

TEN-THIRTEEN

Our Local Police Need Help

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■ MAYOR JOHN V. LINDSAY likes to refer to New York as Fun City. But his constituents are beginning to call it by other names—names like Muggerville, and Rapetown, U.S.A.—as the City of New York becomes increasingly a playground for hoodlums, a Disneyland for the dishonest, where every day is open season on law-abiding and decent citizens. As Gotham City becomes the nation's capital of crime, there is of course no Caped Crusader to protect the sane and orderly from vengeful predators and the political "Liberals" who protect them. There is in fact only a Thin Blue Line that separates the city and its citizens from flaming anarchy.

This narrow line of defense is composed of 28,000 of New York's Finest—the members of the New York City Police Department who battle, against increasingly uncomfortable odds, to protect the tranquility, life, and property of the city's eight million people. That Thin Blue Line, always under assault, is now in serious danger from the polit-

ical "Liberals" who run New York; the "Liberals" who have proved themselves not so much concerned with the protection and rights of the victims of violence as with the "rights" of the violent and the criminal.

While all our local police are under siege, those of New York City have found themselves selected as the prototype victims of an attack designed by the Left to turn law enforcement into a political tool, to handcuff and disarm the police, and to replace hard justice with "Liberal" sociology. The problems of New York City's police are, or will soon become, the problems of the police and citizenry of every major metropolis in America. What is happening there is therefore vitally important to all of us—whether we live in Dubuque or Los Angeles or Keokuk or Kansas City. Because, if what the "Liberals" are doing works in New York, all our local police forces—and our safety and tranquility and civil order—will soon suffer the same attack. In a free nation the law, and the order it brings, must be catholic things; when they are diminished anywhere, all is in danger.

I

NEW YORK CITY is suffering from a disease called collectivism. The symptoms of the malady are indolence, degeneracy, and crime; and the carriers are corruption, revolutionary conspiracy, and "Liberalism." Since the early Thirties, the city has led the nation in welfare and social legislation. As a result, New York's public housing degenerates into city-owned slums within

three years, hundreds of thousands there annually draw millions in welfare while employers cry for reliable help, subsidized bastardy floods the streets with nascent criminals, and decent people fear to stroll the streets at night.

Raw statistics are wholly inadequate to convey the pain, grief, and horror vested upon the tens of thousands of victims of criminals in the "Liberals" Fun City. A look at the incidence of murder does, however, give a clue to the spiralling violence by revealing that the homicide rate* there climbed sixty-seven percent between 1960 and 1966. New York City police officers revealed to AMERICAN OPINION that the murder rate was up four hundred percent during the first half of 1967—primarily, the department suspects, as a result of last year's crippling Supreme Court decision regarding confessions as evidence. Murder, no longer punishable by the death penalty in "Liberal" New York, has become easier and easier to get away with as the political "Liberals" from the Supreme Court to City Hall have done more and more to handcuff the police and spare the criminal.

While the general public is the primary victim of crimes and violence, during 1966 some 1,562 police officers were injured and seven killed in the line of duty in New York City. As the "Liberals" have solidified their control over the courts, City Hall, and Albany, crime has grown proportionately. In the four decades which have elapsed since Charles Lindbergh's triumphal parade down Broadway, the population of the five boroughs which comprise New York City has risen by twenty-five percent, but it has been necessary to increase the size of the police force by nearly one hundred percent. Comparing today's crime rates with those of the Lawless Twenties is like comparing

a bull moose to a mouse, or a politician's promises to his performance.

Today's law enforcement officer is the most highly trained and potentially effective in history. Yet, as the "Liberals" have proliferated their message and solidified their control, more and more his effectiveness must remain potential as his performance is muted by a combination of circumstances which are turning America into a country where crime pays, and pays handsomely. Among the changes that have served to frustrate efficient law enforcement is that in the attitude of the public toward the police officer. One New York policeman of many years service described to us the changes he has witnessed:

An officer used to be the law in his area. His mere presence prevented many crimes. In walking his beat he became acquainted with the residents and business people. He was an advisor, chaplain, and father confessor to many of the people on his beat. The policeman was held in high esteem. Now his presence is not wanted and in many neighborhoods he is even resented. The entire climate has changed. For instance, you used to take youths who were about to get in trouble home to their parents—and the parents appreciated it. Now they resent it and tell you that their child couldn't possibly get in trouble. All you get for going out of your way is a complaint registered with the Police Review Board.

Of course, sentiment concerning police officers can vary greatly from area to area within a city. The greatest changes have taken place in ethnic neighborhoods where revolutionaries and professional agitators have made careers of wailing about supposed "police brutality." The Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in its Report

*According to figures released by the New York City Police Department, a murder victim died there last year once every 13.4 hours.

called *A Communist Plot Against the Free World Police* has revealed what readers of the Communist Press already knew—that the false cry of “police brutality” is part of a program originated and instigated by the Communists in order to destroy the effectiveness of local law enforcement and to build in the mind of the public the idea that the policeman is an enemy. As Mayor Samuel Yorty of Los Angeles expressed it following the Watts Rebellion: “The cry of ‘police brutality’ has been shouted in cities all over the world by the Communists, dupes and demagogues irrespective of the facts.” Nowhere has the Communists’ “police-brutality” campaign been more effectively joined by the “Liberals” than in the City of New York.

A New York patrolman who had been stationed in Harlem, and who enjoyed the people and the duty, described for us the results of the Left’s five years of intensified anti-police propaganda there:

It used to be that the colored people were friendly and you got to know them. To give you an idea about how the average Negro in Harlem used to react to the policeman, during one five-day tour my station received four Ten-Thirteen calls on my behalf. There were no white people in the area except me, but when some citizen on my post thought I was in trouble he phoned the precinct station. It often turned out that I didn’t need help; but these people called for assistance for me—a white cop in the middle of a black area. The people appreciated you and kept an eye on you to see you didn’t get hurt. In just a few years things have completely changed. Now the hatred there towards the police is so thick you can cut it with a knife.*

Famous Harlem nightclubs once at-

tracted thousands of free-spending tourists to the area. Now, because of Leftist hate propaganda, only those whites brave to the point of being foolhardy make nighttime safaris into Harlem. There is just too much risk involved. One of the Harlem police officers to whom we talked reported that “a man used to be able to walk through the area and conclude that it wasn’t a bad neighborhood at all. Now I defy any white person to walk on 110th and 111th between 5th Avenue and Lenox after dark without getting mugged—with a cop stationed on both corners. You can buy narcotics, place a bet, shoot crap, find a prostitute—it’s all there, a supermarket of sin. And the police can’t even try to stop it. If they do, between the agitators and the Lefties downtown, they’re dead. One way or the other, they’re dead.”

It would be a false conclusion to indicate that the Communists’ anti-police propaganda has infected all members of minority groups. While fear of terrorist retaliation often stops decent people from vocally expressing their dissent to encroaching anarchy, these same people privately express quite a different attitude from that parroted by “Civil Rights” fanatics. A recent poll taken in Harlem by an agency of the federal government showed that residents there want *more* police protection, not less. During last year’s election, thirty percent of New York City’s Negroes, seeking to support their local police, turned out to vote for abolition of Mayor Lindsay’s infamous Civilian Review Board.† Many of the city’s Negroes well understood that the ide-

*Policeman needs help.

†Even though the Civilian Police Review Board was disposed of at the polls by a margin of three to two, the machinery still exists for those who have complaints to file them with the Police Review Board. In spite of all the propaganda about “police brutality,” during 1965 complaints of the use of excessive force numbered only 324 out of 203,302 arrests.

logical persuasion of that Star Chamber was Left, Lefter, Leftist; they knew it even included no less a revolutionary than Algernon Black, who has participated in more Communist Fronts than Elizabeth Taylor has had boyfriends. Half of the Puerto Ricans voting also elected to disassemble the Board, many perhaps aware that Dr. Bella Dodd, a former member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, had testified that the whole idea of the Civilian Review Board had been conceived by the Communists during the Thirties as a part of their revolutionary scheme to destroy effective law enforcement in America.

Law enforcement officers in New York now say that work by the Support Your Local Police Committees has been instrumental in returning the pendulum of public opinion back toward respect for law and order by emphasizing the stake of the average citizen in maintaining high-caliber civic police forces. They express private concern, nonetheless, that many of the same well-meaning citizens who voted to free their policemen from the harassment of the Civilian Review Board also voted into power the "Liberal" politicians who are doing their best to put the police in a strait jacket. You see, the attack upon the policeman is not only from without, but also from above.

Police effectiveness has been eroded for many years by "Liberal" political pressure and court decisions, but the plot really began to sicken in New York when John V. Lindsay, having been supported in his race for power by the militant Left,* was ensconced in Gracie Mansion. Lindsay, you may recall, is some sort of a Republican—a Trotskyite Republican perhaps. The Mayor was of course elected with the endorsement of the Far Left's Liberal Party, headed until recently by lifelong Marxist David Dubinsky.

Mayor Lindsay wasted no time in

beginning an attack on the effectiveness of the city's police department. Police Commissioner Michael J. Murphy, a no-nonsense law enforcement administrator, was not reappointed when his term expired and was soon replaced by Howard Leary, another "Liberal" Republican who just happened to be willing to accept a Civilian Review Board. A Leftist political activist by the name of Sanford Garelik was then elevated over the head of numerous qualified men to become Chief Inspector, the highest uniformed position in the department. The "Liberal" Mr. Garelik, it turned out, just happened to be related to Alex Rose, a grand poohbah in the Far Left's Liberal Party. Like the anti-Communists of East Germany, many of those who had been leap-frogged by Garelik voted with their feet and left the force, preferring retirement to serving under the new Chief Inspector—whose motivation they understood all too well.

Our extensive interviews among New York's police officers indicate that Garelik has engendered nearly as much enthusiasm from the men who must serve under him as one would expect had the appointment gone to the late Eleanor Roosevelt. Chief Inspector Garelik is a proponent of the "Liberal" philosophy which requires that police officers be sociologists instead of law enforcers. His men are encouraged to attend City College of New York's John Jay School of Criminology for "Liberal" courses termed, by one officer who attended, as "strictly a social-work-brainwash." The results of the at-

*A Rutgers University Professor, Eugene Genovese, whose support for a Vietcong victory in Vietnam and avowed Marxism had become a bone of contention in the New Jersey gubernatorial race was asked by a newspaper reporter for a comment on the New Jersey election results. He replied that he was gratified, but that he had spent his own efforts during the campaign working in New York City for the election of John V. Lindsay. Genovese's support was typical of that supplied by the Communists and the Far Left.



An injured New York policeman sits stunned and staring blankly after an attack by revolutionaries.

tempt by the city's political "Liberals" to turn the police officer on the beat into a welfare worker were described to us as follows by a New York patrolman:

Today they tell us there are forty-five reasons why we should not make an arrest—even when a crime is committed and we have the offender cold. Justice, you see, is no longer blind. There are all kinds of sociological factors they want us to consider. Is the suspect 'disadvantaged,' for example, or from a minority race? That's the big thing now. They don't put this in writing, but you get the picture after a while when you have been chewed out for making such arrests. I took an oath to enforce the law, not to play racial games or babysit with criminals; but they won't let me enforce it.

Every officer interviewed said virtually the same thing: "You can't do the job. They don't want you to do it. If you do you step on the wrong toes and

immediately you are in trouble." One patrolman described the deterioration of law enforcement in these words:

You do what you have to do and no more. That's what they want. Don't make any waves. The guy that goes out and tries to do his job is the guy who gets the business. He's a Hoople, a nut. Because if he enforces the law strictly then the lieutenants and captains have to back him up; and if they do they get a fast shuffle on promotions and appointments. If the cop makes an arrest that involves some political group then the lieutenant or captain has to go down and apologize all over the place—and the cop who does his job gets reprimanded and most likely will be transferred to another post. I know, I've been there—and I can bring in a hundred guys who will tell you the same thing. The lieutenants and captains don't like it any better than we do, but it's the politicians who run the show.

An officer with more than a dozen years on the force described the pressure *not* to enforce the law:

The main risk of being a policeman under this Garelik-Lindsay crowd is not the peril of the job—though that's serious enough—but of being in trouble for taking the proper action . . . They sacrifice you immediately — immediately — to placate any Leftist pressure group. The minimum that will happen to you is that you will be transferred. . . . This is a real morale builder; it's almost as if they were deliberately setting out to destroy the force. You'd think they were Communists, or something.

A part of the "Liberals'" harassment campaign against New York police is the ridiculous amount of paper work with which policemen there are now saddled. Five years ago a police officer in New York turned out for a tour of duty with just his basic equipment—uniform, flashlight, revolver, nightstick, memo book, and a pen. Today it is not uncommon to see these men turn out with attache cases. Besides the traditional memo book in which they record all police activities, officers must now carry and prepare mounds of mimeographed forms which duplicate what they have already written in their book. Also they must carry time-sheets and other materials which the political "Liberals" have required to create further paperwork and duplication. Officers complain that under the new regime they are judged largely on the volume of their reports and not on the quality of their police work in the field.

A number of officers objected that arresting criminals is no longer the criterion for judging a patrolman's performance, explaining that it is the number of traffic summonses which is now emphasized. The Mayor seems more

interested in over-parking than in violence and theft. In describing the pressure for traffic tickets a veteran officer told us in delightful Irish Brooklynesse:

*The Department is always pushing the men for more and more summonses. They deny it but there is a quota. The politicians want the money—New York's \$650 million welfare budget has to come from somewhere, I guess. But instead of having efficient enforcement of traffic regulations, prevention of accidents and clear-moving traffic, what you have instead is the policeman being sent down to some isolated street where there is a stop sign, and waiting for some poor guy to do a rolling stop. We're forced to this! The citizens want fewer robberies, muggings, rapes, and murders. So do we; but the politicians downtown must figure that such arrests can't pay the tab for Prince John's vote-buying schemes.**

It is a tribute to our police, not only those of New York City but of our other cities as well, that they continue against the odds which the "Liberals" have built up against them to try to serve and protect the public. As a radio-car officer from Queens remarked:

Fortunately, there are still a lot of policemen who go out and do their job anyway, come hell or high water. But how long is it going to last? Ten years ago many policemen here used to go out on their own time-off duty looking for a particular mugger, rapist, or stick-up artist;

*A few weeks before the Civilian Review Board elections, orders from "downtown" were issued to patrolmen to quadruple their traffic-summons activity. The officers surmise this was an attempt to make the public furious at the police and thereby encourage votes to retain Mayor Lindsay's Civilian Review Board. The ploy failed.

*so people were getting twice as much for their taxes because the police were motivated by the fact that they could do a good job and it was recognized. Not today. Not when you get a Mayor like Lindsay who will play up to a bunch of sick degenerates like these hippies and apologize for the police department—good family men—doing their jobs.**

In view of the harassment meted out to the working police officer by his politically-oriented superiors, it is not surprising that police morale is at an all-time low this year—down from last year's all-time low. "They're breaking the spirit of the officers," is the plaint of nearly every policeman in New York. Being a police officer used to be a thirty or forty year career, but that is a thing of the past unless a man has worked his way into the upper echelons and can avoid the harassment vested by the Left upon the men at the arrest level. As one patrolman told us, "It used to be that you could go into any station house and find someone who had been on the squad thirty or thirty-five years. They were respected and really knew their business. Now a guy puts in twenty years so he can get his retirement and gets out as fast as he

can." When we asked him if he would remain on the force once his twenty years were in, he replied: "Are you nuts? I wouldn't stay on the force seven seconds past my twenty years. If I survive, I'm going to take my family to Maine so they won't be here when the Lefties have completely handcuffed the police and the bloodbath starts." Another officer commented, "Being a cop has been a tradition in many families. My dad was a cop; I would've prepped my kid to be a cop. But not now. I'd commit him to the looney bin first."



Mayor John V. Lindsay continues to harass police.

*During June of 1967 the hippies rioted in New York's Tompkins Square Park and a number were arrested. Mayor Lindsay, who had just refused to see a delegation of apartmenthouse owners protesting against the city's socialist rent-control laws, invited hippy leaders to City Hall and apologized for the police enforcing the law. In mimeographed instructions issued on June 2, 1967 by Captain J. Fink, officers were directed: "Uniformed forces will not enter said park..." It seems, "Groups of Policemen make a poor impression." That evening approximately five hundred uniformed policemen patrolled the area outside the park, but no trouble occurred as most of the hippies frolicked elsewhere. What does it cost the taxpayers to place all of those policemen on duty on a weekend night because friends of the Mayor may riot? The average cost of a patrolman is thirty-eight dollars a day, plus time-and-a-half for overtime. That evening most likely cost the taxpayers better than twenty thousand additional dollars.

We learned that the chief vehicle being used by the Left in New York to destroy police effectiveness from within is the Police Commissioner's Confidential Investigation Unit—known as the P.C.C.I.U., or among police officers as "The Gestapo." This unit uses methods for gaining information and questioning police officers that if used on the public would be described, and rightly so, as remnants of the Nazi "S.S." So far, however, no "Liberal" pressure group has mouthed

a complaint. That is not surprising since it is staffed predominantly with "Liberal" sycophants: It is simply a political harassment squad responsible to the Mayor and his staff. Until recently the P.C.C.I.U. was headed by one Sidney Cooper, described to us by his colleagues as "a cop-hating cop." When stationed in the Seventieth Precinct, Cooper told his co-workers: "All cops are scum."

Indicative of how Sidney's boys operate is a serious matter now being widely discussed among New York police officers:

As a part of their "Liberal" indoctrination, city policemen are currently required* to take a day-long course on Negro culture, part of which is devoted to a film that depicts the police as oppressors of the Negro. The Negro Americans presented by the film as being outstanding are James Baldwin, Paul Robeson, W.E.B. DuBois, Langston Hughes, and Ralph Bunche — a raving racist and four identified Communists.† A group of New York policemen dared to distribute a mimeographed letter on the aforementioned paragons of patriotism, giving the Communist background which the film neglected to mention. The Police Code of Ethics states that a policeman's duty is to "protect the ignorant from deception," and the officers felt compelled by the code to tell the truth.

The truth was not appreciated.

The "Liberals" P.C.C.I.U. began a search for the offending officers. In the course of their harassment operation they ruthlessly grilled Patrolman Arthur Prackelt of Precinct 112, leaving

him ill at the end of a vicious session lasting most of the day. Prackelt, who though an anti-Communist had nothing to do with distributing the letter, had served on the force for more than nineteen years and was to retire within a few months. An hour after the grilling—ill and shaken by the brutality of the questioning, and apparently panicked at the thought of having his pension revoked by Garelik's humanitarian commandos—Patrolman Prackelt dropped dead on the floor of the station house. The American Civil Liberties Union has yet to be heard from, but a fraternal group is preparing a suit on behalf of the widow.

Sidney Cooper, the "Liberal" police administrator who is a "cop-hating cop," has recently been promoted from the P.C.C.I.U. by the Leftists controlling City Hall—promoted under most unusual circumstances. An officer on the narcotics squad, while taking in a suspect he had just arrested for pushing narcotics, was informed by the suspect that he was a personal friend of Sidney Cooper and wanted to telephone him. The officer booked the dope-pusher first, and then he let him telephone his friend Cooper...who ordered the officer to free Cooper's friend. When the detective refused with the explanation that he didn't have the authority, Cooper called the detective's boss — the Inspector of Narcotics—who sent a lieutenant to free the suspect.

Once a man's name is entered in the arrest record, only a judge can dismiss the case. Since the case of Cooper's dope-pusher friend *was* in the arrest record, the Grand Jury looked into the "friendship"—but, again, the attorney who presented the case to the Grand Jury was a "friend" of Cooper's and for some reason presented a strong case in a weak manner. No indictment was returned. Police officers told us there were strong feelings on the force that in any other borough in the city Sidney Cooper

*The official order came down on January 19, 1967.

†Ralph Bunche, a former editor of the avowedly Communist magazine, *Science and Society*, was identified in closed-session testimony as a Communist by former top Negro Communists Leonard Patterson and Manning Johnson. The testimony has never been released, but is nevertheless on the record.

would have gone to jail. Instead, he has now been kicked upstairs to handle gambling enforcement — a job that many policemen consider hilariously ironic. Gambling in New York may be wide open, but at least the "Liberals" furtive "cop-hating cop" is no longer running Garelik's Gestapo in Mayor Lindsay's continuing war against the New York police.

II

IN ALL CANDOR, it must be admitted that bigotry does exist in the New York Police Department—and at the highest levels. But it's not the kind of bigotry that Martin Luther King sobs about. It is a reverse bigotry, a bigotry that the P.C.C.I.U. never investigates. At the instigation of the city's political "Liberals," Negroes and Puerto Ricans are being given preference in New York City on inside jobs, detective positions, and for patrol-car duty. Instead of relying upon the system of merit which alone produces the best sort of law enforcement, the "Liberals" are employing racism.

Recently, in a civil service test for patrolman candidates seeking promotion to sergeant, the top eighty-four scores—by what was more than the merest coincidence—went to Negroes. As it developed, a blood brother was running the I.B.M. machine that scored the test. When the "coincidence" became known, the static was too strong for even the "Liberals" to ignore. As a result of investigation, a number of unqualified Negro "sergeants" soon found themselves returned to patrolman status. Now the N.A.A.C.P. conducts a school for those preparing to take the test, and curiously enough the questions discussed in the seminars have with remarkable consistency been the very ones to appear on the tests.

Under "Liberal" control, a double standard of justice also exists within the department for officers found

guilty of "indiscretions." For example, a Puerto Rican policeman recently stacked some buddies into a radio car and took them to Coney Island (a fifteen mile trip); being heavily inebriated, they got the police car stuck in the sand. The offense was serious, but incredibly the offending officer lost only three days' pay. A Negro policeman was recently caught selling narcotics—that's right, pushing "junk"—while on duty. In spite of the fact that detectives had followed the man for three months to gather incontrovertible evidence, he was not even arrested but simply asked to resign. Another Negro officer caught in a twenty dollar shakedown was fined a day's pay. Normally, on-duty policemen seen *drinking coffee* off their posts are subject to a fine of *three days' pay*; but under the political "Liberals" in New York, crime among minority groups—in the department or out—calls for special favors.

There are eighteen hundred Negro policemen in New York City. Nearly all, especially those who have been on the force for several years, have earned the respect of their brother officers—and they have it. Within the police department is an organization of highly patriotic Negroes, the Afro-American Society, which fought to repeal the Left's Civilian Review Board. These are officers of the highest caliber who believe in enforcing the law regardless of race, creed, or color. They advocate improvement of racial problems through reason, not riots. But, unfortunately, the "Liberals'" practice of reverse bigotry at the upper echelons of the department has recently attracted a number of highly unsavory characters into the ranks of the New York police. An officer who is in an excellent position to know told us that there are now approximately one hundred Black Muslims on the force and an additional two hundred hardcore Muslim sympathizers. Ten policemen are known

to have close ties with *Liberator*, the Mau Mau-Maoist magazine of revolutionary Black Nationalism.

The department is aware it has been infiltrated by Muslims and other subversives, but because of the "Liberal" political climate in the city it has been able to do nothing about it in spite of the fact that some police officers openly participate in Muslim demonstrations and distribute Muslim literature. Where the police are handcuffed by the Left, even their own ranks are soon infiltrated. You can well imagine what this does to the morale and efficiency of the patriotic and decent police officer who understands what is going on.

III

THE BLOWS against law and order delivered by the Supreme Court are well known, particularly with reference to search and seizure and speechmaking to criminals about their rights. Local courts have also contributed to the reduction of public safety; not only through weird interpretations but also through excessive leniency. In New York City the Far Left's Liberal Party holds the balance of power between Republicans and Democrats and therefore extracts the pound of flesh for its support by demanding thirty percent of the city's political patronage—including judgeships. This gives the Liberal Party influence far in excess of its actual numbers, and its agents have become well entrenched on the bench. Criminal lawyers in New York often ask for a series of postponements until they get a Liberal Party judge. As one frustrated police officer describes the situation there: " 'Liberal' judges are no longer looking for justice, they are looking for a technicality. The law here is now a lot of technicalities and justice is no longer blind; it is looking at the law books trying to find a flaw in the presentation of the evidence—and the rights of the victim be damned."

As we talked, an off-duty lieutenant from the Bronx stared at a half-empty coffee cup and remarked, "In New York, the criminal is far better off in court than the officer and the complainant. You take someone in to arrest him for a crime and the complainant has to show up four, five, or six times. Naturally a person is going to get sick and tired of the delays while the defense attorney asks for postponements. It is costing the complainant or his boss forty dollars a day for the guy to sit around court and do nothing. Pretty soon the complainant doesn't show up and the case is dismissed. It costs the criminal nothing to delay because he is most likely not working anyway and the taxpayers are providing the attorney."

A recent Supreme Court ruling now forces police to recite a "presentation" to the criminal to assure him that he does not have to confess and that he will be provided a lawyer. "That spiel really makes you feel like a boob," a veteran patrolman remarked disdainfully. He told us that hardened, brutal criminals who would formerly have been convicted now go scot free. Many used to readily make a deal to plead guilty to lesser crimes when offered the chance to confess, but now they just keep their mouths shut. Convictions on the basis of confessions are down to nearly nil. And, there are countless cases in New York City of the most solid confessions being thrown out of court on the most minor technicalities. Thanks to the "Liberals" on the U.S. Supreme Court, a woman who had confessed to killing her child walked out of court with a dismissal, and a man who admitted to murdering his wife and four kids walked away whistling "California, Here I Come"—presumably in honor of Earl Warren.

The result of these decisions has been to make criminals even more arrogant and contemptuous of the law. One

officer told us how on his beat during a recent rash of burglaries the men who committed the crimes walked back and forth in front of the pillaged stores the next day and taunted the owners, bragging about their accomplishments. There was nothing the police could do: Thanks to Earl Warren, it has become a practical rule that confessions don't count.

With all of these hurdles put in front of the policeman trying to do his job it is not surprising that recruiting of qualified men is becoming an ever more difficult job. New York City has had to make forays into Massachusetts and Maryland attempting to entice the unwary into becoming police officers in Gotham. No dice. Knowledgeable men in the middle echelons of the New York force told us that the department has even lowered the standard of mental qualification for new recruits—and that still less difficult mental-qualification tests are given in Negro neighborhoods. Nonetheless, recruitment is at rock bottom.

The police-qualification tests are now given in practically empty rooms, while lines for the sanitation-department test often create a traffic jam for blocks around. "Believe it or not," one patrolman told AMERICAN OPINION, "a sanitation-department employee now has more prestige in his job than a policeman. And they get the same pay and have far better working conditions, next to no supervision, and darned little responsibility. Now everyone wants to be a garbage man and no one wants to become a police officer. Something is pretty rotten in New York when that happens. That rottenness has a name: It is *John Lindsay*."

A policeman must constantly make instant judgments concerning dangerous courses of action and the use of force. His life and the lives of others depend on his making the right decisions. More and more police officers

are deciding that rather than be saddled with that kind of responsibility in the face of harassment from Leftist pressure groups and "Liberal" superiors kowtowing to revolutionaries and agitators, it is easier to transfer to the sanitation or fire departments. One officer relates that almost half of his class from the Police Academy has now switched over to the fire department, others to the sanitation department.

What does a city do when it becomes difficult to recruit law enforcement officers? The "Liberals'" standard solution is to begin talking about a federal police force. While Mayor John Lindsay no doubt approves of such a move for his city (and he does consider the city his), he has other novel ideas for the future. Like, for instance, recruiting those who have been convicted of misdemeanors. The Left's theory goes that law breakers who have suffered "deprived" childhoods are in trouble through no fault of their own, but through that of society, and they therefore deserve another chance: Like becoming police officers. This is lunacy. But even if it weren't, it ignores the fact that felons in "Liberal" New York—particularly those who had "deprived" childhoods—are often allowed to make a deal with the District Attorney and plead guilty to a lesser misdemeanor count.

Under the Manpower Development Act, yet another form of recruiting policemen is being tested in New York by the underworld of the Left. Teenage dropouts "from minority neighborhoods" are being hired as Police Aides at sixty dollars a week. The idea is for them to relieve policemen to do field work. Many of these Aides have been placed in key offices where there are highly confidential files and records. Since the policeman is greatly dependent on the accuracy and completeness of these files and records, officers are naturally concerned about

functionally illiterate high school dropouts, many with extensive records of juvenile delinquency, having access to such sensitive areas. But the "Liberal" Mayor Lindsay is in charge, and he thinks the idea is just peachy.

Police officers told us the Aide situation is serious. One reported: "The dropouts are *walking away* with the Police Academy — typewriters and everything. Now we have to station a cop in the recruits' locker room around the clock. There are obscenities scribbled all over the wall, empty beer and wine bottles are chucked under the lockers, and they are even stealing service revolvers." A concerned sergeant added, "We get reports of these Aides insulting people in the streets, and going into stores for lunch and cigarettes and not paying. Lindsay is trying to drive good men out of the police department and turn it over to criminals."

IV

MOST NEW YORK CITY policemen will tell you confidentially that the city is



Lindsay's man Cooper says: "All cops are scum."

a time-bomb—ticking away and ready to explode into riots that will make the Communists' affair in Harlem during 1964 seem like a Sunday stroll down old Broadway. They will also tell you that the handling of the 1964 insurrection was a farce. As one put it, "If our 'Liberal' political bosses hadn't called the shots, that riot wouldn't have lasted three hours. As it was, we were required to confine the rioters to one area and let them go until they got tired. Brilliant strategy!" Another officer had this formula for stopping riots: "If they would allow us to use the necessary force against the first five looters, the looting would be stopped and in the longrun lives would be saved. Our politicians force the police to try to reason with the riot leaders; but you can't reason with a mob or its leaders—especially when those leaders are hardcore Communists. Chief Parker in 'L.A.' was right when he refused to negotiate with the rioters and said his job was to lock up criminals, not give them credit and prestige for leading a revolution."

New York's problem is that in a city where Leftist-led minority groups combine to make a voting majority, no politician dares stand up to them. The media, which with the single exception of the *New York Daily News* are gushingly "Liberal," merely inflame the situation by editing key facts that might offend the professional agitators. You may recall that the Harlem riots were triggered when a police officer, in self-defense, shot a "boy." This led to the wide distribution by the Communist Progressive Labor Party of posters declaring: "Wanted for Murder—Gilligan the Cop." The New York media failed to counter this inflammatory propaganda by stressing the fact that the poor little tyke was two inches short of six-feet tall and weighed 160 pounds—and that he had attacked and slashed patrolman Gilligan with a knife

before the officer fired his gun. The "Liberals" are too busy with important things like kicking the dead body of William Randolph Hearst Sr. for "yellow journalism" to notice that today's "crimson journalism" is leading to revolutionary anarchy.

Another example of the media acting as an accomplice to the crime in the Harlem riots concerns James Farmer's appearance on W.A.B.C. - TV's *Page One*. Farmer, then National Director of C.O.R.E., told viewers in the tense city that police had conducted a "blood orgy." Staring directly into the camera, he wept: "I saw with my own eyes a woman who walked up to the police and asked their assistance in getting a taxicab so that she might go home. This woman was shot in the groin, and she is now in Harlem Hospital." The whole story was a hoax, a vicious fraud aimed at smearing the police and inflaming racial hatred.* Policemen believe that Farmer should have been arrested for inciting to riot, but scoff at the idea that the city's "Liberal" officials would have the courage to do so much as reprimand a "Civil Rights" leader.

Strangely, the aftermath of the Communist-instigated Harlem riot brought further restrictions on the policemen. Following Mayor Lindsay's election and the appointment of Sanford Garelik, only the most politically "Liberal" captains† have been assigned to precincts in "minority" neighborhoods. A disgruntled patrolman commented on this: "Our captain just flat out tells us,



Mayor Lindsay's Chief Inspector, Sanford Garelik.

'do not shoot if it's a member of a minority group.' There is a double standard—two sets of laws—one for minority groups and one for everybody else." Another officer noted, "The word is: Handle all ethnic groups with ultra-kid gloves. Overlook small infractions of the law. Overlook disrespect for police officers. Accept it as part of your job and to be expected from these 'deprived peoples.'" He added: "These kids call you every filthy name in the book and you can't do anything about it or you are the one in trouble. Under these circumstances, how can you expect them to ever have any respect whatsoever for law and order? Deprived, my aching (beep)! I was raised in this city during the Depression, and it was no picnic, but we didn't steal, riot, or call the police filthy names. But with the hostile, confining attitude of the city's "Liberal" bigwigs toward the police department, and revolutionaries running around the street spreading hate and lies about 'police brutality,' how can you expect the kids to be any

* Curiously this same story with variations seems to be spread at the beginning of every Communist-instigated riot, whether it be Harlem, Watts, Boston or, more recently, Newark.

† A policeman may rise to the rank of captain in New York City by civil service tests. Above captain, promotions are by appointment. Many studious "Liberals" had made captain by passing the test but because of poor leadership ability had gone years without receiving a command—until Garelik came along with his magic wand. Suddenly it was the Leftists who got the bulk of the commands, leadership or no leadership.

different? In their eyes we are what they are calling us."

There have been a number of smaller riots in New York City and Brooklyn since the Communist-instigated Harlem blowoff. The strategy forced on the police by the "Liberals" who run the city was described as follows by an officer who was there: "We went up with a big detail of men and we were told to *hide* in the movies: 'Go into the movies — do not be outside, do not antagonize, and do not interfere in any way with the people.' If we saw fighting in the streets, unless it affected us personally, we were ordered not to interfere; to get lost. During the riots, looting was going on right in front of policemen; but they were under orders not to shoot. If we had had lightbulbs fastened to our heads there would have been a reason to be there, because we would have been illuminating the area; but as it was — and is — we are risking our lives for nothing because *we are not allowed to stop riots.*"

Officers will tell you that there is a humane way to stop riots, and that is to use tear gas to break up street mobs; but though New York police have been trained in its use, the "Liberal" politicians will not allow tear gas to be used for riot control, claiming it will incite the crowds. "That's nonsense," a veteran officer told us: "It's pretty clear their thinking is not for the safety of the policeman or the law abiding, but for the criminal rioters. They let the revolutionaries set the ground rules. The agitators take the offensive, but we are not allowed to do anything to stop them. The idea is to just let them exhaust themselves. Appease, appease, that's the strategy. There are professionals in those mobs — Communists and Black Nationalists. We're supposed to let them have at us. Look, I've seen the C.I.A.'s report to the Senate on how these Communist mobs operate — I've seen them on the streets. One of these

days they're going to kill one helluva bunch of us."

Working police who have studied the situation are concerned about what will happen when the New York time-bomb explodes. One sergeant expressed his worry this way: "If we can assume that all of the guns and ammunition that disappeared in the 1964 riots have gone to an organization such as the Black Muslims or other subversive groups for an organized effort — and the loot sold to buy other weapons and ammunition — then the police will be defending headquarters with .38s against automatic weapons. New York City has probably the best police communications in the world, but revolutionaries could create chaos by knocking out seven frequencies located at stations throughout the city."

A desk sergeant described the potential danger as follows:

They are filling the station houses with civilians without guns. The only guys armed in the station soon may be desk sergeants and the detectives upstairs. It would not be difficult to get by these men and get to the radio equipment. . . . If they are willing to take fifty percent casualties to knock out police communications — and you can bet the Black Nationalists wouldn't bat an eye at that — it can be done.

There are numerous groups, such as the Communist-led Black Panthers, the Muslims, and the Communist Party, U.S.A. (Marxist-Leninist), organizing in the New York City area along paramilitary lines. One doing so openly is the United Block Association, a group of youngsters who drill in military uniform, supposedly training with toy guns. Recently several thousand of them marched through the streets in a parade, and a New York police officer who observed it told us:

"Some of those guns didn't look like toys to me. These kids are led by guys who know warfare. As they marched by I thought, 'God, I hope they are on our side.' . . . The excuse is that they are learning discipline. If they want to teach youngsters discipline, why don't they organize ball teams? Do they train kids to put on uniforms, carry rifles, and drill in your neighborhood? Well, they do here."

Many law enforcement officials believe that when trouble breaks out it will start on Coney Island. This nationally famous attraction has now become a primary crime-danger area. Once-high concession rents have dropped steeply. A patrolman who works the area relates, "Running a stand is a hazardous occupation now. The 'underprivileged,' those with only one TV set I guess, have taken over Coney Island. On weekends, working there is like being inside a powder keg — you never know when it is going to explode. Organized revolutionary agitators can kick off a riot any time they want on a hot summer weekend when the beach is crowded and people have been drinking." Another officer who is stationed in the area added: "Last Labor Day there were thirteen separate Ten-Thirteens (patrolman-in-trouble calls) in one eight-hour tour — which is utterly fantastic. . . . There were several race riots on Coney Island last year, but they were covered up by Mayor Lindsay and the Press as 'over-enthusiastic teenagers.' In Lindsay's mind, the police are expendable when minority groups are involved."

Some police officers believe that the riot will be taken from the beaches back to Harlem and Bedford-Stuyvesant, others believe it will stay in the Coney Island area where the rioters can pillage and loot the local neighborhood and the luxury stores in the area. Under the new State Criminal Code, which goes into effect September first,

the rioters will be able to loot during the day and go home at night without fear of being arrested: If they are not caught *in the act* of looting, they cannot be legally arrested.

V

IT WOULD SEEM only logical in the face of an ever-ascending crime rate, with paramilitary revolutionaries openly organizing for riots, that the State of New York would tighten its law enforcement procedures. Incredibly, "Liberal" New York is doing just the opposite, having recently created a new Criminal Code which will be the most permissive and lenient in the world. The Temporary State Commission for Revision of the Penal Law and Criminal Code describes the result of its labors as changing "virtually every substantial area of the existing Penal Law in varying degrees ranging from the mild to the drastic . . . changes of a fundamental nature have been wrought upon the theory that the *existing law is rooted in outmoded nineteenth century theories* and requires a thorough-going alteration of basic conceptual foundations in order to bring it into step with modern sociological, psychological and penological thinking."*

There you have it. The "Liberals" have now officially codified into law the claptrap sociology being spouted by maudlin social workers, "Liberal" professors and judges, and the Communist Party, U.S.A. Of course, what they mean by "outmoded nineteenth century theories" is strict law enforcement with swift punishment for criminal acts against innocent citizens. But in the topsy-turvy world of the Left, it is society — the victim — who is the real criminal.

The new Code truly crept in on little cat feet. The mass media gave no cov-

*Commission Foreword as printed in McKinney's *Consolidated Laws of New York*, Page x.

erage to the revolutionary changes instituted by Governor Nelson Rockefeller's special committee of twelve. The committee, whose work must have been the best-kept secret since D-Day, was heavily staffed with manic-progressives who are apparently more enamored with the principles of 1984 than those of 1776. The Code is extremely loose in vital sections. The most often used word is *reasonable* — designed to make every act of an arresting officer open to punishment by the political "Liberals" who will be able to define *reasonable* to suit their own curious value systems.

Try this sociological mumbo-jumbo from the new Code: "The general rule that a penal statute is to be strictly construed does not apply to this chapter, but the provisions herein *must be construed according to the fair import of their terms to promote justice...*"* Everything is relative, you know, especially with a Liberal Party judge and an A.C.L.U. attorney. No wonder that the New York police are concerned. One footsore officer put it this way: "The new Code has more loopholes than a parachute factory." As if the Code is not loose enough in its wording, it requires sixty typewritten, single-spaced pages just to chronicle the deletions from the old Code. These are of course just the new deletions designed to liberalize the law; the Code has been revised many times in the past to eliminate archaic prohibitions such as those against hunting rabbits from moving streetcars.

If you have any friends who by vocation happen to be burglars, purse-snatchers, muggers or rapists, you really should tell them about unbounded opportunities available to them in Fun City. Wags there are rewriting the words to "The Sidewalks of New York." It now goes: "It's very chancy to walk down DeLancey Street you know. The muggers accost you so, as

you try to duck their blow." The new rendition of "Lullaby of Broadway" goes: "When a Broadway baby says goodnight, she locks the door and unloads her pistol."†

The most dangerous result of Governor Rockefeller's new Code is the stringent restrictions on the police in using their weapons to stop criminals. As one officer describes it: "You can shoot a robber while the crime is being committed; but not after the crime when he is trying to escape. Under the new rules, that would be a form of punishment and contrary to the latest sociological theories." Another aspect of the law was described to us by yet another New York patrolman: "You *can* use a gun in self-defense; but you have to give the criminal a good opportunity to kill you before you can do anything about it." To satisfy the new Code, precinct captains have been giving their patrolmen instructions on *not* using their weapons. One captain informed his astonished charges that, beginning September first, if a man tries to run down an officer with his car, once he is past that officer cannot shoot at his would-be murderer!

In line with the new anti-police law, Mayor Lindsay has closed the outdoor police firing range at Rodman's Neck, where formerly New York's police officers received the F.B.I. course in combat shooting and were required to annually qualify as marksmen. Describing the benefits of the suspended course one officer told us: "The first time I tried firing at a silhouette in a combat situation I missed ten in a row. Then they showed me why. With training I could get ten for ten. The public was safer when we had to be able to shoot accurately." But guns apparently have an

**Ibid*, Page 5. Emphasis added.

†You may recall that a girl was recently tried in New York for possessing a knife which she used to repel an assailant. The laws of "Liberal" New York are certainly designed with the criminal in mind.

adverse effect on a criminal's psyche and so, as the new "Liberal" Code goes into effect, the range is now closed tighter than a teenybopper's sweater.

With crime rampaging through the city, New York's "Liberals" have met the challenge by handcuffing its officers with an anti-police Criminal Code, and closing its pistol range and facilities at Rodman's Neck for training police in marksmanship, riot control, defense against Molotov cocktails, and use of special weapons such as tear gas. Why? Police Commissioner Leary says it will make 186 more men available for daily street patrol. You figure it out! As one New York patrolman told AMERICAN OPINION: "We're walking targets! The Lefties won't even let us use the nightstick anymore. The pressure groups say it makes people nervous. Well, by God, I'll tell you it makes me nervous!"

High school track coaches in New York will undoubtedly find a great renaissance of interest in the sprints after the Left's new Code goes into effect September first. As a colorful Irish officer told us: "During the winter a patrolman wears a very heavy overcoat, leggings, and boots. He is almost immobile. Under the new anti-police law a man in light clothing can watch the cop walk down the block, then he can pick up a rock, toss it through a window, grab the merchandise, say 'bye-bye' and take off. The cop hasn't a chance in a foot race. And now the criminal knows the officer can't use his gun to stop him. Boy, here we go with Keystone-Kops chases all over again. Our guys are going to be dropping dead from heart-attacks."

New Yorkers may be laboring under the false assumption that your home is still your castle. Not under King Nelson and his liege, Prince John. Thanks to the new Code, if a New Yorker catches a burglar leaving his house with the family valuables, and he says, "Pardon me, I was just leaving; I am un-

armed and mean you no harm," he is free to go. If you use a weapon to stop him, you are a criminal.

The new "Liberal" law concerning when a policeman can use his gun is so complicated and purposely nebulous that many officers have decided that unless their own lives are in danger it is too risky to use their weapons — even to prevent the escape of the most brutal criminal. By using the weapon they subject themselves to a Grand Jury indictment and loss of career and pension.

What is going on here anyway? These new anti-police laws in New York defy the imagination. Your imagination maybe, but not that of the Communists and their lackeys. Their goal is to disarm the police — and New York is the first step. A rumor now circulating through the New York Police Department has it that soon there will be an experimental precinct in which *all* patrolmen will be disarmed as the first step towards complete disarmament of law enforcement officers. So convinced is Mayor Lindsay that he has things under control that, according to the highly reliable *New York Independent*, New York City's budget for next year does not include a re-order of ammunition for the police department. As we go to press, the city has begun asking patrolmen to surrender their arms—the program, they claim, is "voluntary." Unless something is done, and done quickly, all New York patrolmen will soon be facing criminals and rioters with their bare hands. God help them when that happens! God help the city of New York!!

What will be the result of this "heads the criminals win, tails the citizens lose" law? Crime which has been rising at an astronomical rate will rise even faster until cities become unliveable jungles. The threat of being shot has always served as a deterrent to crime; but now, as the criminal element learns of the restrictions on law enforcement

officers, chaos may well ensue. No wonder that New York's policemen are calling the new Code "a green light to riot." The Communists who have been fomenting insurrection in New York know a green light when they see it.

It is high time Americans began to realize that the problems of our police are *our* problems. When we want our life and property protected we call a police officer, not a politician. The problems of the New York City policeman are increasingly becoming the problems faced by other policemen in every major city in the United States. New York has traditionally been a testing ground for legislation later enacted at the federal level. The worse the experience in New York (such as their welfare laws, costing the city's taxpayers \$653 million

next year), the better it seems are its chances of becoming federal law. If the police of New York can be disarmed, so can *your* local police. If competent law enforcement officers can be harassed into quitting by the Left in New York, and the "Liberals" there can create a climate where not enough qualified men can be recruited for the police force, the identical situation could soon occur in your town. When the police are completely disarmed the law-abiding citizen will be at the mercy of the lawless, and Communist conspirators already active in our streets will effectively control the country through mob riots. The Thin Blue Line must be supported and preserved — your life and the future of this nation may very well depend upon it. ■ ■

TEN YEARS AGO

■ **September 3, 1957**—John Stewart Service today returned to work for the State Department, six years after being dismissed as a security risk. His reinstatement comes as a result of a recent ruling by the Supreme Court. In 1945, Service was caught redhanded as he turned over confidential State Department documents to an editor of *Amerasia*, a Communist magazine. The editor was arrested and charged with violating the Espionage Act; John Stewart Service was promoted to the board which oversees placement and promotions of State Department personnel in the entire Far Eastern area. In 1951, after Senator Joseph R. McCarthy brought the Service record to light, he was dismissed from the Department. Upon his reinstatement, Service commented: "I have been very cordially received. I have many friends in the Department."

■ **September 16, 1957**—Jack Anderson, Drew Pearson's "column associate," today listed ten of Senator Lyndon B. Johnson's "Rules to Win Friends." Rule Number Eight, according to Anderson, is: "Practice liking people until you learn to do so genuinely."

■ **September 10, 1957**—The New York City Board of Education orders Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* dropped from the list of books approved for the city's elementary and junior-high schools. The Board explains that Twain's classic is "racially offensive."

■ **September 15, 1957**—The Cuban Government, under the leadership of President Fulgencio Batista, today banned the sale of sugar and other export items to the Soviet Union and other Iron Curtain countries.

■ **September 5, 1957**—The *New York Times* reports that supporters of agrarian reformer Fidel Castro are selling "bonds" in the United States to help finance the 26th of July Movement. Angel de Prada, an official of something called Democratic Workers Committee of Cuban Emigres, claims the revenue will be used "for relief of Cuban refugees from Batista" and not for weapons of war. De Prada also stresses that the bonds are not redeemable, but are simply receipts for contributions. "It is just for your own pride," he says: "Anyone expecting anything back from it wouldn't be a good Cuban."

■ **September 27, 1957**—The *New York Times* reports that the Red China People's Court has condemned to death two Taoist religious leaders for "preparing to overthrow the Communist Party." According to the Communist People's Court the men prepared "paper-made robes, swords, warships, banners, bows and arrows in a vicious attempt to equip an army of the other world and attack the Communist Party."

■ **September 16, 1957**—According to an announcement by the Tax Foundation of America, expenditures by the federal, state, and local governments are "racing along at a clip of more than \$13,000,000 an hour." The figure compares with \$6,000,000 an hour in 1948, and \$2,000,000 an hour in 1940. President Eisenhower is "not available" for comment.

—DENNIS R. WARREN