and a daughter.

Witness Saw Plunge
Ironically, the Air Force reported earlier Wednesday that Hanscomb AFB, the victims' home field, had been named to receive its fifth consecutive flying safety award of the Air Research and Development Command.

A witness to the crash, Robert G. Ashby, 23, a cargo agent for Trans World Airlines, said the plane tipped its wings during a pass over the Weir Cook control tower and was making a normal turn at full power when it suddenly plunged into the houses.

The wings were sheared off the plane when it hit the trees, and the fuselage tore the porch off Lyons' home, then caromed into the one-story frame house occupied by Mrs. Pritchett and Crabtree.

Crabtree, who was in a front bedroom at the time, was knocked unconscious by the impact but suffered only a badly cut arm.

Mrs. Pritchett said she was standing in the living room when the plane hit. She was knocked down but otherwise unhurt.

Second Youth Dies Of Monoxide Fumes

PAOLI, Ind. (UPI)—The death of Donald Eugene Dunn, 14, was reported today as the second fatality from monoxide fumes in a parked car.

Dunn's brother Everett, 19, was found dead Sunday morning in a car parked in front of his home. Donald, another brother and a fourth youth were unconscious from the fumes.

Donald died Tuesday night in Orange County Hospital.

Faulty Indictment Leads To Acquittal

ALBION, Ind. (UPI)—A Noble Circuit Court jury returned a directed verdict of acquittal Wednesday to bring to a sudden end the three-day trial of Edwin A. Cambridge, 50, accused as an accessory in embezzlement.

Special Judge Lowell Peffley directed the jury to clear Cambridge, a former examiner for the State Department of Financial Institutions, because the indictment was faulty. Peffley had refused a defense request for dismissal of the charge.

Cambridge, formerly of Greenwood, was indicted on charges he issued an incorrect audit of the records of the Noble County Credit Union, thereby acting as an accessory after the fact in a \$2,500 embezzlement by Arnold G. Hobbs, Albion.

Hobbs was convicted of embezzlement from the credit union he headed for 10 years and was sentenced to prison.

Prosecutor Louis Ketcham indicated Cambridge would be tried again. Ketcham told newsmen a grand jury had been summoned to meet April 7 and that he considered it his duty to again present evidence in the Cambridge case.

The faulty indictment charged the \$2,500 embezzlement by Hobbs was in the form of a check made out to Kimmel Ready-Mix and Materials, Inc., one of Hobbs' many business enterprises. The defense contended the check actually was made out to "Kimmel Ready-Mix" and that there was no proof that the firm had ever been incorporated, despite its title.

Cambridge was released from the \$2,000 bond he had been under since his arrest in December, 1958. He returned with his wife to their new home at Jasonville.

Ketcham said the faulty indictment was not "the only arrow in our quiver" and said the prosecution need not stand or fall on that single indictment.

Farmer Crushed To Death By Tractor

VEEDERSBURG, Ind. (UPI)—Virgil Leroy Hunt, 42, was crushed to death Wednesday when his tractor flipped over on him at his Fountain County farm three miles south of here.

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Negro Leaders Call For Store Boycotts

By United Press International

Selection of an all-white jury for trial of 400 Negroes began today at Orangeburg, S.C., and Negro leaders called for nationwide boycott of chain variety stores to back up seven weeks of demonstrations in the South.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in a memo issued by executive secretary Roy Wilkins, asked its 1,000 local and state units to use the boycott in "racial self defense." It was to go into effect immediately.

"The policy is to withhold retail patronage from all units of the chain variety stores in all sections of the country which maintain a policy in their Southern stores of refusing to serve Negro customers at lunch counters on the same basis as other customers," the memo said.

Wilkins said the major chains have refused to lower racial barriers in their Southern branches, and the federal government "is steadfastly refusing to legislate adequate relief." He said Southern state governments support "anti-Negro lunch counter policies" of the stores.

Choosing of a six-man jury begins today to try the first 15 of 400 Negro college students arrested Tuesday at Orangeburg for staging a series of anti-segregation parades through the town. The jury was selected from an 18-man venire.

Officers using tear gas and fire hoses broke up the parades and charged the students with breach of the peace. All were released under \$10 bond each to await trial in groups of 15.

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