

State News Round Up

STATE SELECTIVE Service Director, Col. Arthur A. Holmes warned persons who turn in their draft cards in protest against the draft and the Vietnam war may go to the head of the induction list. Holmes added that no Michigan residents have yet been ordered to report for induction into the Army. However, he stated, Selective Service officials are in the process of taking action against individuals in several such cases.

DETROIT MAYOR Jerome Cavanagh is contemplating calling for a revision of the city's 49-year-old charter saying, "We're trying to solve 1967's problem with 1918's answers." Of the 10 areas he said he knew needed changing, he said one crying for immediate attention is police and firemen's pensions. He cited as other areas of needed change a provision for filling of vacancies on the city council and the relaxation of the residency requirement for city employees.

LEO C. SHIRLEY, of Dearborn, a retired FBI special agent, has been appointed by Gov. George Romney to succeed Joseph Childs as state racing commissioner. Childs resigned for a term expiring at the pleasure of the governor. Senate confirmation is not required. Shirley, 55, is a manufacturers' representative. He joined the FBI in 1942 and was assigned to the Detroit office from August 1943 until his retirement. He also assumed the responsibility of Herbert W. Fox to the Saginaw Valley College Board. Fox is an assistant principal of the Alpena Public Schools.

THE BODY of a 41-year-old Ford Motor Co. official was found atop a hotel marquee in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and has been identified as Alexander Wilson, Jr., of 30350 W. Warren, Westland. Police said that Wilson either jumped or fell from his sixth-story room. He was employed as international operations manager-Latin America for the Ford Motor Credit Co. Wilson was not married. His body is being shipped to Largo, Fla., where his parents live, for burial.

JACKSON County Sheriff, Gerald H. Austin, died Dec. 6 in a hospital of complications from a gall bladder operation. The 62-year-old policeman began as a Jackson policeman and he was a commander of State Police posts at Jackson, Blissfield and Jonesville. He is survived by his wife and three children.

AN ISSUE which began in 1963 was sent back to Ingham County Circuit Court by the State Supreme Court when the high court stated that it is up to a lower court to decide whether branch managers of the Secretary of State's license plate offices in major cities should come under civil service. A majority of four justices held that defendants Secretary of State James M. Hare, Treasurer Sanford Brown and Controller Glenn Allen should have another opportunity to ask the trial court to dismiss the suit. The Civil Service maintains that branch license offices in major cities with managers appointed by Hare was in violation of the constitution.

IN ANOTHER health dispute, Dr. Lawrence Jackson, head of Herman Ketter Hospital's mental health services for children, denied charges against his department that ill patients lie strapped to stretchers in the halls. Jackson was answering statements made over the weekend by Dr. Ralph Rabinovich, director of Hawthorn Center, another mental health facility for children, who had stated that overcrowding at Herman Ketter had resulted in patients being restrained in the halls because no beds were available.

AFTER BEING charged with "flagrant contempt" of court by Wayne Circuit Judge Horace W. Gilmore, slum landlords Albert, Hyman and Samuel Goodman were each sentenced to five months in jail and fined \$1,000 Wednesday for allowing prostitution in one of their inner city apartment buildings. The three were given a court order last March 31 to stop the illegal practice in a 40-unit building they own at 124 Alfred. The Goodman Brothers, whose extensive holdings include slum apartment buildings as well as the new St. Regis Hotel, will appeal.

AFTER HOLDING nine persons hostage for 16 hours, Eugene Ector, 62, a steamfitter at Ford Motor Co., gave up to Detroit Police Dec. 5. He was seized after he stepped onto the front porch of his west side home to greet an old friend. During the ordeal, Ector sporadically fired two guns, apparently hitting no one. It resulted from a drunken spree fueled by an argument with a girl friend and grief over the loss of a son during the Detroit riots in July.

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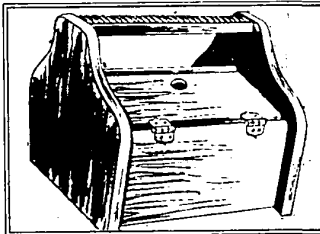
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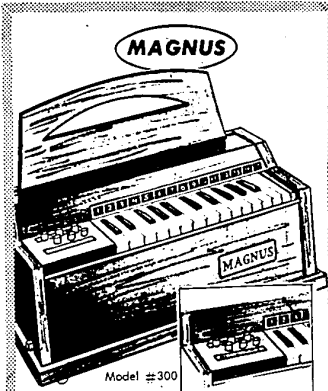
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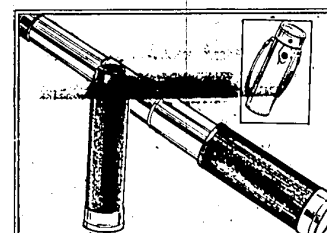
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