

Spreen to teach course for public

Thursday, June 2, 1977 (BWT, S.F. 7A)

Oakland County Sheriff Johannes Spreen and Under Sheriff John Nichols will team up with several other Detroit-area criminal justice experts to conduct a seven-week course at Mercy College in northwest Detroit.

The course, "Crime and You," was designed for the general public and is the idea of Spreen, who also serves as the director for Mercy College's Law Enforcement and Protection Program. "I have wanted to do something like this for a long time," he said. "I want to help the people in the community have a better understanding of the criminal justice system and how it works."

Other speakers participating in the program are Rho Marchand, assistant Wayne County prosecuting at-

torney; Issaiah McKinnon, executive lieutenant of the sex crimes unit of the Detroit Police Department; and Joseph Macri, director of the University of Detroit's graduate program in criminal justice.

Topics for the program include: "What citizens can do to protect themselves against crimes," "What happens to criminals when they are sent to prison," "What expectations do the courts have for the rehabilitation of criminals," and "the major problems confronting the criminal justice system today."

The course, which is non-credit, will be conducted over seven consecutive Wednesdays from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., beginning June 8. Registration fee for the course is \$35.

Persons wishing to enroll early may

send a check or money order to: Law Enforcement and Protection Program, Mercy College, 8200 W. Outer

Drive, Detroit 48219. Registration may also be completed at the door before the program meeting.



PROF. SPREEN IN CLASS

Anti-surveillance conference planned

The Michigan Coalition to End Political Surveillance will sponsor a Conference on Police Spying Saturday, June 11 beginning at 8 a.m. at Marygrove College in Detroit.

U.S. Rep. John Conyers (D-Detroit) will open the conference. Conyers is sponsoring the Federal Intelligence Agencies Control Bill (H.R. 6651).

Also featured on the program are Maryann Mahaffey, Detroit Councilwoman, and John Shattuck, the American Civil Liberties Union's Washington legislative director.

Shattuck will review the scope of political surveillance at the national and state level. He will specifically report on the status of a number of legal challenges against alleged abuses of intelligence agency programs as well as local "Red Squad" law suits.

The newly-formed coalition maintains that Detroit Police and the Michigan State Police have surveilled thousands of individuals since the 1930s, said Tom Lonergan, a staff member of the National Lawyers Guild. The National Lawyers Guild is a member of the coalition sponsoring the conference.

The coalition has charged that Gov. William Milliken, key Democrats, and Republicans voting as a bloc (attempted) to sidetrack a legislative investigation of the Michigan State Police's spying activities.

The coalition has also charged that

junction with the Ingham County Circuit Court, attempted to destroy State Police surveillance files.

The coalition called the day-long conference "to provide information about police spying in Michigan and initiate a broad on-going effort against political surveillance and other repressive activities," Lonergan said.

The Michigan Coalition to End Political Surveillance is made up of the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, the American Friends Service Committee, Americans for Democratic Action, the Citizens Committee to End Political Surveillance as well as the Civil Liberties Committee of the State Bar and the U.S. Communist Party. Other groups affiliated with the coalition include the Communist Labor Party, the Michigan Alliance Against Repression, the National Conference of Black Lawyers, the National Organization of Women, People for Economic Justice and the Team for Justice.

Other member organizations are the Socialist Workers' Party, the Women's Lawyers Association, the Socialist Party of Michigan, the Detroit chapter of the New American Movement, the Westside Mothers, and the Equal Justice Council of Detroit.

There is a \$5 conference fee. Registration information is available from the ACLU and National Lawyers Guild.

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