

CHRISTMAS GIFT GUIDE!

Racial Situation In Calif. Described As 'Explosive'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The California Governor's Commission said here "an explosive and so explosive" is the situation in the wake of summer Negro rioting that "unless it is checked, the August riots may seem by comparison to be only a curtain-raiser for what could blow up one day in the future."

The commission, called the rioting "an explosion—forceful, but a senseless, all but hopeless, violent protest."

The report, recommended "expensive and burdensome" programs to prevent a repetition of the six days' terror that left 34 persons dead and \$40,000,000 property damage.

Focus of the devastation was the community of Watts, eight miles south of downtown Los Angeles, where fire-bombing rioters burned two blocks of buildings. Ultimately, national guardsmen occupied 46½ square miles of the city before order was restored.

Eight leading citizens headed by John McCone, former head of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission and Central Intelligence Agency said they found: —Not enough jobs, especially for untrained Negroes.

NOT ENOUGH SCHOOLING —Not enough schooling designed for disadvantaged Negro children.

—A resentment, even hatred of the police, as the symbol of authority.

Intensifying these problems.

AIR BUSES SUGGESTED

VANCOUVER (CP)— Giant air buses carrying 600 passengers may be a reality within 10 years, the president of Canadian Pacific Airlines said here.

J. C. Gilmer told a meeting of the Vancouver Board of Trade the company's plans for 1967 include introduction of stretched DC-8s capable of carrying 340 passengers. Fare reductions of 10 to 15 per cent "might well be justified" with these planes.

"Beyond these stretched jets there is the further prospect of the transformation of military troop carriers into giant air buses capable of carrying 600 or more passengers," he said.

"It is quite within the bounds of possibility that such aircraft could be available in the early 1970's, in which event the effect on fare levels could be most spectacular."

Text of Mr. Gilmer's address was released in advance.

Crop Sales Outlook Discussed

OTTAWA (CP)—The federal-provincial agricultural outlook conference heard government reports on sales prospects of a variety of special crops.

In the current crop year, potato exports are unlikely to reach the previous year's level when 4,000,000 hundredweight of table stock and seed were shipped.

Recent strong U.S. demand has slackened but requirements in Europe and Western Hemisphere countries normally supplied from Europe may take up some of the slack.

Export sales of most processed vegetables are expected to remain constant. Market for frozen vegetables in Britain is improving.

Total honey exports in 1965 may exceed 5,000,000 pounds and demand for the Canadian product in Britain is expected to remain high. For the current year, domestic consumption may approach 40,000,000 pounds.

The 47,000,000-pound record crop "is not expected to result in lower total returns even if wholesale prices decline somewhat from present levels."

shared with seven eastern U.S. cities racked by Negro riots in 1964, the commission said, were:

—An exploding Negro population — up nearly tenfold from 75,000 in 1940 to 650,000 in 1965. Many Negroes from southern states, arriving with high hopes, have found frustration and disillusionment.

—What may well be the least adequate network of public transportation in any major city in America.

—Local bickering over the handling of federal poverty projects which, when they did arrive, did not live up to advance billing.

—Almost daily "exhortations, here and elsewhere, to take the most extreme and even illegal remedies."

The report found Police Chief William H. Parker "a man disturbed by such Negroes" but recognized even by critics as a capable chief.

Lieutenant Governor Glenn Anderson "hesitated when he should have acted" on Parker's request for the national guard to quell the riots.

To remedy "the sickness in the centre of our city," the commission recommended: —"Co-operative programs for employment and training, participated in by the Negro community, governmental agencies, employers and organized labor."

WANTS NEW APPROACH —"A new and costly approach to educating the Negro child — an emergency program" including verbal and language classes for three- and four-year-olds. The commission said the average fifth-grade student in Watts and other disadvantaged areas scored a reading vocabulary ranking of 20—compared with an average 81 in advantaged areas—and apparently can't "make use of reading and writing for ordinary purposes in his daily life."

—Appointment of an "inspector-general" in the police department, "under the authority of the chief of police but outside the chain of command," to investigate citizen complaints.

—That law enforcement agencies place greater emphasis on their responsibilities for crime prevention as an essential element of the law enforcement task; and

—That they institute improved means for handling citizen complaints and community relationships.

—That the board of police commissioners be strengthened.

The report said of the actual riot: —"In the ugliest interval, which lasted from Thursday through Saturday, perhaps as many as 10,000 Negroes took to the streets in marauding bands."

—They looted stores, set fires, beat up white passersby whom they hauled from stopped cars, many of which were turned upside down and burned, exchanged shots with law enforcement officers and stoned and shot at firemen."

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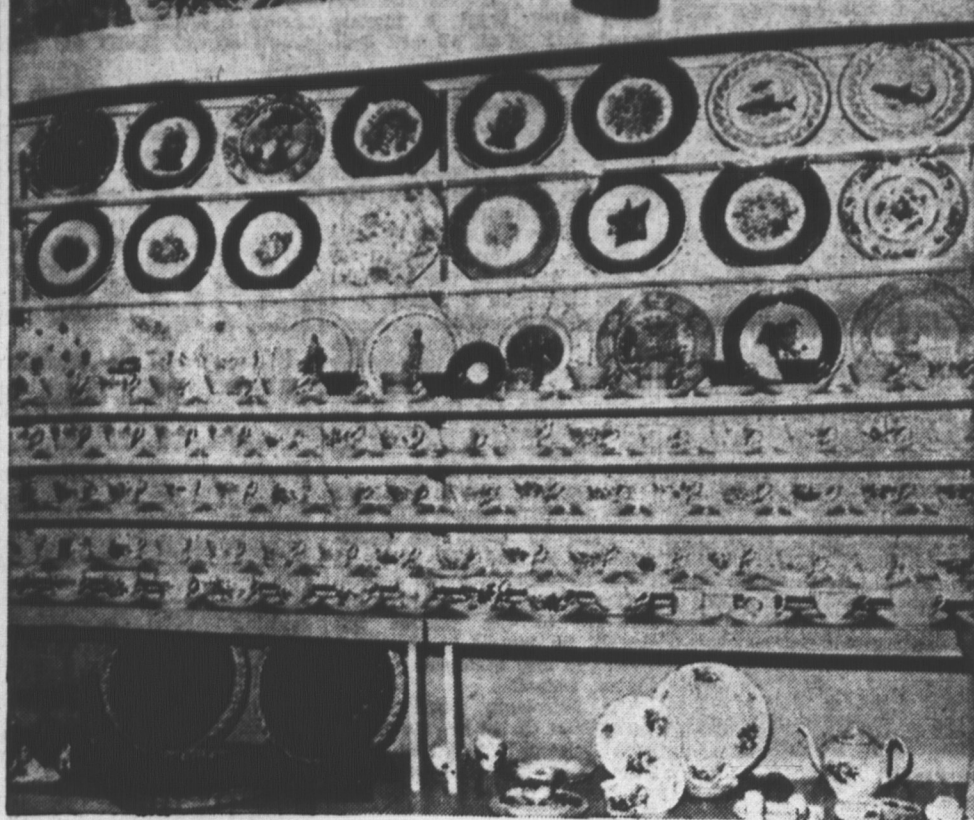
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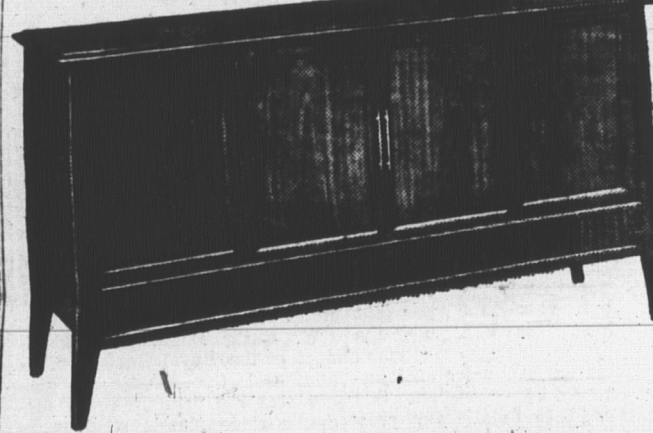
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